

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL, 1890.

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 twenty-fifth day of March, 1890:—

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 eighth day of April proximo: 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 twenty-ninth day of April next: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-ninth day of April 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 twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !”

2. ELECTORATE OF MONARO:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of a Resolution during the last Session, declaring the Seat of Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Monaro, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Stephen; and that such Writ had been returned during the recess, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire.
3. ELECTORATE OF THE HASTINGS AND MANNING:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess he had received a letter from Charles James Roberts, Esquire, C.M.G., resigning his seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, 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. Roberts; and that such writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Walter Hussey Vivian, Esquire.
4. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members, having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire,—for Monaro.

Walter Hussey Vivian, Esquire,—for The Hastings and Manning.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that during the recess he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.) Vine Diseases Acts Continuation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a period of one year,*"—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 December, 1889.

(2.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend 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, 21st December, 1889.

(3.) Appropriation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

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 1890,*"—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 December, 1889.

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

"MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

7. ORDNANCE 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 Ordnance Land Act of Council, 1840,*"—which was read a first time, *pro formâ*.

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,—

I have called you together before the expiration of the fourth month of the financial year in order that you may have ample time for the consideration of the public business to be submitted to you, without sitting through the season most trying to health in your Parliamentary attendance, and when the time of gentlemen engaged in the productive occupations of the country is of special value to themselves in the direction of their private pursuits.

2. During the recess accredited representatives of the Australasian Colonies assembled in Conference to consider the expediency of holding, under the authority of the several Parliaments, a Convention to originate the great work of Australian Federation; and the Conference unanimously resolved that the time has arrived for the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, and that the members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution. Both Houses of Parliament will be invited to take the necessary steps to give effect to the decisions of the Conference; and I feel assured that the prayers of the people of the parent Colony will follow the endeavours of the concordant Governments to bring the whole of Australia into one enduring bond of national existence.

3. Amongst the earliest measures submitted to you will be a Bill to give certainty to the amounts of rents and license fees payable by tenants of the Crown Lands.

4. Several lines of railway will be brought before you for approval, with a view to their immediate construction. Additional railway extensions and other public works will be submitted as early as practicable.

5. The desire so generally expressed for extended power of Municipal authority will be met by the introduction of a comprehensive measure to establish a system of district self-government throughout the Colony, and it is hoped that with your assistance this important Bill will speedily become law.

6. A Bill will be introduced to authorize the taking of the census of the population during the present year, and this work, so valuable in relation to the general progress of the Colony, will be carried out under forms ensuring greater fulness and accuracy than in former years.

7. A Bill will be brought in to make more effectual provision for the regulation of coal-mines and collieries, which it is believed will confer substantial benefits upon and give much satisfaction to the valuable classes engaged in that great branch of industry.

8. You will be invited to consider measures which have been carefully devised to promote water conservation and works of irrigation in the more arid districts of the Colony.

9. A Bill will be submitted to establish throughout the Colony an uniform system of penny postage.

10. Under the existing Electoral law defects have been suffered to continue and anomalies have grown up which are out of harmony with our political institutions, and a measure has been prepared to recast the Electorates, to introduce the principle of self-registration, to admit to the exercise of the elective franchise all persons not legally disqualified without distinction of sex, and to limit the right of the suffrage to one vote for one elector. It is felt that the measure is one of so much value and interest to every member of the community that it will enlist your most enlightened efforts to pass it into law.

11. A Bill will be submitted to amend the Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence in some important particulars.

12. Bills will be introduced to amend the Mining laws, and promote the development of the mineral riches of the Colony.

13. Bills have been prepared and will be submitted to you in due course for promoting the drainage of low-lying lands, and improving the conditions of the water supply to country towns.

14. The consumption of intoxicating liquor is so closely allied to the moral welfare of the people that it is felt that even the costly provision for education and the wisest legislative endeavours to preserve the public health are hardly consistent with the neglect of rational safeguards of the sobriety of the population, more especially in regard to the rising generation, and you will be invited to consider a Bill to give an effective voice to the householders of any district in determining in all cases whether houses shall be licensed for the sale of such liquors.

15. A Bill will be submitted for the protection of women and children employed in manufactories and workshops.

16. You will be asked to deliberate upon various other proposals of Legislation, including Bills to amend the laws relating to public health, and to make better provision for the treatment of leprosy, and also to improve the Administration of Justice in the inferior Courts.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

17. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be laid before you at a period sufficiently early to enable you to fully consider the position of the country on the Treasurer's exposition of its financial affairs, and to make the necessary provision for the Public Service.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

18. In connection with the Financial Statement, Bills will be introduced to reform the existing Tariff and to readjust the burdens of taxation in accordance with the principles laid down by the highest fiscal authorities, the soundness of which has been confirmed by our own experience.

19. Steps have been taken to secure the representation of the Colony at the Exhibition of mineral products and mining machinery to be opened at Sydenham in July next. It is expected that the principal persons in Europe and America engaged in mining enterprise will take part in the Exhibition, and the participation of this Colony must necessarily be attended by many advantages.

20. During the recess measures have been adopted to constitute the Agricultural Branch of the Public Service, and to reorganize and extend the Service for the conservancy and extension of State forests.

21. I now leave you to your Parliamentary duties, and humbly pray that the Almighty may direct all your labours to the promotion of the public welfare.

Mr. Vivian then moved, and Mr. Martin 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. A'Beckett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Black, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Curley, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Greene, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Vivian 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 shall be prepared to give our earnest consideration to any proposal which is calculated to assist the cause of Australian Federation.

3. The measures to confer the advantages of self-government upon the country districts, and the other important Bills to be introduced, shall receive our zealous attention, with the single desire to serve the public interest.

Mr. Vivian then moved, and Mr. Martin 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. Seaver moved, That the Address be amended, by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—"We are of the opinion that the time has arrived when the Government should have the power of levying taxes on land values for revenue purposes, and the introduction of a Bill to give such power, shall receive our earliest attention and consideration."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

9. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), representing that the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation 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.

(2.) MR. CHAPMAN then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to empower the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct, use, maintain, and in certain respects control and regulate a harbour within the waters of the said Lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden; and to make, establish, maintain, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct, work, use, and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situate between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to reclaim, purchase, take, occupy, and otherwise acquire land in certain cases, and on certain terms as to acquisition, compensation, payment, rent, investiture, and otherwise; and to levy, receive, and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and for towage, and fares, freights, and other charges for the use of the said railways; and to confer and impose upon the said Corporation certain powers, rights, duties, and liabilities; and to extend the rights of owners of the foreshores of the said Lake; and for other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 13th May.

10. ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Cullen presented a petition from Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson, Robert Dalziel Ward, M.D., John William Guise, and Edwin Mauney Sayers, all of St. Leonards, Trustees of the St. Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease, and for other purposes.

And Mr. Cullen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *North Shore and Manly Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

11. TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from the Excelsior Land Investment and Building Company and Bank (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Toronto Tramway Act of 1889."

And Mr. Stevenson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Wallsend and Plattsburg Sun* newspapers containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

12. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited), representing that the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) 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,—

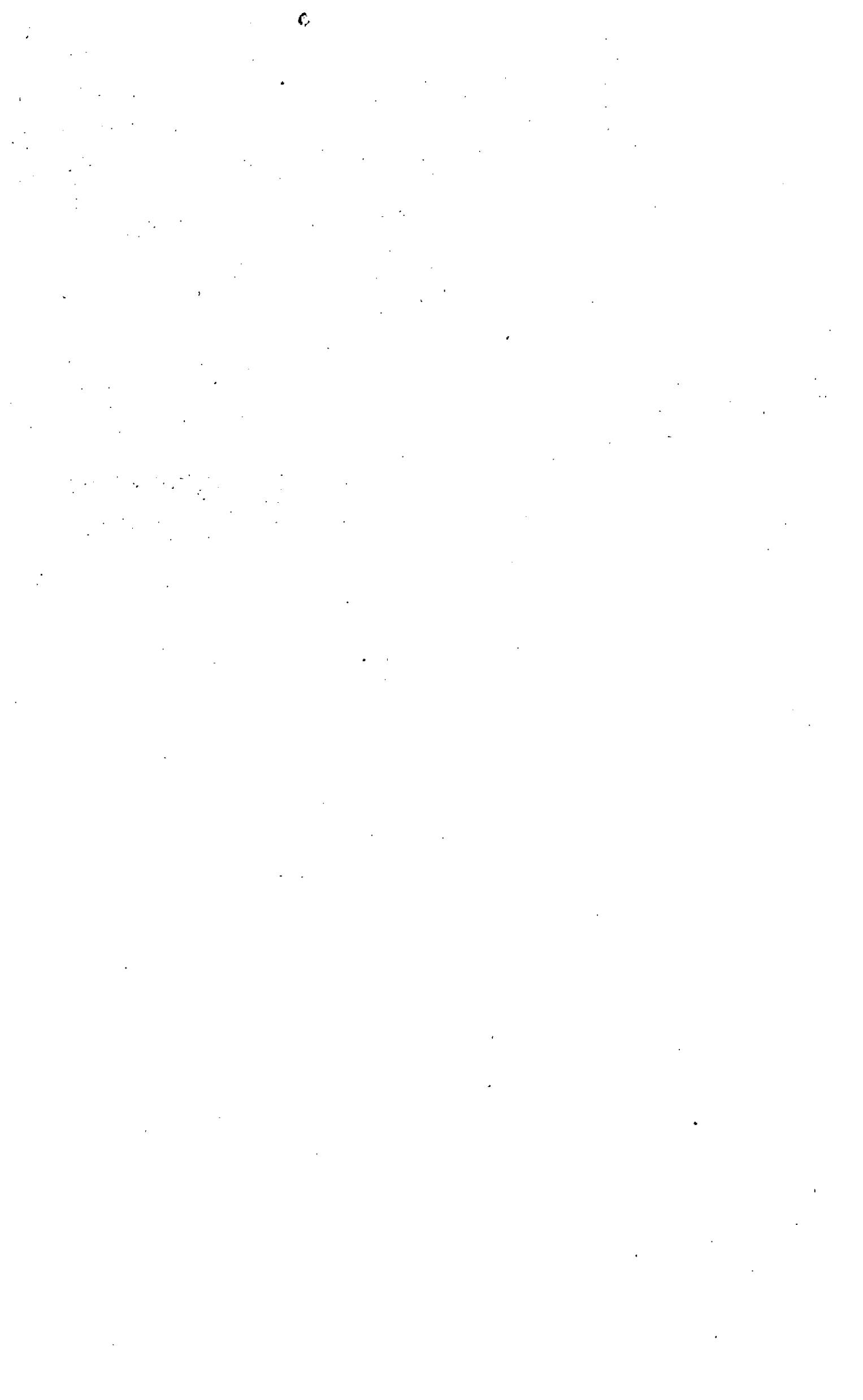
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company.*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 13th May.

13. BRIDGE CONNECTING CARRINGTON WITH THE MAIN LAND AT NEWCASTLE:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Parliament having voted the sum of £33,000 for the erection of this bridge, and the question of the expenditure of this sum having been referred to the Public Works Committee, the recommendations of the Committee were opposed to the opinions expressed in public meeting in Newcastle; calling attention to the dangerous condition of the present bridge; and praying that the consideration of the question of erecting a permanent structure may be proceeded with without delay:—
- (1.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From residents of Newcastle, Hamilton, Wickham, and Carrington.
 - (2.) By Mr. Creer—From residents of Newcastle, Hamilton, Wickham, Waratah, and Carrington.
 - (3.) By Mr. Curley—From residents of Newcastle, Hamilton, Wickham, Waratah, and Carrington.
 - (4.) By *Mr. Alexander Brown*, for Mr. Fletcher—From residents of Newcastle, Hamilton, Wickham, and Carrington.
14. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL:—*Mr. Alexander Brown*, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Stockton, against the passing of the Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill now before Parliament.
Petition received.
15. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1890.

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

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,
“ James Hayes, Esquire,
“ Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,
“ Alexander Ryrie, Esquire,

“ Frank James Smith, Esquire,
“ John Rendell Street, Esquire, and
“ Robert Bliss Wilkinson, 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 thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
“ ninety.

“ JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
“ Speaker.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Gratuity from Railway Commissioners to Carmichael:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked The Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a serious railway accident on the Cooma line was recently prevented by the action of a fettler named Carmichael and his son in remaining on guard at a washaway till midnight?

(2.) Is it a fact, that for this service, Carmichael and his son have merely been rewarded with a gift of £5, while two highly-paid officials who prevented an accident at the same place received gifts of £50 each, in addition to a gold medal?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of granting the Carmichaels a reward more in consonance with the great service they rendered to the Department and the travelling public on the occasion referred to?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No. Carmichael, a wood-cutter, unconnected with the Department, was out looking after his own affairs, and observing some damage to the line, by ballast having been washed away, stopped a train and warned the men, who placed some stones under the sleepers and proceeded on their journey.

(2.) Carmichael thought he had only done what all men should do under such circumstances, and made no application for reward, but the Commissioners forwarded a letter of thanks for his conduct and a gratuity of £5. No such an occurrence as that described with highly-paid officials has taken place since the Commissioners took office.

(3.) The Commissioners consider the merits of the case have been met.

(2.) Mr. Watts, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Braidwood:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Watts, recently appointed as Emergency C.P.S. at Braidwood, had any experience in the Civil Service?

(2.) If not, why was Mr. Watts appointed to the post; and did the Minister refuse to appoint other eligible men on the ground that they were outside the Civil Service?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—Mr. Watts, who was instructed to take charge of the Braidwood Office pending the arrival of a permanent successor to Mr. Oslear, is one of the Relieving Officers attached to the permanent staff of the Department of Justice, and is a thoroughly experienced and efficient officer, and has been over ten years in the public service. Mr. Watts will not, however, be required to proceed to Braidwood as Mr. John Kenny, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Moruya, who has been promoted to that place, has reported by telegram that he will enter upon his duties to-day.

- (3.) New Locomotive Contract:—Mr. Goodchap asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers having reference to the new locomotive contract, and also the interim agreement said to have been entered into in England?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The whole of the papers on the subject have recently been printed in the daily papers. A copy of the same will presently be laid upon the Table of this House. The interim agreement was only arranged in London on the 11th instant, and has consequently not had time to reach Sydney; it will be on the lines of the tender.

- (4.) Railway Accident near Bathurst:—Mr. Goodchap asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Do the Government, in accordance with the 52nd section of the Government Railway Act, intend to appoint a Board, independent of the Commissioners, to investigate the circumstances connected with the railway disaster near Bathurst on Friday, 25th April?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This question is rather premature, as the Government have not yet received the Report of the Enquiry which has been instituted by the Commissioners.

- (5.) Bridges over Murray River at Jingellic and Tintaldra:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of bridges over the Murray at Jingellic and Tintaldra?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As soon as the Government of Victoria shall have intimated to this Government that they are prepared to contribute a moiety of the cost. I expect a favorable answer as soon as the Victorian Parliament has passed its Estimates.

- (6.) Fruit and Vine Diseases Bill:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Fruit and Vine Diseases Bill?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It is intended to introduce such a measure this Session.

- (7.) Special Areas—Lands Act of 1889:—Mr. Lyne asked The Secretary for Lands,—In view of the protests lately made, will he prevent the recent excessive prices being placed upon ordinary agricultural land, under cover of the special area clause?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—No formal protests appear to have been made to this Department, except that of the honorable member, dated the 24th instant. I am not aware that the prices fixed have been excessive, but inquiries are being made on the subject.

- (8.) Railway, Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba:—Mr. Lyne asked The Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Railway Commissioners upon the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have no objection, and a copy of the report will be laid upon the Table of this House to-morrow.

- (9.) Mr. John Roche Ardill:—Dr. Ross asked The Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to see that the correspondence, &c., laid upon the Table of this House, between John Roche Ardill, L.S., and the Government, for compensation for services rendered as a licensed surveyor, be printed?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The correspondence in question relates to an alleged claim by Mr. Ardill against the Lands Department for surveys effected at the instance of certain selectors, it is voluminous, and has no public importance, the cost of printing would be large and out of proportion to any possible useful purpose of publication.

- (10.) Blue Jacket Mining Lease, Canowindra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any final decision yet been arrived at *re* Blue Jacket Reef, at Canowindra, and when is the matter likely to be settled?

(2.) Is it customary, before the cancellation of a lease, to first give notice to the occupiers; if so, was this done to the original occupiers in the Blue Jacket Reef?

(3.) Was there any reason for withholding such notice?

(4.) Do the Regulations provide that such notice should be given?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The existing applications have not yet been finally dealt with, but they will be as speedily as possible.

(2.) It is not customary when cancelling a lease to give beforehand notice to the lessees.

(3.) It is contrary to practice.

(4.) No.

- (11.) Reserves, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the reserves in the Molong district be thrown open for settlement and selection; and is it not a fact that scores of people are waiting for these lands to be thrown open for settlement?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A number of reserves have already been revoked in the Molong land district, and the District Surveyor has been asked to report further with a view to the revocation of any other reserves not necessary in the public interest. I am not aware that scores of people are waiting for these lands to be thrown open for settlement.

- (12.) Trustees for Molong Town Common :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in the appointment of two trustees for the Molong town common; and when are the vacancies likely to be filled up?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the delay in making the appointment is a serious injury to the commoners?
 - (3.) Will he state when tenders will be called for the construction of a dam on the common?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) The delay (if any) occurred in consequence of the illegality of the meeting of Commoners, at which Messrs. Myers and M'Ardle were elected, and in subsequent correspondence with the member for the district and consideration of a petition in regard to the appointment, Messrs. Myers and M'Ardle have now been gazetted Trustees of the Common.
 - (2.) Answered by No. 1.
 - (3.) Within fourteen days.
- (13.) Payments to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Toohey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The amount of payments for sittings and expenses (separate) made by the Government from the 1st of November, 1889, to the 1st of April, 1890, to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works?
 - (2.) The number of sittings of each member, and the amount paid for sittings and expenses to individual members?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—The information asked for by the honorable member up to 30th November, 1889, was laid upon the Table on the 4th December following. A continuation of the Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table in a day or two.
- (14.) Tarago to Braidwood Railway :—Mr. Ryrie asked The Secretary for Public Works,—When will the two travelling experts, as promised by letter from the Department, visit the Braidwood District to report upon the Tarago to Braidwood line of railway?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is not possible to name the exact date, but I hope they will be in a position to undertake this duty within a few weeks. The press of work for the Public Works Examiners has been so great that I have been compelled to arrange their investigations in the order of their relative importance and claims to attention.
- (15.) Refrigerating Trucks—Cool Storage at Railway Stations :—Mr. M'Court asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have any steps been taken by the Railway Commissioners, or do they intend to take any action, in the matter of providing refrigerating trucks for the purpose of conveying milk, butter, and other perishable produce to Sydney?
 - (2.) Will cool storage be provided at railway stations where quantities of milk, butter, and other such produce is forwarded by rail?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) Suitable "Louvred" vehicles for the conveyance of traffic of this description are under construction.
 - (2.) Necessary shelter for the traffic will be provided at places where the amount of business will justify such a course.
- (16.) Site for Public Park at Moss Vale :—Mr. M'Court asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any steps been taken to resume a portion of Throsby Estate as a site for a Public Park at Moss Vale?
 - (2.) If no steps have been taken, will action be taken without delay to purchase or resume a site?
 - (3.) Has the Municipal Council of Moss Vale made any communication about this matter to the Minister?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The Metropolitan District Surveyor has been directed to furnish a report on the case, and is at present in communication with the owners as to price.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (17.) Mr. Oscar Meyer :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount has the Government agreed to pay Mr. Oscar Meyer in connection with the Sydenham Mining Exhibition?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have agreed to pay Mr. Oscar Meyer, in connection with the Sydenham Mining Exhibition, nothing.
- (18.) Trial Survey of the Blacktown-Blayney Line :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a trial survey of the Blacktown-Blayney line to be made without delay?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In view of the large number of more urgent and pressing works which demand the attention of the Department, I am unable at present to make any definite promise as to when this survey can be undertaken. The work will cost upwards of £1,500, and it is chiefly on the ground of its possibly affording a better grade for the Western Line that the expenditure can be at all entertained.
- (19.) Erection of Bridge over Vale Creek at Perth :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When does he intend to call tenders for the erection of the bridge over the Vale Creek at Perth?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the present structure is in a very dangerous condition?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) Tenders will be invited for an iron bridge in about three months.
 - (2.) The local officer has been instructed to keep, and is keeping, the present structure in a safe condition for traffic pending the erection of the new bridge.

- (20.) Inspection of Monetary Institutions :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does he intend to introduce a Bill, in accordance with his promise to this House, for the better regulation and inspection of monetary institutions?
Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes.
- (21.) Seed Wheat to Farmers :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does he intend to allow those farmers who require it, further time to liquidate their indebtedness to the Government for seed wheat?
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Every application has been dealt with on its merits, after consideration and report by the police magistrates. In some cases I have decided to grant the extension of time asked for. So far, the applications involve an amount of £941 3s. out of £14,000. The Government have already received more than £1,000 of the money which they advanced last year, and it is very satisfactory to find those to whom seed wheat has been lent coming forward in the way in which they have.
- (22.) Free Railway Pass granted to Mr. Henry George :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a free railway pass was granted to an American visitor named Henry George?
(2.) If so, on what ground was such pass granted?
(3.) Is it his intention to allow free passes to be granted to any other Foreign paid lecturer?
Mr. McMillan answered,—
(1 and 2.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners issued a free pass to Mr. Henry George for one month as a distinguished visitor and writer.
(3.) I refuse to answer question 3 at the present time.
- (23.) Agricultural College at Bathurst :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish an Agricultural College at or near Bathurst?
(2.) If so, whose land is it proposed to purchase for this purpose?
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No decision has been arrived at in respect to this matter.
- (24.) Newbridge Cemetery :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he at once cause the sum of £50, so often applied for, to be paid to the Trustees of the Newbridge Cemetery?
Mr. Carruthers answered,—The application will shortly receive consideration when those of a similar character are being dealt with under the vote in connection with cemeteries.
- (25.) Survey of Werris Creek Line :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is the survey of the Werris Creek line completed?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to refer this line to the Public Works Committee?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) The trial survey of the proposed line from Werris Creek to Dubbo has been completed.
(2.) This question will be dealt with when the railway policy of the Government is before the Cabinet. I think it highly probable if the necessary preliminaries can be got ready.
3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That Ninian Melville, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Melville made his acknowledgements to the House.
4. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.
Question put and passed.
5. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the bell be rung at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.
6. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
7. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
Question put and passed.
8. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House and the answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
9. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion,' or 'Order of the Day,'" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.

(2.) That, before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and, on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.

11. 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 for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

12. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.

13. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.

14. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order:—

(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.

15. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.

16. 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. McMillan, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Melville, Mr. Street, "Mr. Garrett," Mr. Edmunds, 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.

Mr. Lakeman moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Mr. Garrett," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Mr. Crick."

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

17. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Traill, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Dr. Ross, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stevenson, 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.

Question put and passed.

18. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Creer, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Cooke, 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.
19. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Plumb,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hawkon,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Dale,	(Glen Innes),
Mr. Howe,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Woodward,	Tellers,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Frank Smith.
Mr. Wright,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
21. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Employers Liability Act of 1886.
Question put and passed.
22. **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES**:—Mr. Gormly 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 the Agricultural Societies of the Colony in proportion of £1 for £1 raised by private contributions.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.
23. **MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Alfred Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the discharge of mortgages.
Question put and passed.
24. **JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL**:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and alter the law now in force governing the punishment of juvenile offenders.
Question put and passed.

25. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Party Processions Act.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Stephen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to prevent for a limited time Party Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 27th May.
26. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Hurley, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.
 Question put and passed.
27. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT:—Mr. Greene 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 circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the conditional purchases of C. H. Thatcher, in the Forbes Land District.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Brunker, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Second Session of 1889, be referred to the Committee.
 Question put and passed.
28. CLAIM OF JOHN O'BRIEN, TYAGONG GOLD-FIELD:—Mr. Greene 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 John O'Brien for loss of land held for gold-mining purposes at Prince Alfred Gully, Tyagong Gold-field.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cooke, Mr. Gough, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Teece, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cruickshank, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
29. FISHERIES AND OYSTER FISHERIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881, in certain respects.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881 in certain respects,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd June.
30. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Howe 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 removal of Mrs. Cunyngame from the position of Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta; and that such Committee be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and to hold inquiries at, the said Asylum; and that, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection, the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cass, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Crick, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Progress Report from, and Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, together with all papers referred to, the Select Committee of Session 1889, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
31. MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE:—Mr. Crick 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 charges made by Mr. O'Maley against Mr. Manning, the Chairman of the Licensing Bench at Ryde.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Wall, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Willis, Mr. Paul, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Return to Order, "Mr. Manning, Chairman of Licensing Bench at Ryde," laid upon the Table on 4th December, 1889, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Second Session of 1889, be referred to the Committee.
 Question put and passed.
32. ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Cullen 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 declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.

33. TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Toronto Tramway Act of 1889."
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 amend the 'Toronto Tramway Act of 1889,'*"—read a first time.

34. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Martin presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, representing that the Agricultural Society of New South Wales Lease 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,—

At the request of Mr. Crick the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.

(2.) Mr. Martin then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to lease a portion of the Sydney Common to the Agricultural Society of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 13th May.

35. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Vivian, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"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 shall be prepared to give our earnest consideration to any proposal which is calculated to assist the cause of Australian Federation.

"3. The measures to confer the advantages of self-government upon the country districts, and the other important Bills to be introduced, shall receive our zealous attention, with the single desire to serve the public interest,"—

Upon which Mr. Seaver had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—"We are of the opinion that the time has arrived when the Government should have the power of levying taxes on land values for revenue purposes, and the introduction of a Bill to give such power, shall receive our earliest attention and consideration,"—And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and negatived.
Original 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 a quarter before four o'clock To-morrow.

36. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day, do adjourn until *half-past Three o'clock* To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until *half-past Three o'clock p.m.* This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 MAY, 1890.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I have to thank you in Her Majesty's name for your loyal Address in Reply to the Speech at the Opening of Parliament, and for the expressions of attachment to Her Throne and Person contained therein.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st May, 1890.

CARRINGTON.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tanks and Dams for Water Conservation:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is an urgent need that tanks and dams should be constructed in different places in the country districts for the purpose of conserving water?

(2.) What steps (if any) are being taken to have works of this character carried out?

(3.) What amount of money is available for the purpose?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Contracts have been let for a number of works and tenders are invited for the more urgent works for which plans have been prepared. Tenders will be invited at an early date for additional works.

(3.) About £43,000.

(2.) Bourke Flood—Railway Line:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that when the railway was being constructed to Bourke several of the oldest residents, including Mr. E. J. Bloxham, pointed out that unless more provision was made for the escape of water the railway line would in time of flood act as a dam, causing the water to rise much higher in the town than it otherwise would?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Representations were made by some of the residents at the time of the construction of this railway that more provision should be made in the embankment for the escape of the flood-waters. Mr. Wade, the inspecting engineer, was sent to Bourke to report on the matter, and his suggestions were carried out.

(3.) Artesian Bores on Angledool-Collarendabri Road:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—What is the cause of delay in proceeding with the artesian bores, on the Angledool-Collarendabri Road, and on the Louth-Wanaaring Road?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Bores, Angledool-Collarendabri Road: A contract was let, 6th February last, for two artesian bores upon the Collarendabri to Angledool Road, and two upon the Moree to Boggabrilla Road. The bondsmen having declined to act for the tenderers the deposit was forfeited and the contract cancelled. Fresh tenders are to be invited forthwith. Bores, Louth to Wanaaring: action is delayed in consequence of the state of the country preventing the local officer from reporting upon this road and the selection of sites for the proposed bores.

(4.)

- (4.) Special Area round Cobar for Small Holdings :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it true that about five months ago an application was made to have a special area proclaimed round Cobar for small holdings?
 - (2.) If so, what is the cause of the delay that has taken place in dealing with the matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The application is at present under reference to the District Surveyor whose attention will be invited thereto with a view to expediting action.

- (5.) Railway Line near Bourke :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the railway line near Bourke has during the present flood acted as a dam, causing the water to rise much higher in the town than it otherwise would have done?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Commissioners when repairing the line to have ample provision made for the escape of water during heavy floods?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the railway line did not cause the water to rise higher in the town than it would have done, for as a matter of fact the water rose so high as to flow over the railway line, and consequently the line could not have affected the ultimate height of the flood waters in Bourke.
- (2.) This question is having consideration, and, in order to allow of the quick escape of water in slight floods, it is probable the additional openings recently made in the Railway embankment will be left open.

- (6.) Railway, Brewarrina to Byrock :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament during the present Session a proposal for the construction of a railway to Brewarrina from Byrock?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This question will be considered when the further Railway proposals for submission by the House to the Public Works Committee are before the Cabinet.

- (7.) Museum, Mines Department :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for placing on the ensuing Estimates a sufficient sum of money for the erection of suitable buildings for a museum in connection with the Mines Department?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Money has already been voted for this purpose.

- (8.) Agricultural Branch, Mines Department :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Are any steps likely to be taken to make the Agricultural Branch, now connected with the Mines Department, an entirely separate and distinct Department of itself; if so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Agriculture is a distinct branch under the Department of Mines and Agriculture.

- (9.) Bridge over River at Goolagong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the long-promised bridge over the river at Goolagong, between Canowindra, Eugowra, and Forbes?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The design for this bridge has been prepared and sent to the local officer to report upon. The tenders for the work will be invited in about seven weeks from date.

- (10.) School of Veterinary Surgery and Medicine :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend to take any steps for the establishment of a School of Veterinary Surgery and Medicine in connection with our University?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no present intention of establishing this School in connection with the University.

- (11.) Railway to Urana :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended that the officers recently appointed shall visit Urana for the purpose of reporting on the proposal that a railway line should be constructed to that place?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In view of the many urgent and pressing proposals for public works now before the Department, it is not possible to fix the exact date when the Examiners will visit Urana and report upon this railway. I have temporarily appointed two officers of the Department for the purpose of assisting in disposing of the long list of public works before the Department for examination, and the particular proposal in question will be kept in view.

- (12.) Destruction of Wrecks at entrance to Richmond River :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to at once remove the wrecks of the "Francis Hixson," the "Sarsfield," and the "Comet," now lying at the entrance to the Richmond River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers has reported to me as follows :—Instructions have been given to blow up and remove these wrecks as soon as the work can be done; but the local officer reports that this cannot be carried out at present. The recent floods broke up and moved one wreck some 800 feet to the south-east; another was moved about 20 feet, and completely buried in the sand, and cannot now be got at.

- (13.) Reserves for Selection, Richmond District :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will reserves in the Richmond District be available for selection?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Instructions have been sent to the District Surveyor to inspect all the reserves within his district, and steps will be taken to cancel any of them reported by him as not being necessary in the public interest.

(14.)

(14.) City Railway Inquiry Commission:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Under what power did he appoint the Commission now sitting on the proposed City Railway?
- (2.) Does he intend to give any of the Members of such Commission any payment or remuneration?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Commission which will give the information desired by the Honorable Member.
- (2.) This matter has not yet been considered.

(15.) Randwick Toll-bar:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to abolish the Randwick Toll-bar at an early date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I find that special legislation will be necessary to deal with this matter, and I am not prepared at present to state definitely what action the Government intend to take in regard thereto. I am having the whole question of the various municipal interests involved carefully inquired into, and will come to a decision thereon as soon as possible.

(16.) Site for Court-house at Redfern:—Mr. William Stephen, for Mr. Howe, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to purchase a site for a Court-house at Redfern?
- (2.) If such purchase has been made, will he give instructions for the erection of a Court-house without any unnecessary delay, to meet the requirements of the district?

Mr. Gould answered,—No purchase has yet been made of a site for a new Court-house at Redfern, but the eligibility of several sites under offer to the Department, and the valuations obtained in reference thereto, have been received and are now under consideration. When a site has been selected, an adequate sum for the erection of a Court-house will be placed on the Estimates for the consideration of Parliament.

3. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—Mr. Hurley 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, 13th May.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting establishment of Locomotive Works in the Colony.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1889.
- (3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 31st December, 1889.
- (4.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1889, to 31st March, 1890.
- (5.) Amended Regulations and Form under the Stamp Duties Act of 1880, and the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886.
- (6.) Seventh Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
- (7.) Return respecting the Duplication of the Railway between Teralba and Adamstown.
- (8.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st December, 1889.
- (9.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st March, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copy of Royal Commission appointing certain gentlemen to inquire into the several proposals for extending Railway accommodation into the City of Sydney.
- (2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on the proposed branch line of railway Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba.
- (3.) Report of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers 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 Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of 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 and Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 104 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, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
- (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act of land for Public School Purposes at Avoca, Granuaile, Gwynne, Jubilee Downs, Roughtit, Thornleigh, Wagga Wagga South, and Willow Grove.
- (7.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1889-90.
- (8.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880 relating to the salaries of Provisional School Teachers and Pupil Teachers.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy.
- (2.) Despatch respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.
- (3.) Despatch respecting Regulations as to the removal and return of Prisoners and Criminal Lunatics.

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for 1889.
 - (2.) Further Correspondence respecting the Mail Contract between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 4th December, 1889,—“Mr. Hammond, Postmaster at Moama.”

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of St. Phillip, county of Cumberland, in connection with wharf accommodation for traffic between Sydney and Balmain.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland, in connection with the North Shore Water Supply.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for additional wharf accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, Phillip-street, Sydney, parish of St. James, county of Cumberland, for the erection thereon of buildings for Public Offices.
 - (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Manly Cove, county of Cumberland, in connection with Manly Water Supply.
 - (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sewerage to the Western Suburbs.
 - (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, at Balmain, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for Public Recreation.
 - (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, at Rydalmere, parish of Field of Mars, county of Cumberland, for an approach to Bridge over Bishop's Creek.
 - (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, in connection with erection of Court-house at the Glebe.
 - (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, near Ryde, parish of Hunter's Hill, county of Cumberland, in connection with North Shore Water Supply.
 - (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Uffington, county of Durham, in connection with extension of the Public Park at Clarence Town.
 - (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Mittagong, county of Camden, for a General Cemetery at Bowral.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on the 12th July, 1889,—“Gold Leases at Cobar.”
 - (2.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1889.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S BILL :—

(1.) *Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. Want, presented a Petition from the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited), representing that the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company's Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and duly passed the first reading, 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. Slattery* then presented a Bill intituled, “*A Bill to authorize the 'Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited), or a Tramways Trust, to construct, take over, purchase, acquire, and lease tramways in the city and suburbs of Sydney and elsewhere; and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.

6. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Alfred Allen* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to the discharge of mortgages,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th June.

7. DISTRICT 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 New South Wales into District Government areas, to establish therein a system of Local Self-government, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lees* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted for the present Session to Francis Abigail, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for West Sydney, absent from the Colony through ill-health.

Question put and passed.

9. NET FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886.

Question put and passed.

10. **MUDGE TOWN COMMON** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Wall*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, petitions, and other documents relating to the recent sale of a portion of the Mudgee Town Common.
Question put and passed.
11. **LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of evidence so as to enable an accused person, or the husband or wife of such person, to give evidence.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Mr. Crick* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence, so as to enable an accused person, or the husband or wife of such person, to give evidence,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 13th May.
12. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given 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. Crick* then 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, 13th May.
13. **ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cullen* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the St. Leonards School of Arts 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. Lee*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Henry Clarke*, *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Howe*, *Mr. McCourt*, *Mr. Perry*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. **TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stevenson* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Toronto 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. McMillan*, *Mr. Gormly*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Paul*, *Mr. Creer*, *Mr. McFarlane*, *Mr. Perry*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
15. **PUBLIC TOLLS**:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all public tolls should be abolished.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

<i>Mr. Fletcher</i> ,	<i>Mr. Howe</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hassall</i> ,	<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,
<i>Mr. Chanter</i> ,	<i>Mr. McRae</i> ,
<i>Mr. Nicoll</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Crick</i> ,	<i>Mr. Nobbs</i> ,
<i>Mr. Copland</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stokes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Willis</i> ,	<i>Mr. Barnes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i> ,	<i>Mr. Waddell</i> ,
<i>(Glen Innes)</i> ,	<i>Mr. Curley</i> ,
<i>Mr. Levien</i> ,	<i>Mr. Miller</i> ,
<i>Mr. Perry</i> ,	<i>Mr. Woodward</i> ,
<i>Mr. Torpy</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dawson</i> .
<i>Mr. Haynes</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Frank Farnell</i> ,
<i>Mr. Creer</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dale</i> .
<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,	

Noes, 26.

<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Plumb</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. Wheeler</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. McCourt</i> ,
<i>Mr. McMillan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Connor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Joseph Abbott</i> ,
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Frank Smith</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i> ,	<i>Mr. William Stephen</i> ,
<i>(Canterbury)</i> ,	<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,
<i>Mr. Vivian</i> ,	<i>Mr. Clubb</i> .
<i>Mr. Wilshire</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Fuller</i> ,	<i>Mr. Paul</i> ,
<i>Mr. Molesworth</i> ,	<i>Mr. Morton</i> .
<i>Mr. O. O. Dangar</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Cooke</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Teece</i> ,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. **SELECTION MADE BY JAMES CONNELLY, AT TAMWORTH**:—*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 selection made by *James Connelly*, at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases, Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of *James Connelly* against *John Brogan* the elder, *Patrick Brogan*, *John Brogan* the younger, and *James Brogan*.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Brunker*, *Mr. Dowel*, *Mr. Hassall*, *Mr. Wall*, *Mr. Bowman*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Miller*, *Mr. Dawson*, *Mr. Burdekin*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Mr. McMillan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes after eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 MAY, 1890.

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 1st May, 1890, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Ninian Melville, 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 NINIAN MELVILLE, 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 Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"CARRINGTON.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"HENRY PARKES."

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Turret Clock for Post Office, Redfern:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been invited for the erection of the turret clock at the Post and Telegraph Office, Redfern?

(2.) If so, has a tender been accepted, and when is the work to be completed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes; the tender of Mr. R. B. Smith was accepted on the 9th ultimo, and the work is to be completed within five months from that date.

(2.) Registration of Typhoid Fever Cases:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to have all typhoid fever cases registered and published in the daily papers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—A Bill for the "Registration of all Infectious Diseases" (including typhoid fever) has been drafted on the lines of the "Infectious Diseases Registration Act," recently passed by the British Parliament, and is now before the Colonial Secretary. It is not intended to publish the names of persons suffering from typhoid fever.

(3.)

- (3.) Rifles issued to Reserve Corps:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the rifles issued to the Reserve Rifle Corps are those of the Henry patent, and issued in 1871?
 - (2.) If such is the case, will he cause the Martini-Henri to be issued in their place?
 - (3.) Will ammunition be issued to the various corps in the future free of cost?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) This cannot be done unless the reserve stock of Martini-Henri rifles be broken into, which would be a most unwise proceeding.
 - (3.) One hundred rounds per man is free, and two hundred rounds per man is issued at reduced cost.
- (4.) Erection of Wharf at Oxley Island, Manning River:—Mr. Vivian asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose to call for tenders for the construction of a wharf at Oxley Island, Manning River, for which money was voted on the Estimates for 1888?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have just received a very full report on the subject from one of the Examiners of Public Works proposals, and hope to be able to come to a decision thereon in the course of a few days.
- (5.) Mr. M'Creddie, Public Instruction Department:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the charge of larceny against Mr. M'Creddie, of his Department, and also all letters and communications received by the Department in connection therewith?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have no objection to lay these papers upon the Table of this House upon a resolution being passed ordering the same. In the meantime, I will afford the Hon. Member an opportunity of perusing the papers.
- (6.) Mr. Oscar Meyer:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total cost to New South Wales incurred in connection with the New Zealand Exhibition?
 - (2.) What amount was paid to Mr. Oscar Meyer for his services and expenses in connection with such Exhibition?
 - (3.) Will Mr. Oscar Meyer's attendance at the Sydenham Exhibition impose any outlay on this Colony?
 - (4.) What is the total amount received by Mr. Oscar Meyer from New South Wales during the last ten years?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) £7,818 15s. 3d.
 - (2.) £513 17s. 8d.
 - (3.) As in all other similar cases, his expenses will be allowed.
- (7.) Mr. C. E. Jeanneret:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) When will the term of office of Mr. C. E. Jeanneret, in connection with the Licensing Bench at Ryde, cease?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to reappoint Mr. Jeanneret?
 - (3.) If so, is it a fact that Mr. Jeanneret is disqualified under section 6, subsection 4, of the Licensing Act?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) 9th December, 1890.
 - (2.) This matter will be duly considered when the proper time arrives, in view of the circumstances then existing.
 - (3.) I am not aware that Mr. Jeanneret is so disqualified.
- (8.) Sub-marine Buildings, Chowder Bay:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was there a contract let for the formation of a sea-wall and site for sub-marine buildings at Chowder Bay?
 - (2.) If so, under whose supervision was the work to be carried out?
 - (3.) Has a great portion of the said wall subsided or collapsed?
 - (4.) If so, at whose expense will it have to be reconstructed?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes, on the 10th September, 1889.
 - (2.) The Director of Military Works.
 - (3.) About 20 cubic yards of the sea-wall was damaged during erection by a heavy sea setting in behind the wall, and undermining a portion of it.
 - (4.) At the contractor's expense, in accordance with the general conditions, which specify that the care and maintenance of the work rests with the contractors until completion, and that they are responsible for all accidents, from whatever cause arising, and shall make good all damage.
- (9.) Telephone between Brewongle and O'Connell:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Postmaster-General,—Have tenders yet been accepted for the construction of telephonic communication between Brewongle and O'Connell?
- Mr. Gould answered,—A tender was accepted on the 21st March last.
- (10.) Water Supply for Sunny Corner and Wattle Flat:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it the intention of the Government during this Session of Parliament to make provision for a water supply for the township of Sunny Corner, and also for the township of Wattle Flat?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is under consideration.

- (11.) Typhoid Fever—Health Bill:—*Mr. Creeer*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that typhoid fever is very prevalent in the eastern suburbs, many cases terminating fatally?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that many of the medical men attribute typhoid to the unwholesome milk supplied to the people?
 - (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to enforce better inspection of dairies, and an analysis of the milk supplied to the people?
 - (4.) Will he introduce, at earliest possible date, the Health Bill promised in the Governor's Speech?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, in Randwick and Waverley.
 - (2.) A full investigation is now being made by the officers of the Board of Health into all the circumstances attending the outbreak, and a report will be submitted as soon as completed.
 - (3.) The dairies in the Randwick and Waverley District are regularly inspected.
 - (4.) The matter is under consideration.
- (12.) School at Bunyan, near Cooma:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Education Department to establish a school at Bunyan, near Cooma; and, if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—There are not sufficient children of school age to warrant the establishment of a full-time school at Bunyan, but steps are being taken to work it, if practicable, as a half-time school in connection with a half-time school to be opened at Cooma Creek.
- (13.) Postal Assistant at Braidwood:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has he received an application for the appointment of an assistant at the Braidwood Post-office?
 - (2.) If so, when does he intend to make such appointment?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) Such an application has been received. There are already three assistants employed in the Braidwood Office, and the Inspector for the district has reported that no further assistance is needed at present.
 - (2.) As soon as the increase of business will justify it.
- (14.) James Ray incarcerated in Debtor's Prison:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact a man named Ray has been incarcerated in the debtor's prison for a period of nearly four years, on account of his inability to pay costs amounting to £18?
 - (2.) Is the man fed and clothed at the expense of the State?
 - (3.) What has been the cost of his maintenance during his imprisonment?
 - (4.) Is he to remain until his death, in the event of the amount not being paid?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) A man named James Ray has been confined in the debtor's prison, Darlinghurst Gaol, since the 25th August, 1886, under writ of attachment for contempt of Court in not paying costs, pursuant to Rule of Court, amounting to £18 6s.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) £31 19s. 7d.
 - (4.) Ray can obtain his release by sequestrating his estate, and including in his schedule the amount of costs for the non-payment of which he is now imprisoned.
- I may be permitted to add that I spoke to this man when I was in Darlinghurst Gaol, and told him that by sequestrating his estate he could obtain his release at once; but he said that he did not intend to file his schedule and that he disputed his liability.
- (15.) Vote for Agricultural Societies:—*Mr. Kidd*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Does he intend to carry out a promise given that the vote for Agricultural Societies for last year would be increased?
 - (2.) If so, when will the additional money be available?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—The question of an increase to last year's vote for Agricultural Societies will be shortly considered by the Government, but it cannot now be stated whether and what additional money may be available.
- (16.) New Magazine Rifle—the Lee-Mitford:—*Mr. Traill* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he taken any steps towards securing for the use of our defence forces the new Magazine rifle—the Lee-Mitford—now being supplied to the British army?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces:—Yes; Colonel Roberts, now on his way to England, has been authorized to make inquiries and report on the rifle referred to, and upon ammunition for it, as some doubt yet exists as to the ammunition to be supplied to the weapon which has been selected for the Imperial Army.
- (17.) Compensation to Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Heron by Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of compensation has been awarded to Mrs. Logan for the death of her late husband, killed at Botany a short time ago?
 - (2.) What amount of compensation has been awarded to Mrs. Heron, whose husband was lately killed at Bell?
 - (3.) Have the amounts been accepted?
 - (4.) If not, for what reason?
 - (5.) Does he consider such amounts sufficient?
 - (6.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates to further compensate these widows?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that a gratuity of £350 has been granted to Mrs. Heron, and £475 to Mrs. Logan. The amounts are calculated on the highest scale allowed by the Department, and vary according to the number of children left. The greater the number of young children left the larger the gratuity paid. The scale of payment followed has been in force in the Department for many years and the Commissioners have not altered it in any way. It is not intended to disturb the decision arrived at.

(18.) Proposed Railway from Galong to Burrowa:—Mr. Slattery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to cause inquiry to be made into the proposed railway from Galong to Burrowa by the Examiners of Public Works' Proposals?

(2.) If so, within what period is it likely that the said Examiners will visit the district for the purpose of reporting thereon?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In about two months.

(19.) Artesian bore at Hay:—Mr. Copland, for Mr. Lakeman, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When will the artesian bore at Hay be started?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Notice was given on 26th April to the contractors that they must commence operations within fourteen days, failing which the conditions under which the tender was accepted would be put in force.

(20.) Erection of Bridge to the North Shore:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit, during the present Session, any proposal for the erection of a bridge to connect St. Leonards with the City of Sydney?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter has not yet been fully discussed by the Cabinet. The subject is included among the matters upon which evidence is being taken by the City Railway Commission, and it is possible that when that body have made a recommendation and the Public Works Committee's reconsideration of the North Shore Railway has been concluded some further steps may be decided upon.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from the Directors of The Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited), representing that the Broken Hill Water Supply 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.

(2.) Mr. Abbott then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the 'Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)'* to establish a system of water supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Abbott, read a second time.

(4.) Ordered, that the committal of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 27th May.

4. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Garrard presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Employers Liability Act, 1886*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 27th May.

5. ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Cullen, 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 May, 1890, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th June.

Question put and passed.

6. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from George Lovell, Mayor of the Municipal District of Ryde, and Alfred Weeks, Mayor of the Municipal District of Hunter's Hill, representing that the Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill 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 the House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill*,"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd June.

7. MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from John Edye Manning, now residing at Ryde, praying that he may be heard personally, and by counsel and attorney, before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the charges made by Mr. O'Maley against the Petitioner.

Petition received.

Mr. Molesworth (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

8. CLARENCE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION AND HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT :—Mr. See presented a Petition from Samuel See, Chairman, and certain members of the Executive Committee of the Clarence Railway Construction and Harbour Improvement League, representing the national importance and public expediency of carrying out the Clarence Harbour and Railway Works, and praying the House to take into early and favourable consideration the execution of these works, in the general interests of the whole Colony.
At the request of Mr. See, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. J. P. Abbott, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table.—
- (1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Improvements to the Entrance of the Clarence River.
 - (2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Railway from Grafton to The Tweed.
Debate ensued on the motion,—That the Document be printed,—and Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Breakwater at Byron Bay.
 - (4.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed Railway from Nyngan to Cobar.
 - (5.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed Railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.
 - (6.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Extension of Sydney Water Supply to Southern Suburbs—Hurstville and Rockdale.
 - (7.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Dredge and Plant for Sydney Harbour.
 - (8.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Reticulation of the Western Suburbs Drainage Scheme.
 - (9.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Bridge over the Hunter River at Jerry's Plains.
 - (10.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Offices for Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
 - (11.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Bridge over Tarban Creek, Parramatta River.
 - (12.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Railway from Moss Vale to Robertson.
 - (13.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Railway from Kiama to Nowra.
Ordered to be printed.
10. PAPERS :—
- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) General Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings, of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (2.) Official Record of the Proceedings and Debates of the Australasian Federation Conference, 1890, held in the Parliament House, Melbourne.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on the 8th May, 1889,—“ Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.”
 - (2.) Amended Water By-laws of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-89.
 - (3.) Sewerage By-laws of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-89.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Amended Regulations under the Public Watering-places Act of 1884.
 - (3.) Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines, for the year 1889.
Ordered to be printed.
11. NET FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Net Fishing in the waters of Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 27th May.
12. RAILWAY FROM HORNSBY TO ST. LEONARDS :—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from certain residents and property owners of North Shore, North Willoughby, Chatswood, North Sydney, Gordon, Hornsby, and Gosford, praying the House to take their Petition into consideration, and affirm the expediency of at once constructing the Railway to Milson's Point.
Petition received.

13. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL :—
- (1.) *Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, presented a Petition from *Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw*, of *Sydney*, merchant, representing that the *Stockton Gas and Electricity 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.
- (2.) *Mr. Melville* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the Town and Suburbs of Stockton*,"—which was read a first time.
- (3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 27th May.
14. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Edmunds* 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 *Employers Liability Act of 1886* to seamen and all other persons engaged in manual labour.
Question put and passed.
15. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish capital punishment.
Question put and passed.
16. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. J. P. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of *Wentworth*, to enable the said Council to establish works therein and elsewhere, for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Abbott* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere, for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th June.
17. HIRED BOATS LICENSING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Hawken* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the construction, hiring, and use of pleasure boats in the harbours and rivers of the Colony.
Question put and passed.
18. LIABILITY OF SURETIES FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Wall*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the liability of sureties and bondsmen in connection with Government contracts.
Question put and passed.
19. DISTRESS FOR RENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Walker* then 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, 27th May.
20. GRANTING OF PROBATE OF WILLS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FACILITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the granting of probate of wills and letters of administration.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Walker* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the granting of probate of wills and letters of administration*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th June.
21. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Walker* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th June.
22. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROUGHTON CREEK AND BOMADERRY NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Morton*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the municipal district of *Broughton Creek and Bomaderry*.
Question put and passed.
23. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*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 days labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

24. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Resolutions respecting Agricultural Societies,—postponed until Tuesday, 8th July.
25. **EMBANKMENT AROUND BOURKE**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday, 27th May, 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 upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the purpose of erecting an embankment around the town of Bourke, to protect it against floods.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
26. **TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT 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 1st May, 1890, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 24th June.
Question put and passed.
27. **PRIVILEGE**:—Mr. Crick moved, That the right to a Seat by the Honorable Sydney Smith, Secretary for Mines, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report thereon.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Schey,
Tellers,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Crick.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Curley,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Playfair.

And so it passed in the negative.

28. **HOMES PRESERVATION BILL**:—Mr. Traill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to maintain the people of New South Wales in possession of their homes, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
29. **ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Traill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Traill then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Amendment of the Electoral Law, (44th Victoria No. 13)*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th July.
30. **AGENT GENERAL OF THE COLONY**:—Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent General of the Colony in London should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five years.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
31. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mounted Infantry and Cavalry:—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Perry*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many officers and men are there in the Permanent Mounted Infantry?
 - (2.) What is the total annual cost?
 - (3.) How many officers and men are there in the Partially-paid Mounted Infantry and Cavalry?
 - (4.) What is the total annual cost?
 - (5.) Will he take steps to disband the Permanent Corps, and increase those under the Partially-paid system in country districts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Two officers and thirty-two men.
- (2.) £4,403 14s. 1d.
- (3.) Cavalry, fifteen officers and two hundred and thirty-five men; Mounted Infantry, sixteen officers and one hundred and ninety-nine men.
- (4.) £10,724 11s.
- (5.) This matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Redbourneberry Bridge:—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have tenders been received (if so, how many) for erection of the Redbourneberry Bridge at Singleton?
- (2.) What is the name of the successful tenderer, and the amount of his tender?
- (3.) Has the work been delayed; if so, from what cause?
- (4.) When is it likely the bridge will be finished?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Four tenders were received for the erection of this bridge.
- (2.) *Mr. Jesse Burley's* tender was accepted for £5,687.
- (3 and 4.) The work has been delayed through the illness of the contractor, but the necessary documents for the transfer of the contract are being prepared, and every effort is being made to complete the bridge within the specified time, viz., February, 1891, as already intimated to the Honorable Member for the District.

- (3.) Flood Embankments, West Maitland:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government since 1862 in the Municipality of West Maitland for making flood embankments?
- (2.) Have the residents or the Municipality contributed towards cost of same; if so, to what extent?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No money has been expended on flood embankments in the engineering sense of that term. The sum of £33,646 17s. 8d. has been expended in protecting the river banks at West Maitland. The principal part of this expenditure has been incurred in securing the Great Northern Road from slipping into the river.

(2.) The sum of £7,000 has been contributed by the inhabitants towards river-bank protection; but, apart from this, the townspeople have hitherto borne the whole cost of erecting embankments to protect the town from floods. The cost of this work is unknown to the Department, but cannot altogether have been less than £5,000 or £6,000, while, at the least, £10,000 or £12,000 more have been expended to protect the back of the town from flood waters by the erection of flood gates, &c., all of which was paid by the inhabitants with the exception of a comparatively small sum.

(4.)

- (4.) Repeal of Rabbit Act :—*Mr. Wyman Brown*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Do the Government intend to take steps to repeal the Rabbit Act now in force; and, if so, when?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend to take any other steps to deal with the rabbit pest; and, if so, when?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) Yes. As soon as it is possible to devise a scheme that will ensure as nearly as possible perfect extermination without encroaching largely upon the public funds.
 - (2.) Yes. The subject has been in hand for some time, and will not be withheld one moment longer than is necessary; in the meantime very full inquiries are being made in view of avoiding previous errors, and of suggesting sound and effective legislation.
- (5.) Works at Brunswick Heads:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the works at the Brunswick Heads be commenced?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—Tenders will probably be invited in about three weeks' time.
- (6.) Fire Brigades Bill :—*Mr. Paul* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Fire Brigades Bill at an early date?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the law.
- (7.) Sydenham Mining Exhibition :—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a cablegram in the *Daily Telegraph* of Monday last in reference to the insignificant character of the Sydenham Mining Exhibition?
 - (2.) Will he say on whose suggestion it was determined that New South Wales should be represented at the said Exhibition?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I have not noticed the cablegram referred to. The information of this Government was obtained from the Agent-General in London.
- (8.) District Court Judges :—*Mr. Crick* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take into his consideration the necessity of increasing the salaries payable to the Judges of the District Court?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—Previous to the 14th April, 1883, the date of the passing of the Act, 46 Vic. No. 16, the District Court Judges were entitled to receive salary at the rate of £1,000 per annum, without pension. Under that Act the salaries were increased to £1,500 per annum, and they became entitled, after twenty years service in the Colony as such Judge, or on permanent disability or infirmity, to a pension of one-half of the actual salary at the time of such retirement, and there does not appear to be any necessity of further increasing the present salaries.
- (9.) Conditional purchase of Charles Tucker, jun., at Forbes :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What or has anything yet been done in the case of the conditional purchase taken up by one Charles Tucker, jun., at Forbes, on 12th May, 1881, of 640 acres, and since transferred to Jane Tucker?
 - (2.) Will he state if the land stands good in the name of Charles Tucker, jun., and whether the conditions of the Land Act have been fully complied with; and if the transfer from Chas. Tucker, jun., to his mother is to stand valid?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) Nothing has been done in this matter.
 - (2.) A transfer from Charles Tucker, junr., to Jane Tucker, dated the 30th July, 1889, has been received in the Department, and registered, but the validity of the application for the conditional purchase in question has not yet been settled, the certificate of birth not having been produced.
- (10.) Prospecting Board :—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When does the Prospecting Board purpose visiting Cobar?
- Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The Board expect to visit Cobar in about a month.
- (11.) Railway Line, Byrock to Bourke :—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When will passenger traffic be opened from Byrock to Bourke?
 - (2.) Will the line, when repaired, be constructed upon piles, or another earth embankment constructed?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that it cannot be definitely stated when the line will be open throughout to Bourke, as the flood-waters are still completely over a part of the line. It is expected that the trains will be able to run to the Stock-yards, within 2½ miles of Bourke, by about Monday next. Communication by means of trollies from the head of the road is being made to that point at the present.
 - (2.) The permanent way arrangements in regard to the laying of the line into Bourke cannot be definitely settled until the waters have subsided. A temporary road will be made past the breach in the embankments in the first place, so as to open up communication with Bourke at the earliest moment possible.
- (12.) The Unemployed :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did he receive a letter from *Mr. R. J. Oliver*, the Chairman of the Working Man's Committee for Unemployed, notifying that at a meeting of the unemployed certain resolutions were passed, and asking him to name a date for an interview?
 - (2.) Is he prepared to receive the deputation, and on what date?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I did receive a letter, signed "R. J. Oliver," who represented himself as "Chairman of the Working Man's Committee for Unemployed." I received another letter, in which the deputation transmitted to me this resolution, passed at a meeting held at the Statue since the former one :—"That this meeting calls upon *Mr. Oliver* to resign, he having failed to benefit any of the unemployed save himself." So that, in the face of these communications, it is very difficult for me to know which is the real *Oliver*.

(13.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact there were hundreds of unemployed workmen in Sydney ready to go to Bourke to work for a week for nothing, and that the Government forwarded men who were employed on Moonie and Angus' contracts and men engaged on the railways?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners are not aware that hundreds of men offered to go to Bourke for a week for nothing. A number of men who were working for Messrs. Angus & Co. were selected to go to Bourke, as they could be secured at short notice, and were the most suitable men for the work to be done.

(14.) Free Labour Bureau :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he receive a letter from the Chairman and Secretary of the Working Man's Committee, *re* an office for a Free Labour Bureau, and suggesting that a sum of £100 should be voted by Parliament to defray three months' expenditure?

(2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend taking in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have received several letters from persons signing themselves unemployed, and I have attended, not in writing but by instructions to others, to all of them. As the matter at present stands, they are referred to the Secretary for Public Works as to the progress of public works, the public works being in his department and not in mine. With regard to persons requiring shelter, I have left instructions that any case of genuine destitution shall receive attention from the Government.

(15.) Free Labour Bureau :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he promise a deputation (representing the unemployed) that he would send them an answer in writing *re* an office for a Free Labour Bureau?

(2.) Did he send any such answer; if not, why?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not recollect making any such promise; but it is easy for any of these persons to obtain a frank and full answer by applying at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

(16.) Free Labour Bureau :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to open a Free Labour Bureau for employers and employees?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We have no such intention.

(17.) Lands Office Inquiry Commission :—*Mr. Vivian*, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How long is it since the Lands Office Inquiry Commission was appointed?

(2.) Is it the case that the Commission started on an inspection of country offices so long ago as July, 1887?

(3.) Is it the case that they finished their inspection of and inquiries relative to country offices some eighteen months ago?

(4.) Is it a fact that many officers throughout the Colony are suffering considerable anxiety, because of the uncertainty felt as to what changes—such as retirements, removals, &c. (if any)—may be recommended by the Commissioners?

(5.) Will he be good enough to say when the public may expect to have the published report?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The Board were appointed in July, 1887, and commenced their duties before the close of that month.

(2 and 3.) Their inspections of the country offices were finished about twelve months ago.

(4.) In consequence of the pressure of Legislative business and other matters, it has been found impossible until recently to give the subject that prolonged and careful consideration which the character of the recommendations demanded.

(5.) The reports have now been dealt with, and steps are being taken to give effect to the decision arrived at.

(18.) Erosion of River Banks :—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that very serious injury is being done to our coast rivers through the erosion of the river banks by the action of floods, tides, and the wash from steamers, and that from this cause the channels at present navigable are being silted up?

(2.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken to remedy this evil?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Considerable damage is undoubtedly being done to our coast rivers in certain places.

(2.) The whole matter of obviating a recurrence of the injury will be considered in connection with the broad question of flood prevention, which was so fully debated last night.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Lithgow.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Enfield.

(3.) By-law of the Borough of Grafton.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of St. Leonards.

(5.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.

(6.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Gosford.

(7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Burrowa.

(8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wingham.

(9.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Muswellbrook.

(10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hillston, under the Municipalities Act, 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(11.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Blayney.

(12.) By-law of the Borough of Narrandera.

(13.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Strathfield.

(14.)

- (14.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra, under the Municipalities Act, 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (15.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Camden, under the Municipalities Act, 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (16.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly, under the Municipalities Act, 1867, and the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (17.) By-laws of the Borough of Waterloo, under the Municipalities Act, 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (18.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (19.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Adamstown, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (20.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
 - (21.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act and Municipalities Act, 1867.
 - (22.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1889.
 - (23.) Report on Police Department for 1889.
 - (24.) Report on Naval Forces of the Colony for 1889.
 - (25.) Fifth Annual Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
 - (26.) Report on Vaccination for 1889.
 - (27.) Report on Immigration for 1889.
 - (28.) Report on Leprosy in the Australasian Colonies.
 - (29.) Returns respecting Typhoid Fever in Sydney and Suburbs, from 1876 to 1889.
 - (30.) Returns under the Real Property Act for 1889.
 - (31.) Amended Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
 - (32.) Annual Return to an Order made on the 15th February, 1884,—“Spirits, Wines, and Beer,—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
 - (33.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for 1889.
 - (34.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880 to 1890, showing the past operation of the expansive clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the “Electoral Act of 1880.”
 - (35.) Report on Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1889.
 - (36.) Report on Votes for the Maintenance of Sick Paupers for the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for extension of Public Cemetery at South Head.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, in county of Cook, for Water Supply to town of Richmond.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Butlerwick, county of Durham, for wharf accommodation at Woodville, Paterson River.
- Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return of expenditure on road from Tarana to Oberon.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 11th December, 1889—“Conditional Improvement Purchase by W. H. Williams, at Albury.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on the 23rd August, 1889—“Application of Robert Lamrock for a Conditional Purchase at Mudgee.”
 - (3.) Progress Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into schemes for the extermination of Rabbits in Australasia.
 - (4.) Rules and Regulations of the Land Court.
 - (5.) Return to an Order, made on the 4th September, 1889—“Permanent and Temporary Commons.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Return to an Order, made on the 9th August, 1889—“Applications by W. Sully and others for portions of land, Thackaringa.”
 - (7.) Return to an Order, made on the 17th September, 1889—“Wooroooolgen Run.”
 - (8.) Return to an Order, made on the 5th September, 1889—“Encroachments upon J. Peter’s land, Uringalla, county of Argyle.”
 - (9.) Return to an Order, made on the 10th September, 1889—“Pre-lease by John M’Innes, parish of Tuckerimba, county of Ross.”
 - (10.) Return to an Order, made on the 1st May, 1890—“Mudgee Town Common.”

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 11th December, 1889—“Mineral Application by Mr. J. F. O’Donohue.”

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. J. P. Abbott, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed Railway from Cootamundra to Temora.
 - (2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed Bridge to connect Bullock Island with the mainland at Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.
4. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL :—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from The North Sydney Investment and Tramway Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887. And Mr. Cullen, having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *North Shore and Manly Times* newspapers containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order.

Petition received.

(5.)

5. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from John Ewan Palmer, of Sydney, representing that the Katoomba Lighting 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 the House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Hurley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct Gas-works and Electric-works, or either of them, within the town and District of Katoomba,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 13th May.

6. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—

"(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

"(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

"(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz.:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

7. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith 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 regulation of coal mines and collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

8. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas, to establish therein a system of Local Self-government, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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 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 divide New South Wales into District Government areas, to establish therein a system of Local Self-government, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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 divide New South Wales into District Government areas, to establish therein a system of Local Self-government, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 28th May.

9. CEMETERIES BILL:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the management and control of cemeteries.
Question put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 MAY, 1890.

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 Wednesday, 30th April last, 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, and Frank James Smith, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill*:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Admitting, as I do, that this is a subject demanding legislation, still I am not prepared at this moment to say that the Government will introduce a Bill during this Session.

(2.) *Registration of Companies*:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill dealing with the registration of companies within the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to deal generally with this matter.

(3.) *Star Leases at Gulgong*:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When is it the intention of the Department to deal with the cancellation of the Star leases at Gulgong, on which no labour has been employed during the last five years?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The action in regard to the cancellation of the leases was stayed at the request of the trustees of the late Honorable John Sutherland, to enable them to obtain probate of his will, but they have been informed that unless they show satisfactory cause at once the leases will be cancelled.

(4.) *Railway Guards*:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the name of the man who was in charge of the train which killed a man at Summer Hill on Tuesday last?

(2.) Is it a fact that he is rated as a porter, and is only paid at the rate of 6s. per day?

(3.) Is it a fact that he has only been in the Railway Service about six months?

(4.) How many trains were run on the same day leaving Sydney without properly certified guards in charge?

(5.) What is the reason of such being done—economy, or insufficient staff of guards?

(6.) How long have trains been so run?

(7.) Will he communicate with the Commissioners for Railways, with a view of having such things stopped?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a passenger jumped from a train while it was in motion, at Croydon Station, on Tuesday week last, and sustained such injuries as resulted in his death. It is presumed the question refers to this case. Thomas Cowan acted as guard of the train.

(2.) Yes

(3.)

- (3.) No. He has been in the service over twelve months. Formerly he had five years' experience on a large Scottish railway, from which he obtained a guard's certificate, and subsequently he had six years' experience on the Queensland railways.
- (4.) Ten suburban trains were run by six men, inclusive of Cowan, who were not regularly classed as guards, but all of them had previously run in charge of suburban trains.
- (5.) Owing to sickness among the guards and the running of additional trains, regular guards were not available, and the best men from the ordinary Station Staff were selected to meet the emergency. The present practice of taking men from the ordinary staff to meet emergencies has been in force for many years, but arrangements are being made that, except in very exceptional cases, no one will be sent in charge of a train unless he holds a guard's certificate.
- (7.) The Railway Commissioners are dealing with the question.
- (5.) Glen Innes to Inverell Railway :—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the Report of the Railway Commission upon the Glen Innes to Inverell railway ?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall have no objection to do so as soon as the inquiry which is now proceeding shall have been completed.
- (6.) Bursaries obtained by Public School Children :—Mr. Wright asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all Public School children who obtained either full or half bursaries, and the occupations of the parents of each of the said children ?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—This request will be complied with.
- (7.) Goods Traffic at Glen Innes and Guyra Railway Stations :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The number of tons of goods carried by rail to Glen Innes for the year 1889 ?
 - (2.) The number of tons of goods (exclusive of wool) dispatched by rail from Glen Innes for the year 1889 ?
 - (3.) The number of bales of wool (and weight of same) sent from Glen Innes during the year 1889 ?
 - (4.) The like information regarding Guyra station ?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I will lay the information on the Table of the House this evening in the form of a Return.
- (8.) Rust in Wheat—Agricultural Branch, Mines Department :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Are there any known cures or remedies for the stamping out of rust in wheat; and will he state, for the information of the public, what they are, or what they consist of, for the use of farmers during the present seed season ?
 - (2.) From whom are we to look for the most reliable information in agricultural matters—the Technical School or the one belonging to the Mines Department ?
 - (3.) What (if any) salary is allowed to the lately-appointed consulting chemist in connection with the Agricultural Branch in the Mines Department, and what are his duties to consist of ?
 - (4.) The same information with regard to the appointment of a consulting entomologist and consulting vegetable pathologist ?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) The Department is not aware of any approved cure or remedy for stamping out rust in wheat. The Department has issued recommendations, and is now conducting experiments, with the aid of fifty-eight of the farmers themselves, to gain light on several matters of importance.
 - (2.) From each Department, in its respective sphere.
 - (3.) Consulting chemist, £150 a year, to analyse and report on soils, ashes, and vegetable products submitted to him by the Department.
 - (4.) Consulting entomologist, £100 a year, to report *pro tem.* on any urgent matters of insect pests submitted to the Department. Consulting vegetable pathologist, £100 a year, to report *pro tem.* on any urgent matters of diseases of plant life submitted to the Department.
- (9.) Compensation to Mrs. Tucker, of Forbes, by Lands Department :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to compensate Mrs. Tucker for having been deprived of three 2-acre blocks of land, situated on the South Lead, at Forbes, Nos. 420, 421, and 422, and on which she had erected a large amount of improvements ?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—This case came before the Forbes Land Board on 2nd December, 1886, who reported, after taking copious evidence, that Mrs. Tucker had no claim to either the land or the improvements thereon, the place having been abandoned. There are therefore no grounds for seeking compensation.
- (10.) Kelso Railway Station :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it true that at the Kelso railway station only one man is left in charge to do night duty ?
 - (2.) Has this man also charge of the gates at the level crossing, some distance away ?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that frequently vehicles are detained at night time on account of the gates being closed when they should be open ?
 - (4.) Would it be possible to have a connection made with the gates from the station, so that the man in charge could open and shut them without leaving his post ?
 - (5.) If so, would he see that it is done ?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) Yes ; one man being sufficient for the work to be done.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Vehicles are not detained except when the gates are closed to ensure the safe passing of trains.

(4.) The gates can be worked from the platform, but it is inadvisable to do so, as they are 121 yards distant, and cannot be seen clearly at night or in foggy weather. It may be added that no change in the circumstances or the staff has taken place at Kelso for years past.

(11.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount is the Superannuation Fund in Dr. or Cr.?
- (2.) Does the Government contemplate subsidising it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The aggregate balance on the 30th April, 1890, was £378,810 7s. 1d. I cannot at the present moment say anything in answer to question 2; but as at present informed I do not think it is likely we shall subsidize the fund.

(12.) Pensions and Pensioners under Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount of money is paid annually as pensions?
- (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary give the House the name of each pensioner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The pensions current at this date amount to £48,782 13s. 3d.
- (2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.

(13.) Worms in Sheep:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Will he furnish the particular or characteristic symptoms pertaining to sheep affected or alleged to be affected with worms, and how to ascertain by these symptoms whether such sheep are affected by worms in the brain, lung, lung tissue, liver, or alimentary canal, and the distinguishing symptoms belonging to each case respectively?
- (2.) Also the characteristic symptoms pertaining to the presence of tape, long, round, and thread worm, and how squatters or farmers may distinguish whether such sheep are affected by one kind of worm or the other?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to offer any reward for the discovery of some cheap, safe, and effectual remedy for the destruction of worms in sheep?
- (4.) Will he state what the "arsenical drench" is composed of, the dose for each sheep, and how often the drench has to be used, and the general directions for its administration?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(14.) Railway Accidents at Bathurst and Blackheath:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What number of trucks were attached to the engine of the train that broke loose at Raglan and collided with the goods train at Bathurst?
- (2.) What was the tonnage of the train?
- (3.) What was the tonnage of the trucks that broke away?
- (4.) What is the grade at Raglan?
- (5.) Is it true that since the above collision a train arrived at Blackheath with the draw-bar of one of the trucks broken, and that the trucks were held together by the side chains?
- (6.) What was the tonnage of the said train, and what was the tonnage of the trucks behind the broken draw-bar?
- (7.) What is the grade at Blackheath?
- (8.) What is the steepest grade between Blackheath and the next distant station from which the train came?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Sixteen trucks, a horse box, a composite carriage, and a brake-van; nineteen vehicles in all.
- (2.) Total tonnage, exclusive of engine, 184 tons 4 cwt.
- (3.) 154 tons 3 cwt. 3 qrs. Thirteen trucks, a horse-box, a composite carriage, and a brake-van.
- (4.) One in fifty.
- (5.) Yes; but there is no analogy between this case and that at Bathurst.
- (6.) The train consisted of forty-one goods waggons, a carriage, and a brake-van, weighing altogether (approximately) 211½ tons; thirty-three goods waggons, a carriage, and a brake-van, weighing (approximately) 173¼ tons were behind the broken draw-bar.
- (7.) Level.
- (8.) The steepest grade between Katoomba and Blackheath is 1 in 33, but the ruling grade of the section is 1 in 66; and there is considerable portion of the road level or of slight gradient.

(15.) Railway—Muswellbrook to Cassilis:—Mr. W. E. Abbott, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Examiners of proposed Public Works be directed to visit and report upon the railway line from Muswellbrook to Cassilis?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am unable at present to fix the exact date, owing to the press of other important proposals which are before the Department in connection with public works. I can promise, however, that the inquiry shall not be long delayed.

(16.) Barratta Run:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was a petition from Robert Barbour received by the Governor and the Executive Council in February last, praying that the Report of the Select Committee on the Barratta forfeited conditional purchases might be sent to the Attorney-General, with a view to further action being taken?
- (2.) Has anything been done to carry out the prayer of the Petition; and, if so, what?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is now under consideration.

(17.) Gold-mining Lease of Messrs. Semmes, Bensusan, and B. B. Nicoll:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Do Messrs. Semmes, Bensusan, B. B. Nicoll, and party, hold 1,200 acres of land for gold-mining purposes in the Nerriga Division of the Mining District of Braidwood?

(2.)

- (2.) The date on which the leases were granted, and the conditions attached thereto?
- (3.) Have these gentlemen obtained suspension of labour conditions for the past three years?
- (4.) Is the rent of these leases paid up to date; if not, how much is due?
- (5.) Have these parties employed any labour, or spent any money on these leases; if so, how much?
- (6.) Will he cause these leases to be cancelled on account of the labour conditions not being carried out within a reasonable time?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) 500 acres are held under promise of lease in 100-acre portions by E. Prosser, T. F. Thompson, J. J. Semmes, S. L. Bensusan, and J. B. North, and B. B. Nicoll respectively.
 - (2.) Promises of leases were published in *Government Gazette* of 9th March, 1888, and under amended conditions 14th December, 1888, under which applicants were required to, within two years from 9th March, 1888, expend the sum of £2,000 on each block, in the erection and construction of certain machinery or works, and six men to be continuously employed upon or in connection with each block.
 - (3.) Several suspensions have been granted by the Warden.
 - (4.) No; the rent to 9th March, 1891, £25 in each case, has recently been demanded.
 - (5.) The Warden reported on 21st November, 1889, £5,200 had been expended, and the stipulated number of men had been employed, except when the labour conditions were suspended.
 - (6.) A report is being obtained concerning labor employed since 21st November, 1889.
- (18.) Conditional Purchase of Michael Madden, at Parkes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to refund the deposit money paid by one Michael Madden on a conditional purchase, made at Parkes, of 500 acres, 88-43, on 26th April, 1888; and was an error made by the Land Agent, in giving a wrong starting point, which deprived Madden of the land he applied for?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The papers in this case are under reference to the District Surveyor, but will be obtained for perusal, and the Honorable Member informed of any further decision then arrived at.

- (19.) Dam at Hillston, on Lachlan River :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it intended to send an officer to report on the necessity of constructing a dam on the Lachlan River at Hillston; if so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—When the Assistant Engineer is supervising the construction of the weir over the Lachlan at the Willandra Billabong, he will be sent to take the necessary sections, &c., for the construction of a weir at Hillston.

- (20.) Delay in payments to Road Contractors :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that considerable delay takes place in paying vouchers for work done by road contractors?
- (2.) Where delays have taken place, will he see that payment is expedited?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is possible that delays may occasionally take place owing to unforeseen circumstances, but every effort is made to expedite payments to contractors. If the Honorable Member will specify a case I can promise the most rigid inquiry.

- (21.) Selection made by John Patterson at Corowa :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Whether he intends to take any action to place John Patterson in possession of the land he selected at Corowa on the 17th April last?
- (2.) Was such land within the boundaries of measured portion 45 of 300 acres 2 roods, county of Denison, parish of Denison, and therefore open to selection under *Gazette* notice of 15th February, 1890; and was it withdrawn from auction sale only by *Gazette* notice 8537 of the 16th April, 1890?
- (3.) Was information of such *Gazette* notice only received at the Lands Office, Corowa, on the 17th April, when the selection had been balloted for, made, and obtained by John Patterson?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) There appear to be no grounds for taking any special action in this case.

(2.) Yes.

- (3.) The applicant was warned by the Land Agent at the time of tendering his application that the portion was not open for selection, having been withdrawn from sale (other than auction sale) on the 16th April, but Patterson insisted upon his application being received.

- (22.) Case of Alison v Burns :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When does he intend to pay the verdict and costs in the case of Alison v Burns?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Government are now liable to pay 8 per cent. on the amount owing?
- (3.) How many writs have been issued against the Government in respect of claims for rent, and how many petitions presented?
- (4.) What is the total amount claimed under such writs or petitions?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Probably next week.

(2.) Yes.

- (3.) None, that I am aware of.

(4.) Answered by No. 3.

- (23.) Site for Tank at Grong Grong :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Has a report been received from the officer said to have been requested to report on a site for a tank at Grong Grong?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—A report has been received and the construction of a tank approved of. Steps have been taken for the reservation of the necessary area for a public watering place. Plans are in course of preparation, and tenders will be invited at an early date.

- (24.) M. Pasteur's Vaccine Specific:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Has any arrangement been made with M. Pasteur for the use of his vaccine specific against anthrax?
 - (2.) Has M. Pasteur made known to those in negotiation with him on behalf of the Colony of New South Wales, that he is willing to allow the use of his specific in all the Australian Colonies for £25,000?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) No. A cablegram has been received from M. Pasteur that his nephew, M. Loir, is coming out to Australia with full powers to negotiate.
- (2.) Yes; but as M. Pasteur's agent is coming to the Colony, action on his offer is deferred.

- (25.) Railway to Longnose Point, Balmain:—Mr. Clubb asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Is it the intention of the Government to refer the proposed railway to Longnose Point, Balmain, to the Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This question will be considered when the railway policy of the Government is before the Cabinet.

- (26.) Site for Tank at Yerong Creek:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- When is it intended that an officer will be sent to report on a site for the proposed tank at Yerong Creek?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter will be dealt with during the next week.

- (27.) Indecent Literature:—Mr. Paul asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he, under the present law, power to prevent the publication and sale of indecent literature?
- (2.) If not, will he introduce a measure with this object in view?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The law in force (43 Vic. No. 2, and the Vagrant Act) gives power to deal with "obscene" publications; the term "indecent" is not known to the law. It has been found extremely difficult to deal with any of these matters where inquiry has been made; and it is felt that any attempt to deal with them that did not prove successful would only magnify the evil.

3. CEMETERIES BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott 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, 24th June.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Return respecting payments to Public Works Committee.
- (2.) Return respecting the quantity of Goods carried to Glen Innes and Guyra by the Railway Department during 1889.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 4th December, 1889—"Detention of the Steamship 'Yarra.'"

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return of Pensions granted under Civil Service Act, 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return, showing names of University and State School Bursars, and the occupation of the parents.
- (2.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1889.
- (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.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—

- (1.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Sydney Maxted, Director of Government Asylums and Boarding-out Officer, of Sydney, referring to the appointment of the Select Committee on this subject; and praying that Petitioner may, in his official capacity, be represented by Attorney, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before the Committee.

Petition received.

Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Howe presented a Petition from Sarah Cunynghame, of Parramatta, praying that she may be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of her removal from the position of Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta.

Petition received.

Mr. Howe (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Cullen 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 Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887*,"—read a first time.

7. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, no fresh business shall be taken after 11 o'clock p.m.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hassall,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Ball,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Molcsworth,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Torpy.
Mr. Nicoll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Paul,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Crick,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Rycie,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Frank Farnell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wheeler.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **RAILWAY FROM CULCAIRN TO COROWA**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of Railway from Culcairn to Corowa, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
9. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Fuller presented a Petition from certain persons interested in the development of the coal and other resources within that part of the county of Camden which lies westerly of Lake Illawarra, in favour of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill, and praying the House, during the current Session, to proceed with the consideration of this Bill, and in its wisdom to take such measures as will assist the Petitioners to develop the natural resources of the local lands within the southern parts of the county of Camden.
 Petition received.
10. **RAILWAY FROM GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as the House may hereafter determine.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
11. **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE RICHMOND RIVER**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.
 Question put and passed.
12. **RAILWAY TO CONNECT NORTH SHORE RAILWAY WITH PORT JACKSON AT MILSON'S POINT**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works upon a proposed line of railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson at Milson's Point, be remitted to the said Committee for its further consideration and report, for the following reason:—That, since the said report was made, fresh evidence concerning the commercial value of the said line of railway has been obtained, which was not before the said Committee when that report was "completed," and which evidence would have probably led the said Committee to arrive at a different and favourable conclusion.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "completed," in the sixth line.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question, as amended, proposed.
 Debate continued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

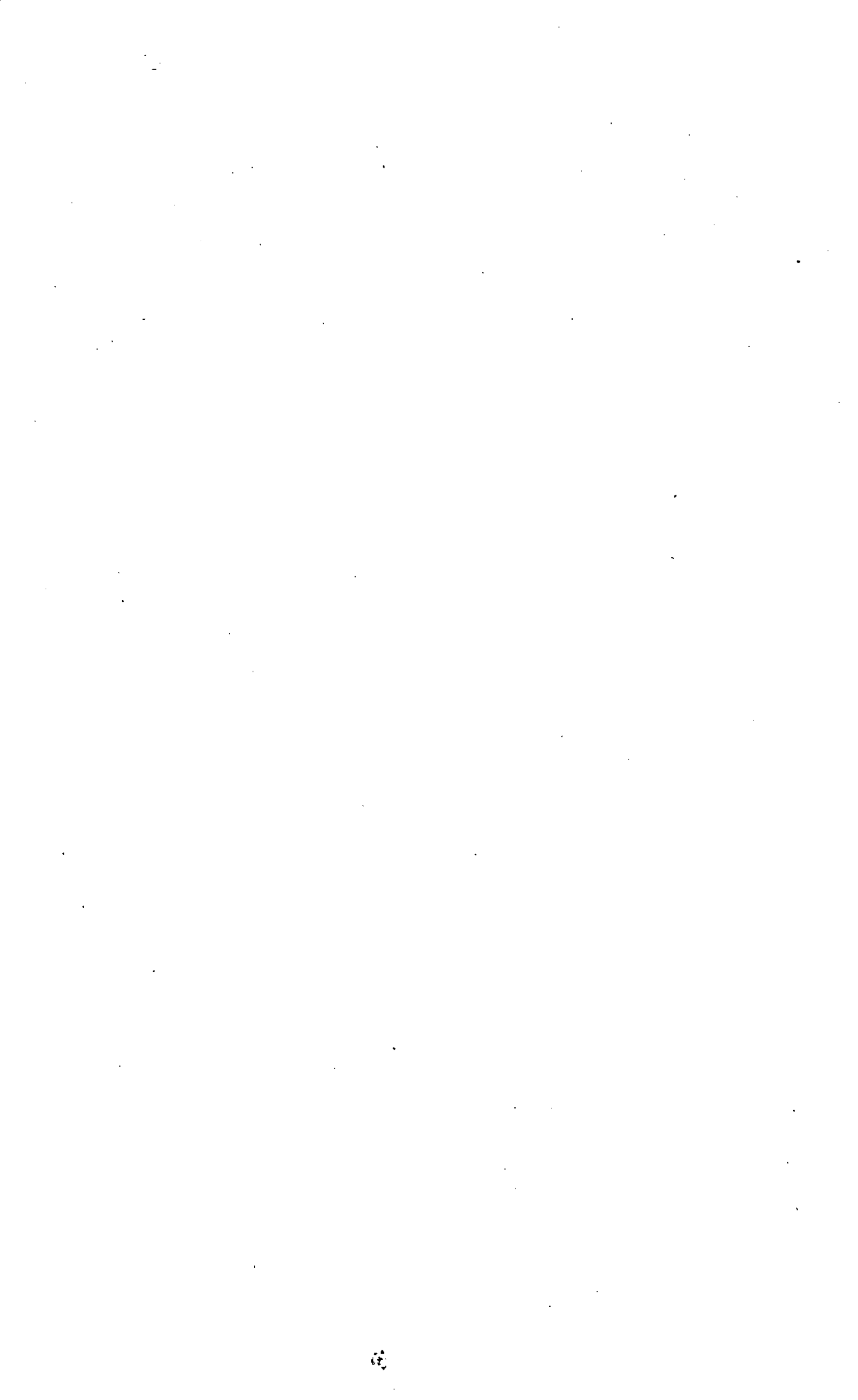
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Question then,—That it is expedient that the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works upon a proposed line of railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson at Milson's Point, be remitted to the said Committee for its further consideration and report, for the following reason:—That, since the said report was made, fresh evidence concerning the commercial value of the said line of railway has been obtained, which was not before the said Committee when that report was completed,—put and passed.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway, Bega to Eden:—*Mr. Henry Clarke*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he considered the proposed Bega to Eden Railway since the receipt of report of officer sent specially to report thereon?

(2.) Will he recommend to the Cabinet the advisability of having the proposed railway referred to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The further railway proposals of the Government have not yet been fully considered by the Cabinet. I can assure the Honorable Member that when the time comes for dealing with them, the report referred to will be laid before my colleagues.

- (2.) Railway and Tramway Employees:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the railway and tramway employees are compelled to be on duty every day—week days and Sundays—throughout the whole year?

(2.) Will he be good enough to take such steps as will ensure to all such employees the right to have at least every alternate Sunday free from duty, and an allowance of one other day in each week in lieu of any Sunday upon which it may be found absolutely necessary for them to be on duty?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am unaware that such is the case; but if the Honorable Member will bring any such case under the notice of the Railway Commissioners, it will have immediate attention.

- (3.) Prison Labour:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to utilize the prison labour of the Colony upon works of national importance—such as breakwaters and fortifications?

(2.) Is it contemplated discontinuing the present system of employing prison labour upon manufactures that compete with free labour?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Steps have already been taken to utilize prison labour in a work of national importance, viz., the construction of a breakwater at Trial Bay for the purpose of forming a harbour of refuge, in connection with which work it has been necessary to provide, at great expense, for the safe-keeping and health of the men so employed. To employ groups of prisoners upon fortification works would necessitate the provision of buildings for their accommodation at night, and also for the warders who would have to be employed as guards. The cost would far exceed the value of the labour; escapes of prisoners would often occur; and the objectionable system of associating prisoners of all sorts at night would be introduced.

(2.) The industries carried on in the gaols are so regulated as to compete as little as possible with free labour; and, except in the case of mat making and bookbinding, the whole of the work done is, I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons, for the Government Departments and Asylums. The regular employment of prisoners upon productive labour forms an important element in their reformatory treatment, and it would therefore be inexpedient to interfere with the industries referred to.

- (4.) Telegraph from Molong to Cumnock—Cumnock to Peak Hill:—*Mr. Dalton*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has any decision yet been arrived at to extend the telegraph from Molong to Cumnock; if so, is it likely that the further extension will be continued from Cumnock to Peak Hill?

(2.) Is not Cumnock the centre of a large settled farming population?

(3.) When will steps be taken to erect a Post and Telegraph Office at Cumnock?

Mr.

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) The petition presented by the Honorable Member, of the 2nd instant, on this subject, is now under inquiry, but no decision has yet been arrived at.
- (2.) I am not at present aware. The last report regarding Cumnoek stated that the population was "very small and scattered."
- (3.) Until I receive the official reports I shall not be able to answer this question.

(5.) Water Reserve, Parkes Road :—*Mr. Dalton*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the water reserve on the Parkes Road, adjoining the Boree Creek, at Bore Cabonne, county of Ashburnham, has lately been fenced in; and will he state if any person has received authority to do so?
- (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the fences removed?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) The reserve cannot be positively identified from the information furnished; but if it is water reserve No. 1,317, close to Boree Cabonne Head Station, I am not aware of its being fenced in, or that authority has been given for so doing.
- (2.) Inquiry will be made.

(6.) Public School, Molong :—*Mr. Dalton*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he see that some person is employed to keep the playground at the Public School at Molong clear of thistles, burrs, and weeds?
- (2.) Are not these weeds a nuisance, and do not the children get their feet damp by walking through them?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—As the playground of the Public School at Molong is reported to be almost absolutely clear of thistles, burrs, and weeds, no necessity exists for employing any person to clear the playground. A few burrs are growing in an unfrequented corner, and they will be removed.

(7.) Railway to Brewarrina :—*Mr. Davis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to send the Examiners to report upon the extension of a railway to Brewarrina; and, if so, when?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is the intention of the Government to send the Examiners to report upon this extension; but, as I have answered in other similar cases, it is not possible, in view of the many pressing and urgent proposals for Public Works before the Department to fix the exact date when the officers in question will visit this district. I have already temporarily appointed two officers of the Department for the purpose of assisting in disposing of the long list of Public Works requiring investigation.

(8.) Orange Hospital :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he received any petition praying for an investigation into the charges brought by Dr. Goode against the management of the Orange Hospital?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer is Yes. A petition was received, and the Medical Adviser to the Government was requested to consider it and to inform me whether it was desirable to send anyone, and, if so, to point out a suitable officer. The Medical Adviser to the Government expressed his opinion that it was not desirable to interfere in the matter.

(9.) Orange Hospital :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he received a petition praying for an investigation into grave charges brought by patients in the Orange Hospital, against the matron and nurses, several months after Dr. Goode had ceased to be connected with the hospital?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer given to the last question will apply to this. The report was received and referred to the Medical Adviser to the Government in a similar way.

(10.) Debtors' Prison, Darlinghurst :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man suffering from a loathsome contagious disease is at present, and has been for several weeks, incarcerated in the debtors' prison at Darlinghurst?
- (2.) Are the other debtors compelled to live and sleep in the same room with him?
- (3.) Has the Governor of the gaol no power to place sick debtors in the gaol hospital?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Visiting Surgeon, Darlinghurst Gaol, reports that there is a man at present in the debtors' prison suffering from slight skin disease of forehead, which has almost healed, and which is neither loathsome nor contagious.

(3.) It has been the practice for many years past to have debtors who may be sick treated in the debtors' ward, and a warder told off to attend them. It is very undesirable to have debtors placed in the hospital where they could communicate with prisoners of a different class, and be the medium of communication between prisoners and their friends, and thus violate the rules and regulations of the gaol.

(11.) Bridge over Coldstream River :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision respecting the construction of a bridge across the Coldstream River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am not in a position to come to a decision on this matter at present, as the report of the officer who is collecting the necessary information has not yet been received.

(12.) Dredge for Clarence River :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any action been taken by the Works Department to replace the dredge recently lost at the Clarence River Heads?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is intended to replace the lost dredge by another of a much more modern and improved type.

- (13.) Road between Maclean and Coraki:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the proposed road between Maclean and Coraki be surveyed?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—The Works Department has been asked to decide upon the course the proposed road should take. So soon as this has been done instructions for survey of the route will be issued.
- (14.) Road from Munyabla to Doodle Cooma Railway Station:—*Mr. Colls*, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any delay taken place in opening the road from Munyabla to Doodle Cooma railway station; if so, what is the reason of such delay?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—Survey of this road has been carried out, and the case is now under consideration for proclamation.
- (15.) Purchase of land known as Darling Island:—Mr. Playfair asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action do the Government intend to take in regard to Darling Island?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—The full details in regard to this matter have not yet been determined by the Department, and I am not, therefore, in a position to give a definite reply to the Honorable Member's question. I can only assure him that the matter is now engaging the attention of the Works Department and the Railway Commissioners, and that no time will be lost in utilizing the valuable property referred to.
- (16.) Pyrmont Bridge:—Mr. Playfair asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to replace the present Pyrmont Bridge with a new structure?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—This matter, with other related questions, has been referred to a small Board consisting of the heads of the different branches of the Works Department. It is now sitting, but the report has not yet been received by me. I can assure the Honorable Member that the question is being dealt with, with a view to all the anticipated requirements.
- (17.) Wood-blocking Glebe-Balmain Road:—Mr. Playfair asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the officers of his Department recommended the wood-blocking of the Glebe-Balmain Road; if so, do the Government intend to carry out the recommendation?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—Yes; but since then a larger question has arisen as to the use to which Glebe Island shall ultimately be devoted. The whole subject is now being investigated by the Board referred to in my answer to a previous question by the Honorable Member, and the question of the wood-blocking must remain in abeyance until their report is received.
- (18.) Dawes' Point Reserve:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government place a sum of money on the Estimates for the improvement of the Dawes' Point reserve?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—This matter will be considered when the Estimates for next year are being prepared.
- (19.) Crown Lands within four miles of Goff's Harbour Jetty:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the possible necessity for withdrawing from sale all Crown Lands within a distance of four miles from Goff's Harbour Jetty?
 - (2.) Will he cause such lands to be reserved from sale, at least until the works now in progress have been completed, and the result on the trade of the district manifested?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Inquiry will be made.
- (20.) Reservation of Land in parishes of Arakoon, Kinchela, and Kempsey:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any applications been made for the reservation of lands on the coast, in the parishes of Arakoon, Kinchela, and Kempsey, in the county of Macquarie, for depasturing stock in time of flood, and in view of harbour improvements at Trial Bay?
 - (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to what lands can be reserved from alienation, and cause such to be withdrawn from sale?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Inquiry will be made.
2. MR. JOHN CASH NEILD:—Mr. Want presented a Petition from John Cash Neild, of Sydney, referring to his appointment as Executive Commissioner for this Colony at the Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition, and to the statement of the disbursements of certain moneys in detail, forwarded by him to the Colonial Secretary; also directing attention to the Notice of Motion given by Mr. J. P. Abbott for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the subject; and praying the House, for the reasons stated, not to appoint Mr. Abbott to be a member of that Committee, and to grant the Petitioner permission to appear before the said Committee in person, or by solicitor or counsel, and, if necessary, to adduce such evidence, and to send for such persons and papers as he may be advised, with power to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before such Committee.
- Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. McMillan* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1890.
 - (2.) Proclamation defining the boundaries of the Liverpool Water District.
 - (3.) Proclamation defining the boundaries of the Campbelltown Water District.
 - (4.) Proclamation vesting in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage certain Sewerage Works.
 - (5.) Proclamation defining the boundaries of the Metropolitan Water District.
- Ordered to be printed. 4.

4. **SMOKING IN THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Librarian had submitted to him a complaint from Mr. O. O. Dangar, stating that he had been annoyed by Members smoking in the Library, &c.
At the request of Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Speaker laid the documents upon the Table.
Whereupon Mr. Abbott moved, That the documents be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Garland,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Garrard.
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Vivian,	
Mr. Clubb,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Sterensou,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Kidd.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Davis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. **CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES IN THIS COLONY (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lync, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all agreements, contracts, correspondence, and other papers in connection with the letting of a contract to construct 100 (or more) locomotives in this Colony.
Question put and passed.
6. **LOCKING OF DARLING RIVER (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all minutes, reports, and plans, relative to the locking of the Darling River.
Question put and passed.
7. **RANDWICK TOLL-BAR ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Randwick Toll-bar.
Question put and passed.
8. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Willoughby and Gordon 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Burns, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Perry, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Howe, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day relative to the Employers Liability Act Extension Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd July.
10. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Dawson,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. King.
Mr. Martin,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, 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, 22nd July.

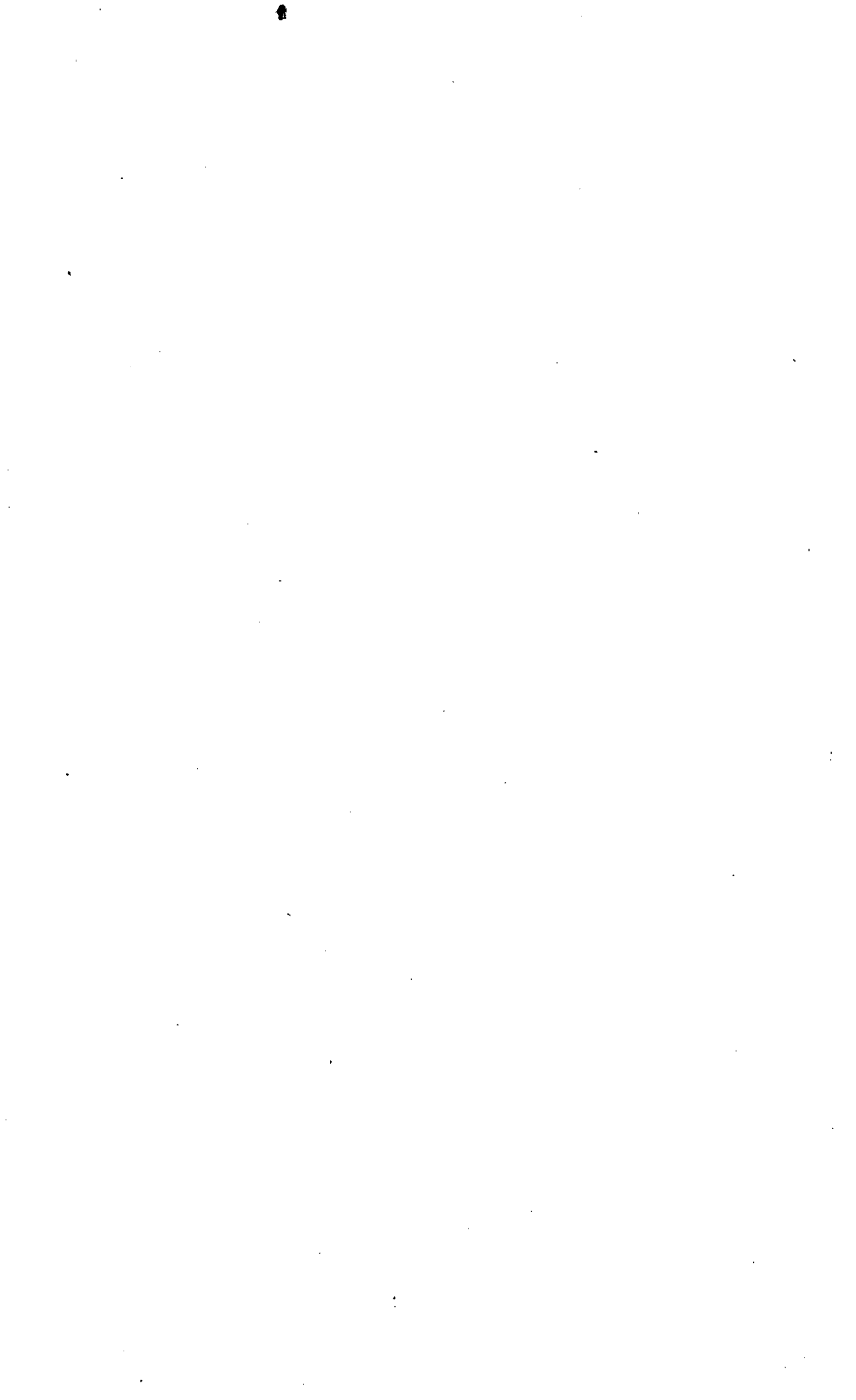
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY, 1890.

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

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

- (1.) District Government 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 divide New South Wales into District Government Areas, to establish therein a system of local self-government, and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 14th May, 1890.*

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

- (2.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill:—

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 make better provision for the regulation of coal-mines and collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney 14th May, 1890.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Homestead lease of Mr. John Higgins at Wentworth:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Mr. John Higgins apply for a homestead lease at Wentworth for land situated on the Boundary run, on the Murray River; and, if so, on what date?

(2.) When did the Local Land Board deal with the application, and did it recommend that the same be granted?

(3.) Has Dr. Cockburn, the Premier of South Australia, requested that the lease should be refused upon the ground that the frontage may be required as a port?

(4.) When were the papers relating to the case received in the Department of Lands?

(5.) Is it the intention of the department to gazette the lease; and, if so, when?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes; on the 28th August, 1889.

(2.) 22nd January, 1890.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) 9th April, 1890.

(5.) The papers have been referred to the Department of Mines as to whether there are any objections to the lease being granted, in view of the necessities of stock traffic.

(2.)

- (2.) Losses of Stock in Bourke and Walgett Districts:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he instruct the Stock Inspectors in the districts of Bourke and Walgett to ascertain the approximate loss of stock in their districts from the late floods?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member I desire to say yes.

- (3.) Dredge for Nambucca River:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the dredge for the Nambucca River, for which £8,000 was voted last December, in course of construction?

(2.) How soon may this dredge be expected to be ready for work on the river?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The dredge is in course of construction and will be ready for work in about 12 months.

- (4.) Sale of bluestone under Poisons Act:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that bluestone (sulphate of copper) is largely used by the farmers to prevent smut in wheat; and that bluestone has been added to the schedule under the Poisons Act?

(2.) Is it a fact that this is causing great annoyance and inconvenience to the farmers throughout the country?

(3.) In the interest of the farmers, will the Government immediately cause bluestone to be removed from the Poisons Act by proclamation?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member, I desire to state that the matter is under consideration.

- (5.) Rust in Wheat:—Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) In reference to his answer to a question by Dr. Ross, on the 8th May, on rust in wheat, in which he stated that the department had issued recommendations, and is now conducting experiments, with the aid of fifty-eight of the farmers themselves, to gain light on several matters of importance,—will he state for the general information of farmers (it now being the season of the year for planting seed wheat) what the recommendations are that have been issued and recommended, the names of the fifty-eight farmers who have undertaken to conduct these experiments, and the respective localities where the experiments are now being made, together with the nature of the experiment each farmer has undertaken to perform?

(2.) Are they to receive any assistance or remuneration for the same; if so, what?

(3.) Are any of these experiments being tried in the Molong district?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The papers in connection with this matter will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (6.) Bridge at Greg Greg, Upper Murray River:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps have been taken towards the completion of the approaches to the bridge at Greg Greg, Upper Murray River?

(2.) Will he have the matter attended to at once?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have given instructions to have the work carried out at once.

- (7.) Inquiry into case of Mr. Midelton, late Locomotive Engineer:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of his promise made to Mr. Schey during last Session, that he would, during the recess, thoroughly inquire into any grievance which Mr. Midelton, lately Locomotive Engineer, Railway Department, might esteem himself to have,—will he now please say whether he made such inquiry during the recess?

(2.) What was the nature and scope of such inquiry (if any)?

(3.) What conclusion did he arrive at on the matter?

(4.) Is he prepared to grant any further inquiry into the merits of the case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—During the recess I gave myself a good deal of trouble inquiring into this question concerning Mr. Midelton. I obtained a statement of his case from himself, and laid it before the Colonial Treasurer as Minister for Railways. I afterwards required an explanation from the Commissioners upon every item of the statement of his case, and, in other respects, I gave myself as much trouble as I could in the matter, he having applied to me as Head of the Government. The result was, that on the 6th March, the Principal Under Secretary, by my direction, addressed this letter to him, which, so far as I am concerned, closed the case:—

The Principal Under Secretary to Mr. T. Midelton.

Sir,

Sydney, 6 March, 1880.

I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that he has given as much attention to the voluminous papers in your case as the continuous pressure upon his time from duties more immediately obligatory upon him would permit. He has found the task of examination the more difficult from the very conclusiveness of the evidence against reopening the case.

The tangible facts in your case appear to be these: The Railway Commissioners have by law the absolute power to employ all such persons as may be required in the Railway service, and the employment in every instance is during pleasure. This great power was undoubtedly given to the Commissioners to be exercised by them in their judgment and discretion, unbiassed by any consideration whatever other than the efficiency of the service. In the exercise of their lawful authority you were removed by the Commissioners, and on the 9th day of April, 1880, you gave a receipt in full for the sum of £1,500 (fifteen hundred pounds) as compensation for loss of office. It appears that in December last, at the instance of Mr. Schey, M.P., on your behalf, the whole circumstances of the case were investigated by the Civil Service Board, who reported that since your acceptance of the terms of your removal by the receipt of the liberal sum awarded for compensation and in lieu of notice, nothing had arisen to create any further claim in your favour.

As you appealed to him, as Head of the Administration, Sir Henry Parkes has deemed it his duty to go over the case already dealt with on the best evidence he could obtain, and has requested the Commissioners to offer explanations upon your letters. He is informed by them that you were afforded every opportunity to show your ability to administer the important sub-department placed in your charge, and that you did not exhibit the reorganising capacity necessary for dealing with the great difficulties attached to it. They, therefore, felt it incumbent upon them, "after most careful consideration," to make the change which was made in the public interest.

I am to say that it cannot be admitted that any person who may have his services accepted, or even continued for a term of years, in a public office, can thereby establish a claim to consideration apart from official competency or fitness, or of what may be due to the public whose servant he really is. There may be qualities, or the absence of qualities, which render a person of unimpeachable character quite unsuited for the performance of particular duties; and those in responsible charge must be the judge.

In the present case Sir Henry Parkes can discover no ground which would justify him in interfering.

I have, &c.,

CRITCHETT WALKER,

Principal Under Secretary.

(8.) Teachers, Kirkconnell Public School, Yetholme:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the classification (if any) of the teacher of Kirkconnell Public School, Yetholme?
- (2.) Was she ever a student at any Training School; if not, how did she obtain her qualification?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Department of Public Instruction to appoint a married male teacher in place of the present teacher of Kirkconnell Public School?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Her classification is 3 A.
- (2.) She underwent a two months course of training as a candidate for a small school. She gained a certificate of classification by examination.
- (3.) It is not intended to remove her at present.

(9.) Bridge over Mulwarrie Creek, at Goulburn—Goulburn to Crookwell Railway:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any estimate been made (and by whom) of what the cost would be to make the railway bridge at Goulburn, over the Mulwarrie Creek, capable of carrying two lines of railway; if so, what is the estimated cost?
- (2.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of duplicating the railway line from Goulburn to the point at which the Public Works Committee recommend the junction of the proposed Goulburn-Crookwell railway with the Great Southern railway?
- (3.) If so, what is the estimated cost?
- (4.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of a railway bridge over the Wollondilly River at the point where the Public Works Committee recommend that the proposed Goulburn-Crookwell railway should cross this river?
- (5.) If so, by whom; and what is the estimated cost?
- (6.) Has an estimate been made of the total cost of resuming town and suburban land at Goulburn, in the event of constructing the proposed Goulburn-Crookwell railway on the route submitted to the Public Works Committee?
- (7.) If so, by whom; and what is the estimated total cost of land resumption from the point at which this railway would leave the Great Southern line at Goulburn to the Wollondilly River?
- (8.) Has any estimate been made, and by whom, of the cost of a railway bridge over the Wollondilly River on the route submitted to the Public Works Committee for a railway from Goulburn to Crookwell?
- (9.) If so, what is the estimated cost?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have already informed the Members for the district as follows:—

- (1.) Yes, by the Department. The estimated cost is £32,000.
- (2.) No estimate has yet been made.
- (3.) Now unnecessary, in view of answer to question No. 2.
- (4.) No estimate has yet been made, but it is my intention to have one made immediately, in order that it may serve as a factor in determining the question of route.
- (5.) Cannot be answered now.
- (6 and 7.) The Land Valuer has been directed to give an estimate of the land resumption on the route submitted to the Public Works Committee.
- (8.) Yes, by the Department.
- (9.) £6,474 16s.

(10.) Police Magistrate, Broken Hill:—Mr. Wyman Brown asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Police Magistrate, appointed from the 1st February last, to perform the duties at Broken Hill, be likely to arrive at that place, and commence such duties?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Police Magistrate is expected to arrive at Broken Hill to-day. The cause of delay in entering upon his duties has been unavoidable, owing to the flooded state of the country around Walgett, where Mr. Badham was last stationed, which prevented his leaving at an earlier date.

(11.) Railway officials imported into Colony by the Commissioners:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many men have the Commissioners for Railways imported into the Colony to work upon our railways?
- (2.) What are the names of each person so imported?
- (3.) What salary does each person so imported receive?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The names of the gentleman who have been appointed from outside the Colony to positions under the Railway Commissioners are as follows:—James Angus—salary, £600 per annum (now temporarily in receipt of £900 per annum while acting in a position to which a salary of £1,050 is attached); D. H. Neale—salary, £550 per annum; J. G. Corns—salary, £500 per annum; C. A. Hodgson—salary, £500 per annum; Thomas Hall—salary, £1,000 per annum; W. Foxlee—salary, £700 per annum.

(12.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many railway refreshment rooms are leased in the Colony?
- (2.) What are the names of the lessees?
- (3.) What is the rent paid for each room?
- (4.) On what date does each lease fall in?
- (5.) What is the cost to the country for the erection of each room?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-one.
- (2.) Messrs. Castner & Co. (15), Edward Jarvis (1), George Biles (1), Matthew Rooney (1), James P. Quinn (2), and J. Everingham (1).
- (3.) Mittagong, £63 per annum; Goulburn, £156 13s. per annum; Yass, £84 15s. per annum; Junee, £693 10s. per annum; Penrith, £49 per annum; Bathurst, £35 per annum; Nyngan, £238 per annum; Parramatta, £63 per annum; Harden, £154 17s. per annum; Mount Victoria, £114 12s. per annum; Sydney, £54 12s. per annum; Albury, £270 16s. per annum; Armidale, £228 per annum; Murrurundi, £205 per annum; Singleton, £250 per annum; Werris Creek, £650 per annum; Gosford, £288 per annum; Wollongong, £6 10s. per annum; Wagga Wagga, £50 8s. per annum; Wellington £413 11s. per annum.
- (4.) 31st December, 1890.
- (5.) It is difficult to give the exact cost of the rooms, as in many cases those occupied are part of the station buildings, and cost has not been kept separate. If the Honorable Member will let me know if he desires estimated cost, it will be obtained and forwarded to him. I may state that the present leases have nearly all expired, and that a new arrangement by which the Department will obtain a larger annual rental, and by which the scale of charges will be reduced, will soon take effect.

(13.) Police Force:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he, at an early date, consider the urgent necessity of granting the police stationed in the interior an increase of pay to the extent of 1s. per diem?
- (2.) Will he also consider the granting of three weeks holiday (together with free railway pass) per annum?
- (3.) Will he also issue order for the supply of lighter uniform during the hot summer months?

Sir Henry Parkes,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—

- (1.) When the cost of provisions and necessaries have been exceptionally high, owing to droughts or other causes, special allowances have been made to the police at certain stations. Such claims are dealt with specially on their merits as occasion demands.
- (2.) Reasonable leave of absence is never refused when applied for, and practicable. There appears to be no sufficient reason for granting free railway passes.
- (3.) The summer uniform is as light as can be designed, namely, pith helmets and thin serge jumpers, with white duck trousers for foot police.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Inquiry into the causes of the Railway accident at Bathurst, together with remarks thereon by the Railway Commissioners.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into floods in the Town and District of Bourke.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Report on Prisons for 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the University of Sydney for 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

4. RAILWAY FROM LISMORE TO THE TWEED:—Mr. Perry presented a Petition from F. G. Crouch, Mayor, as Chairman of the Railway League, Casino, Richmond River, urging the House to adopt the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the construction of a line of Railway from Murwillumbah (Tweed River) to Lismore (Richmond River); and praying the favourable consideration of the House with the view of granting the residents of The Richmond Electorate this boon and relief.
Petition received.
5. LINWOOD COLLIERY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Reports of the Examiner of Coal-fields and the Inspector of Collieries on the recent subsidence at Linwood Colliery.
Question put and passed.
6. ORANGE HOSPITAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the two petitions asking for an inquiry into the management of the Orange Hospital, together with all official minutes and correspondence and papers, including the declarations of the patients before a Magistrate.
Question put and passed.
7. LIENS ON WOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages of stock and stations.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 - (1.) West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 27th May.
 - (2.) Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th August.
 - (3.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th August.

9. **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 "for the purpose of directing attention to the necessity for instituting a more formal investigation (in accordance with the Government Railways Act) into recent railway disasters." 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.
10. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—
" (1.) That this House concurs in the following resolutions adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—
" (a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown ;
" and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies, under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
" (b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
" (c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.
" (2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G. ; William McMillan, Esquire ; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire ; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire ; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.
" (3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.
" (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention."
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Ewing 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 eleven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Additional Conditional Purchase of George Curry, at Cootamundra:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did any officer in the Lands Department send any communication to the Land Court in reference to the appeal case of George Curry against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase No. 89-59, Cootamundra, whilst such case was the subject of the appeal before the Land Court?

(2.) Who was the officer who is responsible for such communication?

(3.) Was such communication submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands, and did he submit the same to the Minister before it was sent to the Registrar of the Land Court?

(4.) What was the nature of the communication?

(5.) Did the President of the Land Court condemn the practice of forwarding such communications, and will the Minister take steps to put an end to such a practice in the future?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 to 4.) In the case referred to by the Honorable Member, a technical question appeared to be involved, which was not considered of sufficient importance to justify the expensive course of engaging counsel. The question was brought under the consideration of the Minister in the form of a short statement, which was approved, and directed by him to be filed with the papers, then in the hands of the Registrar of the Land Court. The only communication was a letter to the Registrar, asking him to file the statement referred to.

(5.) There is no practice, the case being an isolated instance. I am informed by the President of the Land Court that after referring to the above-mentioned paper (which he had not read), he expressed himself to the effect that if the Government desired to be heard in any case it had the same opportunity and means as other parties of appearing before the Court. In the event of any similar case arising, it is the intention of the Department in the future to have any matter which, on behalf of the Crown, it may desire to represent, stated in open Court.

- (2.) Reserve, parish of Narrabundah:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a petition, asking for the opening of reserve No. 123, parish of Narrabundah, county of Murray, was lodged with the Lands Department nine months ago?

(2.) Why has the reserve in question not been opened?

(3.) Who is responsible for the delay?

(4.) When is the reserve likely to be opened?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The District Surveyor's report has not yet been received.

(3.) I am unable to say, in the absence of the papers, which are at present under reference to the District Surveyor.

(4.) The District Surveyor has been reminded, with a view to expediting action.

- (3.) Land belonging to Messrs. O'Neill and Lenane at Michelago:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in November, 1866, the police authorities took possession of 9 chains 62 links of land with a depth of 1 chain 40 links, in the town of Michelago, belonging to residents named O'Neill and Lenane, and have never paid rent for the same?

(2.) If so, will the Government now compensate the owners for loss of rent?

(3.) Are the police abandoning the land in question; if so, will they restore it to its rightful owners?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—There is no record of any such transaction. No land has been occupied by the police at Michelago, except a small portion of Government land, on which stand the buildings at present occupied, which were built in 1857. No claim has been made by Messrs. O'Neill and Lenane, but they complained of frontage to the road being taken from their paddock.

- (4.) Guards on Suburban Trains:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Referring to answer given to *Mr. Schey* on Thursday, 8th May,—will he please give the names of the six men then spoken of as running in charge of suburban trains on the day named, their ages, period of service, rating in the Service, and rate of pay received by each?
 - (2.) Will he also make further inquiry, with a view of ascertaining if there were not a larger number of men than the six named, similarly employed on the same day aforementioned?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—I am informed the information given in reply to previous Question was correct. The names of the men referred to are:—*Wm. Samuels*, 30 years, from 23rd April, 1886, porter, 7s. per day; *J. Mahony*, 23 years, from 14th August, 1888, shunter, 7s. per day; *T. Cowan*, 29 years, from 5th April, 1889, porter, 6s. per day; *F. Allen*, 29 years, from 12th August, 1885, porter, 7s. per day; *J. Storie*, 40 years, from 27th October, 1884, porter, 7s. per day; *C. Craven*, 28 years, from 15th May, 1885, shunter, 7s. per day.

- (5.) Ecclesiastical Court:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Fuller*, asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the fact that the practice and procedure of the Ecclesiastical Court has called for adverse comment from *Mr. Justice Manning*, the presiding Judge, every sitting day, is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to introduce a Bill at an early date to alter and reform the practice and procedure of that Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have already given notice of my intention to move that the House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to deal with this subject.

- (6.) *Mr. W. A. Fraser*, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Tingha:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was *Mr. W. A. Fraser* appointed to fill the temporary vacancy in the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Tingha, caused by the retirement of *Mr. Norton* for six months on account of ill-health; if so, for what reason?
 - (2.) Did *Mr. W. A. Fraser* ever hold an appointment in the Civil Service before, and had he any previous knowledge of the work devolving on a Clerk of Petty Sessions?
 - (3.) Was it on the recommendation of the Inverell Police Magistrate, *Mr. W. W. Fraser*, that *Mr. W. A. Fraser* (his son) was appointed; and, if not, on whose recommendation was the appointment made?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes; *Mr. W. A. Fraser*, who was at the time the only applicant, was appointed to act temporarily as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Tingha, during the absence on sick leave of *Mr. Norton*, as the most convenient departmental arrangement that could have been made at the time, there being no regular relieving officer available for the duty.
- (2.) I am unable to say whether *Mr. Fraser* held any previous office in the service, but I understand that since his appointment he has performed the duties satisfactorily.
- (3.) No; *Mr. W. A. Fraser* applied to this Department, offering his services as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Tingha, and as he resided at that place, and for the reasons already stated, his services were accepted.

- (7.) Road between Cumnock and Peak Hill:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the road between Cumnock and Peak Hill put in a proper state of repair, to prevent loss of life, and to meet any increasing traffic and the wants of the travelling public on this road?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The question of the best road to be adopted between Molong and Peak Hill, is now engaging the attention of the Department.

- (8.) Case of *Alison v. Burns*:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the total sum claimed by the 125 pastoral lessees for refunds in the petitions presented by them to the Government to appoint a nominal defendant to answer their claims?
 - (2.) When will the Government appoint the nominal defendant?
 - (3.) Has the debt been paid in the case of *Alison v. Burns*; and what was the amount of interest paid to the plaintiff?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) A statement, giving the information required by the Honourable Member, will be prepared and laid upon the Table.
- (2.) This matter is under consideration.
- (3.) Yes; the amount of interest paid is £196 10s. 9d.

- (9.) Steel Rails:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the early construction of new railways, to order any steel rails?
 - (2.) As steel rails, according to the correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald* in New York, are now selling in the United States of America for £6 13s. 4d., as against the same class of rails selling in England for £7 5s. per ton, will he direct orders to be sent to America for the rails required?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The question of ordering steel rails for railway construction is now under consideration, and I shall inform the Honourable Member when definite steps have been taken.
- (2.) The correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald* referred to and the Honourable Member appear to be under a misapprehension, as the Railway Department has recently had a price cabled from England for steel rails, f.o.b., London, at £5 6s. 6d. per ton.

- (10.) Reclamation of White Bay, Balmain—Glebe Island :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How long is it likely to take to complete the reclamation of White Bay, Balmain, if the present system of working be continued?
 - (2.) Will he consider the advisability of cutting down that portion of Glebe Island, north of the main road, so that it may be made available for commercial purposes, and at the same time provide additional material for more speedily completing this Government work?
 - (3.) Will he also take immediate steps for the reclaiming of Roselle Bay?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) About nine months.
 - (2.) The whole question of cutting down Glebe Island is being reported upon by a Board appointed by me some months ago.
 - (3.) The necessary surveys are now being made, which, when completed, will enable me to decide my future action in regard to the matter.
- (11.) Harbours and Rivers Department :—Mr. Curley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause the revised classification list in the Harbours and Rivers Department to be conspicuously exhibited, so as to give the employees an opportunity of inspecting the same?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to the classification of Dredge Service employees to the 31st December, 1889, which has lately been prepared and printed in proof only. A copy has been sent to each dredge-master, inviting appeals from employees dissatisfied with the positions therein assigned to them, before being finally approved. Every person interested has consequently the opportunity of inspecting the document.
- (12.) Labourers, Railway Department :—Mr. Curley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he institute inquiries to ascertain whether it is a fact that labourers in the Railway Department, when making additional time, along with mechanics, in certain cases are paid for less time than the mechanic with whom they have been working?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that labourers do not receive the same rate of overtime as is paid to mechanics; but it is pointed out that the Railway Department follows the rules that prevail in private workshops in this matter.
- (13.) Cowra Show-ground :—Mr. Plumb, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has a portion of the land recently been surveyed as an addition to the Cowra show-ground; is it now available; and when will it be handed over to the trustees?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes; portion 285, of 3 acres 3 roods, parish of Mullion, county of Forbes, the proposed dedication of which, as an addition to the Cowra show-ground, was included in the Abstract laid before Parliament on the 1st instant. No further action as regards dedication can be taken for a month from that date. The land will be handed over to the trustees so soon as the dedication is completed, which will probably be in about two months.
- (14.) Township Allotments at Woodstock :—Mr. Plumb asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the township allotments at Woodstock be submitted to auction?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—So soon as the necessary steps shall have been taken for the cancellation of the reserve, within which the proposed township of Woodstock is situated, the allotments will be submitted to auction.
- (15.) Railway Accommodation at Woodstock :—Mr. Plumb, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When is it the intention of the Railway Department to construct the trucking-yard accommodation at Woodstock?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Department to provide a crane, weigh-bridge, and dock at Woodstock?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that instructions have been given for the construction of cattle-yards at Woodstock, and the work will be put in hand as early as possible.
 - (2.) It is not intended to put in a crane, &c., as the Traffic officers report the traffic does not justify this provision.
- (16.) Curves on Western Line over Blue Mountains :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Department to reduce the whole of the curves on the Western Line on the Blue Mountains?
 - (2.) What is the estimated cost of such work?
 - (3.) Has the work now being done been let by public tender?
 - (4.) What is the total cost of the work now let; and who are the contractors?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are very desirous of reducing the 8-chain curves that now exist on the Western Line over the Blue Mountains. The curves in the vicinity of Katoomba are being first treated, and the question of altering the whole of them is to be considered when the present work is completed. An estimate of the cost cannot be given at this stage. The present work, which is to a large extent experimental, is being carried out by Messrs. Angus and Co., who obtained the contract for the duplication works when public tenders were invited, and the rates paid are based on their schedule of prices for the duplication works.
- (17.) Bridge over Hawkesbury River :—Mr. Dowel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a subsidence of the bridge over the Hawkesbury River has recently taken place?
 - (2.) Has the bridge been recently inspected by a Government officer; if so, what is the nature of his report?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Some months ago it was reported to me that a very slight lateral deviation of from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the true line—2,900 feet long—was observable from a point of view, looking up the centre of the bridge; but this amount of deviation applied to only two of the piers. The same day I appointed a Commission, consisting of Mr. Deane, the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction; Mr. Darley, the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers; Mr. Hickson, Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges; and Mr. Angus, Engineer for Existing Lines, to report to me whether there was any ground for apprehension as to the safety of the bridge. The report of those gentlemen assured me, as did the report obtained by the Railway Commissioners satisfy them, that there was no present reason to fear any further deviation. I am informed that the slight deviation referred to has not increased, and the matter does not, in the opinion of the Acting Engineer-in-Chief, give any cause for anxiety.

(2.) The Acting Engineer-in-Chief has recently made an inspection of the bridge, with a view to see if the Union Bridge Company can now be released from their engagement. The report is unfavourable to the application of that company, as the tops of the caissons have not yet been finished off as specified and required by the drawings.

2. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL;—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Teece, presented a Petition from the Borough of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of water supplied to ratepayers within the Municipality of Goulburn.

And *Mr. Burns* having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Evening News*, the *Goulburn Evening Star*, the *Goulburn Herald*, and the *Goulburn Evening Penny Post* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

3. PAPER:—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—Letter from the Principal Under Secretary to *Mr. Dibbs*, forwarding, by request of the Colonial Secretary, an extract from a private letter addressed to Sir Henry Parkes by Major-General Edwards.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PROBATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Gould* 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration, and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons.

Question put and passed.

5. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

“(1.) That this House concurs in the following resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz.:—

“(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

“(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

“(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.”

“(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz.:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

“(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and (with the unanimous concurrence of the House) take precedence of other business.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 MAY, 1890.

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

WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Cullen, 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 May, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 8th July.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reserves at Binalong:—Mr. Slattery asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to cause the reserves about Binalong to be thrown open for selection?

(2.) If so, when will same be made available for settlement by the people?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes; should it be found that any are not required in the public interest. The District Surveyor has already been instructed to report on the matter.

(2.) No unnecessary delay will take place in making such lands available for settlement, but any which may be situated in leasehold areas cannot be thrown open to conditional purchase until the expiration of the leases.

(2.) Debtors Prison at Darlinghurst:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Chinaman has been incarcerated in the debtors prison at Darlinghurst, for a period of five months, by a process of law called a *ca re*?

(2.) If so, has any judgment been given against him?

(3.) How many terms of the Supreme Court have passed during his imprisonment without any effort being made to prove his indebtedness?

(4.) Provided no further action be taken by the person who imprisoned this Chinaman, how much longer must he remain in gaol?

(5.) Will he consider the advisability of taking some steps to prevent any person being detained in gaol on a *ca re*, beyond the earliest period at which her or his case may be heard by the Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes; one Chee Hoy was arrested under the provisions of 3 Vic. No. 15, pursuant to a writ of *capias ad respondendum* issued by order of Mr. Justice Manning, upon an affidavit by Wee Kah that defendant and another were indebted to the firm of Wee Kah and Poy Sum in the amount of £404 5s. 4d.; and that defendant was about to remove beyond the jurisdiction of the Court, by which such claim would be defeated.

(2.) On the 15th May instant judgment was signed against defendant.

(3.) One whole term and a portion of another had passed before any further step was taken by the plaintiffs after service of the writ of summons, although the defendant might have taken steps to force the matter on. It would appear, by his not entering an appearance, that defendant tacitly admitted his indebtedness.

(4.) The defendant is entitled to his discharge upon taking advantage of the provisions contained in the 5th section of the Act 37 Vic. No. 11.

(5.) Having carefully considered this matter, I have come to the conclusion that the law which provides for the issue of a writ of *capias ad respondendum* is necessary in the interests of commerce. Certain safeguards are provided by the law in order to prevent hardship or injustice being inflicted, but I will take into consideration the advisability of introducing a Bill to provide that the remaining in gaol under a writ of *ca re* for a certain time after judgment is recovered should be in itself an act of bankruptcy.

(3.)

- (3.) Elementary Political Economy, subject of instruction, Primary Schools:—Mr. Vivian asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he provide that elementary political economy be one of the subjects to be included in the ordinary course of instruction in Primary Schools?

Mr. Carruthers answered.—Elementary political economy is already included in the ordinary course of instruction in the Primary Schools of the Colony. It is not considered necessary to extend the teaching in this subject at present.

- (4.) Civil Service Commission:—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Who are the members of the Civil Service Commission?
- (2.) How many sittings have been held by the said Commission?
- (3.) What is the total amount paid in fees to the respective members thereof?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Jacob Garrard, Esquire, M.P., President; J. F. Burns, Esquire, M.P.; T. A. Dibbs, Esquire; R. D. Fitzgerald, Esquire; J. Thomson, Esquire (since resigned); B. R. Wise, Esquire.

(2.) One hundred and five sittings have been held.

(3.) Total amount of fees paid to each Member is as follows:—Jacob Garrard, Esquire, M.P., nil; J. F. Burns, Esquire, M.P., nil; T. A. Dibbs, Esquire, £315; R. D. Fitzgerald, Esquire, £327 12s.; J. Thomson, Esquire, £315; B. R. Wise, Esquire, £144 18s..

- (5.) Narrandera Bridge:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) On what date will the contract for the completion of the Narrandera bridge expire?
- (2.) Is the bridge likely to be finished at the expiration of the contract time?
- (3.) What steps have been taken to have the approaches, including culverts, commenced?
- (4.) When are the approaches, including culverts, likely to be ready for use?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) On the 29th instant.

(2.) No; an extension of time for two months has been applied for by the contractors on account of the floods.

(3 and 4.) No definite steps can be taken until the matter of the resumption of the land is settled, and this is now in hand.

- (6.) Lights and Fog-bell at Bradley's Head:—Mr. Vivian asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take immediate steps to erect a beacon light, or lights, and a fog-bell, on Bradley's Head, in order to prevent the occurrence of accidents of a similar character to those which have taken place by the collision of vessels in the vicinity of that headland?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Steps are now being taken to erect a pile light on the extremity of the shoal running out from Shark Island; the preponderance of evidence being in favor of that site, rather than Bradley's Head, as the position for the light to aid navigation in this part of the harbor. This decision has been arrived at upon consultation of the members of the Marine Board.

- (7.) Messrs. Cracknell, Wilson, and Hipsley, Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Crick asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What is the total amount paid to Mr. Cracknell per year, and how is it made up?
- (2.) Is it intended to increase his salary or allowances?
- (3.) What is the total amount paid to Mr. Wilson?
- (4.) What amount is paid to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hipsley?
- (5.) Is there any intention to increase the salary or allowance of either?
- (6.) What are the duties and hours of these officers?
- (7.) Will he give a list of the names of those in his Department who have an allowance for house rent?
- (8.) Have any of the officials in the mail branch such allowance?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £1,090 per annum, viz., £960 per annum as Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs, and £130 per annum as Lieutenant-Colonel, Submarine Miners.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

(3.) £525 per annum.

(4.) £525 per annum to Mr. Wilson, and £440 per annum (£390 salary, and £50 house rent) to Mr. Hipsley.

(5.) The matter is under consideration.

(6.) Hours: Mr. Wilson, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Mr. Hipsley, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., or longer as occasion requires. General duties: Supervision of traffic.

(7.) Mr. Hipsley, assistant manager, Mr. Nelson, inspector, J. Leavy, stableman, and H. H. Attwater, operator, in the Electric Telegraph Department; and Messrs. H. J. M'Donnell and J. Middleton, shipping clerks, in the Post Office Department. In addition to the above, post and telegraph masters throughout the Colony are provided with residences, or are granted allowances in lieu thereof, and in remote parts of the country, where the cost of living is extremely high, several other officials receive lodging allowances.

(8.) Yes; Messrs. M'Donnell and Middleton, mentioned in the previous answer.

- (8.) Prisoner Davidson:—Mr. Clubb asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a married woman named Davidson, lately a resident of Leichhardt, is now undergoing a sentence of imprisonment in one of the gaols of the Colony, on a charge of larceny preferred by a man named Millet, and is this man now in gaol awaiting his trial for obtaining money by false pretences?

(2.) Has his attention been drawn to the extraordinary revelations now being made in the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the estate of the said J. H. Millet, otherwise known as the "Silver King?"

(3.) If so, will he take steps, if the circumstances warrant, to order the immediate release of the woman Davidson?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes; the prisoner Davidson pleaded guilty at the Sydney Quarter Sessions, on the 26th November, 1888, to a charge of stealing, preferred by Henry James Millet, and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Millet is at present in custody awaiting trial on a charge of false pretences.

(2.) My attention has not been drawn to the revelations referred to.

(3.) His Excellency the Governor had already advised the release of prisoner Davidson on completion of eighteen months of her sentence, in accordance with the report of the presiding Judge, on a petition referred to him in December last, and consequently she will be discharged on Saturday next, the 24th instant.

(9.) Fuel for Country Schools during the Winter:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it intended, and will instructions be issued, to provide country schools with fuel during the coming winter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Arrangements have already been made to provide schools with fuel, and teachers have been duly informed of them.

(10.) Locomotive Engines indented for in October, 1888:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. Goodchap, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the contract price per engine for the ten engines indented for in October, 1888?

(2.) What was the added price per engine for alterations ordered after the contract was entered into?

(3.) What interval of time was there between the date of contract for these engines and the date of the order for the alterations?

(4.) What is the price per engine for such of these ten engines as have been delivered in steam in the Colony, inclusive of Sir John Fowler's commission?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £2,430.

(2.) £335, for copper fire-boxes and brass tubes, in place of steel.

(3.) Five days.

(4.) £2,820.

(11.) Visitors to Fortifications during Easter manœuvres:—*Mr. Dalton*, for Mr. Tropy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What persons unconnected with the Defence Forces of New South Wales were allowed to visit the guns, batteries, and other works for the defence of Port Jackson during the late Easter manœuvres?

(2.) By whose authority were they permitted to make such visits?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No one has visited the guns, batteries, or other defence works by order of the Colonial Secretary.

(12.) Extension of Bondi Tramway:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Bondi tramway to the beach at an early date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There is at present no intention of extending the tramway to the beach.

(13.) Public Park, Germanton:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Was an application made by the Progress Committee of Germanton in August, 1888, for a sum of money for the purpose of improving the public parks there; if so, will he have the matter attended to at once?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes; the application was duly noted, but sufficient particulars were not given to admit of its being dealt with in connection with the distribution of the Parks Vote for 1888. The application, with other correspondence, is at present under reference to the District Surveyor, whose attention has been invited thereto, with a view to action being expedited.

(14.) Lock-up at Germanton:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the lock-up at Germanton so placed as to be a source of great annoyance to the residents?

(2.) Has the matter been several times brought under his notice?

(3.) Will he take steps to remove the annoyance complained of?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Complaints have been made of the annoyance caused by prisoners when confined in the cells which are near the Post Office.

(2 and 3.) The matter has before been brought under notice, but, in consequence of the smallness of the site, the evil complained of could not be remedied. An adjoining piece of ground having now, however, been purchased, the question of the removal of the cells to such a distance as to prevent future annoyance will shortly be decided.

3. BONDSMEN AND SURETIES LIABILITIES BILL:—*Mr. Wall* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the liabilities of Bondsmen and Sureties in connection with Government Contracts*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd July.

4. CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL:—*Mr. Cullen* presented a Petition from certain directors of the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited), to supply the city and suburbs of Newcastle with electricity or other illuminant for lighting or other purposes.

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

Petition received.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of Reduction in Electric Telegraph Rates to and from Border stations in New South Wales and all stations in Queensland.
Ordered to be printed.
6. HIRED BOATS LICENSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hawken 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 certain classes of boats employed or used on the waters of Port Jackson, and for the licensing and regulation thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
7. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of water supplied to ratepayers within the Municipality of Goulburn.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Teece 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 Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of Water supplied to Ratepayers within the Municipality of Goulburn.*"—read a first time.
8. ABSENTEE TAX:—Mr. Creer moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, bring down an Absentee Tax Bill, compelling absentees and absentee companies deriving an income, revenue, or pension of £500 and upwards per annum, to contribute a percentage of such income, revenue, or pension towards the Government of the Colony.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Walker,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. McRac.
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. See,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Playfair,	
Mr. Wilshire,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LAND ADJOINING GUNGABLEEN ESTATE:—Mr. O'Sullivan 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 (if any) of Mr. E. K. Crace, to a piece of Crown land adjoining the Gungableen Estate, Gininderra, near Queanbeyan.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Walker, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Howe, Mr. Creer, Mr. William Stephen, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McRac,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Holborow.
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Teece,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Crick,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 24th June.

10. LAND CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS:—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 at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, Sydney.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Ball, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
Debate

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wiltshire,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Paul,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Reid,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Torpy.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 24th June.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads, Gunning District:—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money has been expended on the road from Wheeo to Gunning, *via* Byalla, also from Gunning to Grabben Gullen, *via* Clear Hills, also from Wheeo to Crookwell, from January, 1887, up to December, 1889; and what amount of money (if any) is available up to present date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will presently lay the information upon the Table of this House in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Road from Taemas Bridge to the Mullion:—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the surveyed road from Taemas Bridge to the Mullion be proclaimed a public road?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that the present Government granted £300 to be expended on the proposed road?
 - (3.) Is it not also a fact that the owners of travelling sheep going to the mountains by way of the Mullion are charged 10s. a thousand, and same charge returning, through travelling over the surveyed route?
 - (4.) Will he give instructions to have the road proclaimed a public road, and the money expended at once?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The plans of the survey have not yet been received by the Lands Department. The matter will be dealt with promptly when these come to hand.
- (2.) The amount has not actually been granted, but it has been noted for consideration. It is stated that the greater part of that sum will be required on the Taemas end of the road; but all formalities in connection with the proclamation must be complied with before any works can be undertaken.
- (3.) Nothing is known of this matter. The local officer states that he has no knowledge of such a charge being made on the track from near Taemas to the Mullion, but he understands charges have been levied on a parallel road a few miles higher up, which road has been surveyed and will shortly be dealt with by the Lands Department.
- (4.) I promise to give this matter my earliest consideration.

- (3.) Pastoral Holdings, Eastern, Western, and Central Divisions:—Mr. Torpy asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the number of pastoral holdings in the Eastern Division of the Colony which have not paid any occupation license fees since the commencement of the Land Act of 1884; with the total areas in acres (approximately) of such?
- (2.) The same information for the Central Division?
- (3.) The same information for the Western Division?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Eighty-three, area 1,398,359 acres.
 - (2.) Twenty-eight, area 753,635 acres.
 - (3.) Eight, area 661,800 acres.
- (4.) Village at Baan Baa, Namoi River:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended, and have any instructions been issued, to survey a village at Baan Baa, on Namoi River, and submit town lots there to auction?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Instructions for a survey have been issued to the District Surveyor. The question of proclaiming a village, and submitting allotments to auction sale, will be considered on receipt of that officer's report.

(5.)

- (5.) **Railway Goods Rates**:—Mr. A'Beckett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How long is it since the public have been able to obtain a table of the Railway Goods Rates, and when may they hope to obtain one?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It is regretted that the Goods Rate pamphlet has been out of print for some little time. I am informed a general revision of the Rates Book has been made, and the proof is now under consideration. The delay in issue has been due to the desire to bring about an uniform classification of Goods Rates for all the Australian Colonies, concerning which a conference of the Railway Managers of the various Colonies was recently held.

- (6.) **South Arm of Richmond River to Casino**:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to deal with present impeded state of South Arm of Richmond River to Casino?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is proposed, as soon as the river is low enough, to attend to the necessary snagging, to keep navigation open.

- (7.) **The Unemployed**:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having, in reply to Mr. Schey's question on Wednesday last, said that a frank reply could be obtained by any of the representatives of the unemployed if they called at the Colonial Secretary's Office,—did he, through Mr. Critchett Walker, tell Mr. R. J. Oliver that he refused to see Mr. Oliver because he had laid the case of the unemployed before a Member of Parliament; or give any answer of the like effect?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Mr. Oliver was told that having placed his case in the hands of a Member of Parliament the Colonial Secretary could not now interfere.

- (8.) **The Unemployed**:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the reply given to Mr. Schey's question on Wednesday last,—has the Mr. R. J. Oliver, who was then referred to, been granted passes on the railways for a number of the unemployed who had work to go to?

(2.) Has it been represented to him that Mr. R. J. Oliver, as Chairman of the Unemployed Working Men's Committee, has no less than 1,100 names upon his lists and books of genuine unemployed workmen, representing many different trades and callings, and many of them married men with families dependent on them, and that they are in immediate and urgent need of work?

(3.) If so, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1. and 2.) Yes.

(3.) As soon as the public works are commenced—and steps are now being taken to push them on with all possible speed—there will be ample work for "genuine unemployed workmen," such as are described in Mr. Oliver's communication.

- (9.) **New Dredge for the Clarence River**:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Sec, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Having regard to the urgency of the work to be done, will he arrange for the building of a new dredge for the Clarence River immediately?

(2.) Will he arrange for a dredge to take the place of the dredge recently lost over the Clarence Bar until a new one is built?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes, as soon as money is available.

(2.) I regret I cannot make any immediate promise, as all the dredges are just now fully employed on equally urgent work elsewhere.

- (10.) **Parramatta Park**:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Parramatta Park ever been proclaimed; if so, what was the date of such proclamation?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers showing metes and bounds by which park was dedicated?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The Parramatta Park was set apart in accordance with the Parramatta Domain Act, 20 Vic. No. 35. Owing to the absence of the papers it is not possible to say if same has been proclaimed or dedicated.

(2.) No, if the Honorable Member will move for them in the ordinary manner.

- (11.) **Metropolitan District Court**:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many causes were set down for hearing during the present month at the Metropolitan District Court?

(2.) How many of these causes have been heard?

(3.) What steps is he taking to expedite the business?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Two hundred and twenty-six. Of these 97 are remnants from the April sitting, and 129 new cases, May sitting.

(2.) One hundred and fourteen of these cases have been heard.

(3.) In view of the present condition of the Court, and the probability of the greater number of the present causes being dealt with before the end of the present sittings, it would not appear necessary to take any immediate steps.

- (12.) **Coronalla Resumed Area, Deniliquin District**:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the lands on Coronalla resumed area, Deniliquin District, surveyed for special area, be open for conditional purchase?

(2.) Is it a fact that there is a great demand for land for settlement in the Deniliquin District at prices not more than 30s. an acre?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) The matter is at present under consideration.
- (2.) I am not aware, but instructions have been issued to the District Surveyors to report on all reserves not required in the public interest, with a view to their revocation, and no unnecessary delay will take place in making such lands available for settlement.

(13.) Montague Chambers, Elizabeth-street :—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When constructing the tramway round the corner of Elizabeth and Hunter Streets, did the Government resume the land on which the premises known as Montague Chambers are erected?
- (2.) If so, what price was paid, and to whom was it paid?
- (3.) Have the Government since sold or leased the land referred to?
- (4.) If so, on what terms, and to whom?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Department purchased in 1881, in connection with the construction of tramways, the land upon which Montague Chambers are erected, the price paid being £8,162 to Messrs. Stella Low, the owner; and £2,500 to Mr. Solomon, the lessee of the property; the total, including law costs, being £11,147. In 1885 the Department leased the land not required to Mr. Montague for a term of fifteen years, on a ground rental of £200 per annum, the buildings erected to become the property of the Government on the expiration of the term. Subsequently, in May, 1888, the Department re-possessed itself of the land, paying £4,800 for the buildings, &c.

(14.) Leases under 48th section of Land Act of 1889 :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have applications to obtain leases under the 48th section of the Land Act of 1889, made some months ago, been in any way dealt with?
- (2.) What time does it take after application and deposit money is paid under the 48th clause before any notification is made to the applicants?
- (3.) Are there any difficulties (not foreshadowed by the Act) in obtaining leases under this particular section; if so, will he please to state them?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Only three have been received at the Head Office, two of which were disallowed and one withdrawn.
- (2.) It cannot be stated; but the law requires that the Land Boards shall, before making any recommendation, obtain reports from the District Surveyor and Warden of the district in which the land may be situated, which necessarily occupies some time.
- (3.) None that I am aware of.

(15.) Cancellation of Reserve, Gum Flat :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a recommendation was made on the 24th of March last, by the authorized surveyor for the cancellation of reserve No. 973, being part of travelling stock reserve No. 1,090, in the parish of Gum Flat, county of Murchison?
- (2.) Why has the reserve in question not been opened?
- (3.) Who is responsible for the delay?
- (4.) When is the reserve likely to be opened?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) There is no record of the recommendation referred to having been received.
- (2, 3, and 4.) Inquiry will be made.

(16.) Public School at Lawson :—Mr. Lees asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many days has the Public School at Lawson been opened during the past six months?
- (2.) How many days was the said school closed for want of a teacher?
- (3.) How many days has the school been without a teacher since Mr. Henry was taken away?
- (4.) Will he see that the school is not neglected in this way?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) The Public School at Lawson has been opened eighty-six days during the past six months.
- (2.) It was closed twenty-two days for want of a teacher.
- (3.) It has been four days, in addition to the above twenty-two days, without a teacher since Mr. Henry was taken away.
- (4.) The school was closed through the failure of the teacher to report his absence from duty through illness. Ordinarily, every effort is made by the Department to keep schools open; but in cases of this kind it is not always possible to do this. In this case, if any resident had informed the Department of the absence of the teacher, immediate inquiry and action would have been taken.

(17.) Assessment under Rabbit Act :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to still continue to collect the assessment under the Rabbit Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes; until a Bill, which is now under consideration, can be introduced dealing with the subject as a whole.

(18.) Barratta Run :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was a petition presented to His Excellency and the Executive Council in February last, by the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Barratta forfeited conditional purchases, praying, as certain facts were elicited in the evidence given requiring further legal investigation, that the report which has been adopted by this House and all the papers be sent to the Attorney-General for further action?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken in connection therewith; and, if so, what?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) A petition referring to forfeited conditional purchases on Barratta Holding was presented by Robert Barbour, M.P., to His Excellency the Governor, and was subsequently received in this Department.

(2.) The papers are at present before me, but have not yet been finally dealt with. They were submitted to me on the day that I had to leave the office by reason of ill-health, and I have not been able to look into them since. The papers will very likely be sent on to the Attorney-General this week.

(19.) Steamer built on the Murray River :—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much did the steamer on the Murray cost?

(2.) For what purpose is she to be used?

(3.) Who authorized the expenditure?

(4.) Out of what funds is she being paid for?

(5.) Who designed her and carried out the building?

(6.) Is it a fact that she will not go under the Howlong Bridge when the river is in moderate flood?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £2,210.

(2.) To enable the forest ranger to inspect his district, and control the Murray Forest Reserve.

(3.) The present Minister for Education, who was at the time acting for the Minister for Lands.

(4.) The vote for Forest Conservancy.

(5.) Harbours and Rivers Department; contractors, Messrs. Vale and Sons.

(6.) No. The steamer is 13 feet high, the Howlong Bridge is 17 feet high, so that there is a margin of 4 feet. I understand, however, that it will never be necessary to take the steamer past the Howlong Bridge after the first time, that bridge being outside the district within which the steamer has to work.

With regard to this question, I was asked by Mr. Tonkin last night a question relating to a paragraph which appeared in yesterday's paper concerning this particular steamer, and I then promised that I would give the Honorable Member the necessary information to-night. I have obtained from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers the following very short report regarding the circumstances of the alleged accident :—

This steamer, the "Hume," was designed by the Harbours and Rivers Department, and built by the contractors, Messrs. Vale & Sons, for the Forest Ranger on the Murray River, on the order of the Minister for Lands, who then had charge of the Forest Branch, since transferred to the Colonial Secretary.

The hull and machinery were constructed in Sydney, and sent to Albury for erection, but the vessel has not been seen or examined by our inspector since the machinery was put on board. The boat is still in the contractors' hands, and Mr. Vale informs me that he has not had a trial trip. The engineers were trying the engines round to test them in the usual manner under steam, and, I presume, no one was at the wheel, so the boat went against the bank.

It is, however, the case that the boat draws more water aft than was intended, owing to an alteration in the mode of driving the stern wheel, but an officer is going down to have this rectified.

The steamer's funnel is hinged, and can thus be lowered, and only requires a headway of 13 feet to pass under Howlong bridge, the headway of which is 17 feet over summer level.

I find, however, that the bridge is outside the district within which this steamer will have to work, so that when she reaches her district there will be no further necessity for passing under the bridge.

C. W. DARLEY.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return showing expenditure on roads Wheoco Post Office, via Byalla, to Gunning; Gunning, via Clear Hill, to Grabben Gullen; and Wheoco to Crookwell. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Inquiry into the causes of the Railway Accident at Bathurst; together with remarks thereon by the Railway Commissioners (*In substitution for Report laid on Table on 14th May, 1890*). Ordered to be printed.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. J. P. Abbott, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the Proposed Railway from Mudgee to Gulgong. Ordered to be printed.

4. PROBATE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Gould, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration, and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th May, 1890.

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

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—James Hayes, Esquire, Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. **CROWN RENTS BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Bruncker 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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rents and license fees under the Crown Lands Act of 1834, and to deal with other matters in connection with such rents and license fees, and the adjustment thereof.
Question put and passed.
7. **CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—
(1.) Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to supply the city and suburbs of Newcastle with electricity or other illuminant for lighting or other purposes.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Cullen 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 City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to supply the city and suburbs of Newcastle with Electricity or other illuminant for lighting or other purposes,"—read a first time.
8. **GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Ritchie, for Mr. Tece, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Goulburn Water Supply Charges 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. Gormly, Mr. Perry, Mr. Paul, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE CURRY AT COOTAMUNDRA (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the paper forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Court in the case of George Curry's appeal against the disallowance of his conditional purchase 89-59, Cootamundra, referred to in Mr. Abbott's Question No. 1 on the 15th May.
Question put and passed.
10. **CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL** :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting Petitioners' reasons for opposing the passing of this Bill, and praying the House to reject it altogether, or to so amend it that no additional powers may be given beyond those of its incorporation; and that the assent may be withheld until the various Municipal Councils in the district, acting in common and unanimously with Petitioners, may have leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Bill, with power to call witnesses and adduce evidence.
(1.) By Mr. Creer—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal District of Waratah.
(2.) By Mr. Creer—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Adamstown.
(3.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal District of Hamilton.
(4.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Carrington.
(5.) By Mr. Melville—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Wallsend.
(6.) By Mr. Curley—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Stockton.
Petitions received.
Ordered (*by consent*), on motion of the Members named, That the prayer of the several Petitioners for leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Bill, and adduce evidence, be granted.
11. **PAPER** :—
Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 21st May, 1890,—“Additional Conditional Purchase of George Curry at Cootamundra.”
Ordered to be printed.
12. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—
“ (1.) ‘That’ this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have “ been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—
“ ‘ (a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future
“ ‘ prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the
“ ‘ Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Con-
“ ‘ vention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven
“ ‘ years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population,
“ ‘ in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which
“ ‘ justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under
“ ‘ one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
“ ‘ (b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolu-
“ ‘ tion, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on
“ ‘ such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
“ ‘ (c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to
“ ‘ induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year,
“ ‘ Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon
“ ‘ an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.’
“ (2.)

“(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G. ; William McMillan, Esquire ; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire ; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire ; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

“(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Slattery 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 “in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary

funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution,

Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies

interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative

Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and

confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint

compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each

Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the

scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their

respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only

‘municipal’ powers, as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legis-

lative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the

Governor.”

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

Mr. Joseph Abbott 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Metropolitan Agricultural Society:—Mr. Toukin asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) How much money has the Metropolitan Agricultural Society received from the Government since their occupation of the present grounds at Moore Park?
 (2.) Is it a fact that for some time past the Agricultural Society have sub-let the grounds held by them (for show purposes only) to a Company known as the Sydney Driving Park Company (Limited) for racing purposes; if so, will he take steps to have this practice discontinued?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have received the following information from the Department of the Colonial Secretary:—

- (1.) £12,480 3s. 3d.
 (2.) The society have, for revenue purposes, found it absolutely necessary to sub-let the grounds for cricket, football, trotting matches, &c. The matter of sub-letting the ground will be considered.
- (2.) Increase of rents above Local Land Board's recommendations:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The number of conditional leases granted and brought under the various sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 upon which the Minister for Lands increased the rents over that recommended by the Land Boards?
 (2.) The number granted, with rents adopted by the Minister, as recommended by the Land Boards?
 (3.) The annual increase of rents above the Local Land Boards' recommendations?
 (4.) The number of pastoral leases in the Central Division in which the Minister had increased the rents recommended by the Local Land Boards?
 (5.) The annual increase?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member will be given in the form of a Return if moved for in the usual manner; its preparation will, however, involve considerable time and expense. I think it well to tell the Honorable Member that he may perhaps experience some surprise at the delay which will take place in preparing this Return. It will be necessary to recall papers in almost every case from the different Land Offices throughout the Colony, and then it will be necessary not only to find the differences between the rates assessed by the Boards and those determined by the Minister, but also to adjust the areas taken from the different runs by selection. Consequently, the Honorable Member must not be surprised if this Return occupies the time of six or eight clerks for eight or nine months.

- (3.) Extension of North Shore Cable Tramway:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to extend the North Shore cable tramway from its present terminus along Miller-street, to its intersection with Falcon-street, thence along Falcon-street to the Lane Cove Road?
 (2.) If so, is it a fact that arrangements have been entered into by the Government with the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Company for the purchase of that portion of their tramway laid down in Miller-street between the terminus of the present cable system and Falcon-street?
 (3.) If such arrangements have been made, has he any objection to state the nature of such arrangements, financially and otherwise?
 (4.) When will the extension be proceeded with?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) That is the contemplated route.

(2 and 3.) The Department is negotiating with the Company, by which it is proposed to pay the cost of laying down their rails to Falcon-street, in consideration of their giving up their Parliamentary rights to run trams over the road.

(4.) Soon.

(4.) Model Farm and Agricultural College at Orange :—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an officer from the Department of Mines and Agriculture recently visited the town and district of Orange with a view to report on the suitability of a site for a Model Farm and Agricultural College?

(2.) If so, was the town common of the Borough of Orange inspected?

(3.) Were any private lands in the neighbourhood of Orange inspected?

(4.) In making the selection of a site for the establishment of this College, is it his intention to purchase private lands?

(5.) If the inspection has taken place has he any objection to state the name of the officer who made the inspection, the date of such inspection, and the lands inspected?

(6.) Has any action been taken to prevent the alienation of common lands adjoining towns with a view to securing the requirements for experimental agricultural purposes in the future?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(4.) Not if suitable Crown lands can be obtained.

(5.) Mr. Pudney, late Principal of Dookie and Longeranong Colleges, in Victoria; 4th December, 1889; Permanent and Temporary Commons.

(6.) Yes.

(5.) Government Railways Act :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the railway servants a right, under clause 80 of the Government Railways Act, to be represented on departmental boards of inquiry, similar to that which inquired into the recent accident at Bathurst?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No. The particular section of the Act reads thus :—“In all public inquiries and investigations into the cause of any accident the employees shall have the right to be represented by one of their number, or by any person whom they may select to represent their interests at such inquiry,”—that is public, not Departmental, inquiry.

(6.) Resumption of Land under 53 Vic. No. 13 :—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of claims made upon the Treasury consequent upon the resumption of land under 53 Vic. No. 13?

(2.) The names of claimants, and amount of claims respectively?

(3.) Have all the persons interested made claim?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government in all cases of claim to seek adjustment by arbitration, in place of private and Ministerial agreement?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Fifteen claims have been lodged, but it is considered inexpedient at the present time to furnish particulars of the individual claims, or to foreshadow in any way the possible action which the Government may take in the matter. I may add that not one of the claims has yet been considered.

(7.) Fruitgrowers Union :—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any sum of public money been advanced to the Fruitgrowers Union?

(2.) If so, how much?

(3.) For what public purposes was the said sum granted?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The following amounts have, on the approval of the Colonial Secretary, been paid from the Votes for Agricultural Associations, to the Fruitgrowers Union as endowment on subscriptions raised during the years named :—1887, £66 3s., being £1 per £1 on subscriptions raised; 1888, £158, being £1 per £1 on subscriptions raised; 1889, £22 0s. 3d., being 10s. per £1 on subscriptions raised.

(8.) Local Works, Town of Cowra :—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has it been represented to him that all local works are retarded in the town of Cowra through the delay of the Government in supplying the Municipal Council of that borough with the streets alignment plan?

(2.) When will such alignment plan be forwarded to the Cowra Municipal Council?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No such representations have been made.

(2.) A proposal to align the streets of Cowra is now being made, with the view of preliminarily notifying such intention in the *Government Gazette*, but the alignment of all the streets surveyed cannot be effected until the Towns Police Act has been extended to that part of the borough within which they are situated.

(9.) Manly Water Supply :—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the water-shed area for Manly water supply been resumed?

(2.) If it has been resumed, when will the necessary steps be taken to preserve it from pollution?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The land has not yet been resumed.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 14th May, 1890—“Linwood Colliery.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Alexander Ryrrie, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUORUM) 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 reduce the proportion of Members of the Legislative Council required to form a Quorum*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

5. CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Electric and Other Light 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Burns, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Curley, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Street, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

"(1.) 'That' this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz.:—

"(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

"(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

"(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

"(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz.:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

"(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

"(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention,"—

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the words,— "in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form 'a union' under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

"(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

"(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

"(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

"(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

"(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

"(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

"(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.

"(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the

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“ scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘ municipal ’ powers as they would be if a ‘ union ’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

“ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Richmond Electorate:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of important matters in the Richmond Electorate are not dealt with owing to want of surveyors to examine and report thereon?
 (2.) Will he give instructions to send engineer surveyors at once, in order to deal with arrears of work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am not aware that any important matters in the Richmond Electorate are being overlooked. If the Honorable Member will kindly specify the works he refers to I will have the necessary inquiries instituted at once.

- (2.) Influx of Asiatics:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he take any steps to stop the influx of Asiatics other than Chinese?
 (2.) Is it a fact that nearly one hundred Indians arrived during the last week?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that twenty-seven natives of India arrived in Sydney last week, and not nearly one hundred as supposed. The whole question, as intimated from time to time to the public in various forms, is receiving the consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Government Printing Office:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Frank Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the whole of the employees in the Government Printing Office be dealt with alike as regards payment for the public holidays, or is it intended that such payment shall only apply to what is known as the “permanent staff?”

Mr. McMillan answered,—It is against the custom of the trade to pay temporary hands for holidays, and it is a part of the agreement with those employed in the Government Printing Office that they shall not be so paid. In the present case an exception will be made (but not to constitute a precedent) in regard to Monday, the 26th instant.

- (4.) Technical School, Ultimo:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have tenders been called for the erection of the Technical School at Ultimo?
 (2.) Did he, or did he not, specify that all the wood-work should be of Colonial timber?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Colonial timber is specified to be used, except in cases where other timber will be more suitable.

- (5.) Trucking-yards, Carcoar:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Garland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Railway Department to construct trucking-yards at Carcoar; if so, when?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it is the intention of the Department of Railways to provide trucking-yards at Carcoar, and instructions have been given for the work to be completed early.

2. CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting Petitioners' reasons for opposing the passing of this Bill, and praying the House to reject it altogether, or to so amend it that no additional powers may be given beyond those of its incorporation; and that the assent may be withheld until the various Municipal Councils in the district, acting in common and unanimously with Petitioners, may have leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Bill, with power to call witnesses and adduce evidence.
 (1.) By Mr. Melville—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Plattsburg.
 (2.) By Mr. Greer, for Mr. Fletcher—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Newcastle.
 Petitions received.
 Ordered (*by consent*), on motion of the Members named, That the prayer of the Petitioners for leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Bill, and adduce evidence, be granted.
 (3.) By Mr. Walker—From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of New Lambton.
 Petition received.
3. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the Borough of Stockton, against the passing of the Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill now before Parliament.
 Petition received.
4. BROKEN HILL AND PINNACLES TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from George Maiden of Sydney, auctioneer, 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 near Mount Gipps Hotel.
 And Mr. Slattery having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Barrier Miner*, and *Silver Age*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
5. DOG TAX:—Mr. Nicoll presented a Petition from certain Farmers of Bungawalbin, in the Richmond River District, representing that they consider it an injustice to levy a tax on their dogs, and praying the repeal of the said tax outside all municipal boundaries in their district.
 At the request of Mr. Nicoll, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
 and received.
6. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY-GOVERNOR OF BERRIMA GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edmunds moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. Sidney N. de Montfort Bromley as Acting Deputy-Governor of Berrima Gaol.
 Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distress for Rent Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd July.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Walker 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 for immediately abolishing the harsh and inhuman practice of imprisonment for debt, as exemplified in the case of the man Ray, the Chinaman Chee Hoy, and others."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Walker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Dibbs, presented a Petition from certain unemployed working men, at present in want of work, praying the House to adopt means by which petitioners will be able to get employment to support themselves and families.
 Petition received.
10. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Stephen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Cullen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
 Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stephen, 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. Stephen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1890, A.M.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1890.

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

CROWN RENTS BILL:—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Bruncker, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rents and license fees under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to deal with other matters in connexion with such rents and license fees, and the adjustment thereof."

Government House,
Sydney, 28th May, 1890.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Commission on Railway Material:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lakeman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How much has been paid as commission on railway material during the last twelve months?
- (2.) To whom has the commission been paid?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have all railway material examined and passed in the Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the sum of £2,024 has been paid as commission on railway material to *Sir John Fowler* during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1889. I may further add that when the new locomotive manufacture comes into existence there will be no necessity for this inspection on the other side, because they will be delivered in steam in the Colony. The last order for steel rails was given to a gentleman here, representing a certain English firm, at a very low price. These are to be delivered in the Colony, and will be examined by our own officers.

- (2.) New Houses of Parliament:—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there a sum of money available for the building of new Parliament Houses?
- (2.) If so, what is the amount, and how long has it been available?
- (3.) Can he give the House any information as to the intention of the Government with reference to this matter?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) £100,000 were placed on Loan Estimates of 1889.
- (3.) The whole matter is under consideration, and competitive plans will soon be called for.

- (3.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How long a period do the Commissioners expect an employee to work at the rate of six shillings per day?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there are a large number of men who have been working for the past twelve months, eighteen months, or two years at that rate of pay?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these men, who are classed as labourers, are often called upon (and who are competent) to perform first and second class porters' duties, and bear all the responsibilities, without extra pay?
- (4.) Is it a fact that these men have applied repeatedly to their superior officers, and can obtain no redress?
- (5.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made, with a view to giving them the rate of pay they should be entitled to?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that there are a number of men classed as temporary porters who have been taken on to meet emergencies of traffic, and whose services it has been found necessary to retain longer than was at first anticipated. Some have been engaged over twelve months. They are taken on at 6s. per day, and no provision has been made for increasing their wages, but the Commissioners recently directed that inquiry be made as to the services of these temporary hands, and more definite rules will be made as to their employment.

- (4.) Small Debts Courts in Country Districts :—Mr. Hayes asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he considered the advisability of increasing the jurisdiction of the Small Debts Courts in country districts, by making it the same as in the county of Cumberland?

Mr. Gould answered,—The question of increasing the jurisdiction of Small Debts Courts generally is now under consideration, but there is no difference in the jurisdiction of such Courts in the country districts and those in the county of Cumberland.

- (5.) New Year's Card issued by Postal Department :—Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Christmas or New Year's card was issued this year from the Postal Department?
- (2.) If so, did it contain a photograph of any member of the Government?
- (3.) If so, which member?
- (4.) At whose expense was it printed?
- (5.) Will he cause one to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 to 4.) In accordance with a custom adopted in postal departments almost throughout the world, a New Year's card was issued by the Post Office of this Colony about the 1st January last, which included as part of its design a likeness of the present Postmaster-General. These complimentary exchange cards are always printed at the Government Printing Office.

(5.) It was my intention to have laid a copy upon the Table of the House, but having learned the Honorable Member's desperate anxiety to have one for himself, and that the whole of these questions were founded on jealousy of the Postmaster-General's personal appearance, I hand this copy to the Honorable Member, and I ask the House to suppress their anxiety until to-morrow, when I will lay another on the Table.

- (6.) Cobar Town Common :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take immediate steps to throw open portion of the Cobar town common for settlement?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The matter is at present under reference to the District Surveyor, whose attention has been invited thereto, with a view to expediting action. A similar answer was given last week to the Honorable Member Mr. Waddell, and since then the District Surveyor has been asked to use all haste in getting the matter completed.

- (7.) Cobar Water Supply :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he urge the laying upon the Table of the papers for the Cobar Water Supply?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The papers referred to are now being dealt with, and it would be very inconvenient to lay them upon the Table of the House at present; but I shall have no objection to do so at some future time if considered desirable.

- (8.) Sassafras Park, Springwood :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Lees, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the names of the gentlemen who compose the Trust for Sassafras Park, Springwood?
- (2.) What were the dates of their appointments?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) The Honorables Charles Moore, James Norton, and Frederick Thomas Humphrey, M.L.C.'s, Messrs. Michael Chapman, M.L.A., and Lancelot Iredale Brennamd.

(2.) The first three gentlemen were appointed on 23rd October, 1888, and the remaining two on 18th January, 1889.

- (9.) Post and Telegraph Office, Annandale :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has a tender been accepted for a site for post and telegraph office at Annandale?
- (2.) If so, when will the erection of the building be proceeded with, and what date does he expect that the offices will be opened?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No tender has yet been accepted. The further consideration of the matter awaits a report from the Postal Inspector.

- (10.) Railway Accident near Bathurst :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the depositions taken in the late inquest into the railway accident at Bathurst?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection to laying the papers on the Table if moved for in the usual way.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Brunner 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 Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Design of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.)

(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.) 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, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1889.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Auburn North, Kikiamah, and Euwylong.

Ordered to be printed.

4. BROKEN HILL AND PINNACLES TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given 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 near Mount Gipps Hotel.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Slattery 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 near Mount Gipps Hotel,*"—read a first time.

5. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. William Stephen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Stephen then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to prevent for a limited time Party ProceSSIONS and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales.'*"

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 repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to prevent for a limited time Party ProceSSIONS and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th May, 1890.*

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—

(1.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); to be considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 19th August.

(2.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 2nd September.

(3.) Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 16th September.

(4.) West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 10th June.

(5.) Hired Boats Licensing Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in Bill;—until Tuesday, 19th August.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dickens 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 the attention of the Government to the necessity of dealing with the "Rabbit Question without further delay."

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

Mr. Dickens moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

"(1.) 'That' this House concurs in the following Resolutions adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid "before this Assembly, viz. :—

"(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future
"prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown;
"and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883
"in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have
"since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the
"discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity to an extent which justifies the higher
"act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies, under one Legislative and
"Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

"(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution,
"the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on
"such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

"(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to
"induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year,
"Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon
"an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

"(2.)

“(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz.:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

“(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers, as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Traill 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 twenty minutes before Twelve o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rents of Homestead Lessees in Bourke and other Western Districts:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has application been made to remit rents of homestead lessees in Bourke and other western districts on account of flood?

(2.) Has he granted the request?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the losses of selectors on the northern rivers, and remit interest and rent every time they have a flood?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) There is no power under the law enabling the Minister either to remit the rent of pastoral holdings or the interest upon conditional purchases, but cases of extreme hardship will be treated in the same manner by me in the future as in the past.

- (2.) Resumption of Road known as Ewing's Survey:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount was paid Mr. Staines for resumption of road, portion of road Rous to Lismore, known as Ewing's survey?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Richmond River Sugar Company now hold the land, and have altered the said road, making two awkward turns in the road within a distance of 5 chains?

(3.) Will he give instructions to have the road, as resumed and surveyed, opened at once, and all obstructions removed therefrom?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The documents necessary to enable me to answer these questions are not in the office; but I will obtain them as quickly as possible, and send the information to the Honorable Member in the shape of a letter.

- (3.) Obstructions in North Arm of Richmond River:—*Mr. Dowel*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the north arm of the Richmond River is in a very dangerous state, caused through the late floods, impeding the navigation of the river for ocean steamers?

(2.) Will he have the river cleared of the obstructions without delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No report of such a character has yet reached the Department; but one will be at once called for, in consequence of the honorable gentleman's question.

(2.) The Resident Engineer has already received instructions to give prompt attention to the removal of snags or other obstructions caused by floods.

- (4.) Population of the Clarence, Grafton, and the Richmond Electorates:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the estimated population of the Clarence Electorate on 31st December, 1889?

(2.) The like information with reference to Grafton Electorate?

(3.) The like information with reference to The Richmond?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I find that there is no means by which the information desired by the Honorable Member can be ascertained until the next census is taken.

(5.)

(5.) Tramway from Railway Station into Town of Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received a petition from the inhabitants of Queanbeyan, asking for the construction of a tramway from the railway station there into the town?
- (2.) Has he had a report made upon that petition; and, if so, what is the purport of the same?
- (3.) If a report has not yet been made upon the proposal, will he have one made as early as possible?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) A preliminary report has been received, from which it appears there is not sufficient traffic to justify the construction of this tramway.

(6.) Bridge over Murrumbidgee River, Freshford, near Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received the report of the District Surveyor of the Queanbeyan district in reference to the proposal for a bridge over the Murrumbidgee River, Freshford, near Queanbeyan?
- (2.) If so, has he arrived at a decision in the matter, and will he state what that decision is?

Mr. Bruce Smith,—The report has not yet been received. I promise the Honorable Member I will lose no time in arriving at a decision when the necessary information is before me.

(7.) Post-office Clocks in Country Districts:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many post-office clocks in country districts has Mr. Tornaghi the contract for winding?
- (2.) What is the amount paid to him for winding each clock?
- (3.) Have any complaints been made to the Works or Postal Departments with regard to the non-payment of allowances to persons employed by Mr. Tornaghi for winding such clocks; if so, will he cause an alteration to be made?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Fifteen.

(2.) £15 per annum for winding and repairing.

(3.) Complaints of non-payment were made some time back by persons at Goulburn, Grafton, and Wagga Wagga, employed by Mr. Tornaghi; but these parties have since acknowledged that the amounts due to them have been paid.

(8.) The Post-office Clock:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the amount of the tender accepted for the erection of the Post-office clock?
- (2.) What is the name of the successful tenderer?
- (3.) What amount is required as security for the carrying out of the work, and has such amount been deposited?
- (4.) Is it his intention to refund to Mr. Tornaghi the amount (£500) deposited by him in connection with his contract for the erection of the same clock, which contract was cancelled prior to calling for the last tenders?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £5,470.

(2.) Mr. Henry Daly.

(3.) The necessary preliminary deposit was made, and Mr. Daly and his surties subsequently executed a bond in the sum of £547 for the due fulfilment of the contract.

(4.) It is not intended to refund the amount deposited by Mr. Tornaghi, and forfeited to the Crown.

(9.) Dairies Supervision Act:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government considered whether it is just that by section 14 of the Dairies Supervision Act, 50 Vic. No. 17, the cost of the inspection of dairies, and other expenses under this Act, should be borne entirely by the local taxpayers in Illawarra and other milk-producing districts?
- (2.) If not, will the Government take the matter into consideration, with a view to the amendment of the Dairies Supervision Act in this respect?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The present state of the law in this respect will be taken into consideration with a view to a remedy.

(10.) Road, Maclean to Coraki:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the route of the proposed road from Maclean to Coraki be chosen, and when will instructions be given to survey?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Local Officer has been instructed to report on this matter, but his report is not yet to hand. He will now be urged to expedite his action.

(11.) Expansive Clauses of the Electoral Act:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number and names of electorates entitled to increased representation under the Expansive Clauses of the Electoral Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed by the Government Printer that, as the Electoral Rolls have not all been received, it is impossible to furnish the information desired at present.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Silverton.
- (2.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table (*as an Exhibit only*),—Album containing congratulatory cards received by the General Post Office, Sydney, from the Post Offices in other parts of the world.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Ritchie*, for *Mr. Woodward*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted for two months to *Joseph Mitchell*, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for *Illawarra*, now absent from the Colony on urgent private business.
Question put and passed.
4. RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR BATHURST (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the depositions taken in the late inquest into the railway accident at Bathurst.
Question put and passed.
5. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Sir Henry Parkes*,—
- “(1.) ‘That’ this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—
- “(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
- “(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
- “(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.’
- “(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—*Sir Henry Parkes*, G.C.M.G.; *William McMillan*, Esquire; *Joseph Palmer Abbott*, Esquire; and *James Patrick Garvan*, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.
- “(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.
- “(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”—
- Upon which *Mr. Slattery* had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.
- “(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—
- “(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.
- “(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—
- “(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.
- “(b) Postage between the said Colonies.
- “(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and
- “(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, *Mr. Wentworth*, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.
- “(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.
- “(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
- And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Objection being taken by *Mr. Reid* to the form of the proposed amendment,—*Mr. Slattery* (*by consent*) amended the same to limit the proposed omission of words to the first Resolution.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 MAY, 1890, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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 Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Protectorate of British New Guinea:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the contribution of New South Wales towards the cost of maintaining the Protectorate of British New Guinea, any authoritative intimation has been made to the Government, in respect of the adoption, or intended adoption, of any measures for the encouragement of settlement, by the offer of facilities for the purchase of land, and the prosecution of trade in that country?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No.

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

- (1.) Is it a fact that we have now in existence an Immigration Department?
- (2.) If so, how many officers are employed in same?
- (3.) How are they paid, and what amount?
- (4.) How many immigrants have arrived at the public expense during the last two years?
- (5.) What is the whole cost of the Department per annum?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Two.
- (3.) From the Vote of £6,000 for Immigration, as per Estimates for 1890—£800, viz., £550 to Agent for Immigration, and £250 for Temporary Clerk.
- (4.) Nine hundred and fifty-eight, being wives coming to join their husbands, accompanied by their children, the husbands having arrived at their own expense, and subsequently having paid the required deposit money on account of the cost of passage of their wives and children.
- (5.) £800.

- (3.) Metropolitan Agricultural Society:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the amount of money received from the Government by the Metropolitan Agricultural Society, since its formation, as subsidies and as special grants?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would be good enough to postpone this question for a week, as it will take some time to compile the information.

- (4.) Prisoners of Imperial Navy:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Melville, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many men belonging to the Imperial Navy were committed to Darlinghurst Gaol from 10th December, 1889, to 10th March, 1890?
- (2.) What were their respective offences, and what the sentences to which they were condemned?
- (3.) To what ships did these prisoners respectively belong?
- (4.) How many men have been committed to Darlinghurst Gaol from H.M.S. "Egeria" since 28th April, 1890?
- (5.) For what offences have they been condemned, and to what terms of imprisonment respectively have they been sentenced?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will lay upon the Table the required information in the shape of a Return.

- (5.) Rossiville and Kenmore Estates, near Goulburn:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government have decided to purchase an estate near Goulburn, called Rossiville, for a lunatic asylum?
- (2.) If so, what is the area, and what is the price paid per acre?
- (3.) Upon whose recommendation was the purchase made?

(4.)

- (4.) Did the Government a few years ago purchase another estate near Goulburn, called Kenmore, for the same purpose?
 (5.) Upon whose recommendation was Kenmore purchased?
 (6.) Has Kenmore been abandoned and Rossville purchased; if so, for what reason?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The papers regarding these matters will be laid upon the Table of the House separately, giving the fullest information upon the subject.

- (6.) Railway Locomotives:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many locomotives are there under order?
 (2.) What is the weight of each (empty)?
 (3.) What is the weight of each tender, empty (if any)?
 (4.) What is the price of each engine complete, delivered in Sydney?
 (5.) How many locomotive boilers are there under order?
 (6.) What is the weight of each, and price delivered in Sydney?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-one, viz., twenty-five goods tender engines and six tank engines.
 (2 and 3.) The weight of each goods tender engine will be about 52 tons, and of each goods tank engine about 44 tons.
 (4.) Goods tender engines about £2,917 (exact charges not to hand); tank engines about £2,836 (exact charges not to hand).
 (5.) Thirty-four. (Forty were ordered, but two have been delivered, and four are on the water).
 (6.) Average approximately, 10½ tons. Approximately, £985 6s.

- (7.) Marine Insurance Offices:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the Marine Insurance Offices in which the Government insure goods imported by them?
 (2.) What are the net rates paid by the Government to these offices?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The Pacific Insurance Company, the Australian General Assurance Company, the United Insurance Company, the Sydney Lloyds.
 (2.) The net rates paid by the Government are as follows:—Sailing vessels, 15s. per cent.; P. and O. steamers, 6s. 6d. per cent.; Orient steamers, 8s. 6d. per cent.; other steamers, 12s. 9d. per cent. I may say, for the information of the Honorable Member, that I have been looking into this matter, with a view to seeing that we are not overcharged in comparison with the rates charged by other companies.

- (8.) Recreation Ground, Smedly's Point, Manly:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will provision be made in the Estimates for the purchase of a recreation ground at Smedly's Point, Manly?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will receive attention.

- (9.) Partially-paid Mounted Infantry:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to increase the Partially-paid Mounted Infantry?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

- (10.) Partially-paid Mounted Infantry:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make an extra allowance to the Partially-paid Mounted Infantry for horse-keep, shoeing, &c.?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

- (11.) New Year's card issued by Postal Department:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Postmaster-General,—What was the expense of publishing the picturesque New Year's card for the Post-Office for the year 1890?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—£9 2s.

- (12.) Miss O'Brien's Forfeited Selection, Corowa District:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he yet arrived at a decision with regard to the case of Miss O'Brien, of the Corowa district, whose selection was forfeited by the Land Court for alleged non-residence?
 (2.) Did all the witnesses but one testify to the residence?
 (3.) Will he withhold the forfeiture as long as possible, in order that inquiries may be made, as to the truth or otherwise, of the allegation of the Inspector of Conditional Purchases?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The Land Court having dismissed Miss O'Brien's appeal, this case has not been reconsidered. The law does not provide for the Minister revising such action.

- (13.) A. and J. Cunningham's Forfeited Conditional Purchases at Queanbeyan:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that several forfeited conditional purchases on the run of A. and J. Cunningham, near Queanbeyan, have been converted into reserves?
 (2.) Upon whose recommendation or suggestion was this done?
 (3.) Has any public petition or memorial been presented, asking for these reserves?
 (4.) Is it a fact that the people of the Queanbeyan district are now complaining that there are already too many reserves on the said run?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The lands were reserved from sale and lease pending the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1889. The reserves were cancelled on the 22nd March last, but being within the boundaries of the leasehold area of Congwarrah holding, will not be open to conditional purchase until the lease of that run expires on the 30th July next.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) Not that I am aware of.

(14.)

(14.) Iron Cove Bridge :—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the large water frontages of Long Cove Bay have been rendered almost useless, owing to the Iron Cove Bridge having been constructed without a swing in it?
- (2.) Is it a fact that when the plan of this bridge was prepared it was intended to construct a swing similar to that which was put in the bridge over the Parramatta River?
- (3.) Is it a fact that deputations from Leichhardt and other western suburbs have during the past five years waited on his predecessors at the Works Office and asked for a swing to be made in the above-named Iron Cove Bridge?
- (4.) Will he take action at once in this matter, and place on the Additional Estimates a sum of money sufficient to carry out what is looked upon by the people of Leichhardt and other western suburbs as a very necessary and just work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Representations have been made to the Department on various occasions to that effect.
- (2.) From a report of the late Commissioner for Roads, dated 15th April, 1886, it appears the bridge was advisedly built without a swing span, in order to preserve the shore for residential purposes; and it was then pointed out that the bridge had been raised three feet when being built.
- (3.) Yes; but an equally representative deputation from the residents of Ryde waited upon the Minister to protest against the erection of a swing span.
- (4.) This is the first time this subject has been brought under my attention. I promise the Honorable Member I will now look into the matter.

2. PAPERS :—*Mr. Gould* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting committals to Darlinghurst Gaol of men belonging to Imperial Navy.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on the 29th May, 1890, "Railway Accident near Bathurst."
- Ordered to be printed.

3. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL :—*Mr. Wyman Brown* presented a Petition from *James Smith Reid*, gentleman, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *James Smith Reid*, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines.

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

4. CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL :—*Mr. Croer* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Merewether, submitting Petitioners' reasons for opposing the passing of this Bill, and praying the House to reject it altogether, or to so amend it that no additional powers may be given beyond those of its incorporation; and that the assent may be withheld until the various Municipal Councils in the district, acting in common and unanimously with Petitioners, may have leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Bill, with power to call witnesses and adduce evidence.

Petition received.

Ordered (*by consent*), on motion of *Mr. Croer*, That the prayer of the Petitioners for leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Bill, and adduce evidence, be granted.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—*Mr. J. P. Abbott*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra.
 - (2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.
- Ordered to be printed.

6. DECLARATION OF IMPERIAL ENACTMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Goodchap* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare that certain enactments of the Imperial Legislature are not in force in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

7. METHOD OF DESTROYING RABBITS ON THE TERRAWYNNIA HOLDING (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Dickens* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the report of the officer who was sent to inspect and report upon the method of destroying rabbits on the Terrawynnia holding.
Question put and passed.

8. CASE OF *BARRE v. SIMPSON, LISMORE* (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Ewing* 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 in connection with the case *Barre v. Simpson, Lismore*.
Question put and passed.

9. **BROKEN HILL AND PINNACLES TRAMWAY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Broken Hill and Pinnacles 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Lee, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Crick, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Goodchap, Mr. Greene, Mr. Kidd, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 16th September.
 - (2.) Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 16th September.
 - (3.) Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 16th September.
 - (4.) Eight Hours Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal days labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith;—until Tuesday, 5th August.
11. **CASE OF MISS BRENNING**:—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the "Case of Miss Brenning," brought up on the 23rd July, 1889, be now adopted. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dalton.

Tellers,

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Fuller.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Dale,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Ball,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Waddell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. King,	Mr. William Stephen.
Mr. Cullen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. **CONSERVATION OF WATER IN LAKE ALBERT, NEAR WAGGA WAGGA**:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be taken to conserve a permanent supply of water in Lake Albert, near Wagga Wagga. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	Tellers,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Dalton.	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Curley,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Wilshire,	Tellers,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cullen,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. King,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA**:—Mr. Gormly 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 Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in Wagga Wagga Land District.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Greene, Mr. Turner, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That all papers in such cases, laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed, on 16th January, 1884, together with the Report of Select Committee, appointed 28th November, 1883, and Minutes of Evidence, taken before such Committee, brought up 9th April, 1884, and adopted 21st May, same year, be referred to such Committee.

Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gormly,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Turner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Cass,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. King,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers,</i>
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Teece,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. DUTY ON TEA :—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the duty now imposed on tea should be forthwith removed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns moved the Previous Question.

Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1890, A.M.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Creer,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Dickens,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Brunker,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. King,	
Mr. Wilshire,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Nobbs.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Diseased Meat Bill.—Fire Brigades Act:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it probable that the proposed Bill dealing with the sale of diseased cattle will be introduced?

(2.) When is it probable that the proposed Bill dealing with amendments to the Fire Brigades Act will be introduced?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Not for some little time.

(2.) Telegraph Wire:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How much galvanized iron telegraph wire has been ordered from England for use by the Telegraph Department since 1st May, 1889?

(2.) Were tenders for the supply of this wire called for in the Colony?

(3.) Will tenders be called for the supply of this wire in England?

(4.) What was the estimated cost of this wire submitted to him when the recommendation for its purchase was submitted to him?

(5.) On what dates were the orders sent?

(6.) How much is the estimated or ascertained cost of material of all kinds ordered from Europe or America for the use of the Telegraph Department since 1st March, 1889?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) 175 tons.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes, by the Agent General.

(4.) £2,650.

(5.) On 13th January, 1890.

(6.) Estimated cost, £17,083 6s. 8d.

(3.) Iron Telegraph Poles:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have any iron poles been ordered for the use of the Telegraph Department since 1st March, 1889?

(2.) If so, on what dates?

(3.) Will tenders be called for the supply of these poles?

(4.) What was the estimated cost per pole submitted to the Postmaster-General when his approval was sought for the purchase of these poles?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Yes; 12,000.

(2.) On 21st January, 1890.

(3.) Left to the discretion of the Agent-General.

(4.) 21s. per pole.

(4.) Light Railways:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there has recently been adopted in France a system of light railways, which can be laid down for £1,200 per mile, on gradients of from 1 in 12 upwards, and with engines (carrying water and fuel) weighing only 12 tons?

(2.) Is it a fact that these railways are now being sent from France to various portions of the world at the rate of 120 miles per month, and that one of them is now in operation in Melbourne in connection with the Metropolitan gas works?

(3.)

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all the information he may have respecting these railways, in order that it may be ascertained if they are suitable to the plain country of New South Wales?

(4.) If he has no information respecting these light railways, will he have a report made upon the matter without delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The system referred to is probably Decauville's, or some other such system of portable railways, but the idea is by no means new. From the lightness of the engines and the steepness of the grade it is evident that the system is only applicable when extremely small loads have to be drawn.

(2.) I am unable to answer this question at present, but am seeking information on the point.

(3 and 4.) I have already given orders that the necessary information be obtained, which shall with pleasure be placed at the disposal of Parliament.

(5.) Leases in Eastern Division :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) As the leases in the Eastern Division fall in on 1st July, will he cause advertisements to be issued in the neighbouring colonies, notifying the fact, and stating the conditions on which the lands may be selected?

(2.) Will he also cause the parish maps of the Eastern Division which are charted up to date, to be printed and issued at once, in order that intending selectors may know where the reserves and the land available for selection are situated?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) The question has been already considered, and everything practicable will be done to give publicity to the matter in this and the adjoining Colonies.

(2.) It has already been arranged, for the guidance of intending purchasers, that parish maps be charted up to date and exhibited at the various Crown Land Offices throughout the Eastern Division of the Colony.

(6.) Hares in Eastern Division :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that hares are becoming a pest in various portions of the Eastern Division, notably around Lake George, Gundaroo, and a portion of the Yass electorate?

(2.) Will he take steps to have hares included in the list of noxious animals, and authorize the Stock Boards to promote their destruction?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The necessary action for declaring hares noxious animals requires to be taken by the Pastures and Stock Protection Boards. Hares have been declared noxious animals in the Queanbeyan and Yass Sheep Districts, under section 30 of the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act of 1880," which districts include the country referred to.

(7.) E. Wolstencraft's grant at Gindyandy :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the date of E. Wolstencraft's grant at Gindyandy, on the bank of the Shoalhaven River, near Nowra?

(2.) How many acres were included in the said grant?

(3.) Did Wolstencraft offer to exchange 500 acres of the said grant for 500 acres at the Crow's Nest, North Shore?

(4.) Were the 500 acres granted to Wolstencraft at the Crow's Nest?

(5.) Did he give up the 500 acres at Gindyandy?

(6.) If not, why has the Crown not returned the 500 acres at Gindyandy?

Mr. Brunner answered,—It appears from the papers that a grant of 2,000 acres was made by Governor Macquarie to Mr. Wolstencraft, about 1819, and that he was allowed to take 500 acres of such grant at the Crow's Nest, North Shore, and the remaining 1,500 acres at Shoalhaven; the deed for the latter being dated 30th June, 1825.

(8.) Wilbertree Bridge :—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been accepted for the construction of the Wilbertree bridge?

(2.) If so, when will the Government be prepared to allow the contractor to carry out the work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A tender has been recommended, but not yet accepted, pending the resumption of the necessary land for approach to the bridge. The papers are with the Department of Lands to furnish a description of the land to be resumed.

(9.) Nyrang Creek Cemetery :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any money been allowed for clearing and fencing in the Nyrang Creek cemetery, in the county of Ashburnham; if so, when will it be available for the operation of the Trustees?

Mr. Brunner answered,—An application for the sum of £50 has been received, and will be dealt with when the vote for cemeteries is allotted.

(10.) Camping Reserve, parish of Gregra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the camping reserve 596, parish of Gregra, in the county of Ashburnham, has been lately fenced in with a log and bough fence?

(2.) Has authority been given to any person to do so; if so, will he state by whom, and to whom?

(3.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to compel the trespasser on this camping reserve to have the fence removed?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) No record of any such authority can be traced.

(3.) Inquiry will be made.

(11.) Tramway Extensions in Newcastle District :—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he decided to carry out any of the extensions of the tramway, in the Newcastle District, reported upon by the officers of the Department?

(2.) Will he state what extensions he has decided upon, and when will such extensions be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I think the best answer to give to this question is to lay a copy of the instructions I have given on the subject upon the Table of the House, and this I will presently do.

(12.) Cultivation of Wattle :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of granting special areas on which the cultivation of wattle will be an enforced condition?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—As a matter of policy it is very questionable whether the enforcement of conditions which so directly apply to a special form of settlement would work beneficially in general interests.

(13.) Cooma Land Board :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the Cooma Land District has been considerably enlarged; and, if so, is it his intention to appoint a Chairman of the Cooma Land Board, and when?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It has been decided to enlarge the Cooma Land Board District by the addition of the Land Districts of Milton, Moruya, and Braidwood. The Chairman of the Cooma Land Board is Mr. W. J. Conder.

(14.) Bridge near Costigan's, Yerong Creek :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a tender been accepted for the construction of a bridge near Costigan's, Yerong Creek; if not, what has been the cause of delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A tender has not yet been accepted for this work. The delay is owing to a suggestion which has been made to erect a causeway instead of a bridge, with the view of impounding water for the use of travelling stock, &c. An estimate is now being prepared for this latter work, and a recommendation will be before me in a few days, when I shall lose no time in disposing of the matter.

(15.) Pullman Cars :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all correspondence, minutes, documents, and writings in any wise relating to the proposed use on our lines of the Pullman cars?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for this Return in the usual way.

(16.) Mr. Oscar Meyer :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid to Mr. Oscar Meyer from the consolidated revenue of New South Wales during the last ten years?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This information can only be obtained from the Audit Office, and application is made to the Auditor-General to supply the same.

(17.) Application of Samuel Lemon for Compensation :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government yet considered the case of Samuel Lemon?

(2.) Was he deprived of 5½ acres of the best part of his conditional purchase, through which the railway from Orange to Molong passed, and on which the selector had expended a large amount on grubbing, clearing, fencing, and other improvements?

(3.) If so, will he state whether compensation will be paid to Mr. Lemon; and, if so, why the matter of settlement is being so long delayed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; the matter is a very old one, and has been frequently before different Ministers.

(2.) An area of 5 acres 0 roods 22 perches, which formed part of Mr. Lemon's conditional purchase, was resumed for railway purposes under the Public Railway Land Resumption Act of 1874.

(3.) Compensation, amounting to £7 1s. 7d., assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Act under which the land was taken, was offered to Mr. Lemon, and refused by him. The final settlement of the matter is delayed by Mr. Lemon's refusal to sign a release, which was sent to him for execution by the Crown Solicitor on 28th February, 1885.

(18.) Reserves in Resumed Areas and Pastoral Holdings :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers respecting reserves in Resumed Areas and in Pastoral Holdings, moved for on 11th July, 1889, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I expect to be able to lay these papers on the Table during the ensuing week.

(19.) Bill to Amend Licensing Acts :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Bill to give an effective voice to the householders of any district in determining, in all cases, whether houses shall be licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor (as promised in the Governor's speech at the beginning of this Session), be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Cannot at present moment fix the date for the introduction of this Bill.

(20.) Roads—Dubbo to Peak Hill—Cumnock to Peak Hill :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state the amount of money that has up to this date been expended on the road between Dubbo and Peak Hill?

(2.) Are there at present any contracts let for repairs on this road; if so, will he state what they consist of, and the amount of each contract, and the name of the contractor?

(3.)

- (3.) Will he be kind enough to furnish the same information with regard to the number of contracts, and amount of money that has been expended, on the road between Molong or between Cumnock and Peak Hill?
- (4.) Can he assign any reason for the expenditure of more money on the Dubbo to Peak Hill Road than on the road between Cumnock and Peak Hill?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the latter route is the nearest, the most direct, and cheapest line by rail and coach *via* Molong, to reach these diggings?
- (6.) Will he see that equal justice is done in the way of repairs on the road between Cumnock and Peak Hill?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I find that the information necessary to answer these questions must be obtained from the local officer; this will necessarily occupy some few days. When the information is received, I will communicate it to the Honorable Member by letter.

- (21.) The Penny Postage System :—Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General,—What amount will this country lose through the adoption of the penny postage between here and England?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—No such proposal has ever been made to this Government, nor, so far as I am aware, to the Governments of the other Australian Colonies.

- (22.) Rifle Range :—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to provide a rifle range for the use of Metropolitan Volunteers and Reserve Rifle Companies?
- (2.) If so, what has been done?
- (3.) To what extent will the closing of the range "prejudice the efficiency, and, in all probability, the existence of the military reserves lately organized by the Government," as stated by Major-General Richardson in a minute dated 11th June, 1889?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The whole matter is under consideration, and I hope some satisfactory solution will be arrived at at an early date.

- (23.) Watches and Over-coats supplied to Tramway Officers :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are Government watches supplied to clerks in the tramway offices?
- (2.) Are any of such clerks wearing such watches?
- (3.) If so, under what circumstances?
- (4.) Are Government overcoats supplied to clerks in the tramway offices?
- (5.) Are any of such clerks wearing such overcoats?
- (6.) If so, under what circumstances?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it is not usual to supply the clerks in the Tram Offices with watches and overcoats, but the officer who acts as timekeeper and his clerk have each been supplied with a watch and overcoat in connection with their duties of checking the time of Tramway employees.

- (24.) Electoral Rolls :—Mr. Willis asked The Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Whether the revised Parliamentary Electoral Rolls show that the number of persons entitled to vote have so increased in some of the constituencies as to entitle the said constituencies to return an additional representative in accordance with the Expansion clauses of the Electoral Act?
- (2.) If so, how many?
- (3.) Will the Government cause the names of such constituencies to be inserted in the *Government Gazette* forthwith, or on an early date?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The increase of the Electoral Roll is carefully watched, in order to take the steps provided for by law where necessary.

- (25.) Gosford Land District :—Mr. Stevenson asked The Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In the readjustment of the Land Districts is it proposed that the Gosford Land District shall be removed from the Metropolitan, and placed under the Maitland Land Board District?
- (2.) If so, would he reconsider the question, with a view to the retaining of the Gosford Land District under the Metropolitan Land Board, as at present?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Having very carefully considered the subject referred to in this question, in view of the transaction of public business, I cannot now make any alteration.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of Deaths under Chloroform in the Sydney and Prince Alfred Hospitals since the 1st January, 1885.
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 3rd June, 1890, "Method of destroying Rabbits on the Terrawynnia Holding."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 27th May, 1890, "Appointment of Acting Deputy-Governor of Berrima Gaol."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Secretary for Public Works, respecting Newcastle Tramway Extensions.

3. THE BERRY ESTATE AT NORTH SHORE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to the grant at the North Shore, known as the Crow's Nest, on the Berry Estate; also, all papers and correspondence relating to Gore Island, now included in the Berry Estate at the North Shore.

Question put and passed.

4. DISTRICTS OF INVERELL, WARIALDA, BINGERA, AND MOREE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cruickshank moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the entire revenue received from all lands sold, including town allotments, since 1861 in the districts of Inverell, Warialda, Bingera, and Moree.
 - (2.) A Return of the entire revenue from payments on conditional purchases since same date in same districts.
 - (3.) A Return of the entire revenue from rents on pastoral leases, and from mineral licenses and miners' rights, since same date in same districts.
- Question put and passed.
5. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Wyman Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Brown 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 James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines,*"—read a first time.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Schey 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, and commenting on, the Report which has been laid upon the Table of the House by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer *in re* the late Railway Accident at Bathurst, and the amended Report on the same matter,—the position of the Government in regard thereto,—and other Railway and Tramway Accidents which have occurred both before and since the said accident at Bathurst."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Schey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—
- "(1.) 'That' this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—
- " (a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
- " (b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
- " (c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."
- "(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.
- "(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.
- "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention,"—

Upon

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers, as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) *Stephen v. Erwin*:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) In the matter of *Stephen v. Erwin*, in Equity,—did the decree, as pronounced on the 11th May, 1887, cancel the deeds of the 5th and 16th August, 1876?
 - (2.) Were the deeds of the 3rd May, 1880, and discharge of mortgage, 17th June, 1875, impeached by such decree?
 - (3.) Were the same handed over to plaintiff from the Master's Office; if so, for what object?
 - (4.) Were any of the above deeds purchased with the proceeds of sales (if any) of the cancelled settlement by the decree as pronounced?
 - (5.) Were the shorthand writer's notes of original decree filed as pronounced?
 - (6.) What properties were purchased, with proceeds of the cancelled settlements, 4th December, 1875, 16th July, 1876, and 6th February, 1885?
 - (7.) Was the inquiry before the Master-in-Equity directed by the decree as pronounced?

Mr. Gould answered,—As the question affects private interests only, and as the information required is quite open to the parties who may ask for it in the proper way, it would not appear to me to be within the scope of my duties as Minister of Justice, to inquire into or answer the same.

- (2.) *Agricultural Colleges*:—*Mr. Dale*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Has the Government received any recommendation from Mr. Pudney in regard to the purchase of sites for the purpose of establishing agricultural colleges?
 - (2.) If so, what sites have been recommended?
 - (3.) How many appointments have been made under the Department of Agriculture (if any); who have been appointed; and what salaries are being paid?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) *Leasehold Areas, Counties of Ashburnham and Gordon*:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he state when the leasehold areas in the counties of Ashburnham and Gordon will be open for selection?
 - (2.) How many leasehold areas will be open to selection, and what is the probable area that will be open for selection in these two counties respectively?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—In the county of Ashburnham there will be open to conditional purchase, on 11th July, 1890, three leasehold areas, containing about 42,300 acres; 31st July, 1890, three leasehold areas, containing about 13,740 acres; 5th August, 1890, four leasehold areas, containing about 51,400 acres; 8th September, 1890, one leasehold area, containing about 1,800 acres. And, in the county of Gordon, on 11th July, 1890, one leasehold area, containing about 600 acres; 31st July, 1890, three leasehold areas, containing about 25,200 acres; 5th August, 1890, five leasehold areas, containing about 81,900 acres; 6th April, 1891, two leasehold areas, containing about 9,220 acres.

- (4.) *Bores for Water*:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—What action has been taken in respect to a letter addressed to him by Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P., with reference to boring for water?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I will lay the paper upon the Table of the House.

(5.)

- (5.) Receipts and Disbursements of Sheep Fund:—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the receipts and disbursements of the Sheep Fund (to which pastoralists annually contribute) during the last ten years?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This return is being prepared and will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (6.) Cows suffering from Tuberculosis:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that there are at present a large number of cows in the dairies in Sydney and suburbs alleged to be suffering from tuberculosis; if so, will he see that steps are taken to have such cases properly dealt with for the protection of the public health?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The reports of inspection under the Board of Health show that dairy cattle in Sydney and suburbs are very free from tuberculosis, and in every instance when a case of tuberculosis is discovered the Board recommend that the registration of the dairy should be cancelled until the animal is killed or removed.

- (7.) Postal Conference:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What was the cost to this Colony of its representation at the recent Postal Conference?

(2.) What was the amount of expenses (travelling and otherwise) for Mr. Cracknell?

(3.) Why was it necessary to take Mr. Cracknell, as well as the Under Secretary, to the Conference?

(4.) What is the usual allowance to Mr. Cracknell when he is away from his office in manner stated above?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) £92.

(2.) £21.

(3.) As important telegraphic questions were to be discussed, I deemed it necessary to take the Superintendent of Telegraphs with me, as was done in the case of another Colony, where, as in this Colony, the Post and Telegraph Offices are not under the same permanent head.

(4.) 30s. per diem.

- (8.) Examinations of Country Pupil-teachers:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was there any delay in letting the country pupil-teachers know the results of their late examinations; if so, what was the cause?

(2.) Have the principal teachers and assistants heard the results of their examinations; if not, for what reason?

(3.) Has special consideration been shown to the Sydney pupil-teachers in publishing the results of their examinations before the country pupil-teachers; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) No; they were actually informed of the results of their examinations a month earlier this year than last.

(2.) Yes, with the exception of a few third-class teachers, the reports on whose papers are now passing through. These are later than they were last year for two reasons—(1) Because pupil-teachers' papers were reported on before teachers' this year; and (2) because the number of examination papers this half-year has been nearly twice as large as that of the corresponding half of last year.

(3.) No. The Sydney pupil-teachers were first informed, not as a concession, but because they are required to attend Saturday Classes, and the results are made known as soon as possible, in order that their future places in the classes may be determined without delay.

- (9.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the total amount paid to Mr. Cracknell over and above his stated salary during the last two years?

(2.) Is it a fact that he has promised Mr. Cracknell an increase of salary, or has any determination been arrived at in this matter?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) £88 10s.

(2.) An increase has been proposed on the draft Estimates of expenditure for the consideration of the Cabinet.

- (10.) Postal Inspectors.—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Postmaster-General,—How many Postal Inspectors have we in this Colony, and can he state how many are found necessary in Victoria?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—There are four Postal Inspectors and one Acting Postal Inspector; of the four, one is almost constantly employed at the Head Office, in charge of the Irregularity and Missing Letter Branch, so that four officers are employed in this Colony, which is much larger than Victoria, where, I am informed, four Inspectors are employed.

- (11.) New Year's Card issued by Postal Department:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Out of which fund was the amount for printing the Postmaster-General's New Year card paid?

(2.) Is it his intention to refund this amount to the revenue?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—As it is not the custom for the Postmaster-General to pay public expenditure out of his private purse, it is not my intention to pay the cost of the Annual Postal New Year card, which cost, I presume, has been defrayed from the funds at the disposal of the Government Printer.

(12.) Grants to Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—What special money and land grants have been given to Agricultural Societies in New South Wales, during the last seven years?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—A Return has been prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House some time next week.

(13.) Newcastle Court-house :—Mr. Curley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet received the amended plans of the Newcastle Court-house?

(2.) When will tenders be called for the work?

Mr. Brunker answered,—My honorable colleague was not satisfied with the designs which were placed before him for the Newcastle Court-house, and therefore instructed the Colonial Architect to prepare amended plans; these have now been received, and, as the Minister for Justice considers the accommodation afforded sufficient, my honorable colleague will arrange for the immediate carrying out of the work.

2. MR. OSCAR MEYER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount paid from the Consolidated Revenue to Mr. Oscar Meyer, during the last ten years, such Return to show for what purposes the amounts were paid.
Question put and passed.

3. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wyman Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Tarrawingee 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. McMillan, Mr. Garland, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Perry, Mr. Dowel, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

4. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL :—Mr. Teece, 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 May, 1890, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 24th June.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPER :—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the establishment of Agricultural Colleges.
Ordered to be printed.

6. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes :—

“(1.) ‘That’ this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—

“(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

“(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

“(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.’

“(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

“(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”—

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form a ‘union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

“(2.)

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses

“from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary

“funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution,

“Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies

“interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative

“Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and

“confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint

“compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each

“Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the

“scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of

“their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having

“only ‘municipal’ powers as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one

“Legislative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the

“Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*), take precedence of other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Metropolitan Agricultural Society:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the amount of money received from the Government by the Metropolitan Agricultural Society, since its formation, as subsidies and as special grants?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table to-morrow in the form of a Return.

(2.) Officers engaged by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing—

(a) The names of all the officers engaged by the Commissioners for Railways from any place outside the Colony?

(b) The positions and salaries for which they were so engaged?

(c) The positions and salaries that they now occupy and receive?

(d) The amount paid for passage money and expenses to each of them?

(e) The date on which their salaries commenced?

(2.) Did any of such officers receive passage money for other members of their families besides themselves?

(3.) If so, which—specify the relations and the amount in each case?

(4.) Did any of them receive passage money for any servants?

(5.) If so, which; and how much in each case?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A Return in reply to the questions asked by the Honorable Member for Bourke (*Mr. Willis*) will be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

(3.) By-laws of Centennial Park:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that racehorses are exercised on the Centennial Park?

(2.) Is it a fact that the By-laws of the Centennial Park cannot be enforced owing to a flaw in the Act?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to amend the Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) It is feared that it will be necessary to amend the Act in order to enforce the By-laws. The matter is now under consideration.

(4.) Ashbury Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Edmunds*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount was spent by the Railway Department recently in refitting the Ashbury carriages?

(2.) What amount has been paid, or is to be paid, to Hudson Brothers Company for the first of the new lavatory cars?

(3.) What amount has been spent upon the new iron underframe waggon lately made at the Eveleigh shops?

(4.) What amount was paid, or is to be paid, to *Mr. Morrison* for the six American cars in the new suburban trains; giving price of first and second class separately; and the weight of each empty?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The carriages, when in the shops, underwent thorough overhaul, repainting, and repair throughout. At the time they were dealt with, detailed accounts of the exact expenditure on each carriage were not kept, but it is estimated that a sum of about £360 was spent on each. The carriages contain four first and four second class compartments.

(2.)

(2.) £1,610. The price is higher than for a subsequent lot, as the carriages were part of an order for £25,000 worth of rolling stock, given to Hudson Bros. to compromise a claim of £12,000 which the Commissioners found against the Department when they took office for breach of contract on the part of the Department, in connection with the rolling stock contract for the previous five years.

(3.) The waggon in question is a pattern waggon, and seeing that tenders are being invited by the Railway Commissioners for a supply of the same, it would be unwise to give the information asked for at the present time.

(4.) The contract price is £5,436 per train, which consists of three first and three second class cars. The price for first and second class cars is not stated separately. The weight of first-class car is 18 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs.; the weight of second-class car is 18 tons 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

(5.) Hospital for the Insane, Parramatta:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Hutchison (Glen Innes)*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when tenders were recently called in connection with Hospital for the Insane at Parramatta, that the tender of *Mr. G. Coates* was £8,751 2s. 4d.?

(2.) Is it a fact that the amount proposed to be expended was raised to over £9,000, and the work given to *Mr. Coates* without fresh tenders being called?

(3.) If so, is such a course just to the other contractors who tendered for the work in the first instance?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The lowest tenderer declined to proceed with the work. The next lowest was *Mr. G. Coates*, the amount being £8,751 2s. 4d., as stated; but this was for the completion of the work in eighteen months. The Inspector-General of the Insane pointed out the urgency of the work, and suggested that arrangements should be made, if possible, for carrying it out in a shorter time, and on this representation the additional sum was approved.

(6.) Cooma Railway:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Miller*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform the House of the gross returns of the Cooma Railway line for the first twelve months?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of the House without delay.

(7.) Government Employes engaged as Waiters, &c.:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that over thirty messengers, tipstiffs, &c., in the Public Service, are in the habit of serving as waiters, barmen, and attendants in cloak-rooms at race-meetings, banquets, and balls?

(2.) Is it a fact that they frequently officiate in these capacities during hours when they should be attending to the duties for which they are paid by the public?

(3.) Is he aware that it has been alleged that this extra work is being done by these public servants to the detriment and serious loss of a number of men who obtain their livelihood as waiters, barmen, &c.?

(4.) Will he take steps to stop this practice on the part of these public servants?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It would be difficult to give a definite answer at present to these questions, but a full inquiry will be made into the matter.

(8.) *Mr. Thomas Connolly, J.P.*:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When was *Mr. Thomas Connolly* appointed to the Commission of the Peace?

(2.) By whom, and on whose recommendation, was he appointed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) 2nd August, 1883.

(2.) *Mr. Connolly* was appointed by the late *Sir Alexander Stuart*, on the recommendation of a Member of the other House of Parliament.

(9.) Promotion of Officers in Lands Department:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Turner*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Upon what principles is promotion of officers in the Lands Department conducted?

(2.) Are these principles strictly adhered to, or in what cases (if any) are exceptions made?

(3.) Is it alleged that favouritism, owing to political influence, exists, and if so, has the allegation any foundation?

Mr. Brunkor answered,—

(1.) The promotion of officers is regulated by length of service and merit.

(2.) Yes, except where the promotion is insignificant and a considerable change of location involved.

(3.) No; but I can say that if such an allegation has been made it is entirely without foundation.

(10.) Conveyance of Mails from Wilcannia over Tallywarka Creek:—*Mr. Cass* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government are paying £20 per week for boating mails from Wilcannia over Tallywarka Creek?

(2.) If so, were tenders invited for the work?

(3.) Are the Government already paying mail contractors to perform this service?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) On the 6th May, a telegram was received by the Colonial Secretary, from the Mayor of Wilcannia, stating "That flood waters very high and half-mile swim from our punt and two other deep creeks to swim before getting to the Tallawalka water. At Tallawalka water 4 miles wide and over bridges, and embankments washed away, great difficulty in getting mails between Tallawalka and Wilcannia, will Government pay men to deliver mails from high bank to Wilcannia, good men guaranteed, deliver everything dry both ways for £25 per week. Urgent." On this the Colonial Secretary authorized the Mayor to make arrangements, which was done at a cost of £20 per week, the Government paying two-thirds, and the Mail Contractor (Charters) offering to pay one-third.

(2.) No.

(3.)

(3.) Contractor Charters has the contract for conveyance of mails between Wilcannia and Booligal, which includes the portion herein referred to, and, of course, is bound to use all reasonable endeavours to do the work; but from reports received this seems to have been an exceptional case in which a special kind of conveyance was needed, viz., a sort of punt on wheels, which at times could only, with safety to his life, be guided by the driver whilst in a nude condition. It is thought, therefore, that the contractor could not fairly be expected to bear the whole cost. This temporary special service, it is considered, may now be discontinued, and inquiries are being made in that direction.

(11.) Helmets for Cadet Corps:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What number of helmets are likely to be required for the present use of the Cadet Corps?
- (2.) Will he endeavour to have the order for these executed in the Colony?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The head-dress for the Public Schools Cadet Force has not been finally decided upon.

2. RAILWAY FROM MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES:—*Mr. Torpy* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the farming settlements of Cudal and surrounding districts, protesting against the decision of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works *re* the Molong to Parkes and Forbes and the Borenore to Forbes Railway lines, as being opposed to the great bulk of evidence given thereon; submitting reasons in favour of the construction of the line from Borenore to Forbes; and praying the House to take such steps as will secure the adoption of that line. Petition received.
3. PAPER:—*Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 11th July, 1889,—“Reserves in Resumed Areas, and in Pastoral Holdings.” Ordered to be printed.
4. RAILWAY FROM MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES:—*Mr. Plumb* presented a Petition from certain residents of Canowindra District, protesting against the proposed construction of the Molong to Parkes and Forbes line of railway; submitting reasons in favour of the adoption of a route *via* Cowra; and praying the House to take into consideration the Petitioners’ earnest protest. Petition received.
5. CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Kidd* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The total receipts and disbursements on account of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, from the 1st January, 1885, to the 31st December, 1889, distinguishing therein the various kinds of revenue and expenditure during each year of that period.
 - (2.) The name of each individual pensioner paid out of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund.
 - (3.) The service for which pension was granted.
 - (4.) The date from which pension commenced.
 - (5.) The date of retirement.
 - (6.) The reason for retirement in each case in full detail.
 - (7.) The age of each pensioner at date of retirement.
 - (8.) The amount deducted from the pension of every officer who retired of his own free will from the Service as abatement, under the provisions of the Civil Service Superannuation Act.
 - (9.) The amount transferred from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet the abatement which should have been deducted from the pension paid to each individual officer whose services have been dispensed with.
 - (10.) The leave of absence granted to any officer immediately prior to his being required to retire from the Public Service.
 - (11.) The reason assigned for such leave.
 - (12.) The rate of remuneration paid during such leave.
 - (13.) The amount of gratuity (if any) voted by Parliament to any officer who retired or was requested to retire upon a pension.
 Question put and passed.
6. PULLMAN RAILWAY CARS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all correspondence, minutes, documents, and writings in any wise relating to the proposed use on our lines of the Pullman cars. Question put and passed.
7. RESUMPTION OF MOLESWORTH-STREET, LISMORE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Ewing* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, &c., in connection with resumption of Molesworth-street, Lismore. Question put and passed.
8. CLAIM OF JOHN O’BRIEN, TYAGONG GOLD-FIELD:—*Mr. Greene* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order “Claim of John O’Brien to land at Prince Alfred Gully, Tyagong Gold-field,” laid on the Table of the House on the 25th June, 1880, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on “Claim of John O’Brien, Tyagong Gold-field.” Question put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Tonkin* 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 show the unfair and unjust manner in which a certain recreation ground, granted to the Trustees for agricultural purposes, is being used.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—*Mr. Tonkin* moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.

10. **MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT 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 the Chairman 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.
11. **ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cullen 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. Cullen, 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.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
 (1.) Granting of Probate of Wills and Letters of Administration Facilitation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 24th June.
 (2.) Law Vacations Abolition Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 24th June.
13. **WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Burns the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
Point of Order :—Mr. Crick submitted that this Bill was beyond the order of leave, inasmuch as Clause 3 gave power to the Agricultural Society to charge the public for admission to a portion of a public park, and power to impose penalties.
 Mr. Speaker said the order of leave was sufficiently comprehensive to embrace the powers referred to.
 Mr. Willis moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1890, A.M.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Martin, 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 there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Cass, Mr. Crick, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garland, Mr. Gould, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Lees, Mr. Levien, Mr. Martin, Mr. Melville, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilshire,—
 Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Centennial Park:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount expended on the Centennial Park (inclusive of the cost of the statues) to the latest date?

(2.) When will the villa sites be offered for sale to recoup the expenditure?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The amount expended on the Centennial Park (exclusive of £1,970—the cost of the statues) to the 31st May is £150,311 17s.

(2.) Probably towards the end of this year.

- (2.) Steel Hopper Waggons:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Railway Commissioners are providing steel hopper waggons for the conveyance of coal for the southern and western collieries?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Commissioners to offer similar waggons for the business of the northern collieries?

(3.) How many coal waggons are now in course of construction for the Government?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that contracts have been let for the construction of 500 hopper waggons for the conveyance of coal. The waggons are being built in view of an anticipated increase of coal traffic on the Southern and Western lines, but it is not proposed to lease them to the companies, and they will be used in the ordinary way of traffic. It has always been the practice of the Department to supply waggons for coal traffic on the Southern and Western lines, whilst on the Northern line the colliery companies themselves have provided the waggons. The supply of waggons to the northern collieries opens up a very large question, but the Railway Commissioners are quite prepared to discuss the subject with the colliery proprietors concerned.

- (3.) Tramway Waiting Rooms:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that great inconvenience is experienced by the travelling public in consequence of the insufficient number of waiting rooms provided on the various tramway lines?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to cause waiting rooms to be constructed, where necessary, with as little delay as possible?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are improving the waiting-room accommodation for tram passengers, and if the Honorable Member will bring any special case under their notice it will have attention.

- (4.) E. Wolstencraft's Grant at Nowra:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did the Hon. Thomas Garrett, as Minister for Lands, give a decision in the case of G. R. Macdonald v. David Berry?

(2.) What was that decision?

(3.) Are there reasonable grounds for believing that there was an excess area in Wolstencraft's grant?

(4.) Did the Minister state that if there was an excess area the Crown could take steps, under the 137th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to dispossess Berry of the excess area?

(5.) Why were not such steps taken?

(6.) Did the Lands Department receive a letter from G. R. Macdonald, dated 8th March, 1888, in reference to his conditional purchase on this grant, 87-19, Nowra?

(7.) Was any action taken with regard to the letter; and, if so, what action?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes; in the Appeal Court, on 6th March, 1888.

(2.) He dismissed the appeal against the decision of the Local Land Board, disallowing G. R. Macdonald's application for conditional purchase 87 19, Nowra.

(3.)

(3.) According to the District Surveyor's evidence, there are no grounds for believing there is an excessive area in Wolstencraft's grant.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) For the reason given in reply to question 3.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) No; Mr. Berry having, on the 22nd March, 1888, obtained a verdict for trespass against Macdonald, and for the reason given in reply to question 3.

(5.) Application to Mine under a Road at Hillgrove:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter whatsoever in anywise relating to application for, and granting of, a permit to William Lovel Davis, to mine under an alleged road adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's Ground at Hillgrove, parish of Metz, county of Sandon; together with such permit or authority, and the *Gazette* notice declaring such permit in existence?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(6.) Gold Leases at Hillgrove:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, papers, documents, plans, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of David Anderson, George Quinnell, and John Bourke, for gold leases adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, parish of Metz, county of Sandon?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(7.) Gold Leases at Hillgrove:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of Stevenson, Moore, and others for gold leases adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, parish of Metz, county of Sandon, such applications being Nos. 1,589 and 1,590, at Hillgrove?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(8.) Gold Leases at Hillgrove:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture:—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of Thomas E. Mills for gold-mining leases at Hillgrove, being applications Nos. 105, 106, 107, and 108, at Hillgrove, dated 19th December, 1889; and the evidence taken before the Warden upon W. L. Davis' objections to such applications, and the Warden's report thereon?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(9.) Application to Mine under a Road at Hillgrove:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the application of J. C. Hogan for a permit to mine under an alleged road adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, together with such application, and the *Gazette* notice refusing the same?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(10.) Cemetery at Thirlmere:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the new cemetery site at Thirlmere been vested in trustees?

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

(3.) When will it be so vested?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The case is being dealt with in the District Surveyor's Office.

(3.) As soon as the dedication shall have been completed.

(11.) Government Land at Balmoral:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Surveyor Riley was instructed to survey and subdivide a block of Government land at Balmoral into township lots?

(2.) If so, when will the work be completed?

(3.) When will the land be offered for sale?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Mr. Surveyor Riley has been instructed to submit a design for subdividing a block of land at Balmoral into township allotments.

(2.) The design has been received in the District Surveyor's Office, but awaits further action.

(3.) The date cannot yet be stated.

(12.) Agricultural Societies:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Government decided to supplement the subsidy of 10s. already paid to Agricultural Societies for 1889?

(2.) If so, what is the amount of the proposed additional subsidy?

(3.) How soon will it be available for distribution?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The question of an increase to last year's vote for Agricultural Societies has not yet been finally determined by the Government.

(13.) Electoral Rolls :—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Electoral Rolls for the year 1890–91 be printed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A definite answer cannot be given at present, as the revised lists for sixteen Electorates have not yet come to hand.

(14.) Land, parish of Coronallo, county of Townsend :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land in the parish of Coronallo, county Townsend, shown on the parish plan as surveyed (portions 12, 20, 28, &c., &c.) for special area, and reported on by Acting District-Surveyor Broughton, be available for selection?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter is at present under the consideration of the Colonial Secretary's Department in connection with a proposed exchange of timber-lands on the Murray River.

(15.) Case of Albert Stafford, Narrabri :—Mr. Dowel, for Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House, all papers in connection with the case of Albert Stafford, of Narrabri, in connection with his irrigation lease?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes, if moved for in the usual manner.

(16.) Cost of Railway to Brewarrina :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any estimate been made of the probable cost per mile of a railway to Brewarrina; if so, what is the estimated cost per mile?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes; the approximate cost of a line from Byerock to Brewarrina, from trial survey made in 1883, is about £4,000 per mile.

(17.) Dismissal of Thomas Butler from Works Department :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers in connection with Thomas Butler's dismissal, and the evidence taken at the Departmental inquiry?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I cannot trace any papers in my Department referring to the dismissal of a man of this name.

(18.) Regulation of Places of Amusement :—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, at an early date, to introduce such legislation as may be necessary,—

- (1.) To effect the control, under proper regulations, of all places of public amusement or resort?
- (2.) To extend such control to places not now under direct statutory control?
- (3.) To provide for construction of all buildings used for public concourse, so as to diminish the risk from fire or panic?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes, so soon as a Bill can be carefully prepared.

(19.) Acting Gaoler at Cobar :—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the acting gaoler at Cobar has been accused of ill-treating prisoners under his care?
- (2.) Has an inquiry been held into his conduct by the Police Magistrate of that town; and, if so, will the Minister have any objection to lay all the papers in connection with that inquiry upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Certain charges of ill-treatment were preferred against the acting gaoler at Cobar by an ex-prisoner named Everill.
- (2.) An exhaustive inquiry, extending over two and a half days, was made in the matter by the Police Magistrate in his capacity as Visiting Justice. That officer reported that the charges were not substantiated by the evidence, and in such opinion, after having carefully perused the papers, I concur. The matter does not appear to me to be of sufficient importance or public interest to justify me in laying the papers upon the Table of the House.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return, showing amount of money received from the Government by the Metropolitan Agricultural Society since its formation, as subsidies and as special grants.
 - (2.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries on Fisheries of the Colony to 31st December, 1889.
 - (3.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1889, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
 - (4.) Blue Book for the year 1889.
 - (5.) Return, showing receipts on Government Railways during the month of August, 1889.
 - (6.) Return, showing special travelling allowances to Railway officers, engaged in England by the present Railway Commissioners, for service in the Colony.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE UNDER THE RABBIT NUISANCE ACT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The receipts under the Rabbit Act from the time when it came into force up to the present time, for each year, and from all sources.
- (2.) The expenditure for each year during the same period, showing the total items of expenditure for each year,—
 - (1.) For subsidies.
 - (2.) For salaries.
 - (3.) For fencing and netting.
 - (4.) For salaries, travelling expenses, and otherwise, in connection with fencing.
 - (5.) For experiments in connection with the destruction of rabbits.
 - (6.) All other expenses apart from salaries and subsidies, and those matters mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5.

Question put and passed.

4. **WOOROOWOOLGEN RUN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to an Order, "Wooroooolgen Run," laid upon the Table on 7th May last, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. **HAWKERS ON RIVERS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend in certain respects the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.
Question put and passed.
6. **THE BERRY ESTATE AT SHOALHAVEN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to the Berry Estate at Shoalhaven, and the Crown lands surrounded by the same.
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 bring before the House, the state 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.
Question put and negatived.
8. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—
" (1.) 'That' this House concurs in the following Resolutions adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—
" (a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown ;
" and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1833 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies, under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
" (b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
" (c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.'
" (2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G. ; William McMillan, Esquire ; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire ; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire ; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.
" (3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.
" (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention."
Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—
" in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form 'a union' under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.
" (2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—
" (1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.
" (2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—
" (a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.
" (b) Postage between the said Colonies.
" (c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and
" (3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.
" (3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of
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“ their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers, as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

“ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 19th June.

9. CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL:—Mr. Cullen, 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 May, 1890; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd September.

Question put and passed.

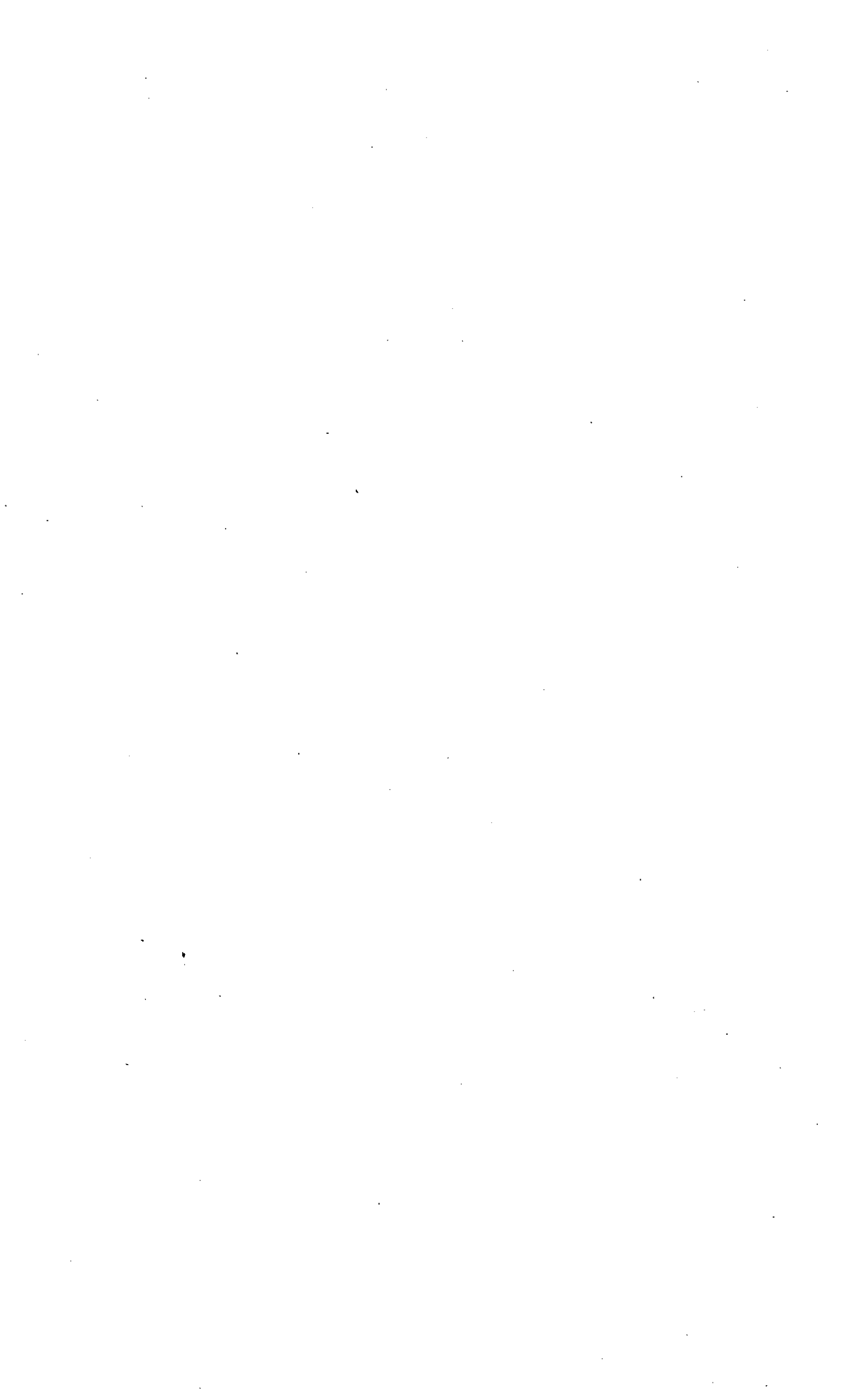
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fisheries Commissioners:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Fisheries Commissioners have stated in their Report that they placed trout fry in the waters of the Snowy and Umaralla Rivers?
 (2.) If the Commissioners have stated so, is it correct?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

(2.) I am informed that at the instance of the Honorable Member, the Commissioners of Fisheries sent a supply of trout fry to Mr. Rose, at the Snowy River, and as that gentleman reported the arrival of the fry in good order, the Commissioners have no reason to suppose that its liberation was not duly effected. The Umaralla River was, by inadvertence, improperly included amongst the several waters enumerated.

- (2.) Police Magistrate, Bombala:—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the appointment of Police Magistrate at Bombala be made?

Mr. Gould answered,—The question of the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Bombala is now under consideration, and steps will shortly be taken to fill the position.

- (3.) Cartage of Camp Equipments:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all papers relating to the contracts for cartage of camp equipments for the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890 respectively, together with a Return showing the name and amount of each tender, the names and amounts of the successful tenderers in each year, and the sums actually paid for this service in each year, together with all amounts paid as extras, and to whom paid?

Mr. McMillan answered,—If the Honorable Member will kindly move for a Return to embrace this information I will endeavour to obtain it.

- (4.) Lecturer on Surveying, Sydney University:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a surveyor holding a staff appointment in the Survey Department has lately accepted, and is now fulfilling, the office of paid lecturer on surveying at the Sydney University?
 (2.) Does the proper carrying out of such office entail attendance at the University during the time for which the said surveyor is paid as a staff-officer?
 (3.) If so, does this dual position amount to a breach of the regulations of the Civil Service Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A staff surveyor of this Department applied for permission to accept the position of Lecturer on Surveying at the Sydney University, but it being quite clear that he could not give faithful service to this Department by undertaking the duties of such Lecturer, his application was refused. I may add that on receipt of the application from this officer I made inquiry from the Registrar of the University as to what the duties of the Lecturer would be, when I received the following reply:—"The duties of the Lecturer on Surveying in the University would be to deliver about seventy-five lectures of one hour each before 1 p.m. in the day, and to conduct at least ten practical classes in the field, each of which will probably occupy an afternoon. He will also be required to take part in the annual examinations of students." On these representations being made to me, I wrote the following minute:—"It is quite clear, in view of the services required, that this officer cannot give faithful service to this Department if he undertakes the duties imposed by the Registrar."

(5.)

(5.) Conveyance of Mails—Orange to Forbes—Borenore to Forbes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Can he furnish an approximate estimate of the annual loss to the railway revenue by the withdrawal of the mail bags, parcel, and passenger traffic between Orange and Borenore, on the Molong line, owing to the alteration in the despatch of mails and passengers from Orange to Forbes, in place of, as formerly, from Borenore to Forbes?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to see that steps are taken to compel the contractor to start from Borenore to Forbes, in place of from Orange to Forbes, as at present; and is there a serious loss to the railway revenue on this line from parcels and passengers?

(3.) Upon whose authority was the alteration in the despatch of mail bags, parcels, and passengers from Orange to Forbes sanctioned, in place of direct from Borenore to Forbes, as was done by the former contractor?

(4.) Who now takes possession of the mail bags, parcels, and passengers at the Orange Station for Forbes, and are the mail bags taken (and by whom, and at what cost) direct to the post office at Orange from the station, or are they taken possession of by the contractor to Forbes at the Orange Station?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The question seems to be one which principally affects the Postal Department in regard to the contract for the carriage of mails. I did not see it to-day in sufficient time to send it to the proper officer; but it will be attended to.

(6.) Traffic on Tweed River:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that owing to the very shallow state of the Tweed River that traffic is almost suspended?

(2.) Will he give instructions that the bad places on the river be cleared out?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers having just been advised that the recent floods have left some bad shoals, instructions will be at once given for the dredge to attend to the parts most requiring attention.

(7.) Carriages on Molong Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the composite carriage (which was lately withdrawn from the line) again returned, for the better convenience and comfort of the travelling public on the Molong railway?

(2.) Are the present carriages old, badly-lighted, and unfitted for the convenience and comfort of the travelling public, and a loss to the railway revenue?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that arrangements have been made for an improved carriage to be put on the Molong mixed train.

(2.) The Railway Commissioners are not aware that the present carriages are unfit for traffic. There are a number of carriages in use of an inferior class, which must be continued in use until new carriages are built. One hundred and sixty carriages of large carrying capacity are under construction in the Colony, and so soon as they are supplied it is anticipated that every reasonable requirement will be met.

(8.) Extension of Railway, Gundagai to Tumut:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he send the Public Works Examiners to Tumut and Adelong, to inquire into, and report on, the resources of the surrounding districts, with the object of extending the Gundagai railway, as surveyed, to Tumut?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is the intention of the Government to send the Public Works Examiners to report upon this railway; but in view of the many urgent and important proposals for public works before the Department for examination, I am unable at present to fix a definite date when the officers referred to will visit and report on this project. I promise, however, that this particular proposal will be kept in view.

(9.) Secretary to the National Park Trust:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has Mr. William Freeman ceased to be Secretary to the National Park Trust; and, if so, who has been appointed as such Secretary?

(2.) If any person has been appointed in Mr. Freeman's place, does he hold any other office under the Government; and, if so, what; and what are the respective salaries pertaining to each office, and are they paid out of Government funds?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Mr. Freeman, of the Department of Lands, has resigned, and Mr. Ormiston, of the Colonial Secretary's Office, has been appointed in his stead. The salary is £150 a year, but there are charges following which reduce it to £75 per annum. The money is paid from the National Park Trust Funds. Mr. Ormiston receives a salary of £490 a year as Accountant of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

(10.) Probate Revenue—Transfer of Shares:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the effects upon the probate revenue, and the continued removal of public company offices and business from New South Wales, by reason of the fines attachable to the transfer of shares, will he undertake to introduce a short amending Bill early this Session, having for its object the abolition of such fines?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Transfers of shares are not liable to fines, but are subject to the penalties imposed by the following (62) section of the Stamp Duties Act of 1880:—"Every person who shall receive any transfer of any shares not duly stamped without causing the same to be duly stamped within one week after receiving the same shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds." It is not, however, the practice of the Department to impose the above penalties. I do not know that this answer is what the Honorable Member altogether requires. I think he refers to the practice of the stamp duty being imposed for the transfer of shares in this Colony, which is very disadvantageous to us in many respects, as no such imposition is put on similar instruments

instruments in Victoria. I may say that—although I have not consulted the Government in the matter, and do not wish to commit myself absolutely—personally I am in favour of doing away with the transfer duty, and if I could, with the consent of both sides, and without trenching upon general financial matters, I should be very glad to pass a short Bill through. Although I recognize the urgency of this question from so many points of view, I do not think that even that urgency would justify me in opening a general financial debate. If I could arrange with Honorable Members on both sides that this Bill would be allowed to go through with general consent I shall be glad to bring it on in the early part of the Session.

- (11.) Telegraphic Communication on Darling River during Floods:—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he, in view of the great advantage it would be during flood-time to have daily telegraphic reports sent from telegraph stations on the different tributaries of the Darling River to towns on that river, take into his consideration the advisability of having the system of telegraphy in connection with this matter made as complete as possible?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Action has already been taken by the Department with reference to this matter. Instructions have been issued which will afford increased facilities for obtaining information as to the height of the river at the various towns, and a report posted at each station.

- (12.) Proposed Railway, Werris Creek to Dubbo:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the survey of the proposed railway line from Werris Creek to Dubbo be completed in time to forward same to the Public Works Committee before the close of this Session?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The particular line of railway to which the Honorable Member refers has not been sanctioned by the Cabinet, although, perhaps, the Honorable Member will be glad to know it is very favourably regarded, but not actually sanctioned. I learn from the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways that the survey will not be completed in time to submit the plans this Session.

- (13.) New Parliament Buildings:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of new Parliament Buildings?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As soon as the new arrangements in connection with the working of the Colonial Architect's Department are complete, so as to admit of competitive designs being called for works of this nature, the question of the proposed erection of these buildings will be one of the first to which attention will be directed.

- (14.) Case of Westbury Atha v. Olsund:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he perused the depositions in the charge, Westbury Atha v. Olsund, and will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the depositions disclose a *prima facie* case?

(2.) Does he intend to call on the Stipendiary Magistrate for a report in this matter?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I have perused the depositions in this case, and referred the papers to the Attorney-General, who is of opinion that it is very undesirable that the Attorney-General, who is the Grand Jury of the country, should direct proceedings of a criminal nature to be instituted, except in extreme cases; and when a magistrate has exercised the discretion with which he is by law invested, he does not think the Attorney-General, unless under very special circumstances, should interfere. I may, however, state that if the prosecutrix is dissatisfied with the determination already arrived at by the magistrate, it is competent for her to lay a fresh information, and have the case dealt with by another magistrate.

(2.) It is not my intention to call upon the Stipendiary Magistrate for a report on the case. I may remind the Honorable Member of the fact that magistrates have this right vested in them by law to express their opinion as to whether or not a *prima facie* case has been made out. It appears to me highly undesirable to call upon magistrates who are invested with a judicial power to report upon individual cases in which they have committed or discharged accused persons unless under special circumstances. I have already pointed out that it is perfectly competent to have a fresh information laid; and if there is any difficulty whatever in getting another magistrate to adjudicate in that case I promise the Honorable Member that another magistrate will be called upon to deal with it.

- (15.) Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate at Dubbo:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What is the salary of Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate at Dubbo?

(2.) Has any money been received by Mr. Caswell over and above his salary from the Consolidated Revenue during the three years ending 31st March, 1890; if so, what amount?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Caswell is more than half his time away from Dubbo?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) £550 per annum.

(2.) The necessary particulars cannot be obtained in sufficient time to enable me to answer question No. 2 to-day, but I have given instructions for such information to be prepared in the form of a Return, and will lay the same upon the Table of the House when completed.

(3.) I am at present unable to give information in this matter, but will furnish same when the Return is laid upon the Table. I should like to add that the matters referred to in this and the preceding question involve a considerable amount of inquiry—in the case of one at Dubbo. It is therefore utterly impossible to get full replies to questions such as this, which are asked on the same day as that on which they appear on the Business Paper.

- (16.) Information as to amounts paid out of Consolidated Revenue:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he in future see that all questions asking for information as to the amounts paid out of the Consolidated Revenue shall be submitted to the Auditor-General, who shall be directed to furnish the necessary information?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Auditor-General is referred to in all cases when the details cannot be obtained from the Treasury books.

- (17.) Peak Hill Gold-field:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the importance of Peak Hill Gold-field, and the value of conflicting interests, will he appoint an able and competent Warden for that district?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—There is a Warden in charge of the district in which Peak Hill is situated, and no complaint has been made of want of ability on his part to perform the duties of his office. In view of the growing importance of the field, the question of the need of other arrangements is under consideration. I have instructed Mr. David, the Government Geologist, to visit Peak Hill, and let me have a full report on the field; and also as to the necessity, or otherwise, of appointing a Warden. He leaves to-night.

- (18.) Railway Accident near Bathurst:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount of costs and expenses incurred by the Commission sent to Bathurst to inquire into the recent railway accident at Raglan?
- (2.) How was such amount made up?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the hotel bill, showing details?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I assume that the honorable gentleman refers to the expenses incurred by three of the principal officers of the Department who attended at Bathurst in connection with the accident referred to.
- (2.) I am informed the expenses have not yet been paid, but the allowance to these officers is actual expenses, with a maximum not exceeding 30s. per day and night.
- (3.) Hotel bills are not submitted.

- (19.) Board of Inquiry into Local Land Boards:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Who are the responsible officers dealing with and recommending action to him on appeals made by officials against the position assigned to them?
- (2.) The names of the gentlemen who composed the Board of Inquiry?
- (3.) The number of officers in the Local Land Board and District Survey Offices affected by the Board's reports?
- (4.) The number of appeals received, and how many of them were acceded to?
- (5.) Does he consider that these changes, where dissatisfaction has been expressed among the officials, will be beneficial to the working of the Department?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Members of the Board, while holding inquiries and making investigation as to the working of the offices, accepted invitations to fishing and shooting excursions from officials in the offices. Has any position and increase of salary been allotted to those officers. Has any appeal been made by such officers against the position assigned them?
- (7.) Is it a fact that the appointments take effect on 1st August next, and are officers requested to proceed at least six weeks before that time to the office allotted them, with three days notice being given?
- (8.) What was the cost of this inquiry, and about the cost of removing officials from one place to another?
- (9.) How many officers have retired through dissatisfaction with regard to position assigned to them; and what is the total saving in salaries under the new arrangement?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) The Under Secretary.
- (2.) W. J. Conder, Chairman; and W. Houston, R. McDonald, members.
- (3.) Three hundred and twenty.
- (4.) One hundred and twenty-six—six acceded to, and fifteen partially acceded to.
- (5.) In an extensive re-organization of this character, dissatisfaction is to be expected, but I have not the slightest doubt that the changes will prove beneficial to the working of the Department.
- (6.) The Members of the Board, when not engaged in investigating the working of country officers, may have participated in the pastime referred to, but in no case were they the guests of the officials of the Department. The salaries of officers in every case have been allotted according to merit and length of service, and all appeals have been finally dealt with by the Minister.
- (7.) The officers were informed of their position in the reconstructed staffs on the 12th and 14th of May, and were directed, where the appointment involved a change of district, to be prepared to hand over all papers by the 31st of that month. At the same time, they were informed that the new appointments would take effect from the 1st August, which date was fixed with the object of giving timely notice to officers whose salaries had been reduced, and for the necessary executive action, &c., where promotions were involved. In view of the early determination of the leasehold areas, it was necessary that the exchanges should be made as soon as possible after the appeals had been considered, but in no case was any specified time mentioned, and every possible consideration was given, especially in the case of married officers.
- (8.) The Board consisted of officers of the Department who received a stated annual salary, and as they were frequently engaged in official duties outside the investigation, it is impossible at present to furnish a reply giving an accurate estimate of the cost. The estimated cost of removing officials will be ascertained as soon as the exchanges are completed.
- (9.) Retirements are only permitted upon abolition of office. The estimated annual saving in expenditure will be about £20,000.

- (20.) Gratuities to Relatives of Men killed in Railway or Tramway Service:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what scale are allowances or gratuities paid to the widows or orphans, or both, of men killed in the Railway or Tramway service?
- (2.) Is there more than one scale for computing such gratuities?
- (3.) If so, will he please lay upon the Table of this House, a copy of each scale in full; and also say what circumstances guide those who apportion the gratuities as to which scale shall be used in any particular case?
- (4.) Will he also give any other facts, rules, or traditions which are brought to bear in determining the amount of such gratuities?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the scale under which gratuities are computed is as follows:—

	Higher.	Lower.
First three children	£75 each	£50 each.
Widow	£200	£100
Every additional child	£50 each	£25 each.

Children must be under fifteen years of age.

The Commissioners determine the amount on considering the whole of the facts surrounding the case, and in all those where the accident is considered to be due to causes entirely beyond the employees control the higher scale is allowed.

(21.) Wilberforce Common:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a deed of grant issued in the year 1804 (to certain gentlemen as trustees) to an area of land at Wilberforce, to be used as a Common?
- (2.) Was the said deed an absolute grant for all time?
- (3.) What is the area of said land, and the names of the trustees in whom the said land was vested?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but is now merged in a grant to Joshua Joseph Vickery, John Yeomans, and Richard William Coberoff, dated 20th October, 1851.
- (2.) Both grants are duly recorded in the Registrar-General's office.
- (3.) In grant of 18th August, 1804, the area is stated as 6,150 acres, and in the latter grant as 7,970 acres.

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

(1.) Goulburn and Crookwell Railway Bill:—

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th June, 1890.

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

(2.) Culcairn to Corowa Railway Bill:—

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th June, 1890.

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

(3.) Entrance to Richmond River Improvements Bill:—

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 sanction the carrying out of improvements to the entrance to the Richmond River.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th June, 1890.

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

3. PAPER:—*Mr. McMillan* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 5th June, 1890,—“*Mr. Oscar Meyer.*”

Ordered to be printed.

4. GOLD LEASES AT HILLGROVE—APPLICATIONS OF D. ANDERSON, G. QUINNELL, AND J. BOURKE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, documents, plans, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of David Anderson, George Quinnell, and John Bourke, for gold leases adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, parish of Metz, county of Sandon.
Question put and passed.

5. GOLD LEASES AT HILLGROVE—APPLICATIONS OF STEVENSON, MOORE, AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of Stevenson, Moore, and others for gold leases adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, parish of Metz, county of Sandon, such applications being Nos. 1,589 and 1,590, at Hillgrove.
Question put and passed.

6. GOLD LEASES AT HILLGROVE—APPLICATIONS OF THOMAS E. MILLS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Orick*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of Thomas E. Mills for gold-mining leases at Hillgrove, being applications Nos. 105, 106, 107, and 108, at Hillgrove, dated 19th December, 1889; and the evidence taken before the Warden upon *W. L. Davis'* objections to such applications, and the Warden's report thereon.
Question put and passed.
7. GOLD LEASES AT HILLGROVE—APPLICATION OF J. C. HOGAN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Orick*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the application of J. C. Hogan for a permit to mine under an alleged road adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, together with such application, and the *Gazette* notice refusing the same.
Question put and passed.
8. IRRIGATION LEASE OF ALBERT STAFFORD, OF NARRABRI (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lakeman*, for *Mr. Lyne*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the case of Albert Stafford, of Narrabri, in connection with his irrigation lease.
Question put and passed.
9. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the Law relating to the Discharge of Mortgages.*"
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 the Discharge of Mortgages,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th June, 1890.
10. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) 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 confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited), of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company.*"
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 confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company,*"—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 June, 1890.
11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—
- (1.) *Railway from Nyngan to Cobar*:—*Mr. Bruce Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Railway from Kiama to Nowra*:—*Mr. Bruce Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) *Railway from Cootamundra to Temora*:—*Mr. Bruce Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—*Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire*, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE, 1890, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Plumb,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Wilshire,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Molcsworth,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	

Nocs, 4.

Mr. Gough,
Mr. McRae.
Tellers,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Traill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Stephen*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to reply to Question 6, Votes No. 71, 6th August, 1889,—will he say whether the Report of the Actuary, under the 54th section of the Civil Service Act, has yet been received; and, if so, whether it is his intention to lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It will be found in the Report of the Civil Service Board, which will be presently laid upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Trucking Yards at Quirindi:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Railway Commissioners cause the promised trucking yards at Quirindi to be constructed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed improvements and additions to the present yards have been approved, and the work will be carried out early.

- (3.) Conveyance of Mails—Orange to Forbes—Borenore to Forbes:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has the tender for the conveyance of mails between Orange and Forbes, or between Borenore and Forbes, been accepted, and do the Government intend to allow contractors or a private company to compete against the railways for the parcel and passenger traffic?

(2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have all mails, parcels, and passengers for Forbes to start from Borenore to Forbes, in place of, as at present, from Orange to Forbes?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the contractor's tender for the running of this mail, and will he state, if in advertising or calling for tenders for the mail, whether the tender specified that the mail was to be run from Borenore to Forbes, or from Orange to Forbes?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Tenders accepted from the 1st January last between Borenore and Forbes. The Government has no other desire than to study the public convenience.

(2.) The present temporary arrangement is as follows:—The contractors, Messrs. Cobb & Co., offered, without extra subsidy, to start from and terminate at Orange (8 miles longer journey), and it was said this would be a great boon to travellers, because they could get better accommodation at Orange, whilst mails would be delivered and despatched at Forbes at the same hours as *via* Borenore, and those from the Forbes District would reach Orange earlier. The plan was sanctioned on the understanding that the Borenore terminus should be reverted to at any time required, and that, although Orange was temporarily made the terminus, the coaches were still to call at Borenore on both journeys. It is thus optional with passengers to use whichever station they please, and, as regards parcels not sent through the post, it is open to the Railway Department to put them out at either Orange or Borenore.

(3.) No objection, if desired. As already explained, tenders were invited to and from Borenore. I may inform the Honorable Member that I am now further considering this matter, and it is probable that instructions will be given to contractors to revert to the former arrangement.

(4.)

- (4.) Barratta Run :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps does he intend to take towards vindicating the law with regard to the using of the forfeited improvements upon the forfeited conditional purchases on Barratta Run, Deniliquin district, which were used to obtain improvement purchases, as shown by the Report of the Select Committee?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject of the forfeited conditional purchases on Barratta run has been considered and dealt with by a Select Committee. Mr. Barbour, M.P., subsequently petitioned His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Honorable the Attorney-General should be directed to investigate the circumstances of the case, with a view to the withdrawal and cancellation of every Crown Grant that may have issued to Henry Ricketson upon misrepresentation. The prayer of the petition has so far been answered, and a communication has been sent to Mr. Barbour, conveying the substance of the Attorney-General's opinion. As the purchases in question extend over the period dating from 1872 to 1882, and the deeds of grant issued upon the authority of my predecessors, I cannot promise to take action that would disturb their decisions until the whole subject has been closely investigated.

- (5.) Agricultural Ground :—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Hawken, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has he received any communication from the New South Wales Pony and Galloway Association's solicitor *re* the Agricultural Ground?
 (2.) The name of the said solicitor?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No communication appears to have been received upon this subject.

- (6.) The Colonial Architect :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Colonial Architect is about to resign his position?
 (2.) Has the Colonial Architect publicly announced that it is not his intention to resign?
 (3.) Has a circular been issued from the Works Department relating to Mr. Barnet's successor; if so, what is its meaning?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague has already explained that it is his intention to reorganise the Colonial Architect's Branch of his Department. The position of Colonial Architect will be abolished, and Mr. Barnet will retire on his pension under the provisions of the Civil Service Act. Applications have been publicly invited from persons who are willing to accept the new position of Supervising Architect, and a number of applications have been received, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

- (7.) Railway from Cooma to Victorian Border :—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the survey of the proposed railway line from Cooma to the Victorian border, *via* Bombala, be completed in time to forward same to the Public Works Committee before the close of this Session?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways informs my honorable colleague that the Estimates are nearly completed, and when these are before him the matter will be submitted for the decision of the Cabinet.

- (8.) Railway from Eveleigh to La Perouse :—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the survey of the railway from Eveleigh, *via* Botany, to La Perouse been completed?
 (2.) If so, what route is it to take?
 (3.) Will it be referred to the Works Committee, with a view of being dealt with during the present Session?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) It branches off from the eastern suburban line near the racecourse, and then passes through the Church and School lands to La Perouse.
 (3.) My honorable colleague is unable at present to answer this question, as the necessary information is not ready to place before the Cabinet for its decision.

- (9.) Rents of Conditional Leases :—Mr. Greene asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to give conditional leaseholders redress from the increased rents put on by the then Minister for Lands over and above the rents fixed by the Local Land Boards?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter will be dealt with by the Crown Rents Bill about to be submitted for the consideration of Parliament.

- (10.) Conveyance of Mails—Orange to Borenore—Borenore to Forbes :—*Mr. Stokes*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Can he furnish an approximate estimate of the annual loss to the railway revenue by the withdrawal of the mail bags, parcel, and passenger traffic between Orange and Borenore, on the Molong line, owing to the alteration in the despatch of mails and passengers from Orange to Forbes, in place of, as formerly, from Borenore to Forbes?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to see that steps are taken to compel the contractor to start from Borenore to Forbes, in place of from Orange to Forbes, as at present; and is there a serious loss to the railway revenue on this line from parcels and passengers?
 (3.) Upon whose authority was the alteration in the despatch of mail bags, parcels, and passengers from Orange to Forbes sanctioned, in place of direct from Borenore to Forbes, as was done by the former contractor?
 (4.) Who now takes possession of the mail bags, parcels, and passengers at the Orange Station for Forbes, and are the mail bags taken (and by whom, and at what cost) direct to the post-office at Orange from the station, or are they taken possession of by the contractor to Forbes at the Orange Station?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed the Railway Department is paid a lump sum by the Postal Department for the carriage of mails on this and other lines, and that no loss is caused by the dispatch of mails from any particular point. There may be a number of passengers who would travel to Boremore if the mail coach started from that place, but the destination of passengers beyond the railway is not recorded, and consequently definite figures cannot be given.

(2.) A similar question is on the Business Paper to be asked of the Postmaster-General to-day, and, as it is purely a matter for the Postal Department, I have no doubt my honorable colleague will furnish the information sought.

(3.) The alteration in the dispatch of mails, herein referred to, was, I am informed, authorised by my honorable colleague at the head of the Postal Department.

(4.) Mail guards have instructions to deliver the Forbes line of mails to Cobb & Co., at the Railway Station, Orange.

(11.) Land, Parish of Coronallo, County of Townsend:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to answer to Question 14 of 11th June current—as to land surveyed for special area on the resumed portion of Coronallo Run,—

(1.) Is it not a fact, as laid down by section 46 of Land Act, 1889, that there is no power to exchange Crown Lands on the resumed area, and that only land in the leasehold area can be exchanged for freehold in the resumed area?

(2.) If this is the case, will he refuse the application for exchange, and advertise the land surveyed for special area at once?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) So soon as a report has been received from the Colonial Secretary's Department on the subject of the proposed exchange, I will consider the matter and communicate my decision to the Honorable Member.

(12.) Swamp, Township of Barrington:—Mr. Waddell, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to have the swamp leading into the township of Barrington repaired forthwith?

Mr. McMillan answered,—An amount has been granted for this work, and tenders have been invited on two occasions, but had to be declined. When the state of the country permits of the work being carried out, fresh tenders will be invited.

(13.) Post Office, Barrington:—Mr. Waddell, for Mr. Willis, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the amount paid as rental for the premises for post-office at Barrington?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of causing a public building to be erected?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) £78 per annum.

(2.) Yes.

2. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

3. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from certain Owners of Stock in the Cooma District, complaining that they are burdened with a grievous exaction in the form of a tax levied under the provisions of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883, and praying the House to grant them relief by passing a Bill for the immediate repeal of that Act.
Petition received.

4. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from William Stafford, ex-Mounted Sergeant of Police, referring to the Notice of Motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into his case; explaining the circumstances of his dismissal; and praying the House to immediately grant the inquiry asked for, without further objection, if for no other purpose than to decide whether Petitioner is guilty, or not guilty, of the alleged offence with which he is charged.
Petition received.

5. NORTH COAST RAILWAY:—Mr. Vivian proceeding to move the Motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—

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. A'Beckett, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Hawken, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. See, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Vivian, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Wilshire,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Barrington Bore:—*Mr. Waddell*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) When will the contractor commence work with the Barrington bore?
- (2.) When does the contractor's contract time expire?
- (3.) Will he take early steps to have this work completed?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The contractor has, owing to unforeseen circumstances, failed to complete his bond for the performances of this contract he has been given till 23rd instant to do so. The contract time for the completion of the whole contract is two years. If the contractor fails to complete the bond the preliminary deposit will be forfeited and fresh tenders invited.

- (2.) Officers of Lands Department:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the changes being made in the Lands Department, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a list of the names of the Officers whose salaries have been reduced, showing opposite each Officer's name the salary voted for him by Parliament for the present year, also the reduction that is to be made, and the position that he has filled in the service?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There will be no objection if the Honorable Member will be so good as to ask for the information in the form of a Return. I may suggest that, in moving for the Return, he will specify more definitely what he desires in regard to the last paragraph of his question.

- (3.) Land in Molong District:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the many inquiries for Land in the Eugowra portion of the Molong Land District, in the Eastern Division, will he forward maps and particulars to the land Agent at Forbes, for the information of the public, and notify the same in local papers?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Maps of the leasehold areas in the Molong district have been prepared for exhibition at the Land Office of that district. The land district of Forbes is in the Central Division, but a report will be obtained from the District Surveyor whether duplicate maps can be prepared for exhibition at Forbes.

2. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—*Mr. Gormly* presented a Petition from the Borough of Wagga Wagga, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same.

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

3. PAPERS:—*Mr. McMillan* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for Quarter ended 31st March, 1890.

(2.) Report on the State Children's Relief Department for Year ending 5th April, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker 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 and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections 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.) 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.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Information respecting salary, fees, &c., of Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate, Dubbo.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Alexander Gow, as Chairman of a mass meeting of citizens of Sydney held in the Domain, representing that in the opinion of the said meeting no legislation affecting the Liquor Traffic will be regarded as satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
5. **BROKEN HILL AND PINNACLES TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from William Peter MacGregor, Jenkyn Collier, and Duncan Grant, of Broken Hill, in opposition to the passing of the Broken Hill and Pinnacles Tramway Bill; and praying that Petitioners may be heard by their Counsel, Attorney, or Agent, or in person before the Select Committee, in opposition to the said Bill, with liberty to adduce such evidence as they may be advised in support of their Petition.
Petition received.
Mr. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
Question put and passed.
6. **RAILWAY FROM MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES**:—Mr. Plumb presented the following Petitions,—
(1.) From certain residents of Forbes and the surrounding districts, submitting resolutions which were adopted at a public meeting convened to consider the proposed line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes; and praying the House to favorably consider the resolution which expresses their opinion that before the sanction of Parliament is obtained for carrying out the Government proposal, petitions should be at once sent in from the residents of Cowra, Goolagong, Canowindra, Nyrang Creek, Eugowra, Forbes, Condobolin, and the residents of the Lachlan River generally, praying Parliament to withhold its sanction to any proposed line of railway to Forbes, until a full and complete report has been obtained respecting railway extension from Cowra or Woodstock to Forbes.
At the request of Mr. Plumb the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.
(2.) A similar Petition from certain residents of Eugowra and surrounding district.
Petition received.
7. **CARTAGE OF CAMP EQUIPMENTS (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to the contracts for cartage of camp equipments for the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890 respectively; together with a Return showing the name and amount of each tender, the names and the amounts of the successful tenderers in each year, and the sums actually paid for this service in each year, together with all amounts paid as extras, and to whom paid.
Question put and passed.
8. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—*Improvements to the Entrance of the Clarence River*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. **TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Wyman Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceeding of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 5th June, 1890; 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, 8th July.
Question put and passed.
10. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—
(1.) *Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the reticulation of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Offices for Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the erection of offices for the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Grafton to The Tweed*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, "with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine."

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. See submitted for Mr. Speaker's ruling that this motion was improperly before the House, not being in accordance with the terms of the Public Works Act.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he could not accept the Public Works Act as governing the proceedings or limiting the powers of this House.

Mr. Crick then moved, That Mr. Speaker's ruling on the Point of Order raised by Mr. See, that the enactments of the Act 51 Vic. No. 37 do not govern the procedure of this House, be dissented from.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine."

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, 19 JUNE, 1890, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. W. B. Abbott,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Stokes,	
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Kidd.

Tellers,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Stevenson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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 Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve for Railway Purposes between Eugowra and Woodstock:—Mr. Stokes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the Eastern Division of the Colony being soon thrown open to selection, will he consider the desirability of at once reserving land for railway purposes between Eugowra and Woodstock, upon the Cowra line?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The greater part of the proposed line of railway passes through alienated land. There are, however, a considerable number of reserves already in existence in its immediate vicinity, and apparently no necessity exists for any special reservation; but the District Surveyor will, nevertheless, be asked for a report on the subject.

- (2.) District Court and Quarter Sessions, Condobolin:—Mr. Stokes asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is Condobolin the centre of a thriving district, and is the nearest place of Quarter Sessions sixty miles distant?
 (2.) Will he make inquiries, with a view to establishing a District Court and Quarter Sessions there?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Condobolin is 65 miles west of Forbes—the nearest place of Quarter Sessions.

(2.) The question of the establishment of a Court of Quarter Sessions at Condobolin was brought under notice by Messrs. Stokes and Cooke, M'sP., in May, 1888. Reports were obtained, in consequence of which it was deemed inadvisable to establish such a Court. I will, however, cause further inquiries to be made, with the view of ascertaining whether circumstances have so far changed as to justify a reconsideration of the previous determination.

- (3.) Annual Railway Reports:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he request the Railway Commissioners to furnish, for the information of Parliament, with their future Annual Reports, statements showing particulars of the traffic, earnings, working expenses, and percentage of profit or loss on each section of the railways of New South Wales, similar to the sectional returns which were furnished with the Annual Reports by the late Commissioner?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I shall be glad to consult with the Railway Commissioners in the matter, and will advise the Honorable Member of the action proposed.

- (4.) Companies Registered under Limited Liability Act:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that certain companies registered under the Limited Liability Act have not complied with the Act by furnishing lists of shareholders, dates of meetings, &c.?
 (2.) Are several of such companies now in course of liquidation, and, through the secretaries and directors not complying with the terms of the Act, have the shareholders not been made aware of such being the case?
 (3.) Will legal proceedings be instituted at once against such companies, and steps be taken in future to protect the public against a repetition of such breaches of the Companies Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No such proposition has been advanced, but any person aggrieved may, under sections 25 and 97 of 37 Vic. No. 19, proceed against any company making default in this respect. It is considered that ample provision for the public protection is made by the above quoted sections.

(5.)

- (5.) Free Railway Passes to Bourke :—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many free passes to Bourke have been granted to unemployed workmen from 1st May to the present date?
 - (2.) What is the total number of passes granted to Bourke in the same time?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) Orders for free passages have been issued in thirty-two cases, representing fifty-one persons.
 - (2.) Orders for free passages have been issued in twenty-five additional cases, representing twenty-six persons, being persons returning to their homes after the Bourke floods.
- (6.) Claim of Isaac Barclay :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been come to in regard to the "Claim of Isaac Barclay," reported upon by a Select Committee last Session?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at, but the matter is receiving attention.
- (7.) Crown Lands in Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the large area of Crown Lands in the Eastern Division of the Molong Land District that will shortly be thrown open to the public for conditional purchase, will he see that steps are taken to have maps and full particulars, showing the available land, forwarded to the Land Agent at Molong, for the information of the public and intending selectors?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Maps were sent to the Land Agent on the 14th instant, and full particulars respecting the available land will be furnished immediately.
- (8.) Special Areas :—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to revoke all special areas after three months have elapsed from their proclamation, and not taken up as special areas, and throw them open for ordinary conditional purchase?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—In view of the conditions under which special areas are proclaimed no unvarying rule can be established, but in dealing with the question the utmost consideration is given to the best means of promoting settlement.
- (9.) Lock-up at Uralla :—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many years ago were plans and specifications prepared for new police buildings and lockup at Uralla?
 - (2.) When was money voted for the same?
 - (3.) Will he state why this work has been so long delayed?
 - (4.) When will tenders be called for the work?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) The plan was prepared in November, 1888.
 - (2.) The money was voted last year.
 - (3.) Because of the large number of works which have to be dealt with.
 - (4.) The specification is being prepared, and tenders will be invited within a month.
- (10.) Soundings and Borings between Milson's Point and Sydney :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is the Government at present causing soundings and borings to be made between Milson's Point and the Sydney side of the harbour?
 - (2.) For what purpose is this work being carried out?
 - (3.) Who is the person conducting the work?
 - (4.) What terms have been entered into for his remuneration?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that, in connection with a suggested scheme for a railway under the waters of Port Jackson (being a suggested extension of the proposed Hyde Park scheme), soundings and borings are being made between Milson's Point and the south side of the harbour. The work is being carried out under the direction of Mr. Foxlee, Deputy Engineer for Existing Lines of Railways.
- (11.) Bridge over River Murray, at Mulwala :—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the contractor for the erection of the bridge over the River Murray at Mulwala has stopped work, and removed his men?
 - (2.) If so, will he insist on the contractor proceeding with this contract without further delay?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) A rise in the river caused a dispute with the contractor as to the means to be adopted in sinking the last cylinder. This has now been arranged, and no further delay is anticipated.
 - (2.) The contractor has been urged to expedite the progress of the work.
- (12.) Paddington Rifle Range :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the Paddington Rifle Range?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government have decided so far as to close the range at Paddington. The final selection of a suitable site to take the place of it is now engaging attention.
- (13.) Court-house at Milton :—Mr. Morton asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have plans for erection of a Court-house at Milton been approved of?
 - (2.) If so, have tenders been yet invited; if not, when will they be invited?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) A sketch plan has recently been approved of.
 - (2.) Tenders will be invited when working plans, which will be prepared without delay, are ready.
- (14.)

(14.) Application of P. J. Glasheen, for lease of Land at Caloola Creek :—Mr. Jones asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications, letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of P. J. Glasheen, of Newbridge, for twenty acres lease of Church and School lands, situated at Caloola Creek; also, all other applications for the same portions of land by S. Webb, or any other person; and also all reports on the said applications by the officers of the department, and all correspondence thereon in any way having reference to this matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I must ask my honorable friend to move for the production of these papers in the usual way.

(15.) Letters in *Protestant Standard*:—Mr. Traill asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a clerk in the General Post Office has written to the Secretary of that Department, complaining that he had been subjected to interrogation by, or in the presence of, a police detective relative to the authorship of certain letters recently published in the *Protestant Standard* newspaper, which seriously reflected upon the Postmaster-General and the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs?

(2.) What reply (if any) has been made to such letter of this clerk?

(3.) What are the dates of the letter of complaint and of reply respectively?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—A memo. to such effect was sent in and submitted to me, when I informed the clerk that no suspicion whatever attached to him, whereupon he withdrew the memo. and expressed his satisfaction to me and others in regard to the result of the matter so far as he was affected.

(16.) Sale of Allotments at Berrigan:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he purpose offering for sale by public auction the various allotments surveyed at Berrigan, near Jerilderie, on the site set apart for a township?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The boundaries of the village and suburban lands at Berrigan were gazetted on the 31st ultimo, and steps will be at once taken to have the allotments offered for sale by auction about the middle of September next.

(17.) Artesian Bore at Yellow Waterholes, near Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When will the contractors for boring for artesian water at the Yellow Waterholes, near Moama, commence work?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Department is not in a position to say. The contractors failed to commence the work in accordance with the terms of their contract. The Crown Solicitor now has the matter in hand.

(18.) Moama Wharf:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of a wharf at Moama, on the Murray River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In about three weeks time. The plans have only recently been returned from the local persons interested, to whom they were referred for an expression of opinion.

(19.) Steam launch "Hume":—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the steam launch "Hume," now in course of construction at Albury, be completed, and delivered to the proper officer at Moama?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Murray River is now rising, and at present the "Merir," not "Hume," could not pass under Howlong Bridge. It will probably be three or four months before the vessel can be got down to Moama; meantime some alterations found necessary will be attended to.

2. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Playfair presented a Petition from certain unemployed workmen, stating that the Petitioners are in dire distress; and praying the House to grant them free railway passes to places where they believe they can get employment.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for 1889.

(2.) Further Return respecting payments to Public Works Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Bega, county of Auckland, for eastern approach to Tarreganda Bridge.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes, at Hillgrove West and Umaralla Siding.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL, (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain cattle sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Gormly 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 Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same,*"—read a first time.

5. APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE UNION AT NOWRA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and plans relating to the application for drainage union at Nowra.
Question put and passed.
6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Breakwater at Byron Bay*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ball,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Goodchap.
Mr. Dale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Lers,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Wheeler,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Howe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>)	
Mr. Paul,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Alexander Brown.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Friendly Societies Act during the present Session?

(2.) If so, will he take into consideration the suggestions of the deputation from the United Friendly Societies that waited upon him some months ago?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act.

- (2.) Tenders for Supply of Horses for Guns:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) In reference to an advertisement which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 11th June, inviting tenders for the supply of horses for guns, and signed by J. D. Taunton, Major, D.A.Q.M.-General, has the Government any control over such tender; and, if so, who is the responsible Minister?

(2.) Is Major Taunton the sole arbiter in this tendering?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It has been found more convenient for the military authorities to call for their own tenders for this service. Major Taunton is not the sole arbiter in the matter.

- (3.) Reserve Rifle Companies:—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many men are now enrolled in the Reserve Rifle Companies of this Colony?
(2.) What was the cost for 1889 of these reserves?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) 3,855.
(2.) £7,531.

- (4.) Post and Telegraph Departments:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Was Detective Cocking instructed by Inspector Camphin to investigate the subject of the authorship of certain letters which have been published in the *Protestant Standard* relating to the Post and Telegraph Departments?
(2.) If not, by whom was Detective Cocking instructed?
(3.) Who instructed the Inspector-General of Police to take action in this matter?
(4.) At whose instance were such instructions issued?
(5.) Did Detective Cocking visit the Post or Telegraph Departments, and endeavour to elicit information from the employees?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs requested the Inspector-General of Police to ascertain who the person or persons were in his office who gave information to the press regarding the Department, and to find out, if possible, who it was that signed his initials to letters in the press reflecting on the Department. Detective Cocking accordingly visited the Department for this purpose and made some superficial inquiries which were ineffectual. Mr. Cracknell being informed that as it was not a criminal matter the police investigation could proceed no further.

- (5.) Railway, Byrock to Brewarrina:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a fresh estimate to be made of the cost of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes.

(6.)

- (6.) Experimental Farm at Bourke:—*Mr. Waddell*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Has he taken into his consideration the advisability of establishing an experimental farm in the neighbourhood of Bourke?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No decision has been arrived at with respect to an experimental farm in the Western District.

- (7.) Artesian Bores, Collarendabri-Angledool Road:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—What is the cause of delay in proceeding with the artesian bores on the Collarendabri-Angledool Road?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The contractors for these bores, after considerable delay, intimated their inability to complete the bond, or provide suitable security for the due fulfilment of the contract. The preliminary deposit was forfeited, and the contract cancelled. Fresh advertisements have been inserted in the *Government Gazette*, and the leading Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Brisbane papers, inviting fresh tenders for the work.

- (8.) Buildings rented by the Government:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of buildings occupied for the use of the Government in Sydney?
- (2.) The total amount of rent paid?
- (3.) The purposes for which the said buildings are used?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information required will be prepared and laid upon the Table, in the form of a Return, at an early date.

- (9.) Shea's Creek Canal:—*Mr. Howe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Shea's Creek canal be extended towards Eveleigh?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It has already been explained that the work at Shea's Creek, so far as it has at present gone, viz., to a depth of 5 feet, will only have the effect of draining the surrounding lands. Before the further work of making a canal of the cutting is proceeded with the proposal will have to go before the Public Works Committee for investigation and report. Before that is done the commercial and industrial aspects of the proposed canal must be reported on by the Examiners. That will be done shortly, and I shall then be in a position to speak as to the intention of the Government.

- (10.) Thomas Buckley's dismissal from the Roads Department:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers in connection with Thomas Buckley's dismissal from Roads Department; also, all papers and correspondence, with evidence taken at Departmental inquiry?

Mr. McMillan answered,—There is no objection, and the papers will be prepared and placed upon the Table of the House as early as possible.

2. PAPER:—*Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the Claim of *Mr. E. K. Crace* to Crown Land adjoining Gunghaleen Estate.
Ordered to be printed.

3. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS AT CALOOLA CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Jones*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications, letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter in anywise relating to the applications of *P. J. Glasheen*, of Newbridge, for 20 acres lease of Church and School lands, situated at Caloola Creek; also all other applications for the same portion of land by *S. Webb*, or any other persons; and also all reports on the said applications by the officers of the Department, and all correspondence thereon in any way having reference to this matter.
Question put and passed.

4. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Gormly* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Wagga Wagga 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. Perry*, *Mr. Paul*, *Mr. Lakeman*, *Mr. Jones*, *Mr. McCourt*, *Mr. Barnes*, *Mr. Curley*, *Mr. Waddell*, *Mr. Barbour*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
(1.) Granting of Probate of Wills and Letters of Administration Facilitation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th August.
(2.) St. Leonards School of Arts Enabling Bill reported; adoption of report;—until to-morrow.

6. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. J. P. 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.
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.

7. **TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevenson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stevenson, 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. Stevenson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
8. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Bill postponed until to-morrow.
9. **CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LAND ADJOINING GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—
“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the claim (if any) of Mr. E. K. Crace to a piece of Crown land adjoining the Gungahleen Estate, Gininderra, near Queanbeyan.
“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Walker, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Howe, Mr. Creer, Mr. William Stephen, and the Mover.”
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.
10. **LAND CORNER PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hurley,—
“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the land at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, Sydney.
“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Ball, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.”
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned debate.
Question put and passed.
11. **GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Teece moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Teece, 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. Teece, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. **LAW VACATIONS 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.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Garland.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. King,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Ewing.
(Canterbury),	Tellers,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Dickens,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. **HAWKERS ON RIVERS 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend in certain respects the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. **MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hurley moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Torpy,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. O. O. Dangar.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan 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 nineteen members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Curley, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hurley, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Comptroller-General of Prisons:—Mr. Alexander Brown asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When was the present Comptroller-General of Prisons appointed?
- (2.) Who recommended him for the appointment?
- (3.) Has he ever held any office in this Colony, or elsewhere, where discipline under a prison system has been administered?
- (4.) Has the Minister any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of any testimonials or recommendations submitted, affirming the fitness of Mr. Miller for the office?
- (5.) In view of the cost to the country of the present system of prison discipline, do the Government contemplate obtaining the services of some competent person who will control, reform, and lessen the expenditure of this Department?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) 1st January, 1890.
- (2.) The Minister of Justice recommended Mr. Miller to the Governor and Executive Council for appointment.
- (3.) No. Mr. Miller, however, held the position of Chief Clerk in the Public Instruction Department for a period of more than fifteen years, and was acting Under Secretary for two periods of eighteen months and ten months respectively under Executive appointment. In that Department there are between three and four thousand officers of different grades, and Mr. Miller, therefore, necessarily acquired a thorough knowledge of general administration and discipline.
- (4.) There will be no objection to lay upon the table of the House copies of the testimonials or recommendations in Mr. Miller's favour, if moved for in the usual way.
- (5.) As this question involves an imputation that Mr. Miller is incompetent, which is not the case, it would be improper for me to answer it in the form in which it is asked.

- (2.) Remission of Fines by Magistrates:—Mr. Alexander Brown asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) In what cases, and to what extent, during the last five years has his Department remitted fines which have been inflicted by the magistrates in the various Courts in the Colony?
- (2.) Under what authority does he remit such fines?
- (3.) Has the remissions of the fines been made with the same publicity, and as publicly as the fines were imposed?
- (4.) Is it a fact that before remitting such fines the depositions are sent back to the magistrates who imposed the fines, for their opinion and recommendation?
- (5.) In view of the position in which it places magistrates, will he consider the advisability of discontinuing the practice of asking magistrates for opinions and recommendations on the remission of fines?
- (6.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the detailed instances where fines have been remitted, the amounts of the fines inflicted, and the amounts remitted, such Return to date from 1st January, 1886?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1. and 6.) It would be inexpedient to publish the names of persons who have been fined, but there will be no objection to lay the other information referred to in these questions upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the usual way.
- (2.) The Minister of Justice does not remit fines; he merely recommends to His Excellency the Governor, with whom rests the power of remission.
- (3.) No. This would be impracticable, as fines are imposed in open Court.

(4.)

- (4.) The depositions in such cases are not sent back to the Magistrates who imposed the fines these documents not being in the custody of the Minister of Justice, but filed in the office of Courts of Petty Sessions. All papers bearing upon the question of the remission of a fine are, invariably submitted to the magistrates who imposed the fine for their report in the first instance, as to the facts of the case, and any suggestions they may wish to offer on the papers referred to them.
- (5.) It would, in my opinion, be most unadvisable to discontinue the practice of referring the papers to magistrates for their opinion, the Minister requiring the fullest information that can be obtained before he can be in a position to make any recommendation to the Governor.
- (3.) Special Areas near Cobar:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cause of delay in proclaiming a special area for small holdings near Cobar?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—The District Surveyor in his last report stated that he was awaiting definite action as to the Cobar Railway, which would probably influence his report and valuation of the land.
- (4.) Purchase of Statuary, &c., from Mr. Oscar Meyer:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of the House, at an early date, a list of all articles of statuary and of other goods purchased at the expense of the Colony—(1) from Mr. Oscar Meyer; or (2) through the agency of that gentleman—giving the price of each article, and stating where it now is?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes; I will cause a Return to be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the course of next week.
2. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle praying for leave to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said borough with the electric light, and to supply electricity to consumers for private use, and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and, for the purposes aforesaid, to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers, and to make provision for the safety of the public, and to amend the law in other respects.
- And Mr. Melville having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Newcastle Morning Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Despatch respecting a Commercial Convention between Great Britain and Egypt.
- (2.) Despatch respecting a Provisional Commercial Agreement between Great Britain and Servia.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Notification of addition to Regulation No. 73, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, together with Form 72 in connection therewith.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. KIAMA TO NOWRA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra.
- Question put and passed.
5. NYNGAN TO COBAR RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar.
- Question put and passed.
6. COOTAMUNDRA TO TEMORA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora.
- Question put and passed.
7. ENTRANCE TO CLARENCE RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River.
- Question put and passed.
8. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
- Question put and passed.

9. WESTERN SUBURBS (CITY OF SYDNEY) SEWERAGE SCHEME RETICULATION AND COMPLETION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme.
Question put and passed.
10. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
Question put and passed.
11. CULCAIRN TO COROWA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa.
Question put and passed.
12. ENTRANCE TO RICHMOND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of improvements to the entrance to the Richmond River.
Question put and passed.
13. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION 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 vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*
14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Cemeteries Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 30th September.
(2.) Hawkers on Rivers Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole;—until Tuesday next.
15. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the town of Broken Hill and surrounding districts, representing that the resident population of the town and district is about 17,000, and rapidly increasing; that there is no adequate water supply for domestic or other purposes; that the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill, if passed into law, would authorize the construction of works to conserve an adequate permanent supply of water from Stephen's Creek, in which scheme the Petitioners have every confidence; that any further delay in passing the said Bill will prevent the conservation of a supply of water for the coming summer; and praying the House to consider the urgency of the circumstances, and pass the Bill into law.
Petition received.
16. RAILWAY FROM MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it is expedient that a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Wright 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 recommendation of the Standing Committee on Public Works on the question of the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Forbes, *via* Parkes, is not in accordance with the weight of evidence, and that the matter should be resubmitted to the Committee for their further consideration and report, with instructions to examine all rival routes and to recommend the best."
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,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Kidd,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Molesworth,	Dr. Ross.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Ferguson,
Tellers,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Paul.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Miller,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Vivian,	<i>Tellers;</i>
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Wheeler,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Molesworth,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Ferguson,
Tellers,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Paul.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE, 1890.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Balmain.

Whereupon Mr. McMillan moved, That the Seat of John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Balmain, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Vacancies in Postal Department:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has it been the rule in his Department to give a preference to men already in the Service in filling up vacancies in the sorting and letter-carriers branches?

(2.) Has this rule been departed from during the last twelve months; and, if so, in how many instances?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In no instance has any departure from this rule taken place in appointments to the staff. Persons not already in the Service have only been appointed temporarily or on probation.

- (2.) Reserve Rifle Company at Cobar:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he receive an application last April, from a number of gentlemen at Cobar, for leave to form a Reserve Rifle Company under Government Rules and Regulations?

(2.) If so, will he grant the application?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The application has been granted.

- (3.) Farley Railway Accident:—Mr. Plumb, for Mr. Garland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the course of the Coroner's inquiry at Maitland in connection with the Farley accident, the railway officials put in a book of instructions and particulars relating to the working of the vacuum automatic brake?

(2.) If this book was put in at the inquiry, will he say by whose instructions or authority it was so used?

(3.) Is it a fact that the vacuum brake is not in use in any part of this Colony; and, if this is so, will he say what was the object of introducing the book to the notice of the jury?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed it is not a fact that the book and particulars referred to were put in at the Farley Accident Inquiry.

- (4.) Railway Extension to Broken Hill, via Wilcannia:—Mr. Dawson, for Mr. Dickens, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary initiative steps towards further railway extension to Broken Hill, via Wilcannia?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter will be dealt with when the Railway policy of the Government is disclosed to the House. The date when this will be done cannot, however, be fixed at present.

(5.)

- (5.) Court of Petty Sessions, Jindabyne :—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has it been represented to him that great inconvenience is caused through the want of a Court of Petty Sessions at Jindabyne, Snowy River?
 - (2.) Have the inhabitants, who number nine hundred, to travel over twenty miles to transact any legal business?
 - (3.) Will he cause a report to be obtained with reference to the immediate necessity for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at that place?

Mr. Gould answered,—Representations have recently been made as to the necessity for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Jindabyne, and a report is now being obtained by me upon the subject. When a decision has been arrived at in the matter, I will cause the Honorable Member to be apprised thereof.

- (6.) Letters in *Protestant Standard* :—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) On what date did Mr. Cracknell apply to the Inspector-General of Police for the services of a detective to inquire as to the authorship of letters in the *Protestant Standard*?
 - (2.) On what date did Detective Cocking receive his instructions?
 - (3.) On what date was Detective Cocking directed to discontinue his investigations?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) There is no record of the date, but the Inspector-General saw Mr. Cracknell on the subject on the 16th of May.
- (2.) About the same date.
- (3.) He reported on the 3rd of June, when the inquiry practically ceased.

- (7.) Letters in *Protestant Standard* :—Mr. Traill asked the Postmaster-General,—On what date, and in what manner, did it first come to the knowledge of the Postmaster-General that a police detective was employed to make investigations as to the authorship of letters in the *Protestant Standard*?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Certain letters had appeared in the press containing information of the most confidential character and other information, revealing particulars which, if made public at all, should only have been so done by the Minister or through Parliament. The information could only have been furnished in this improper manner by some one connected with the Department, and inquiry made seemed to indicate that the person or persons guilty of this breach of discipline and regulations were employed in the Telegraph Branch, whereupon the Superintendent of Telegraphs, with my knowledge, obtained the assistance of a detective in endeavouring to discover the offenders, but I cannot say on what date he did so.

- (8.) Wooden building adjoining Lending Branch, Public Library :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that steps are taken to have the old unoccupied wooden building which obstructs the footpath adjoining the Public Library Lending Branch, at top of Hunter-street, removed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Attention will be given to the matter.

- (9.) Erection of Bridge at Goolagong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender yet been accepted for the erection of the bridge at Goolagong, situated between Canowindra and Bugowra, in the county of Ashburnham; if so, will he state why the work is being delayed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It has been found that a very much more costly bridge will be required at this place than was at first considered necessary; and, in view of this fact, I have directed that the Examiners of Public Works proposals shall inquire into the merits of the case before asking Parliament to vote the necessary funds.

- (10.) Pastoral Lessees, Casino District :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What applications have been made under 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 by pastoral lessees in Casino District for the surrender and exchange of land?
 - (2.) Have any such applications been made by pastoral leaseholders in the Casino Land District at a later date than within twelve months from the settlement of the division of their runs, as provided by 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?
 - (3.) If so, will he state by what authority or enactment such applications have been made or received?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) One.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Answered by No. 2.

- (11.) Election of future Governors of New South Wales :—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the early retirement of His Excellency Lord Carrington from the position of Governor of this Colony, will he take such steps as will ensure to this Colony the right of having a voice in the election of future Governors of New South Wales?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government have no knowledge of any proposal for the election of future Governors.

- (12.) Appointment to Railway Department :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has a gentleman named Quinn or Quinlan, or any similar name, lately been appointed to any position in the Railway Department?
- (2.) If so, to what position has he been appointed; at what salary; and from what date does such salary take effect?
- (3.) If so, where, and on what date was the appointment made?
- (4.) If so, what service has the gentleman named had; in what company's service; in what positions; and at what pay?

(5.) If so, at what place was he last stationed; has his passage or expenses, or both, been paid from England to Australia; and, if so, what is the amount?

(6.) If no such appointment has yet been made, is it intended to make any such appointment?

(7.) If so, please give particulars asked for above?

(8.) Have any correspondence, applications, recommendations, cablegrams, or any other documents whatever relating to any such appointment, real, or sought, or proposed, passed between the Railway Commissioners, or any officer of the Government, and any person whatever, concerning any such matter?

(9.) If so, will he please lay a copy of same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that no one of the name mentioned has been appointed, as suggested.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Board of Inquiry on Railway Accident at Farley Station.

(2.) Correspondence respecting purchase of Rossiville Estate.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being for the year 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra (Formal Motion)*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine. Question put and passed.

5. BYRON BAY BREAKWATER BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay. Question put and passed.

6. COWRA BRIDGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra. Question put and passed.

7. PROPOSED RAILWAY PLATFORM AT OR NEAR OURIMBAH CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Edmunds, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all petitions, letters, reports, minutes, and other documents relating to a proposed platform at or near Ourimbah Creek, on the Great Northern Railway line. Question put and passed.

8. TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Toronto Tramway Act of 1889.'*"

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 'Toronto Tramway Act of 1889.'*" 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, 26th June, 1890.

9. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cullen, for Mr. Teece, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cullen then moved that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of water supplied to Ratepayers within the Municipality of Goulburn.*"

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 Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of water supplied to Ratepayers within the Municipality of Goulburn.*"—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, 26th June, 1890.

10. MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. **MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:**—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.
Question put and passed.
12. **GRAFTON TO THE TWEED RAILWAY BILL:**—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed.
Question put and passed.
13. **CROWN RENTS BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rents and license fees under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to deal with other matters in connection with such rents and license fees, and the adjustment thereof.
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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rents and license fees under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to deal with other matters in connection with such rents and license fees, and the adjustment thereof.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rent and license fees under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to deal with other matters in connection with such rents and license fees, and the adjustment thereof*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUORUM) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
15. **PROBATE BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration, and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons.
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 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons.
On motion of Mr. Gould, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Gould then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
16. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:**—
(1.) 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 the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.
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 regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to. (2.)

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

17. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business be postponed until Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. See,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. King,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Wilsbire,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Morton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Waddell,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*).
Tellers,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

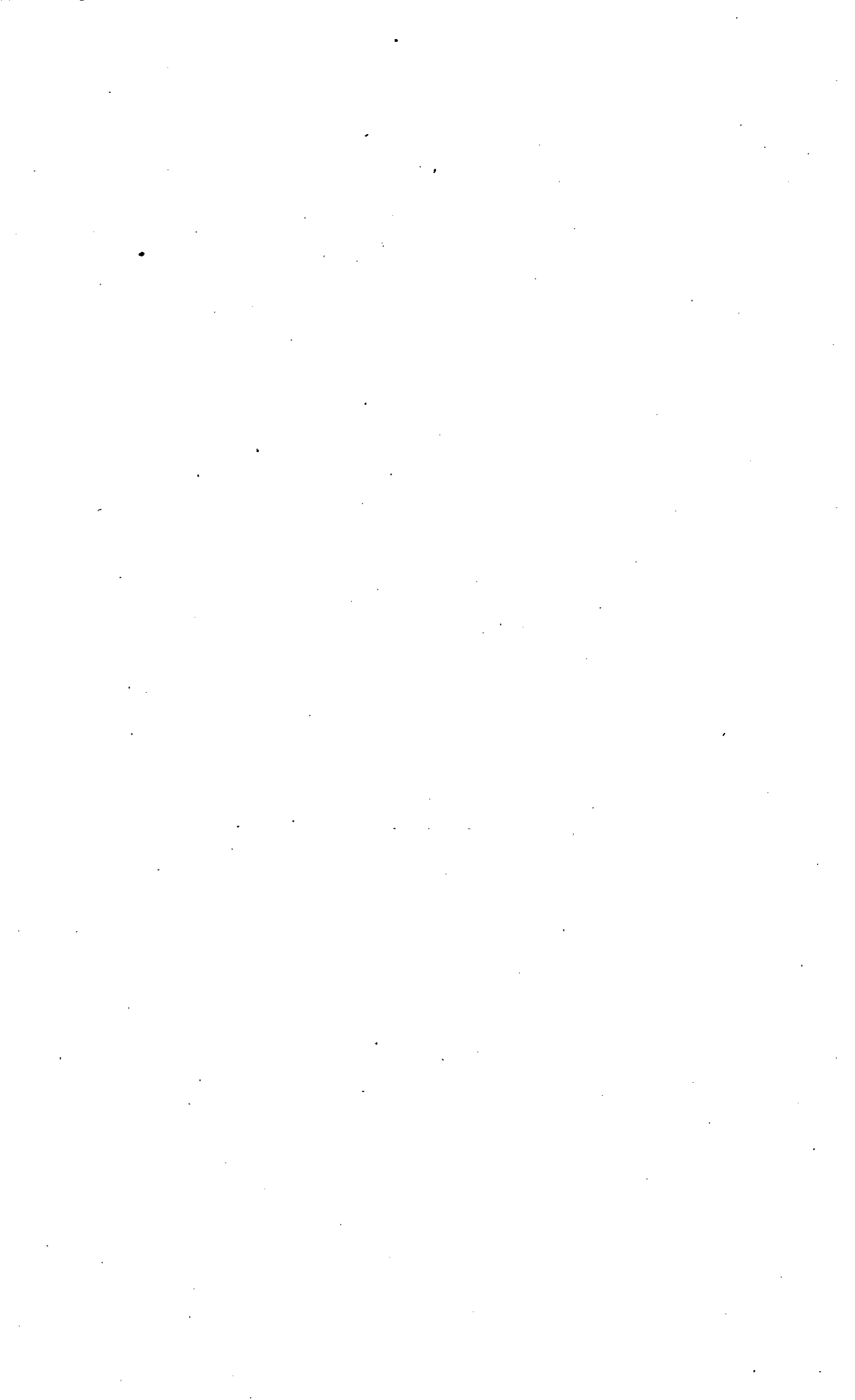
18. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Subsidized Mail Services:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What lines of steamers and sailing vessels are now subsidized by this Colony for the conveyance of mails?
- (2.) What is the particular service performed by each line or company?
- (3.) What amount is annually paid to each line or company by way of subsidy or poundage?
- (4.) What concessions are made to each several line or company by remission of pilotages or other port charges?
- (5.) When do the several contracts expire?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(2.) Vineyards infected by Phylloxera:—Mr. Ritchie asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Has he considered the expediency of inspecting all vineyards in districts infected by the pest phylloxera?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to cause such inspection to be made before pruning and dressing vineyards takes place, with a view to save the expense consequent thereon?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is now under consideration.

(3.) Superintendent of the Hospital for Insane at Newcastle:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Newcastle limited applications for a position in the Government Service to Roman Catholics; if so, has he given his reasons for so doing?
- (2.) If an explanation has been given, have the Government accepted it; if an explanation has been offered and not accepted, what action do the Government propose with respect to that officer?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; and gave his reason for so doing on being asked for an explanation.
- (2.) The explanation furnished was deemed satisfactory.

(4.) Forbes and Gunnedah Gaols:—Mr. Turner asked the Minister of Justice,—What is the average number of prisoners this year in the Forbes and Gunnedah Gaols respectively, and how many officers are engaged in each gaol?

Mr. Gould answered,—Forbes Gaol (established).—Average number of prisoners, 15; permanent officers, 5; visiting officers, 3. Gunnedah Police Gaol.—Average number of prisoners, 8; permanent officers, 2.

(5.) Gold-field Reserves between Forbes and Parkes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In view of the great demand for land in the Forbes and Parkes district, will he, at an early date, throw open for selection, under the 18th section, land upon the gold-fields reserve, between Forbes and Parkes, as recommended by the District Surveyor?
- (2.) When will the special areas north of Forbes be available for selection, and have plans been submitted for same from the Local Land Office since April?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Plans have been submitted, and the land will shortly be made available for selection.

(6.)

(6.) Loan for Public Works:—*Mr. Copland*, for *Mr. Lakeman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How does he propose to pay for the very large and enormous public works now being passed by Parliament?

(2.) Does he contemplate floating a loan this year; and, if so, for how much?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have not prepared any specific reply to this Question. The Honorable Member perhaps knows that most of the larger works are constructed out of Loan Funds. As regards the floating of a loan, that is a matter information in regard to which it would not be wise to communicate to the House at the present time.

(7.) Railway Station-master's House at Kelso:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the Railway Station-master's house at Kelso is in a swamp, and nearly surrounded by water; if so, will he take means to have something done to remedy the same, with a view to sanitary requirements?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are making inquiry into the matter.

(8.) New Electoral Bill:—*Mr. Davis* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to embody the principle of registration to voters in the new Electoral Bill?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes.

(9.) Tank between Swanbrook Creek and Inverell:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Has he yet obtained a report on *Mr. Cruickshank's* application, made about last December, for a tank for the use of teamsters on the road between Swanbrook Creek and Inverell?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The local officer is now at Inverell, and his report is expected in the course of a few days.

(10.) *Mr. Warden Caswell's* decisions in Mining Cases at Peak Hill:—*Mr. Cooke* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Has any complaint been made to him in reference to *Mr. Warden Caswell's* decisions in mining cases at Peak Hill?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of appointing a gold-fields warden specially to undertake the charge of the important districts of Parkes, Forbes, Alectown, and Peak Hill; and will such warden be stationed at Parkes?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No official complaint has been received respecting *Mr. Warden Caswell's* decision.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

(11.) Sydney Common and Moore Park:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the proclamation of the 5th October, 1811, dedicating the Sydney common?

(2.) Also a copy of the proclamation dated 5th October, 1866, dedicating Moore Park, and appointing the Municipal Council trustees thereof?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes, I will presently lay upon the Table copies of the documents referred to.

(12.) Case of *James Maher*, Conditional Purchase selected at Burrowa:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers, &c., relating to the case of *James Maher*, conditional purchase S7-216, selected at Burrowa 22nd December, 1887, of 537 acres?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Yes, if moved for in the usual manner.

(13.) Cancellation of Mineral Leases of *William Hobbs*:—*Mr. Nicoll*, for *Mr. H. H. Brown*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) What was the date of cancellation of mineral leases, county of Farnell, parish of Corona, in the name of *William Hobbs*, and numbered 3,173, 3,174, 3,175, and 3,384?

(2.) Was there a complaint lodged against the said leases; and if so, by whom?

(3.) Did the said complainant receive a beforehand notice of such intended cancellation?

(4.) What legal title (if any) had the said complainants to such notice?

(5.) Did the said complainant operate on such notice by applying for the aforesaid portion of land?

(6.) If not, by whom where the said lands applied for; and on what date?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) *Government Gazette*, 14th January, 1890.

(2.) Several complaints were lodged, the first by *A. F. Abbott*.

(3.) Yes, on 4th January, 1890.

(4.) It is the usual practice of the Department to give, beforehand, notice to first complainant.

(5.) No.

(6.) *A. Hortlum* applied on 16th January, *J. Tarrant* on 18th January, and *R. Fullerton* on 17th February.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Plans in connection with purchase of *Rossville Estate*. (*To be appended to papers laid upon the Table on 26th June, 1890*).

(2.) Notices of dedication and appointment of Trustees of *Sydney Common and Moore Park*.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Particulars of contracts with lines of steamers and sailing vessels subsidized for conveyance of mails.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of Mr. Geological-Surveyor David on the Peak Hill Gold-field.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Edmunds presented a Petition from George Perry, as Chairman of a mass meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, held in the Domain, representing that, in the opinion of the the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF AUGUST MÜLLER, AT CONDOBOLIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cooke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the forfeited conditional and additional conditional purchases of August Müller, at Condobolin, declared forfeited on the 18th day of July, 1888.
Question put and passed.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH:—Mr. Vivian moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in view of the heavy mortality from preventible diseases in the Metropolitan and other Urban districts of this Colony, as disclosed by the reports of the Registrar-General, this House is of opinion that a Royal Commission should issue to inquire into and report upon the causes of such mortality with a view to its remedy.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. McILVEEN AND CLIFTS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Turner moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional and additional purchases of William McIlveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levien, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Progress Report and Minutes of Evidence on the same subject, brought up on the 29th October, 1884, be referred to the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to submit to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, appointed under the Public Works Act of 1888, for their inspection and report, all rival routes of railways designed to connect towns with existing railways, of which trial surveys have been made.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes 23.

Mr. Walker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. See,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Gornly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Alison,	
Mr. Stevenson.	

Noes 39.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Hayes,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. King,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Turner.
Mr. Bull,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PRAYER:—Mr. Turner moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the business upon each sitting day be opened with prayer.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes 11.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dowel.
Tellers,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Turner.

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Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Curley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Dickens,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of maintenance of Prisoners:—*Mr. Kidd*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Minister of Justice,—What is the cost to the State, during the years 1889 and 1890, of the maintenance of each prisoner, including all charges for interest on buildings, supervision, &c.?

Mr. Gould answered,—It has not been possible to collate the information required to reply to the hon. gentleman's question up to the present, but I will lay so much of the information sought as may be readily obtainable, in the form of a Return, upon the Table of the House at an early date.

- (2.) Re-organization of Military Forces:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the scheme for re-organizing the Military Forces of the Colony will he take steps to give effect to the recommendation of Colonel De Wolski with respect to forming two companies of engineers?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes.

- (3.) Boroughs of St. Leonards, East St. Leonards, and Victoria:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the three Boroughs of St. Leonards, East St. Leonards, and Victoria have agreed, under a petition executed under their respective corporate seals, to amalgamate into one Borough, to be called North Sydney?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Borough of St. Leonards, since the contract for amalgamation was executed, has (in contravention of the spirit thereof), by a majority of aldermen, passed a series of resolutions to borrow a sum of £35,000, and has notified by advertisement its intention to borrow such sum?

(3.) Is it a fact that rather than carry such resolutions into effect the Mayor of that Borough (*Mr. Gerard Phillips*) resigned his position in the Council?

(4.) Will the Government take such steps as it may deem desirable to prevent the said borrowing, either by recalling the permission to borrow (granted prior to the said petition for amalgamation) or by issuing at once the proclamation of amalgamation (due 28th June, 1890)?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No communication has been received.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) Inquiry will be made, and if any action has been taken by the Borough Councils contrary to law, it will then be determined what steps ought to be taken.

- (4.) Main North Road, *via* Minimbah, to Jerry's Plains:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was an application made to his Department for a grant of money for the Main North Road, *via* Minimbah, to Jerry's Plains?

(2.) Did the road superintendent of the district report against the request?

(3.) Was a complaint lodged against the road superintendent referred to?

(4.) Was a report called for in reference to this complaint?

(5.) If not, why?

(6.) What was the nature of the complaint referred to?

(7.) Was the complaint repeated, and an inquiry demanded?

(8.) Will he have an inquiry made into this matter?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes, several.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4 and 5.) Yes.
- (6.) That the reports of the road superintendent were misleading, and actuated by malice towards a person named Collins.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will himself peruse the papers, and if, after doing so, he thinks the matter calls for a further inquiry I shall be glad to institute one. I may add that the correspondence of Collins is highly offensive and abusive.

(5.) Railway between Wollombi and Maitland:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the report of the officers who visited Cessnock, Pokolbin, Ellalong, Millfield, Wollombi, and other centres of population for the purpose of collecting information in order to ascertain, by collecting statistics, &c., whether it is desirable to submit to the Public Works Committee, for consideration, the construction of a light line of railway as surveyed, between Wollombi and the Great Northern line at or near Maitland been received?
- (2.) If so, could he state whether the report is favourable; and if so, when the matter is likely to be dealt with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Decidedly unfavourable.
- (6.) Justices of the Peace to issue Stock Permits:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he take some immediate action to enable any Justice of the Peace to issue permits to any person travelling with stock?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—As the Sheep Acts provide that permits shall be issued by Inspectors, those issuing permits as here suggested must be appointed Acting Inspectors; and, as Inspectors have by the Sheep Acts to be nominated by the Directors, it is necessary that all those appointed Acting Inspectors should be so with the consent of the Directors for the district. I may add that the Department is prepared to appoint any Justice of the Peace an Acting Inspector to issue permits, in whose appointment the Board for the district concurs.

(7.) Treasury Bills:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any of the Treasury Bills created to extinguish the deficit yet been placed upon the market?
- (2.) Is it the case that those Bills have been used to replace the cash and securities, or either, ordinarily held on Saving Bank and other Trust Accounts?
- (3.) Has any, and if any, how much, reduction been effected in the deficit, in cash since the issue of Treasury Bills was authorized by Parliament, other than the £150,000 annual contribution from the consolidated revenue?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes. On 31st December, 1889, the sum of £1,907,100 was invested in Treasury Bills on behalf of certain Trust Fund Accounts.
- (3.) No reduction in the deficit of 1886 and previous years has been effected in cash since the issue of the Treasury Bills was authorized, but a small reduction has been effected by further savings on Votes.

(8.) Man named Ella arrested for complicity in Sussex-street Riot:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was a man named William Ella arrested for complicity in the Sussex-street riot?
- (2.) If so, how long was he imprisoned before being tried for the supposed offence?
- (3.) Was the charge against him proved to be utterly without foundation?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) He was arrested on the 29th May last, and remained in custody until the 24th ultimo, when he was tried and acquitted at the Criminal Court.
- (3.) He was identified by two constables, two civilians, and an artilleryman as having taken part in the riot, but called several witnesses to prove an alibi.

(9.) Application to Mine under Foreshores of Bullock Island:—Mr. Alexander Brown asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Has any application been made to mine for coal under the foreshores of Oneybygamba, Bullock Island?
- (2.) Has such application included the land under the wharfs and cranes?
- (3.) Who are the applicants?
- (4.) Will he ascertain whether mining for coal under the wharfs and cranes will endanger the foundation of the structures above mentioned?
- (5.) Is it his intention to grant such permission to mine?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) An application to lease the land has been made.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) M. C. Cowlshaw.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The application is not likely to be granted until the necessary inquiries have been made.

(10.) Electric Tramway between Waverley and Randwick:—*Mr. Hayes*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that poles are being erected along the Waverley-Randwick tramway extension for the purpose of testing an electric tramway?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the line referred to is comparatively level, and will a test there practically demonstrate the fitness of electric trams for the steep streets of the city of Sydney and suburbs?
- (3.) Will he arrange for a test upon some steep grade, such as the Randwick hill?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The line is not a level one, and on it occur gradients as steep as are to be found on any part of the tram system, although not so continuous. There is a gradient of 1 in 18 for a length of 3 chains, and 1 in 20 for a length of 7 chains, and curves of $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 chains radius. It was intended to erect the overhead construction from Waverley to Coogee, but it was found that sufficient material had not arrived to make the test, and in addition the cost would be much more than was anticipated. The line being laid down will, however, demonstrate practically and fully the value of the electric traction.

(11.) Appointment to Railway Department:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to questions asked by *Mr. Schey* on 26th ultimo, *re* a supposed appointment in the Railway Service, will the Minister please substitute the name of Quigley for the names previously mentioned, and answer the questions put?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that no appointment such as referred to has been made.

(12.) Contracts for clothing the Military Forces:—*Mr. Traill* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With respect to the following passage from Major-General Richardson's report on the Military Forces of the Colony, viz.:—"The contract for clothing was carried out in a most culpable manner, and caused such dissatisfaction that the Government decided to place future contracts with the regimental authorities, as is the case in the Volunteer regiments,"—

- (1.) Who held the contract for clothing?
- (2.) How has the contractor been dealt with?
- (3.) If not yet dealt with, what are the intentions of the Government in this regard?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The contract for military clothing, 1889, was originally let to *Mr. William Henderson*, but owing to default in delivery on the part of the contractor, other arrangements for supply had to be made, and the contract was taken over (at the same rates, but with an extension of time for delivery) by *Mr. W. K. Houston*.

(2.) The contractor has been paid in full, the supplies having been examined and duly passed by a Board (consisting of the Superintendent of Stores and of Major Murray, nominated by and representing the Major-General Commanding Military Forces) appointed by the Colonial Treasurer, in terms of clause V of the conditions of contract.

(3.) The question is answered by No. 2 above.

2. PAPERS:—*Mr. McMillan* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884, "Government Printing Office."
 - (2.) Report on Administration of Dairies Supervision Act, during years 1887-8-9.
 - (3.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood.
 - (4.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch, Royal Mint.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn (Formal Motion)*:—*Mr. Bruce Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution passed by this House on the 1st October, 1889, viz., "That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn," be hereby rescinded; and that *Mr. Speaker* be authorized to communicate this Resolution to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Question put and passed.

4. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUORUM) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McMillan then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to reduce the proportion of Members of the Legislative Council required to form a Quorum*,"—

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 reduce the proportion of Members of the Legislative Council required to form a Quorum*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1890.*

5. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. Alexander Brown* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said borough with the electric light, and to supply electricity to consumers for private use, and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and, for the purposes aforesaid, to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers, and to make provision for the safety of the public, and to amend the law in other respects.
- Question put and passed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Brown 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 give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the electric light, and to supply electricity to consumers for private use, and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and, for the purposes aforesaid, to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers, and to make provision for the safety of the public, and to amend the law in other respects,*"—read a first time.
6. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE UPON BARRATTA RUN (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Petition presented about February last to His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council by Robert Barbour, with reference to the report of the Select Committee on the Barratta forfeited conditional purchases, adopted by this House on the 3rd December, 1889; together with all documents, letters, memoranda, or minutes in reference thereto, ^{which have been} received since the adoption of the report. Question put and passed.
7. **DEATH OF OSSIAN ST. CLAIR (Formal Motion):**—Mr. ~~Speaker~~ 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, the depositions taken at the Coroner's inquest on the body of Ossian St. Clair, at Parramatta, in July last; and all other papers and documents in any-wise relating to the death of the said Ossian St. Clair. Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole on Hawkers on Rivers Bill postponed until Tuesday, 30th September.
9. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:**—
 (1.) Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Borough of Newcastle, praying, for the reasons in their Petition set forth, that the House will reject the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill.
 Petition received.
 (2.) Mr. Cullen then presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited), referring to the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill, and praying that the House, if it should think fit to entertain the said Bill, will be pleased to so amend it that the operations of the Council of the Borough of Newcastle will be confined to their own Borough, and that they will not be authorized to supply, light, or sell lamps, wire, or other articles to private individuals.
 Petition received.
 (3.) Mr. Alexander Brown presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Borough of Newcastle, referring to the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill, and praying that assent may be given to the said Bill, as the Petitioners believe that the powers set forth in it will be for their good.
 Petition received.
10. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:**—Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from the Commissioners of the Wollongong Harbour Trust, submitting reasons against the objects of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill, and praying the House to reject it.
 Petition received.
11. **KIAMA TO NOWRA RAILWAY:**—Mr. Morton presented a Petition from certain Residents and Freeholders of Nowra, alleging certain facts in opposition to the Kiama to Nowra Railway Line, as at present proposed, and praying the House to cause such amendment to be made in the Bill for the construction of the Railway as shall avert the consequences foreshadowed by the Petitioners.
 Petition received.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Traill 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 "with the object of discussing the administration of the Post and Telegraph Departments."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Traill moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
13. **WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) 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 confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
 Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 2nd July, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Bruce Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Nyngan to Cobar Railway Bill:—

By Deputation from the Governor,
ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 11.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

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

(2.) Kiama to Nowra Railway Bill:—

By Deputation from the Governor,
ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor,

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra.

*Government House,
Sydney 25th June, 1890.*

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

(3.) Byron Bay Breakwater Bill:—

By Deputation from the Governor,
ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 13.

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 sanction the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1890.*

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

(4.) Grafton to The Tweed Railway Bill:—

By Deputation from the Governor,
ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 14.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

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

(5.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway Bill:—

By Deputation from the Governor,
ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 15.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

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

(6.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway Bill:—

By Deputation from the Governor,
ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 16.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1890.*

Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Message be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

Point

Point of Order :—Mr. Crick submitted that under the 54th section of the Constitution Act a Message from the Governor was necessary to originate expenditure, and that it was not competent for Sir Alfred Stephen, as Lieutenant-Governor, to act in this matter, not having been specially sworn in.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that section XIII. of the Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor provided for the appointment of a Deputy during the temporary absence of the Governor from the seat of Government, such appointment to be made under the Great Seal of the Colony; and the Message referred to indicated that it was signed "By Deputation from the Governor."

Question put and passed.

(7.) Cootamundra to Temora Railway Bill :—

By Deputation from the Governor,

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 17.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the message be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(8.) Entrance to Clarence River Improvements Bill :—

By Deputation from the Governor,

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 18.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

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

(9.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Offices Erection Bill :—

By Deputation from the Governor,

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 19.

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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

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

(10.) Western Suburbs (City of Sydney) Sewerage Scheme Reticulation and Completion Bill :—

By Deputation from the Governor,

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 20.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1890.*

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

(11.) Cowra Bridge Bill :—

By Deputation from the Governor,

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-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 to sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River at Cowra.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1890.*

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

15. NYNGAN TO COBAR RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. KIAMA TO NOWRA RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra.

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 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 JULY, 1890.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Hurley, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Hartley.

Whereupon Mr. McMillan moved, That the seat of John Hurley, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Hartley, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Hurley, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Contract prices of new Railway Carriages and Motors:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to answers given by Colonial Treasurer to questions asked by Mr. Edmunds, on the 10th June last, will he please say,—

(1.) What is the price on the books of the Government for the first of the new lavatory cars built by Hudson Bros., including wheels, axles, gas-fittings, brake-gear, and any other portions or furnishings provided by the Government?

(2.) The same as regards the six American cars built by Mr. Morrison?

(3.) The same as regards the new tram-motors now being built by Vale & Son?

(4.) What is the weight of each such motor as last-named?

(5.) What is the contract price for each such motor?

(6.) What will be the cost of inspection for the whole of such motors?

(7.) What is the price paid for the corresponding Baldwin motors, delivered?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) £1,853.

(2.) £6,479.

(3. and 5.) The contract price is £1,165, but no motors under this contract have yet been delivered. Cost of inspection will have to be added.

(4.) 12 tons 1 cwt.

(6.) Cost of inspection, if delivered within contract time, will be about £319.

(7.) £1,311 delivered by sailing vessel.

(2.) Members of Parliament serving as Jurymen:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Vivian, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having regard to the prejudice to public business which may arise from the summoning of Honorable Members to serve on juries, will the Government bring in a Bill at an early stage to exempt Members of this House from such service?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will have consideration.

(3.) Windang Island:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is Windang Island, at the mouth of Lake Illawarra, the exclusive property of the Crown?

(2.) If any right has been acquired over the same by purchase, lease, or otherwise; who has acquired such right; and what is the nature and extent of his interest?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) An authority under section 28 of the Mining Act, 1874, was obtained by W. J. Ferguson for the purpose of mining. No surface rights are granted, and operations within 200 feet of the surface prohibited.

(4.)

(4.) Conveyance of Mails to and from Scone Railway Station :—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor for the conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office and Railway Station at Scone?
- (2.) What are the contractor's duties?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the mail-bags arriving at Scone by the 3.3 a.m. mail train are received by the night officer in charge of the railway station, and not by the contractor?
- (4.) Are the mail-bags allowed to remain on the station until called for by the contractor at a later hour?
- (5.) If so, is the night officer liable for the safe keeping of the bags in the meantime, and does he receive any remuneration for the service thus rendered?
- (6.) Where on the railway station are the mails deposited till called for by the contractor?
- (7.) Have complaints been made to the Postal Department on this subject?
- (8.) Will the Postmaster-General direct a proper inquiry to be made into the matter?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Thomas C. Moody.
- (2.) The conveyance of mails to and from the Railway Station and Post Office, Scone, and the clearance of the letter-receiver at the Railway Station, twice or oftener daily.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Night Officer takes charge of bags at 3.3 a.m., and contractor calls for them at about 7 a.m.
- (5.) Yes; he is paid by the Railway Department.
- (6.) It was arranged with the Railway Department that they should be locked up, but I cannot say in what part of the station.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) I have done so, and have been assured that the bags will be carefully attended to, and securely locked up until called for by the mailman. It is not necessary that they reach the Post Office earlier than 7 a.m.

(5.) Royal Commission on Fortifications, Bear Island :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table the report, or a copy thereof, which led to the appointment of the Royal Commission to inquire into the construction of the fortifications at Bear Island and elsewhere?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Inquiries and inspections have been made with a view to that object.

(6.) Patents for Inventions :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many patents for inventions have been granted since 1st January, 1889, to 1st June, 1890?
- (2.) How many applications for patents have been refused during that time?
- (3.) How many are still in abeyance?
- (4.) What are the names of the examiners or experts to whom applications are referred, and what are the callings or occupations of these persons?
- (5.) How many applications have the examiners respectively reported upon, and what fees have been paid to each?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) 781 patents and 352 certificates of provisional protection were granted from 1st January, 1889, to 1st June, 1890, in all 1,133.
- (2.) 21 applications for letters patent were absolutely refused, and 72 partially refused, during that time. With regard to the latter cases, patents were finally issued upon specifications amended at the instance of the Examiner of Patents.
- (3.) 138 applications are in a state of incompleteness, being either under consideration of the office, or before the Governor in Council.
- (4.) During the period specified the following have acted as experts, viz. :—Mr. C. G. Cameron, civil engineer; Mr. George Massey, mining and hydraulic engineer, &c.; Mr. T. S. Parrott, civil engineer; Mr. Thomas Richards, late Government Printer; Mr. Norman Selfe, civil and consulting engineer; and Mr. A. G. Taylor, late Examiner of Patents. The present experts are Messrs. Selfe, Massey, Taylor, and Richards.
- (5.)

Names of Experts.	Number of Applications reported upon.*	Fees Paid.
Mr. Cameron	2	£ s. d. 6 6 0
Mr. Massey	58	182 14 0
Mr. Parrott	5	15 15 0
Mr. Richards	25	78 15 0
Mr. Selfe	69	217 7 0
Mr. Taylor	26	81 18 0

* All the other applications for the period named, numbering about 940, have been dealt with in the Patents Office without the assistance of experts.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 10th June, 1890, "Pullman Railway Cars."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 3rd June, 1890, "Case of Barric v. Simpson, Lismore."

Ordered to be printed.

4. THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL OF PRISONS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Alexander Brown*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, correspondence, recommendations, and testimonials relating to the appointment of the present Comptroller-General of Prisons.
Question put and passed.
5. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Alexander Brown*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Borough of Newcastle 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. Bruce Smith*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, *Mr. Creer*, *Mr. Ritchie*, *Mr. Curley*, *Mr. Joseph Abbott*, *Mr. Hassall*, and *Mr. Alexander Brown*.
Question put and passed.
6. JAMES MAHER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT BURROWA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to *James Maher's* conditional purchase, 87-21G, at Burrowa.
Question put and passed.
7. CULCAIRN TO COROWA RAILWAY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Bruce Smith*, *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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa.
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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa.
On motion of *Mr. Smith*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) *Mr. Smith* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Bruce Smith*, *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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
On motion of *Mr. Smith*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) *Mr. Smith* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. BYRON BAY BREAKWATER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Bruce Smith* 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 sanction the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 JULY, 1890, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. O'Connor	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Holborow,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Dale,	
Mr. Vivian,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Edmunds.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

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 that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

10. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION 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 and extend the Law of Divorce*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 3rd July, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
 President.

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 JULY, 1890.

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

DEATH OF MR. T. G. G. DANGAR, M.P.:—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following letter, which he had received respecting the death of Mr. Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar:—

“ Sir, “ I have the honor to inform you that Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Member of the
“ Stamp Office, 5th July, 1890.
“ Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for ‘The Namoi’ Electorate, died at his residence at
“ Stanmore yesterday, the fourth day of July.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your obedient Servant,

“ E. J. SMITH,

“ Brother-in-law of Deceased.

“ The Honorable the Speaker of the
“ Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.”

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That the Seat of Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Namoi, hath become and is now vacant, by the reason of the death of the said Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Agricultural Farm at Rookwood:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) The area of the land at Rookwood at present used as an agricultural farm?
- (2.) The cost of the whole of the said land to date?
- (3.) The cost of the buildings upon the land?
- (4.) What use do the Government intend making of the land?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No land has been set apart for an Agricultural College.

(2.) Model Farm, Hunter District:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Has he sent any officer to inspect any lands in the Hunter or any neighbouring district, with a view of ascertaining its suitability for a model farm with a college?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It is my intention to do so.

(3.) Sale of Diseased Meat:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he introduce a Bill for prohibiting the sale of diseased animals, and amending the law relating to the sale of diseased meat?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter is engaging the consideration of the Government.

(4.) Rifle Range, Moss Vale:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Kidd, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When will the £25, promised for the purpose of improving the rifle-range at Moss Vale, be placed at the disposal of the Company?
- (2.) When will the Martini-Henry rifles promised to the Moss Vale Company be forwarded to the members?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The application will be duly considered with others of a similar nature.
- (2.) This corps has had the authorized number of rifles.

(5.)

(5.) Daniel Grove and William Topper, Crown Witnesses :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was a prisoner named Wheeler committed at Inverell, after two hearings, in September, 1879, to take his trial at Armidale in October, 1879, on a charge of tin stealing?
- (2.) Was he afterwards remanded back to Glen Innes, and convicted in February, 1880?
- (3.) Were Daniel Grove and William Topper, Crown witnesses, at each trial?
- (4.) If so, what sum was allowed to each of these witnesses for expenses?
- (5.) Have such expenses been paid; if not, for what reason?

Mr. Gould answered,—On inquiry at the Department of the Attorney-General I have ascertained that,—

- (1.) Wheeler was committed for trial at Inverell in September, 1879, to Armidale Circuit Court in October. On being arraigned, an application was made by prisoner's counsel for bail and to be tried at the Quarter Sessions, Glen Innes, which was granted.
- (2.) Wheeler was, on the 27th February, 1880, tried at Glen Innes Quarter Sessions, found guilty, and sentenced.
- (3.) Daniel Grove and William Topper were Crown witnesses at each trial.
- (4 and 5.) This information cannot be furnished, as it appears that the vouchers for payment of Crown witnesses for the period in question, which were sent to the Auditor-General, have been destroyed, in accordance with an authorized practice of the Department in regard to vouchers after being held for a period of seven years.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—*Mr. Speaker* having informed the House that he had received a telegram from the Chairman of Committees, stating his inability to be present to-day,—*Mr. McMillan* (*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.

5. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—

(1.) *Mr. Cullen* presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited), referring to their previous Petition, and praying for leave to be heard by Counsel before any Select Committee appointed by, or, if need be, at the Bar of the House, against the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill.

Petition received.

Mr. Cullen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners, to be heard by Counsel before the Select Committee on the Bill, be granted.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Cullen* then presented a similar Petition from certain Ratepayers of the City of Newcastle. Petition received.

Mr. Cullen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners, to be heard by Counsel before the Select Committee on the Bill, be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. RESERVE KNOWN AS SEVEN-MILE BEACH, SHOALHAVEN RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Crick*, for *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 lease and application to purchase, by virtue of improvements, the reserve known as the Seven-mile Beach, situated on the north head of the Shoalhaven River, parish of Coolangatta.

Question put and passed.

7. IMPRISONMENT OF CABMAN SWEETMAN, MOUNT RENNIE CRIME (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Crick* 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, writings, and documents in anywise relating to the imprisonment of one Sweetman, a cabman, convicted in connection with the Mount Rennie crime.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 22nd July.

(2.) Grafton to The Tweed Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed;—until to-morrow.

(3.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road;—until to-morrow.

(4.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes;—until to-morrow.

(5.) Cootamundra to Temora Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora;—until to-morrow.

(6.) Entrance to Clarence River Improvements Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River;—until to-morrow.

(7.) Entrance of the Richmond River Improvements Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of improvements to the entrance to the Richmond River;—until to-morrow.

(8.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Offices Erection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage;—until to-morrow.

(9.)

(9.) Western Suburbs (City of Sydney) Sewerage Scheme Reticulation and Completion Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme;—until to-morrow.

(10.) Cowra Bridge Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra; until to-morrow.

(11.) Nyngan to Cobar Railway Bill; second reading;—until to-morrow.

(12.) Kiama to Nowra Railway Bill; second reading;—until to-morrow.

9. 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 the Agricultural Societies of the Colony in proportion of pound for pound raised by private contributions.

(2.) That the above 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 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,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum should be granted in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony in proportion of pound for pound raised by private contributions.

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

Whereupon Mr. Gormly moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Traill moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word “now” with a view to the addition of the words “this day three months.”

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,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1890, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Walker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. Alexander Brown.
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Hassall,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
(Canterbury),	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Vivian,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Wilshire,	
Mr. Molesworth,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

Question then put,—That the Bill be read a second time this day three months.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. idd,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Lees,
(Canterbury),	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McMillan.
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Holborow,	

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The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker—stating that he acted on the principle of leaving the Question open for further discussion—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rate for traction of Coal on New South Wales Railways:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is there any general rate for the traction of coal on the New South Wales Railways?
- (2.) The different traction rates for coal in the owners waggons and in the Government waggons respectively?
- (3.) Has permission been given to any company to use its own locomotives on the Government Railways; and, if so, for what distance, and at what rate?
- (4.) The minimum rate charged for coal traction at Newcastle?
- (5.) The rate payable by the Commissioners to the contractors for shipping coal at Sydney, Wollongong, and Newcastle respectively?
- (6.) The difference in the rate per mile for traction in the Government and owners waggons in the Southern and Western districts?
- (7.) The like information in relation to the Northern districts?
- (8.) Are the Commissioners prepared to provide waggons for the Northern collieries on the same terms as they are provided for the Southern and Western?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Information in reply to this question will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Application for Corps of Mounted Infantry, Camden:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has an application been received from Camden for permission to form a Corps of Mounted Infantry?
- (2.) If so, will their services be accepted, and when?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.

- (3.) Crown Lands at Manly Cove, Narrabeen, and Broken Bay:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the area of unalienated Crown land in the parish of Manly Cove?
- (2.) The same as regards the parish of Narrabeen?
- (3.) The same as regards the parish of Broken Bay?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) 11,060 acres, approximately.
- (2.) 820 acres, approximately.
- (3.) 23,400 acres, approximately.

- (4.) Traffic across Spit Ferry, Middle Harbour:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing in detail the number of passengers, horses, vehicles, and cattle crossing the Spit Ferry, Middle Harbour, from the 30th June to 31st December, 1889; also, the amount of revenue received from same during that period?
- (2.) The like information from 1st January to 30th June, 1890, inclusive?
- (3.) If he has no objection to furnishing the Return, will he state upon what date the same will be available?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A Return giving the information asked for will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of the House in the course of next week.

(5.) Fatal accident to man named Saunders, Bombo Quarry :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Saunders, working at the Government Quarry at Bombo, was killed by a fall of stone, and the body buried without an inquest being held?

(2.) Will he cause an investigation to be made, and ascertain why this course was taken?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have received the following telegram from the Coroner (*Mr. F. W. Edwards*), Kiama, with reference to this case :—“A man named Saunders died, after being four days in the hospital, from injuries accidentally received whilst working in a stone quarry at Bombo. No report of the accident was made to me until some days after the funeral, and no request has been made to me to hold an inquest. After the funeral some of the men working at the quarry told the sergeant of police that the accident was the result of carelessness, but after inquiry among the men who were working with the deceased, no neglect was found to have occurred. The deceased told the doctor no one was to blame for the accident. From all I could hear I did not think it necessary to order the body to be exhumed.”

(6.) Annual Report of Railway Commissioners :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Annual Report of the Railway Commissioners for year ending 30th June, 1890, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A definite date cannot at present be fixed. The Railway Act provides for the Report being submitted to Parliament in January next, but the Commissioners hope to have the Reports ready prior to that date.

(7.) Appointment to Railway Department :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to questions asked by *Mr. Schey* on 26th June last *re* a supposed appointment in the Railway Department of a *Mr. Quigley*, or any similar name, will he please answer Questions 6, 7, 8, and 9 of 26th June?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that nothing whatever is known of the matter.

(8.) Macleay and Grafton Roads Office :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he had his attention drawn to the inconvenience arising from the Macleay Roads Officers being connected with the Grafton Roads Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that correspondence is more speedily conducted between the Macleay and Albury than between the Macleay and Grafton?

(3.) Will he take steps to disconnect the Macleay Roads Office with the Grafton Office, and either connect the Macleay with Sydney direct, or create a new Roads District with Kempsey as a centre?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is a fact that the Colony has been divided into districts, over each of which has been placed an Assistant Engineer to deal with all road matters affecting his particular part of the Colony, and in accordance with this arrangement the Macleay and Grafton Electorates are included in the district of one of these Assistant Engineers. It is a fact that some delay has taken place in dealing with the correspondence under this arrangement, but it is intended to appoint another Assistant Engineer, and by a readjustment of boundaries the difficulty complained of will be completely obviated.

(9.) Special Areas, Land District of Corowa :—*Mr. Hayes*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that £4 per acre is the price fixed for two special areas, portions 27 and 28, in the land district of Corowa, advertised open for selection on 17th July?

(2.) Will he reduce the price, and give selectors an opportunity to obtain the land?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not proposed to reduce the price until it has been shown that selectors decline to purchase at the rate determined.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the conveyance of coal by the Railway Commissioners.

(2.) Instrument empowering the Lieutenant-Governor to act for the Governor in certain cases during His Excellency's absence from the Colony.

(3.) Report of the President of the New South Wales Commission on the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, 1888.

(4.) Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for 1889.

(5.) By-law of the Borough of Narrabri.

(6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wingham under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(7.) Return to an Order, made on the 18th June, 1890, “Cartage of Camp Equipments.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Returns under 103rd section of District Courts Act of 1858.

(2.) Return (*in part*) respecting buildings rented by the Government.

(3.) Return to an Address adopted on the 2nd July, 1890, “Death of Ossian St. Clair.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. O'Connor* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday, the 30th July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal some, and amend other, enactments relating to the imposition of Postage Rates; to reduce the Postage Rate on letters, and to impose a Postage Rate on newspapers; to provide further facilities and safeguards in connection with the registration of newspapers, and the transmission of certain matter by post; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

4. **ROADS TO PEAK HILL. (Formal Motion):**—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, letters, minutes, reports, and other documents relating to the road from Molong to Peak Hill, from Dubbo and Narramine to Peak Hill, and from Parkes to Peak Hill.
Question put and passed.

5. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th August.
(2.) Tarrawingee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 22nd July.
(3.) St. Leonards School of Arts Enabling Bill reported; adoption of Report;—until Tuesday, 5th August.

6. **POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Connor, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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 to repeal some, and amend other, enactments relating to the imposition of postage rates; to reduce the postage rate on letters, and to impose a postage rate on newspapers; to provide further facilities and safeguards in connection with the registration of newspapers, and the transmission of certain matter by post; and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 8th July, 1890.*

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

7. **GRAFTON TO THE TWEED RAILWAY BILL:**—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed. 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. **MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.

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 that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. **MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES RAILWAY BILL:**—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. COOTAMUNDRA TO TEMORA RAILWAY BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora. 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. ENTRANCE TO CLARENCE RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River. 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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. ENTRANCE TO THE RICHMOND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the entrance to the Richmond River. 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 sanction the carrying out of improvements to the entrance to the Richmond River.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. 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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. WESTERN SUBURBS (CITY OF SYDNEY) SEWERAGE SCHEME RETICULATION AND COMPLETION BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme. 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 sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme*,—which was read a first time.

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

15. COWRA BRIDGE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra. 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 sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. BYRON BAY BREAKWATER BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole,—

The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Parry,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Plumb.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. William Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Garvan,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Chanter,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Sec,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Turner.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. NYNGAN TO COBAR RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce 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 to-morrow.

18. KLAMA TO NOWRA RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce 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 to-morrow.

19. **CULCAIRN TO COROWA RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce 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 to-morrow.
20. **GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. 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 to-morrow.
21. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Crown Rents Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
22. **PROBATE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould 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. Gould, 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.
23. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 1890.

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

ELECTORATE OF BALMAIN:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 26th June last, declaring the Seat of John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Hawthorne, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Balmain.

2. **MEMBER SWORN:**—John Stuart Hawthorne, 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 Balmain.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Price of Motors:**—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What price will each motor now being built by Vale & Son stand at on the books of the Department, including parts, &c., supplied by the Department?
- (2.) What was the corresponding price of the Baldwin motors?
- (3.) What was the freight on same?
- (4.) What were the English charges on same?
- (5.) What were the Colonial charges on same?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Contract price, £1,165 per motor; to which cost of inspection (say £27) will be added, making total cost stand at £1,192 per motor. No parts supplied by Department.
- (2.) £1,311 per motor delivered in steam on tramways, and including all charges. It may perhaps be added that this amount was paid some time ago, and prices may have altered since the date of last supply, no motors having been ordered since the Railway Commissioners took office.
- (3.) £85 14s. per motor, which is included in sum above mentioned.
- (4.) Nil.
- (5.) £56 per motor for cartage and erection, £19 10s. for insurance, which is included in amount of £1,311.

- (2.) **Proposed Railway to Urana:**—*Mr. Gornly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended that the Examiners of Public Works will visit Urana, for the purpose of reporting on the proposed railway lines to that place, either from The Rock, Yerong Creek, or Coonong siding?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Immediately. They are now in the district.

- (3.) **Macquarie and George-street Asylums, Parramatta:**—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What steps are proposed to be taken in regard to the improvement of the Macquarie and George-street Asylums at Parramatta?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the buildings have fallen into a state of unsafety, and are unsuitable for the purposes for which they are at present used?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Asylums at Parramatta have not fallen into a state of unsafety, but the institutions are very much overcrowded at the present time, and steps are now being taken to obtain additional accommodation, in order to relieve them.

- (4.) **Reserves and Leasehold Areas in Eastern Division:**—*Mr. Dowel*, for *Mr. Lakeman*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many reserves have been made in the Eastern Division during the last six months?
- (2.) How many have been made out of the leasehold areas in the Eastern Division?
- (3.) What is the total area of the first and second lots?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) 596.

(2.) 279.

(3.) 880,936 acres, viz., on resumed areas, 112 reserves, containing 292,450 acres, 29 of which, of an area of 33,641 acres, were made pending survey; on leasehold areas, 279 reserves, containing 457,723 acres, 121 of which, of an area of 188,025 acres, were made pending survey. Not in any holding, 204 reserves, containing 63,095 acres, 11 of which, of an area of 5,797 acres, were made pending survey; 1 reserve, containing 67,668 acres, from conditional sale, pending granting of snow leases. There were also 132 reserves, containing 191,755 acres, revoked and renotified. The reserves notified pending survey will be revoked as soon as subdivision has been effected.

(5.) Road, Cargo to Canangles :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that over three years ago the sum of £150 was allowed, on the application of Dr. Ross, to put the road from Cargo to Canangles in proper repair; and is it a fact that not a penny of the money has yet been expended on the road; and is it now in an impassable condition?

(2.) If so, will he state for what reason this work has been so long delayed, and when the money is likely to be expended as promised?

(3.) Are any of the officers in the Department responsible for the delay; and will he see that some more practical and better system of road management is adopted in the interest of the general public?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The sum mentioned by the Honorable Member was noted for consideration, but it was not actually granted. I have, however, directed that a special report be at once obtained, and upon its receipt I shall lose no time in arriving at a decision in the matter.

(6.) Agricultural College, Ham Common :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House all papers and documents with reference to the selection of a site for an Agricultural College, including that at Ham Common?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, Mr. Frank Farnell, has given notice of a motion for the production of these papers which will be dealt with in the ordinary way.

(7.) Locomotives at Newcastle, Penrith, Bathurst, and Goulburn :—Mr. Creever, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many locomotives are there at each of the following depôts :—Newcastle, Penrith, Bathurst, Goulburn.

(2.) How many workmen are employed in the repairing of locomotives at each of the said depôts?

(3.) How many of the locomotives at each of the said depôts are in thorough repair; if some only are in thorough repair, in what state are the remainder?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed the locomotives at the depôts mentioned are as follows :—

	Newcastle.	Penrith.	Bathurst.	Goulburn.
At the depôt	45	31	26	32
In the district	55	45	26	32

(2.) The workmen employed at each of the said depôts are as follows :—

Newcastle.	Penrith.	Bathurst.	Goulburn.
*135	36	40	29

* Includes apprentices and youth labourers and workmen engaged *re* new locomotive boilers.

(3.) On the 30th June last the condition of the engines in the depôts named was as follows :—

	Newcastle.	Penrith.	Bathurst.	Goulburn.
In 1st class condition	9	17	9	23
In 2nd class condition	15	9	12	6
In 3rd class condition	14	1	1	1
Engines under repair	7	4	4	2

(8.) Upper Camden Haven Road :—Mr. Vivian asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the classification of the Upper Camden Haven Road?

(2.) How much money has been spent on this road yearly for the past five years?

(3.) Has any money granted for this road been returned to the Treasury; if so, how much?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) It is not classified.

(2.) Nothing.

(3.) The sum of £200 has been granted, and will be expended as soon as favourable weather sets in. No money has been returned to the Treasury.

(9.) Amount expended out of Loan Act 53 Vic. for construction of Rolling Stock and Permanent-way :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount was expended up to the 31st December, 1889, out of the vote of £1,000,000 provided for in the Loan Act 53 Vic. No. 23, for the construction and improvement of Rolling Stock and Permanent-way?

(2.) The same information up to 30th June, 1890?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I intend to obtain a report from the Commissioners on this matter, but in the meantime the following are the figures in the Treasury Department :—

(1.) £11,616 16s. 5d.

(2.) £98,261 11s. 11d.

(10.) Post and Telegraph Office, Cumnock :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—Has any decision yet been arrived at to erect a Post and Telegraph Office at Cumnock?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The question of erecting a building at Cumnock cannot be decided until that of opening an official Post and Telegraph Office has been determined, and the reports called for on the latter question are not yet to hand.

(11.)

(11.) Leasehold Areas reserved from settlement, Molong district :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) For the information of the public, will he state the area that has lately been reserved from settlement on each run respectively in the Molong district, which forms part of the leasehold area in the Eastern Division, and which expires during the present and following months ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the withdrawal of the land from settlement is a great source of annoyance to a large number of intending selectors, who have been camping in the district waiting to take up the land when it is open for selection and settlement ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The following reserves were notified in pastoral holdings in the Molong district during May and June, 1890 :—In leasehold area of Baker's Swamp, 194 acres; Brymedura, 340 acres; Buckinbah, 4,176 acres; Canomodine, 350 acres; Cheesman's Creek, 830 acres; Ganoo, 160 acres; Gonimbla, 760 acres; Loombah, 70 acres; Moyang and Tilga, 4,000 acres; Nanima, 6,552 acres; Toogong, 230 acres: Total, 17,662 acres. Of the above, 14,406 acres within leasehold areas have been reserved from sales pending survey, and will be revoked as soon as survey is effected; also in land districts of Wellington and Molong, in the leasehold areas of Buckingbah, Ganoo, and Loombah holdings, 12,200 acres have been reserved pending survey.

(2.) I am not aware.

(12.) Reserve at Katoomba :—Mr. Edmunds, for Mr. Traill, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Mr. John Hurley, in 1887, present to the Secretary for Lands a petition praying for the revocation of a reserve in the vicinity of Katoomba, in the Hartley electorate ?

(2.) By how many persons was such petition signed, and how many of the petitioners were residents of Katoomba ?

(3.) Was the prayer of the petition granted ?

(4.) Was any part of the land of exceptional value ?

(5.) Did any of the signers of the petition select the land thrown open; if so, which of them ?

(6.) Who were the first three persons to select ?

(7.) How long after the land became open to selection was it before the first six selections were made, specifying each selection ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) No; but Mr. Hurley did present such a petition on 3rd December, 1889.

(2.) Thirty-five; but their place of residence was not given.

(3.) No. This, in effect, answers the remaining questions.

(13.) Bucoble School, near Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was the Bucoble School, near Molong, originally erected as a Provisional or a Public School, and what is the difference in the size and price of the two buildings ?

(2.) Has this school lately been converted into a Public School, and for what reason ?

(3.) How much money did the contractor receive for erecting the building, and how many children was it originally supposed to contain ?

(4.) Is it a fact that the contractor erected a larger building than was necessary for a Provisional School; and since the building has now been converted into a Public School, is it his intention to allow the contractor the balance of the money for the extra work and extra school furniture ?

(5.) Has the contractor applied for the balance on several occasions ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The Bucoble School was originally erected as a Provisional School. The difference in the size and price of a Public School and a Provisional School is determined by the number of pupils attending each, the minimum in the case of a Provisional School being 12, and the maximum 20. In the case of a Public School the minimum attendance is 20.

(2.) The Bucoble School has lately been converted into a Public School in consequence of the average attendance having reached 20.

(3.) £45 were paid to Mr. W. B. Pocknall on behalf of the residents. The building was originally intended to provide accommodation for 15 pupils.

(4.) No; the accommodation provided is only that required for a first-class Provisional School. It is not the intention of the Minister to pay any additional money on account of this building, two Inspectors having reported that the sum of £45 is its full value.

(5.) Mr. Pocknall, who put up the building, has not applied, but applications have been made on his behalf.

(14.) Alterations to Railway Line at Bourke :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways decided yet as to what alterations they will make in the railway line near Bourke, so as to provide sufficient room for flood-waters to escape ?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the proposed alterations, and when do the Commissioners purpose having them carried out ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it has been arranged for additional openings to be put in the existing embankment, and these will be commenced as soon as the flood-waters have sufficiently subsided.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Constitution Act Amendment (Legislative Council Quorum) Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to reduce the proportion of Members of the Legislative Council required to form a Quorum*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th July, 1890.

(2.)

(2.) West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 24.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company,*"—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, 10th July, 1890.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Tenterfield and Galong.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Cudgen, Wooram, Boorie, Acacia Creek, and Newrybar.

(3.) Regulations under the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Metropolitan Water By-laws for Country Districts in the County of Cumberland.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 15th February, 1884, "Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 3rd July, 1890, "The Comptroller-General of Prisons."

Ordered to be printed.

6. DISEASES IN STOCK:—Mr. Creer presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council Clerk of the Borough of New Lambton, stating that the various Acts in force dealing with diseases in stock are not effectual, and praying the House to have a comprehensive Bill brought in, this Session, to deal with the subject of contagious diseases in animals throughout the Colony, so as to prevent the sale of stock so infected.
Petition received.

7. LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McMillan 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 enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or sub-ways in lieu thereof.

Question put and passed.

8. NYNGAN TO COBAR RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Nyngan to Cobar.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1890.

9. KIAMA TO NOWRA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1890.

10. CULCAIRN TO COROWA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Culcairn to Corowa,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1890.

11. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.*”
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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th July, 1890.*
12. CONDUCT OF TEACHER AT AMEROO PUBLIC SCHOOL (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all complaints, correspondence, petitions, letters, reports, minutes, and other documents relating to the conduct of the teacher at Ameroo Public School.
Question put and passed.
13. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole,—on motion of the Chairman of Committees, the Resolution was received.
Resolution then read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.
On motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. 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 calling attention to a pamphlet making certain serious charges against the management of the ‘Vernon’ Training ship.”
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.
15. BYRON BAY BREAKWATER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Kidd,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Nobbs,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Alfred Allen.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Walker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Schoy,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Sec,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Lamb,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 with amendments.

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

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 JULY, 1890.

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

PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—Mr. Copeland drew attention to a leading article in *The Daily Telegraph*, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and moved,—That the article headed "The Vernon Boys," published in *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper on the 11th of July, 1890, inasmuch as it contains a misrepresentation of the speech delivered by Mr. Henry Copeland, one of the Members for New England, on the above subject, is a breach of the privileges of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Quarry at Bowral for Railway purposes:—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners for Railways have determined to quarry stone at Bowral for ballasting purposes?

(2.) If so, upon whose land?

(3.) Will he state what are the conditions of such occupancy of said land?

(4.) Is it by lease, purchase, or resumption?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have decided to quarry stone for ballasting purposes from private land at Bowral. The stone will be taken from land belonging to Mr. Eli Beer, and leased to the Commissioners, the conditions of such lease being that the Commissioners shall have power to run a tramway through the land, and take the stone required for ballasting purposes therefrom, on payment of £350 per annum. Any stone taken for building purposes to be paid for at the rate of 2d. per ton additional. The lease is terminable on three months' notice from the Commissioners.

(2.) Vacation for Sydney Police Courts:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he extend to the Sydney Police Courts the vacation now being enjoyed by the Supreme Court and the Sydney District Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—It is not intended to do so.

(3.) Forfeited Leases under Land Act of 1884:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. W. E. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any pastoral leases been declared forfeited for non-payment of rent since the Act of 1884 came into operation; if so, how many, and what is the total area?

(2.) The same in reference to occupation licenses?

(3.) The same in reference to homestead leases?

(4.) The same in reference to conditional leases?

(5.) Will he say in how many of these cases the rent appraised by the Local Land Board had been raised by the Minister?

(6.) In addition to the above information, will he say how many leases as above specified are now in arrears in the payment of rent, but have not been declared forfeited; what amount is now due; and how many years each lease is in arrears for rent?

Mr. Brunner answered—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; sixteen, of an area of 315,084 acres.

(3.) Yes; nine, of an area of 78,720 acres.

(4.)

- (4.) Yes; three hundred and seven, of an area of 173,729½ acres.
As regards questions 5 and 6, the information desired by the Honorable Member will be given in the form of a Return if moved for in the usual manner; but it must be pointed out that its preparation will involve considerable time and expense, as it will be necessary to recall a large number of papers from the different Land Offices throughout the Colony to enable the information required being obtained. This information will cost a considerable sum to prepare; in fact, the answer to these questions to-day have cost the country something like £20.
- (4.) Chilled Meat Rooms, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Lec asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to complete and put in working order the chilled meat rooms at Darling Harbour; and, if so, when?
Mr. McMillan answered,—The market is under offer on lease to the proposed Company which, it is understood, is being formed to work the dead meat trade, and pending a settlement of the matter it is not deemed desirable to expend any further sums on the Meat Market.
- (5.) Duty on Wire Netting:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government, when dealing with financial matters, to have the duty on wire netting used for rabbit-proof fencing removed?
Mr. McMillan answered,—I cannot give any definite reply to this question until I deal with financial matters as a whole.
3. THE ORANGE HOSPITAL:—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from certain residents of the Town and District of Orange, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the House will appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the management of the Orange Hospital during the past three years, with special reference to Dr. Goode's charges, and other more recent complaints referred to in certain memorials, and in the papers already laid upon the Table.
Petition received.
4. BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING BILL:—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from the Borough of North Willoughby, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Borough of North Willoughby.
And Mr. Cullen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *North Shore and Manly Times* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. VOTES OF CENSURE:—Mr. Hawken moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, no vote or action of the Assembly, except through a direct Vote of Censure, and so defined, shall be held to involve the honour of the Government, or be regarded as indicating the desired resignation of the Ministry for the time being.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. THE ORANGE HOSPITAL:—Mr. Walker proceeding to make the motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—
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. Brunker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*), Mr. Lee, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Wilshire,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Removal of Refreshment Room from Mittagong:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that the refreshment room is to be moved from Mittagong to Moss Vale?
- (2.) What is the reason for such removal?
- (3.) What is the estimated cost of the building to be used as a refreshment room at Moss Vale?
- (4.) Will the engines take in water at Moss Vale; if so, what is the estimated cost of bringing the water from Bong Bong River?
- (5.) If water is still to be taken at Mittagong, what delay will that occasion?
- (6.) To what purpose will the large building at the Mittagong station be put when not required as refreshment rooms?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Commissioners propose to remove the refreshment rooms from Mittagong to Moss Vale.
- (2.) It is considered that Moss Vale is a more convenient location, and the removal would greatly facilitate the passenger traffic to Bowral and Moss Vale—a traffic which the Railway Commissioners are anxious to encourage.
- (3.) The estimated cost has not yet been worked out.
- (4 and 5.) It is not intended at present to disturb the watering arrangements at Mittagong. It is proposed that all passenger trains shall call there to pick up or set down passengers, and while the station business is being transacted the engine will take water.
- (6.) It is not yet decided.

- (2.) Extension of Tramway to Balmain:—*Mr. Playfair* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the present tramway system through Pyrmont, across the Glebe Island bridge, to Balmain?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that this matter, with others, has been referred to a Board for consideration, and that their report has not yet been received. This report is expected in the course of a fortnight.

- (3.) Abattoirs, Glebe Island:—*Mr. Playfair* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove the Abattoirs from Glebe Island?
- (2.) If so, has any site been fixed on?
- (3.) Will the Government take steps to place the control of the Abattoirs in the hands of the City Corporation, on the same basis as the Cattle Sale-yards?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I think the Honorable Member is well aware of the fact that the whole of this matter is now under the consideration of the Government, and will have attention.

- (4.) City and Suburban Tramways:—*Mr. Playfair* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to retain the control of the city and suburban tramways?
- (2.) If not, will the Government hand over the control of the city portion to the Sydney Corporation, on similar terms to those adopted in the city of Melbourne?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) It is.
- (2.) Answered by answer to previous question.

(5.)

- (5.) Commissariat Stores, Circular Quay :—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove the old Commissariat Stores from the Circular Quay as soon as the stores on Garden Island are finished for the Imperial Government?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government cannot supply the required information at the present time.

- (6.) Stock Route between Dandaloo and Condobolin :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that great inconvenience is caused through the recently gazetted travelling stock route between Dandaloo, on the Bogan, and Condobolin not being surveyed?

(2.) Will he make inquiries with a view to an early survey?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Not that I am aware of.

(2.) Yes.

- (7.) Rabbit Act :—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under the Rabbit Act that stock-owners in non-infested districts have to pay rabbit assessment as well as those in infested districts?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have the law altered, so that assessment will not be collected in districts not infested by rabbits?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter has already been considered in connection with the proposed Bill to deal with the rabbit pest.

- (8.) Bridge over Orphan School Creek :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government have accepted tenders for the construction of a bridge over the Orphan School Creek?

(2.) If so, is there any delay in the work being proceeded with; and for what cause?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No tender has yet been accepted pending the receipt of a report which has been called for on the question of the approaches. The whole matter will be decided in the course of a few days.

- (9.) Improvements to Brunswick River :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the improvements to the Brunswick River be commenced?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in commencing the works?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders will be invited for this work in the *Government Gazette* of Friday, 18th July.

- (10.) Cable Service :—Mr. Vivian asked the Postmaster-General,—Having regard to the interruption to the triplicate cable service at Banjoewangie, the consequent prejudice to commerce, and possible danger to the community occasioned thereby, will he immediately confer with the respective Governments of Australasia with a view to take concerted action to draw the attention of the Imperial authorities to the necessity for the establishment of an alternative cable route, either *via* the Cape of Good Hope or Canada?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The question of a cable across the Pacific has been under the attention of the present and former Governments, and was considered at the recent Conference at Adelaide, but was considered to be impracticable until a careful survey of the route has been completed. The matter of a cable to the Cape of Good Hope has also received some attention, but was reported as impracticable. In view of the extraordinary circumstance of breaks having simultaneously occurred in the three existing cables, my honorable colleague is fully impressed with the desirableness of giving consideration to the question of an alternative route, and he intends to lay the matter before the Cabinet at an early date.

2. LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 25.

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 enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or sub-ways in lieu thereof.

Government House,

Sydney, 14th July, 1890.

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

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of Proceedings of the Postal and Telegraphic Conference held in Adelaide, May, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker 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 and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.)

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 13.

(3.) 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.

(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. BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Borough of North Willoughby.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cullen 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 alter the name of the Borough of North Willoughby*,"—read a first time.

5. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to lessen the cost of litigation.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to lessen the cost of litigation*,"—which which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th October.

6. PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for fixing the commencement, and limiting the duration, of future Sessions of Parliament, and for providing for the unfinished work of any Session in certain cases being proceeded with in the next ensuing Session of the same Parliament.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for fixing the commencement, and limiting the duration, of future Sessions of Parliament, and for providing for the unfinished work of any Session in certain cases being proceeded with in the next ensuing Session of the same Parliament*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th August.

7. VALIDATED MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to

Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of mineral conditional purchases validated subject to the provisions of the 45th section of the Crown Lands Act; also showing the date of each respective application so validated.

Question put and passed.

8. COMPLAINTS MADE BY MESSRS. BUCKNELL AND LOMAX (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved,

pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers in connection with the complaints made by Messrs. Bucknell and Lomax, with reference to the losses sustained by those gentlemen during the late floods, in consequence of telegraphic information not being furnished by the local officer at Mungindi.

Question put and passed.

9. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from

certain Residents in the town of Wollongong and the Electorate of Illawarra, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill, and praying the House not to pass into law a measure which will be most injurious to important existing vested interests, as well as detrimental to public welfare.

Petition received.

10. PAPER:—Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 16th July, 1890, "*Validated Mineral Conditional Purchases*."

Ordered to be printed.

11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That "James Inglis," Esquire, be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the room of John Hurley, Esquire, resigned.

Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "James Inglis," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "William McCourt."

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

Point of Order:—Mr. J. P. Abbott requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker as to whether an amendment such as that proposed could be moved, and also as to whether any Member could demand a ballot in a case where only one Member was nominated to serve on the Committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment entirely in order, and pointed out that it would be quite contrary to our Parliamentary practice to have a ballot where only one name was submitted, unless specially provided for in the motion made. The 40th Standing Order provided that a ballot might be demanded upon the original appointment of a Select Committee, but the 41st Standing Order plainly inferred that any casual vacancy should be filled without ballot.

Debate ensued.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Street,
Mr. Ritchie.

Tellers,

Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross.

Noes, 56.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Sehey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Frank Farnoll,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Perry.

Tellers,

Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Howe.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then put,—That William McCourt, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Parliamentary
Standing Committee on Public Works, in the room of John Hurley, Esquire, resigned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 75.

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Fletcher,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Frank Farnoll,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Black,
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Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Sehey,
Mr. Walker.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Paul.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,

Mr. Alfred Allen
Mr. Seaver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Alexander 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 3rd
July, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd September.

Question put and passed.

13. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Bruce 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 to-morrow.
14. LISMORE TO THE TWEED RAILWAY BILL [*Heretofore* GRAFTON TO THE TWEED RAILWAY BILL]:—
The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. Smith, 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,—

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1890, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. Smith (*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 three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road from Hillston to Carrathool, *via* Camp Plain:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When is it intended that the road surveyed from Hillston to Carrathool, *via* Camp Plain, will be made available for public use?
 - (2.) Is he aware that considerable delay has taken place in having this road opened?
 - (3.) Will he make inquiry as to the cause of delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Approval has been given to the proposal to open this road, and *Gazette* notification of intention to resume the lands necessary for the purpose will take place as soon as possible.

- (2.) Weir at Hillston, Lachlan River:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- What steps (if any) are being taken to have a weir placed on the Lachlan River, at Hillston?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Assistant-Engineer engaged in the supervision of the work in connection with the construction of the Willandra weir has been instructed to deal with the matter, but the floods and height of the river at Hillston has precluded any work of a definite nature being undertaken.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Crookwell:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What is the cost of the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Crookwell?
- (2.) The number of letters posted at the Crookwell Post Office during the last twelve months?
- (3.) The number of telegrams issued?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Cost of erection, £1,525; cost of fittings, including carriage, £77; purchase of site, £330; total, £1,932.
- (2.) 41,838, during the year 1889.
- (3.) 3,766, transmitted during the same year.

- (4.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that holders of Volunteer land orders are in the habit of applying for special areas in virtue of such orders?
- (2.) How many Volunteer land orders have been used during the present year?
- (3.) What number were used to purchase land on proclaimed special areas?
- (4.) Will he introduce a Bill to amend the Land law, so that Volunteer land orders cannot be used to purchase land, and that some other mode of compensation may be given?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Nineteen applications for grants of land have been made during the present year, of which eight have been refused.
- (3.) Ten applications were received for land within special areas, eight of which were refused.
- (4.) In view of the limited number of such orders outstanding, it does not appear advisable to amend the Land Law in this respect.

(5.)

- (5.) Land resumed for Approach to Bridge at Narrandera:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will payment be made for the lands resumed for the approach to the bridge on the north side of the river at Narrandera?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Land Valuer is now in the district inspecting the land prior to his reporting on its value. No time shall be lost when that officer's report is before me in coming to a decision.

- (6.) Site for Noxious Trades at Kurnell:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it intended to utilize the site set apart at Kurnell for noxious trades?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It is not possible to say at this moment.

- (7.) Site for Agricultural College at Rookwood:—Mr. Ritchie asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Have Sir Henry Parkes and the Honorable the Minister for Public Instruction ever expressed their approval of the land and buildings at Rookwood, known as the Reformatory, as a suitable site for the new Agricultural College and Experimental Farm?

(2.) If so, why did the Government select that of Ham Common in preference?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to utilize the buildings and land at Rookwood for purposes connected with the Department of Agriculture, or for any other purpose?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Have not had an opportunity of ascertaining the facts.

(2.) Because it is better suited for the purpose.

(3.) The matter is under consideration.

- (8.) Conservation of Water, Lake Cudgellico:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it intended that works be constructed for the purpose of conserving water in Lake Cudgellico; if so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Engineering surveys are now in progress, with a view to obtaining sufficient data for the formulation of definite schemes for water conservation. Until such are completed it is perhaps undesirable to undertake isolated works, which may be found upon completion of the surveys not to assimilate with the schemes projected.

- (9.) Dam at Yerong Creek:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When is it intended that tenders shall be called for the construction of the proposed dam and causeway in Yerong Creek, near Costigan's?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Minister for Works has approved of the construction of the proposed dam, and I am informed that no time will be lost in having the work carried out. The exact date when the tenders will be called cannot, however, be given at present.

- (10.) Applications for Mineral Lease, Albert Gold-fields:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the whole of the applications for a mineral lease for portion No. 46, parish of Stephen, county of Yancowinna, Albert Gold-fields, have lately been refused?

(2.) Has any fresh application been received since such refusal was gazetted?

(3.) Will he consent not to issue any lease for any such application until all previous applications have been inquired into and reported upon by a Select Committee of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes, on 20th June, 1890.

(2.) Yes; application No. 4367, at Silverton, by W. P. McGregor.

(3.) No.

- (11.) Commissariat Stores, Circular Quay:—Mr. Hutchison (Canterbury), for Mr. Playfair, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove the old Commissariat Stores from the Circular Quay as soon as the stores on Garden Island are finished for the Imperial Government?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government has not come to any decision on the subject. I may say that these Commissariat Stores, and all the land adjoining the Circular Quay, will probably form part of a Harbour Trust Scheme, which the Government hope to introduce at an early date.

- (12.) Stock Board Examiners, Inspectors of Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Will he give the names of the members composing the Stock Board of Examiners?

(2.) Have any of the members composing the Stock Board of Examiners at any time undergone the necessary examination to qualify them for such a position; if so, will he state when and where they passed such examination, or if any of them possess credentials from any Examining Board, showing that they are competent to hold such a position?

(3.) What are the subjects intending applicants for the appointment of Inspectors of Stock supposed to possess before submitting themselves for examination before this Board; and where and how do such applicants obtain the necessary information to enable them to go up for examination?

(4.) The names and number of Inspectors of Stock now employed in the Government service who have passed this alleged necessary examination; also, the names and number of those who have passed but are not employed; also, the salary each receives respectively?

(5.) Have the respective candidates to pay any fee for such examination; and will he state the nature of such examination, and what it consists of?

(6.) Will he give a list of the names of those who have passed this necessary examination, and who are waiting for an appointment in the Government service?

(7.) Does the passing of such examinations by candidates and Inspectors of Stock entitle them to rank as veterinary surgeons, or to give advice on diseases and distempers belonging to stock?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—A Return containing the information asked for will be laid upon the Table.

(13.) Experimental Farms :—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it proposed to establish one experimental farm in each part of the Colony, distinct from others by conditions of climate, soil, and natural productions, where investigations will be conducted by competent authorities?

(2.) Is it a fact that only reserves are to be utilized, where suitable and available for such purposes?

(3.) If so, will there be established an experimental farm in Central Cumberland, one of the largest fruit-growing districts in New South Wales?

(4.) Will he take into consideration the suitability for such purpose of the Reformatory at Rookwood, with the large area of ground attached?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) It has been decided to establish an Agricultural College at Ham Common.

(14.) Grants to Schools of Arts :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—After an expression of the House recommending £1 for every £1 raised by agricultural societies, will he consider the propriety of extending the same privilege to Schools of Arts throughout the Colony?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Schools of Arts this year are receiving a £ for £ endowment on all subscriptions raised for the purpose of erecting buildings, which is twice as much as in any year previous. In compiling the Estimates for next year, I will ascertain if it is possible to further increase the endowment, so as to place them on a similar footing to agricultural societies.

(15.) Court of Petty Sessions and Lock-up for Katoomba :—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—When will a Court of Petty Sessions be proclaimed for, and a lock-up be erected at, Katoomba?

Mr. Gould answered,—Arrangements have been made for erecting a movable police cell for temporary use at Katoomba, and inquiry is being made as to whether a suitable building can be procured in which to hold a Court of Petty Sessions. As soon as these matters have been arranged, it is intended to have a Court of Petty Sessions proclaimed at that place. The question of erecting a permanent lock-up is under consideration.

(16.) Railway Station, Katoomba :—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new railway station at Katoomba; and is it a fact that the site fixed is in proximity to a dangerous gully leading into Leura?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a railway overbridge or level bridge at the central and level site opposite the post-office at Katoomba?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it is the intention of the Railway Commissioners to erect a new station at Katoomba, but there is no dangerous gully near the proposed site. It is intended to construct a bridge over the line, on the site of the present level crossing, not opposite the post-office.

(17.) Road Molong to Peak Hill :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of a promise made to Dr. Ross last week, that the sum of £150 would be expended in repairing the road Molong to Peak Hill, will he state if the local officer has been instructed to proceed with the work of corduroying the road, and why this work is now being delayed?

(2.) Will he see that the work is pushed forward without delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The local officer was instructed to proceed with the work.

(2.) Yes.

(18.) Imprisonment of Defendants in Civil Actions :—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) In the case of defendants to civil actions who have been arrested, and are detained in prison by writ of *capias ad respondendum (ca. re.)*, and who have filed their defence in conformity with the rules of the Supreme Court, and are anxious to have the action heard without delay, how long is the plaintiff, or plaintiff's attorney, allowed to delay the hearing?

(2.) Has the Supreme Court any power to order the discharge of the defendant if the plaintiff does not take steps in action within a reasonable time?

(3.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether there is any provision in the existing law by which the liberty of the subject in such cases is protected, or by which any lengthy detention in prison before the case is heard or judgment given, is prevented, or whether a defendant in a civil action is at the mercy of the plaintiff, and whether, aided by the Supreme Court, the plaintiff has the power to keep the defendant in prison for months, after his defence has been filed, without taking any further action?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) As these questions involve opinions and matters of law, it is not desirable that they should be replied to.

(3.) For the same reason, it would not be expedient to ask the opinion of the Attorney-General on the matters referred to in this question. The honorable gentleman must see plainly that it is not desirable that answers to questions involving opinions on matters of law should be extracted from Ministers in the House, in order to give people the advantage of getting knowledge supplied by the Government when they can obtain it in the ordinary manner from the ordinary sources.

(19.) Road Millthorpe to Lucknow, *via* Spring Hill:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, all papers, petitions, and other documents relative to the application of the residents of Millthorpe, requesting a grant for the repair of the road from Millthorpe to Lucknow, *via* Spring Hill?

(2.) If there is no objection, will he kindly say upon what date the said papers will be laid upon the Table as desired?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall have much pleasure in complying with the request of the Honorable Member, and will presently lay the papers upon the Table of the House.

(20.) Tenders for Automatic Brakes for Railway Goods Stock:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have tenders been opened for the supply of brake fittings for the proposed trials of automatic brakes for railway goods stock?

(2.) Who is the successful tenderer?

(3.) At what price?

(4.) How many sets of fittings does this comprise?

(5.) For which system of brakes are such fittings intended?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 5.) Railway Pioneer Spring Company for the Vacuum brake, and Overend Norman for the Westinghouse brake.

(3.) £370 and £529 5s. 2d. respectively.

(4.) Fifty waggons each.

(21.) Boroughs of St. Leonards, East St. Leonards, and Victoria:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the reason of the delay in proclaiming the amalgamation of the Boroughs of St. Leonards, East St. Leonards, and Victoria into one borough, to be called North Sydney?

(2.) When do the Government intend to issue such proclamation?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter is under reference to the Attorney-General.

(22.) Darling Harbour Iron Wharf:—Mr. Frank Parnell, for Mr. Playfair, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Under what Department is the control of the Darling Harbour iron wharf?

(2.) Is it a fact that certain coal merchants have placed a trolley across the wharf; if so, on whose authority?

(3.) Does this trolley obstruct a public right-of-way?

(4.) Will the Government take steps to have this obstruction removed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) This wharf is under the control of the Treasury.

(2, 3, and 4.) I am informed that there is no obstruction in any public right-of-way. It is presumed that this question refers to certain action taken by Messrs. Warburton & Sons during a labour dispute. It is a matter in which the Government cannot interfere.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruncker laid upon upon the Table,—Notification of Amendment of Rules 4, 5, 18, 30, and 41 of the Rules and Regulations of the Land Court, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Stock Board of Examiners.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting repair of the road from Millthorpe to Lucknow, *via* Spring Hill.

(2.) Return showing the traffic across the Spit Ferry at Middle Harbour, for periods of six months ending 31st December, 1889, and 30th June, 1890.

(3.) Further Return (*in part*) respecting buildings rented by the Government.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land in parish of Sutherland, county of Cumberland, for additional siding accommodation at Como.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Proclamation respecting application of certain sections of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, to the Municipal District of Wilcannia.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 24th June, 1890, "Church and School Lands at Caloola Creek."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Borough of Willoughby Naming 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. McMillan, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Burns, Mr. Perry, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery, for Mr. Howe, moved, pursuant to Notice, That Mr. Hawthorne be appointed a member of the Select Committee now inquiring into the case of "Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta."

Question put and passed.

5. BRIDGE CONNECTING SYDNEY WITH THE NORTH SHORE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Garvan*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, plans, and documents having reference to the erection of a bridge connecting Sydney with the North Shore.
Question put and passed.
6. NYNGAN TO COBAR RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th July, 1890.
- JOHN HAY,*
President.
7. MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Bruce Smith* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

<i>Mr. McMillan,</i>	<i>Mr. Perry,</i>
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Colls,</i>
<i>Mr. Brunner,</i>	<i>Mr. Leas,</i>
<i>Mr. Carruthers,</i>	<i>Mr. Garvan,</i>
<i>Mr. Melville,</i>	<i>Mr. Ewing,</i>
<i>Mr. Gould,</i>	<i>Mr. Dowel,</i>
<i>Mr. O'Connor,</i>	<i>Mr. Ball,</i>
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Clubb,</i>
<i>Mr. Hayes,</i>	<i>Mr. Woodward,</i>
<i>Mr. Copland,</i>	<i>Mr. Scobie,</i>
<i>Mr. Creer,</i>	<i>Mr. Barnes,</i>
<i>Mr. Tonkin,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>
<i>Mr. Jones,</i>	<i>Mr. W. E. Abbott,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>	<i>Mr. Hawken,</i>
<i>Dr. Ross,</i>	<i>Mr. Cooke,</i>
<i>Mr. Bowman,</i>	<i>Mr. Stokes,</i>
<i>Mr. Street,</i>	<i>Mr. Joseph Abbott,</i>
<i>Mr. Fletcher,</i>	<i>Mr. Alison,</i>
<i>Mr. Cullen,</i>	<i>Mr. Burns,</i>
<i>Mr. Curley,</i>	<i>Mr. Dawson,</i>
<i>Mr. McCourt,</i>	<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>
<i>Mr. Dale,</i>	<i>Mr. Teece.</i>
<i>Mr. Garrard,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Waddell,</i>	
<i>Mr. J. P. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. Molesworth,</i>
<i>Mr. Wyman Brown,</i>	<i>Mr. Wilshire.</i>

Noes, 10.

<i>Mr. Copland,</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>
<i>(Glen Innes),</i>
<i>Mr. Crick,</i>
<i>Mr. Dalton,</i>
<i>Mr. Garland,</i>
<i>Mr. Plumb.</i>
<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Edmunds,</i>
<i>Mr. Paul.</i>

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
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 Wednesday next.

8. COOTAMUNDBRA TO TEMORA RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Bruce 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 Wednesday next.
9. ENTRANCE TO CLARENCE RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Bruce 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 with amendments.
On motion of *Mr. Smith* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
10. ENTRANCE TO THE RICHMOND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Bruce 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 Wednesday next.

11. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce 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 Wednesday next.
12. WESTERN SUBURBS (CITY OF SYDNEY) SEWERAGE SCHEME RETICULATION AND COMPLETION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce 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 Wednesday next.
13. COWRA BRIDGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce 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 Wednesday next.
14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Crown Rents Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
15. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. See,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Hawken,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Paul,	
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Mitchell.

Noes, 11:

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Ferguson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Howe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Smith moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th July, 1890.

16. LISMORE TO THE TWEED RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Bill read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr Smith then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Lismore to The Tweed.*”
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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Lismore to The Tweed,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th July, 1890.*

17. BYRON BAY BREAKWATER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 JULY, 1890, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. J. P. Abbot,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Ball,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Curley,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Dowel,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. King.
Mr. Copeland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Howe,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Paul,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Barnes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Bill do now *pass*.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Smith moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the construction of a Breakwater at Byron Bay.*”

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 sanction the construction of a Breakwater at Byron Bay,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th July, 1890, a.m.*

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY 22 JULY, 1890.

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

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 1889, 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.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Kirkconnell Public School, Yetholme:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that three-fourths of the pupils attending the Kirkconnell Public School, Yetholme, are related to the teacher?

(2.) Has a petition, signed by a number of the residents of Yetholme, who are not so related, been received by the Department?

(3.) Did a man named March sign the said petition, and is it a fact that his child has since been severely flogged by the teacher?

(4.) Did Mr. March refer the Department to Mr. Johnston, J.P., of Sunny Corner, who examined the child; and, if so, has Mr. Johnston been communicated with?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes. The petition is signed by the parents of only three families out of fourteen families who have children attending the school.

(3.) Mr. March signed the said petition. It is not a fact that his child has since been severely flogged by the teacher.

(4.) Mr. March did refer the Department to Mr. Johnston, J.P., of Sunny Corner, and subsequently promised the Inspector who held an inquiry into the case, that he would forward Mr. Johnston's statement as to the alleged severity of the punishment Mr. March's child had received, but he failed to keep his promise.

(2.) Distances by various Railway Routes to Coonamble:—*Mr. Leven*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) What is the distance from Sydney to Coonamble, *via* Mudgee; and what extent of railway line would require to be constructed to connect Coonamble by rail *via* that route?(2.) What is the distance from Sydney to Coonamble, *via* Dubbo; and what would be the extent of line required to connect?(3.) What is the distance to Coonamble from Sydney, *via* Muswellbrook; and what would be the length of line required to connect?*Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—

(1.) Sydney to Mudgee and Coonamble, 332 miles; Mudgee to Coonamble (to be constructed), 143 miles.

(2.) Sydney to Dubbo and Coonamble, 370 miles; Dubbo to Coonamble (to be constructed), 92 miles.

(3.) Sydney to Coonamble, *via* Muswellbrook, Cassilis, and Mandooran, 386 miles; Muswellbrook to Coonamble, *via* Cassilis and Mandooran (to be constructed), 208 miles.

(3.)

- (3.) Sydney University:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What is the number of students now attending lectures at the Sydney University for the B. Sc. degree?
 - (2.) What was the number of students receiving theoretical instruction in physics, chemistry, and geology, in the different terms of last year; how many were bursars; how many medical students; how many evening students?
 - (3.) What was the number in the different terms of last year of bursars, medical students, and others doing practical work in the physical, chemical, and biological laboratories respectively; what is the number for the terms of this year doing this work?
 - (4.) Who are the professors and demonstrators in physics, chemistry, biology, and geology; what salary and what fees do each receive; what are their respective duties; how many hours did each devote to the theoretical instruction and the practical instruction of students last year; how many bursars, medical students, &c., did each professor and lecturer have in each term of the year 1889; and how many in each term this year?
 - (5.) What was the total cost of the physical, chemical, and biological laboratories with fittings and apparatus; and what is the annual cost of continuing them?
 - (6.) Is it intended to abolish the chairs of chemistry, physics, and biology; is it intended to appoint in their stead extension lecturers?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague will presently lay upon the Table of the House, in the form of a Return, information in reply to these questions.

- (4.) Vote for construction of Trial Bay Breakwater:—*Mr. O. O. Dangar* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Out of what vote is the expenditure in connection with the construction of the Trial Bay breakwater being defrayed?
- (2.) What sum remained unexpended of such vote on the 1st of July last?
- (3.) What provision does the Government propose to make to secure the more rapid extension of this work, both as regards men and machinery?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) At the present time the expenditure is being paid from the Treasurer's Advance Account, pending a further vote being taken.
- (2.) Trial Bay Vote was exhausted on the 1st of July last.
- (3.) Nothing more can be done at present. The breakwater work is being proceeded with as expeditiously as possible.

- (5.) Bellinger River Harbour and Entrance:—*Mr. O. O. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Captain Howard's report on the Bellinger River harbour and entrance been sent in?
- (2.) Does that report justify the Minister in carrying out his promise to a deputation from the Bellinger, introduced by the Members for the Electorate of the Macleay, that if the improvements suggested by the deputation could be carried out for a reasonable sum he would make provision for them?
- (3.) Is there any objection to the report being laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is now under consideration by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, who expects to be able to report shortly. I cannot answer the question until I have seen and considered that report.
- (3.) None, when ready.

- (6.) Appointment of 1st Lieutenant, Field Battery of Artillery:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it contemplated to appoint an officer to the position of 1st Lieutenant in the Field Battery (G.O. 138)?
- (2.) Will that position be filled in order of seniority, and in accordance with general qualifications?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Not necessarily; but an officer with good qualifications will be recommended for the position by the Officer commanding the Regiment, and with the approval of the Officer commanding the Artillery Forces.

- (7.) Contract for Winding Clocks and Watches, Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the present yearly contract price for winding, regulating, cleaning, and repairing all clocks and watches on the Great Northern section, New South Wales Railways?
- (2.) Is the contract fulfilled by winding-up all clocks in the four separate departments, viz.:—Traffic, Engineer, Way and Works, and Stores, at every station on the above section, as specified?
- (3.) Has any officer of the Railway Department control of this matter; and if so, what means does he exercise to see that the due performance of the winding-up part of the contract is carried out?
- (4.) Is there any bond entered into; and to what amount?
- (5.) When does the present contract terminate?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that *Mr. John Hart* attends to the regulating, cleaning, &c., of the watches and clocks on the Great Northern Railway, and is paid £200 per annum for his services, which are terminable on one month's notice being given. *Mr. Hart* is practically an officer of the Department, and is under the control of the District Superintendent.

(8.) Wollongong Harbour Trust:—*Mr. Wright*, for *Mr. Jones*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Government moneys are being expended by the Wollongong Harbour Trust in obtaining signatures to petitions, and in lithographs and circulars, to all Members of Parliament, intended to influence the House against the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill?

(2.) If so, will he take measures to see that the State subsidy given under the terms of the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act is expended strictly under the provisions of that measure?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Treasury Department will see that the provisions of the Act are carried out strictly, meantime the Trust must take the responsibility of such details as those referred to by the Honorable Member.

(9.) Borough Council of Wagga Wagga:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works.—

(1.) Was the sum of £200, promised by his Department to the Borough Council of Wagga Wagga, by letter dated 22nd October, 1889, on certain conditions?

(2.) Is it a fact that the conditions have been completed for some time?

(3.) When will the money be paid?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is so stated, and the Council have been asked for particulars of expenditure, which they have not yet supplied.

(3.) As soon as a satisfactory reply has been received from the Council.

3. BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING BILL:—*Mr. Cullen*, 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 July, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 5th August.

Question put and passed.

4. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—*Mr. Frank Smith* presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the district of Illawarra, stating the Petitioners' reasons in favour of the passing of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill, as amended and approved of by the Select Committee, and praying that the House will, during the current Session, take such steps as may be deemed advisable to ensure its early passage into law.

Petition received.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Employers Liability Act Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the Employers Liability Act of 1886 to seamen and all other persons engaged in manual labour;—until Tuesday, 5th August.

(2.) Bondsmen and Sureties Liabilities Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th August.

(3.) Distress for Rent Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th August.

6. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Wyman Brown* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Brown*, *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. Brown*, the report was adopted.

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

7. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION 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, 19th August.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McMillan* 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 fourteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely, *Mr. A. Beckett*, *Mr. Brunner*, *Mr. Cass*, *Mr. Dawson*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. Haynes*, *Mr. McCourt*, *Mr. McMillan*, *Mr. Miller*, *Mr. Paul*, *Mr. Plumb*, *Mr. Schey*, *Mr. Tecce* and *Mr. Torpy*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Licensed Hotels and Public-houses in the City of Sydney:—Mr. Colls asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many licensed hotels and public-houses are there within the city of Sydney?
 (2.) How many private and public up-stair bars in each licensed house; also, the largest number of private or public bars in any of the licensed houses?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the Intoxicating Drink Inquiry Commission, in their report of 20th September, 1887, recommended the complete abolition of up-stair bars, and that no bar should be allowed in any licensed house excepting on the basement floor?
 (4.) If nothing has been done to abolish these bars, is it his intention to take action in the matter, with a view of carrying out the recommendations of the Drink Inquiry Commission?

Mr. Gould answered,—The answers to Questions 1 and 2 are contained in the following Return:—

Hotels.	Upstairs Bars.		Total number of Bars in each Hotel.					
	With 1.	With 2.	With 1.	With 2.	With 3.	With 4.	With 5.	With 6.
485	18	2	361	92	26	3	2	1

(3.) In replying to Parliamentary Questions it is not customary to furnish information which can be obtained by Honorable Members from the records of the House. In this instance, however, I would refer to pages 85 and 86 of the report mentioned, from which it will be seen that the Commission suggest that "two or three courses may be pursued with regard to these bars. Up-stairs bars may be abolished altogether; the number of bars allowed in any licensed house might be strictly limited, and of private bars particularly; or the services of women in bars of the kind contemplated might be forbidden altogether. The Commission are disposed to believe that the preferable course would be the complete abolition of up-stairs bars." The Commission recommended, "as a simple method of dealing with the question, that the principle of single bars should be adopted, with a provision that the Licensing Court may, in cases of proved exceptional public need, grant a licensee the privilege of a second bar—the privilege to be fenced round by proper safeguards and conditions."

(4.) As there does not appear to be any provision in our licensing laws limiting the number of bars that may be opened in licensed houses, or prohibiting the opening of up-stairs bars in such premises, no steps can be taken for their abolition, though, in view of the alleged evil influences of these up-stairs bars, and the opportunity they afford to evade certain provisions of the Licensing Act, it is intended to fully consider the question when preparing the promised measure for the amendment of the present licensing laws.

- (2.) Vacation, Registrar-General's Office:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take the necessary steps to extend the Supreme Court vacation to the Registrar-General's Office?

Mr. McMillan answered,—There is no intention of taking any such steps:

(3.)

(3.) Pastoral Leases :—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is there any reason why no pastoral leases should have been declared forfeited, notwithstanding that the rent has been unpaid for many years?
- (2.) If so, what is that reason?
- (3.) Why have conditional leases and homestead leases been forfeited for non-payment of rent?
- (4.) Has the neglect to forfeit pastoral leases when the rent was unpaid prevented settlement on the said leases?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The uncertainty as to the legality of the determination of rents, and the necessity for legislation to remove doubts as to the Minister's powers.
- (3.) Forfeiture has only taken place for non-compliance with conditions, and in no case has undue harshness been exercised.
- (4.) I am not aware of any request being made to throw open any of these leases for settlement.

(4.) Applications for Mining Reserves, Parish of Metz :—Mr. Dowol, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Have the Government received any applications from the residents of Hillgrove to make reserves for mining or other purposes in the parish of Metz, county of Sandon?
- (2.) Will he cause such reserves to be made before the land is open for conditional purchase on the 31st instant?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) An application has been received from the West Hillgrove Progress Committee.
- (2.) The Lands Department has been asked to make reserves for mining and other purposes.

(5.) Mineral lease applications at Silverton, made by A. Horthun :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Were mineral lease applications 4,217, 4,218, 4,219, and 4,220, Silverton, by A. Horthun, made in conformity with the provisions of the Mining Act and Regulations?
- (2.) Was the said Horthun in legal possession of the above lands on the 18th January last?
- (3.) If not, who was in legal possession?
- (4.) Were the said applications refused?
- (5.) If so, for what reason?
- (6.) Were the said lands applied for by Joseph Tarrant on the 18th January last?
- (7.) Was any complaint lodged against the said applications; and, if so, by whom?
- (8.) Were the said applications made, and the land taken possession of, in conformity with law?
- (9.) Were the said applications refused?
- (10.) If so, on whose recommendation?
- (11.) Why were the said applications refused?
- (12.) Have any applications been made for the above lands since the 24th June last, and by whom?
- (13.) Has the Department of Mines dealt with such application or applications if made?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) The applicant (Horthun) had not complied with the requirements of the law in every detail.
- (2. and 3.) It is believed he (Horthun) was in legal possession.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Because the applicant had not strictly complied with one of the requirements of the law.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) This is a question of law.
- (9.) Yes.
- (10.) All applications to lease are granted or refused on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (11.) Because the land applied for was not available.
- (12.) Yes, by R. Fullerton.
- (13.) Not finally.

(6.) Government Funds :—Mr. Paul asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the conditions upon which the Government funds are placed with the banks in Sydney, and how is the money distributed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government funds in Sydney are of two classes, viz. :—(a) Current accounts—Credit balances with the five banks which transact the Government business, *i.e.*, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial, City, Mercantile, Joint Stock; (b) Fixed deposits at short dates with certain banks, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

7.) Case of *Whitton v. White*, tried at Bathurst :—Mr. Paul asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he investigated the case of *Whitton v. White*, tried at Police Court, Bathurst, on the 21st June last?
- (2.) If so, will he state the result of such investigation, or lay the papers upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I have investigated the case in question.
- (2.) The investigation shows that the girl White was improperly transferred from the service of Mr. Shannon to the service of Mr. Whitton. I have taken the necessary steps to prevent similar irregularity from again occurring. I shall have pleasure in submitting the papers for the Honorable Member's perusal.

(8.)

- (8.) Public Schools:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Will he state, or furnish a return of, the number of public schools, and the number of pupils attending each school respectively, who are now receiving instruction in Latin, French, Mathematics, and Euclid?
 - (2.) The same information with regard to high or superior schools?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information could only be given accurately by communicating with each school. Some time, therefore, would necessarily elapse before the required information could be furnished.
- (9.) Nambucca Harbour:—*Mr. O. O. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What sum of money has been voted by Parliament for the improvement of the Nambucca Harbour?
 - (2.) In what year was the appropriation made?
 - (3.) Has any portion of this sum been expended; if so, how much?
 - (4.) Has any survey of the Nambucca Harbour been ordered, or is the Works Department in possession of sufficient information to justify proceeding with the work?
 - (5.) If further information is required, by whom, and when, will the survey be carried out?
 - (6.) When will the works, above referred to, be proceeded with?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) £3,000 loan.
 - (2.) 1884.
 - (3.) No expenditure to date.
 - (4 and 5.) Yes. A surveyor has been instructed to make a survey as soon as he has finished the survey of Coff's Harbour, on which he is now engaged.
 - (6.) When the survey is to hand, and the matter has been properly considered.
- (10.) Messengers and Tip-staffs in Government Service:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Did he make a promise that he would inquire into the complaint to the effect that messengers tip-staffs, and others in the Government Service were interfering with the trade and calling of waiters, by attending at race meetings, picnics, banquets, &c.?
 - (2.) Was such inquiry made; and, if so, what is the result?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—In the case of persons employed to discharge certain duties within stated hours, whether as messengers or in similar capacity, it is considered that the Government can only deal with them during the time they are so employed, and that they cannot interfere with their lawful disposal of their time afterwards.
- (11.) Kirkconnell Public School, Yetholme:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many times have additions and repairs been made to the Kirkconnell Public School, Yetholme, since the present teacher has been in charge?
 - (2.) Were tenders called for any of these additions and repairs; and, if not, why not?
 - (3.) What amounts have been paid for additions and repairs to the said school since the present teacher has been in charge, and to whom have the amounts been paid?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Since the appointment of the present teacher certain small works have been effected on three occasions.
 - (2.) No. The District Inspector reported that the local tenders were very reasonable, and that there was a difficulty of obtaining tenders from Bathurst builders in consequence of the distance, 18 miles.
 - (3.) The total sum expended and authorized for additions and repairs, since the appointment of the present teacher, amounts to £49 15s. 7d. 14th January, 1887, repairs, £7 13s., paid to Thomas Boyd; 6th June, 1889, repairs and improvements, £12 13s. 4d., paid to Thomas Boyd; 27th March, 1890, repairs and improvements, £29 9s. 3d. (not yet paid), contractor, Thomas Boyd.
- (12.) Iron-work for construction of Bridges:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in inviting tenders for the construction of several bridges in the country the condition is imposed that the Government provide the iron-work?
 - (2.) If so, is it a fact that the iron-work is procured from Hudson Bros., and what is the reason?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The iron-work for all buckled-plate culverts and timber-truss bridges is supplied by the Department to contractors for erection. The letting of a separate contract for the manufacture of iron-work ensures cheaper and better work. Messrs. Hudson Bros. had the contracts for culverts for the eighteen months ending the 1st December, 1889. Mr. R. F. Ritchie is the present contractor. Messrs. Brown & Brown are the contractors for the supply of iron-work for timber-truss bridges.
- (13.) Inspection of proposed Railway Lines:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Will notice be given through the local press, or by some other means, when the examiners who are now inspecting proposed railway lines in the south-western district intend to visit and inspect the different lines?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Regarding the works already submitted to the examiners for investigation, every publicity will be given to their movements.
- (14.) Dam at Costigan's, Yerong Creek:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a tank is urgently needed to supply water to those going to and from the railway station at Yerong Creek?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the proposed dam at Costigan's will not meet that want?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No.

(15.) Yellow Water-holes, near Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When does he intend calling for fresh tenders for sinking for artesian water at the Yellow Water-holes, near Moama?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The contractors failed to commence this work in accordance with the terms of their contract. The Crown Solicitor now has the matter in hand, and has communicated with the bondsmen, but has not yet received any reply.

(16.) Wharf at Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for constructing a wharf at Moama?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In about two weeks.

2. NYNGAN TO COBAR RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 26.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar*,"—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, 22nd July, 1890.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing Statuary, &c., purchased from, or through the agency of, Mr. Oscar Meyer.

(2.) Regulations under the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America, as to the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Information as to number of Students attending Science Lectures, names of Professors and Demonstrators in Science, and cost of certain Laboratories, &c., at University of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Toronto Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Toronto Tramway Act of 1889*,"—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, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 40. Omit "either."

Page 2, clause 2, line 41. Omit "the Supreme Court of New South Wales," insert "a Court of competent jurisdiction."

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.) Book Purchasers Protection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect the purchasers of certain Books and other publications*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd September.

(3.) Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of water supplied to Rate-payers within the Municipality of Goulburn*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(4.)

(4.) Wentworth Irrigation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 10, line 27. Omit "in fee simple" insert "and administered by the Trust, subject to the provisions of this Act, and the approval of the Governor"
- Page 4, clause 12, line 33. Omit "or guaranteed"
- Page 4, clause 12, line 41. Omit "or guaranteeing"
- Page 5, clause 16, line 5. Omit "or guaranteed"
- Page 5, clause 23, lines 51 and 52. Omit "or occupier"
- Page 6, clause 23, line 1. Omit "or occupier"
- Page 6, clause 28, line 49. After "fenced" insert "by the Trust"
- Page 7, clause 32, line 26. Omit "sanctioned" insert "confirmed"
- Page 7, clause 32, line 27. After "Governor" insert "and published in the Gazette. The production of the Gazette with any such By-laws so published as aforesaid, shall, in any suit or proceeding whatsoever, be sufficient evidence that such By-laws have been made, confirmed, and published as is herein required"
- Page 7, clause 33, line 35. Omit "issue" insert "publication"
- Page 7, clause 33, line 35. After "thereof" insert "if Parliament shall be then sitting"
- Page 7, clause 33, line 35. Omit "otherwise"
- Page 8, clause 36, line 4. Before "voted" insert "first"
- Page 9, clause 46, line 12. Omit "a" insert "the"
- Page 9, clause 48, line 44. After "conviction" insert "before any two Justices"
- Page 9, clause 49, line 52. After "liable" insert "on conviction before any two Justices"
- Page 10, clause 51, line 5. After "fined" insert "or a penalty is imposed upon any person"
- Page 10, clause 51, line 7. Omit "offence" insert "person"
- Page 10, clause 52, line 9. Before "damage" insert "loss 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 Tuesday next.

5. MOLONG TO PARKES AND FORBES RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.*" 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.

6. COOTAMUNDRA TO TEMORA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora.*" 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.

7. ENTRANCE TO CLARENCE RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the Entrance of the Clarence River.*”
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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Entrance of the Clarence River,*”—presents the same to Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.*
8. ENTRANCE TO THE RICHMOND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the carrying out of improvements to the Entrance of the Richmond River.*”
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 sanction the carrying out of improvements to the Entrance of the Richmond River,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.*
9. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.*”
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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.*
10. WESTERN SUBURBS (CITY OF SYDNEY) SEWERAGE SCHEME RETICULATION AND COMPLETION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme.*”
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 sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.*
11. COWRA BRIDGE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra.*”
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 sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1890.*
12. LANDHOLDERS NEAR BYRON BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of landholders, and the area held by each, within a radius of eight miles from Byron Bay.
Question put and passed.
13. COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery, for Mr. Wall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Public Companies.
Question put and passed.

14. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wyman Brown, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines.*"

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 James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines.*"—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, 23rd July, 1890.*

15. LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or sub-ways in lieu thereof.

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 enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or sub-ways in lieu thereof.

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

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close Level Crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, Overhead Bridges or Sub-ways in lieu thereof*,"—which was read a first time,

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

16. CROWN RENTS BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. A'Beckett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Beef, Mutton, &c., Exported:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Can he state definitely, or approximately, the number of carcasses of beef and mutton that have been exported during the past year, and the value of the same?
- (2.) The same information with regard to skins, hides, bones, and tallow?
- (3.) Are there any custom or export duty or fees charged on those articles; if so, how much, and the amount of revenue received?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) 79,406 carcasses of mutton and lamb, 248 pieces beef; 37,868 cwt.; value, £33,426.
- (2.) 17,565 bales skins, £26,228; 168,120 bales hides, £122,117; 25,908 cwt. bones, £5,963; 25,308 casks tallow, 186,291 cwt., £201,712.
- (3.) No customs or export duties charged.

(2.) Mining District of Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he see that some competent officer of his Department is sent to the mining district of Cargo in order to make a complete geological inspection of the district, and to report fully on the same at as early a date as possible?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It is intended that a Geological Surveyor shall visit and make an inspection of the Cargo district as soon as possible.

(3.) Drink Traffic, City of Sydney:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Morton, asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the recent disclosures made in the Press on the drink traffic in the city of Sydney, will he see that the police have orders to put in force the 87th section of the Licensing Act?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that the police do enforce the provisions of the section referred to as far as practicable.

(4.) Proprietors of Private Up-stairs Bars:—Mr. Colls asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that circulars and cards are issued by proprietors of private up-stairs bars, and distributed aboard sea-going ships on their arrival at the wharfs, giving the names of the licensed houses, and also names of females who have control of same?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not aware, but inquiries are now being made on the subject.

(5.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Waratah Coal Company receive a portion of the Newcastle pasturage reserve by virtue of improvements; if so, on what date?
- (2.) What was the area so granted?
- (3.) What was the price paid per acre for the same?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on 10th August, 1874.
- (2.) 40 acres.
- (3.) £7 4s. per acre. Subject to conditions contained in the deed of grant, a copy of which was handed to the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Melville, on the 5th June, 1889.

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- (6.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) On what date did the Anglo-Australian Coal Company receive a portion of the Newcastle pasturage reserve by virtue of improvements?
 - (2.) What was the area so granted?
 - (3.) What was the amount paid per acre?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) No land has been sold to this Company out of the Newcastle pasturage reserve in virtue of improvements, but land has been so sold to Messrs. Morehead and Young and the Scottish Australian Mining Company.
 - (2.) 10½ acres to the former gentlemen and 7 acres 1 rood 2 perches to the latter Company.
 - (3.) £14 11s. 10d. and £24 14s. 10d. respectively. Subject to conditions contained in the deed of grant, a copy of which was handed to the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Melville, on the 6th June, 1889.
- (7.) Sale of Tobacco without a License :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that twenty-five persons pleaded guilty at the Water Police Court to selling tobacco without a license?
 - (2.) What was the total amount of fines imposed, and what amount was allowed to the prosecuting attorney?
 - (3.) How long did such cases occupy?
 - (4.) The name of the presiding magistrate?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The fines imposed amounted to £25, with 6s. 6d. office costs in each case, and the sum of £19 19s. was allowed to the prosecuting attorney.
 - (3.) About half an hour.
 - (4.) Mr. B. Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate.
- (8.) Tram Fares to Bondi and Coogee :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the distance from the tram terminus to the Bondi terminus, and what is the amount of the fare?
 - (2.) The like information as to the Coogee line?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed the distance from the tram terminus to Bondi is 5 miles 12 chains, and the fare by ticket is 4d. The distance from the same place to Coogee is 6 miles 6 chains, and the fare by ticket is 6d.
- (9.) Mr. Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) When was Mr. B. Lee, S.M., appointed to the Civil Service?
 - (2.) Is he entitled to retire?
 - (3.) Why was he removed from Bathurst?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) 12th August, 1874.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) During the absence on leave, through illness, of Mr. Marsh, late Stipendiary Magistrate, previous to his retirement from the Service, it was deemed expedient, for Departmental reasons, that Mr. Lee should be appointed Deputy, and on the retirement of Mr. Marsh, Mr. Lee was appointed to the permanent position.
- (10.) Coinage of Silver at the Sydney Mint :—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Hawken, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any proceedings been taken towards securing the right of coinage of silver to the New South Wales Mint; if not, will the Government give the matter their early consideration?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter is now under consideration.
- (11.) Approaches to Railway Stations and Platforms :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for next year to enable the Railway Commissioners to make and repair approaches to stations and platforms?
 - (2.) Will he have the necessary action taken to have approaches made to Carlingford platform as early as possible?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it has been usual in recent years to pay for approaches to railway stations out of the Contingent Vote, Department of Roads. I will refer the matter to my honorable colleague the Minister for Public Works, as to the repair of the Carlingford approach.
- (12.) Repeal of the Rabbit Act :—Mr. FitzGerald asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does he intend to take steps for the repeal of the Rabbit Act; and, if so, when?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes, so soon as the state of public business will enable me to introduce a Bill to deal with the rabbit pest.
- (13.) Applications for land, Buchargingah Run :—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that at the Land Office, Albury, last Thursday, several selectors applied for portions of land on the Buchargingah run, which had been notified as open for selection?
 - (2.) Did the Land Agent warn the applicants that as Westby Bros. had applied to surrender other lands for these portions, by way of exchange, they would take them at their risk?
 - (3.) Have Messrs. Westby arranged with the Lands Department to exchange; and, if so, were the portions reserved before the 17th instant?
 - (4.) If not, will the selectors get the portions they applied for?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No; but they have tendered an application for an exchange of lands; but no lands therein referred to have been reserved.
- (4.) This will have to be determined by the Local Land Board. I may further say, that a statement was made by the Land Agent to the applicants for these conditional purchases that applications had been received from the lessee for exchange. That application will not affect the application for conditional purchases.

(14.) Public-houses with Private Bars :—Mr. Creer asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that any of the public-houses in Sydney have six private bars?
- (2.) How many additional rooms do the said public-houses contain?
- (3.) The same with reference to any public-houses having five private bars?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) There is only one public-house with six bars.
- (2.) There are twenty-one additional rooms in the house before referred to.
- (3.) There are two public-houses with five bars. There are ninety-one additional rooms in one, and twenty-four in the other.

(15.) Proposed Railway Line, Muswellbrook to Cassilis :—Mr. FitzGerald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many examiners of proposed public works are employed in the service of his Department?
- (2.) When does he intend directing one or more of these officers to inspect and report upon the proposed railway line from Muswellbrook to Cassilis?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Two permanent officers. Two gentlemen are at present temporarily engaged on a particular inquiry.
- (2.) A definite time cannot be fixed at present; but no time shall be lost in giving instructions in this matter, as soon as the more urgent works the examiners have in hand have been disposed of.

(16.) Water for Railway Purposes, Mittagong :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways entered into a contract with any private person to obtain water from a dam at Mittagong?
- (2.) If so, what are the terms of the arrangement?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that an arrangement has been made with Mr. Murray to obtain water as required for railway purposes from his dam at Mittagong, and a sum of £200 per annum is to be paid for the privilege.

(17.) Road from Bowral to Wombeyan Caves :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the survey of the road from Bowral to Wombeyan caves been completed?
- (2.) If not, what has been the cause of the delay?
- (3.) What amount has the survey cost to date?
- (4.) Will an officer be sent to examine the survey as made?
- (5.) When will tenders be called for the work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The survey has been considerably retarded by the wet season, and the difficulty of the route.
- (3.) £477 1s. 9d.
- (4.) An officer has already been instructed to do so.
- (5.) Some portions of it are now ready for tenders being called, but it is deemed advisable to wait until the whole line has been determined.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Minute by the Auditor-General respecting the balance at the credit of the Old Loans Account, remarks thereon by the Consulting Accountant to the Treasury, together with the decision of the Colonial Treasurer.
 - (2.) Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board for the year ending 31st March, 1890, under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
 - (3.) Annual Report of the Forest Conservancy Branch for 1889.
 - (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Waverley, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. TRANSFER OF MINING STOCK STAMP DUTY EXEMPTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McMillan 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 exempt shares in the stock and funds of mining corporations, companies, and societies from being chargeable with stamp duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares.
Question put and passed.
4. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McMillan 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 the "Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act," 53 Vic. No. 3.
Question put and passed.

5. **NECROPOLIS (ADDITIONAL AREAS) BILL (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to set apart and apportion certain areas of land adjoining the Necropolis at Rookwood as additional or other areas for burying the dead ; and to extend the Necropolis Acts to such areas ; and for other purposes therein set forth.
Question put and passed.
6. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*)**:—
(1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Walker then 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, 28th October.
7. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*)**:—
(1.) Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the “ *Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,* ” and to provide for the election of Licensees Commissioner by ballot.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,’ and to provide for the election of Licensees Commissioner by ballot,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th October.
8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Wheeler presented a Petition from C. Willing, as Chairman of a public meeting of residents of St. Peters, held under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the Liquor Traffic will be regarded as satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation ; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
9. **CROWN RENTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, “ *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. Crick drew Mr. Speaker’s attention to the fact that the title of the Bill did not contain any reference to that portion of the Bill which proposed the repeal of existing legislation, and submitted that the Bill was therefore out of order.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker stated that such special reference to that subject was not necessary in the title.
Debate continued.
Point of Order,—Mr. Crick desired the ruling of the Chair as to whether clause 9, which affected important rights legally acquired by certain individuals, was not beyond the order of leave, there being no direct reference to it in such order.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, when a Bill has within it a clause so important as to interfere with actions pending, or a judgment already obtained, such should certainly be mentioned in the order of leave. He, therefore, ruled that the Bill was improperly before the House.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
10. **PROBATE 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 Wednesday next.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after Eleven o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road across Rifle Range:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large deputation waited upon Sir Henry Parkes, in 1888, in support of opening a road from the foot of Regent-street, across the Rifle Range, to the Association and Agricultural Show Grounds?

(2.) Was the proposal at that time declined in consequence of the danger of crossing the Rifle Range?

(3.) In view of the Rifle Range being now removed, will he make inquiries, with a view to opening the road referred to?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) I am informed that such was the case.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes is reported to have said that the question of the extension of Regent-street was not then being decided. He would consider the application of the members of the deputation, with the desire to consult the wishes of the people of Paddington. There were, however, numerous other pressing matters.

(3.) Yes.

- (2.) Wharf at Oxley Island:—Mr. Vivian asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet determined to erect a wharf at Oxley Island, as promised for on Estimates for 1889?

(2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Before tenders are invited for this wharf, I find it will be necessary to have a special survey made and further information obtained, to see if it is possible to select another suitable site, to avoid resuming, and severing a valuable farm.

- (3.) Roads, Argyle Electorate:—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Ball, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have gates been erected across the public roads leading from Laggan to Taralga, Binda to Peelwood, and Binda to Wheeo; if so, by whose authority?

(2.) Have any complaints been made in connection with these gates to the Local Superintendent?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Nothing is known in the Public Works Department on this matter, but the local officer has been asked to furnish a report.

- (4.) Roads, Argyle Electorate:—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Ball, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What money has been voted and expended on the following roads for the years 1888 and 1889:—Road from Tuena to Binda, *via* Junction Point; road Peelwood to Binda; road Laggan to Binda; road Binda to Wheeo; road Binda to Crookwell; road Wheeo to Old Man Gunyah Creek, on road from Goulburn to Burrowa; road Laggan to Taralga?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

- (5.) Appointments to Civil Service from Gunnedah Electorate:—Mr. Turner asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many residents in the Gunnedah Electorate have been appointed to any branch of the Civil Service, including temporaries, during the past twelve months?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It is quite impossible to supply the information asked for, there being no data whatever to furnish such inquiry.

(6.)

(6.) Employment of Females in Civil Service :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Will he see that steps are taken by the Government to throw open suitable avenues for employment in the Civil Service to competent females who have received a liberal education, and have undergone successful public examinations?

(2.) Are these positions, such as telegraph operators, post and telegraph masters, type-writers, printers, teachers, &c., at present chiefly, if not solely, held by the male portion of the community?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government are fully alive to the desirability of affording to women, according to their capacity and educational qualifications, equal opportunities with men to earn a reputable livelihood, but it is impossible to make a definite statement on the subject.

(7.) Government Advertisements in Country Newspapers :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the names of the country papers in which advertisements were inserted by the Government of Crown lands open to selection on 17th July?

(2.) What was the amount paid to each country paper; also the amount paid to any metropolitan paper for similar advertisements?

(3.) Were circulars sent to country papers enclosing a schedule containing particulars of land open to selection, and suggesting the insertion of that schedule, but on the distinct understanding that such insertion was not to be paid for; if so, what were the names of the papers?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) The *Albury Banner* and the *Maitland Mercury*.

(2.) No accounts have as yet been rendered from the proprietors of these papers. Accounts for somewhat similar advertisements have been furnished by the metropolitan papers, but have not yet been submitted.

(3.) Circulars were sent to the country papers, forwarding schedules containing particulars of lands which would be open to conditional purchase. It was, however, therein specified that the information was not forwarded as a Government advertisement, but in order that the proprietors of the several papers might make such use thereof as they might desire.

(8.) Public Park, Moss Vale :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What steps are being taken to provide a public park for Moss Vale?

(2.) Has a site been selected; if so, when will the purchase or resumption of such site be completed?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Several sites have been inspected.

(2.) The Borough Council favoured that on the Throsby Park Estate, the price required for which has not been furnished by the trustees of that estate, as promised by them. The purchase or resumption of any site cannot be completed until the necessary funds have been provided by Parliament.

(9.) Road between Harwood and Chatsworth :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the new road between Harwood and Chatsworth be opened for traffic?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As soon as the question of the payment of compensation for the land required has been settled; and this is now under consideration.

(10.) Dredge for the Clarence River :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Seeing the alleged shoaling of various parts of the Clarence, will he cause a dredge to be sent as soon as possible to remove any obstructions, pending the construction of a new dredge?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A grab-dredge will be sent with all possible dispatch.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of completion of Water-works, Borough of Orange, and transfer of such works to care of Municipal Council of that town, under the Act 44 Victoria No. 14.

(2.) Return showing amounts voted and expended on the Tuena to Binda, *via* Junction Point, and other roads, for the years 1888 and 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 10th June, 1890, "Resumption of Molesworth-street, Lismore."

Ordered to be printed.

3. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED SERGEANT OF POLICE :—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from William Stafford, in reference to his dismissal from the Police Force, and praying for the inquiry into this matter, of which notice is now before the House.
 Petition received.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Toronto Tramway Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

5. DISMISSAL OF J. H. COOKE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT :—Mr. Cruickshank 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 dismissal of J. H. Cooke from the Education Department, and any claims he may have on the Government.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Lees, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Howe, Mr. Perry, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.

Debate ensued

Question put and negatived.

6. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Mr. Hawthorne 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 authenticity of the case already stated in the petition of ex-Mounted Sergeant William Stafford, presented to and received by Parliament on the 2nd day of May, 1888, concerning his claim for superannuation allowance from the "Police Superannuation Fund," to which he contributed 3 per cent. of his salary for eighteen years as a provision for accident, infirmity, and old age, and whether the ex-Sergeant received such a wound and other injuries in the execution of his public duty as to render him now unfit to follow his occupation.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Garrard, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Ross, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Clubb, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. SELECTION OF HAM COMMON AS SITE FOR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with the selection of Ham Common as a site for an Agricultural College.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
8. APPOINTMENT OF LECTURERS ON MINERALOGY:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to appoint itinerating lecturers on mineralogy and the working of mines.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF J. SMITH, J. M. D. SULLIVAN, AND A. CAMPBELL, LAND DISTRICT OF LISMORE:—Mr. Nicoll moved, pursuant Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, documents, &c., in connection with the circumstances surrounding the conditional purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, in the Land District of Lismore.
- Debate ensued.
- Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Clubb, Mr. Crick, Mr. Cullen, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McCourt, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Nicoll, Dr. Ross, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Torpy, and Mr. Wilshire,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY, 1890.

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

ELECTORATE OF HARTLEY :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 3rd instant, declaring the Seat of John Hurley, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Hurley, and that such writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of John Hurley, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Hartley.

2. **QUESTIONS** :—

(1.) **Police Force, Northern Districts** :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many constables are there in the northern districts of the Colony, classifying each grade, viz. :—(a) Ordinary Constables; (b) First-class constables; (c) Senior-constables?
 (2.) Is it a fact that in making promotions long-service men are, as a rule, passed over in favour of men of short service; if so, will he state the reasons for same?
 (3.) Is it a fact that much dissatisfaction exists in the police force at the alleged unfair manner in which promotions are made?
 (4.) Is there any regulation which provides for an annual leave of absence for the members of the police force, and is leave often refused to men who are entitled to it; if so, for what reason?
 (5.) Is it a fact that uniforms are supplied to the men which do not fit them, and have frequently to be altered and partially re-made at their own cost?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to this question.

(2.) **Female Teachers, Education Department** :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in his Department female teachers, as a rule, receive smaller allowances in the shape of salaries than males?
 (2.) Is there any difference in their classification as teachers, or the nature of the work or duties they have to perform, that female teachers should receive salaries proportionately smaller than males; or is it done with a view to public economy?
 (3.) What is the difference in the services rendered by males, compared with females, in their respective capacity of teachers?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) There is no difference in their classification as teachers, but the duties of male teachers differ in certain respects from those of female teachers.
 (3.) The services of male teachers are in many instances of more importance than those of female teachers.

(3.) **Treatment of Refractory Ores** :—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is not it a fact that the mining industry of the Colony is retarded through the absence of any works at which refractory ores can be treated, as at Freiburg?
 (2.) Is he taking any measures, and if so, will he state particulars, to secure the early erection of works at which such ore may be treated, according to the best-known processes, on terms similar to that adopted at the great European works?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Some branches of mining industry are retarded by reason of want of the requisite knowledge and appliances to treat profitably many of the refractory ores found in this Colony.
 (2.) Every effort is being made to secure the services of a metallurgist possessing the necessary qualifications to direct such works, but it would not be expedient to erect works until the services of a man competent to say what works are necessary have been secured.

(4.)

(4.) Charge for Telegrams:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Does the regulation by which 6d. only is charged for transmission of ten-word telegrams apply to any other parts of the Colony than the city and suburbs?
- (2.) If so, will he please name the towns?
- (3.) Will he cause the operation of such scale of charges to apply to all towns distant not more than six miles from each other?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Between West Maitland, East Maitland, Morpeth, and Hinton; between Grafton and South Grafton; between Narrabri and Narrabri West.
- (3.) In view of the contemplated general reduction of rates (both local and intercolonial), it is thought that any further local reductions might stand over for the present.

(5.) Damage by Floods, Hunter River:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has an engineer been appointed to report on the improvement and preservation of the Hunter; if so, who is the engineer?
- (2.) What are the particular subjects he is required to report on?
- (3.) Within what time is the said engineer required to report?
- (4.) Has any progress report been received; and, if so, will he cause it to be laid upon the Table of this House?
- (5.) What are the terms of remuneration which the said engineer is to receive?
- (6.) Out of what vote is the amount to be paid?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to a report which is being obtained as to the best means of averting the disastrous effects of the floods which occur in the Hunter River, and which threaten the safety of important towns. Mr. Gordon, C.E., is engaged in this work, and his report is shortly expected. He was not limited to time, but was asked to deal with the matter as expeditiously as the circumstances of the case would admit. The terms of remuneration have not yet been fixed, as this will depend upon the time employed in carrying out his instructions.

(6.) Entrance to the Macleay River:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Sir John Coode been supplied with all borings, soundings, surveys, and other information required to enable him to report on the improvement of the entrance to the Macleay River?
- (2.) The same as regards the contemplated channel at the south-west rocks?
- (3.) On what date were the papers connected with the above forwarded to him?
- (4.) How soon may Sir John Coode's complete report and recommendations on the works above referred to be expected to reach the Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) 17th October, 1889.
- (4.) I have no definite information on this point, but think that the report may be looked for shortly.

(7.) Premiums offered for best Railway Routes:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he authorized the offer of a premium for the discovery of the best railway route to the coast near Twofold Bay?
- (2.) If so, what are the particulars of the offer?
- (3.) In view of the diversity of opinion which would probably exist as to the best route from the New England and Glen Innes table-land to the coast, will he consider the propriety of offering a premium for the best route by which this portion of the table-land can be connected with the eastern seaboard, at any point north of Tacking Point, in the county of Macquarie?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) It is the intention to make this offer.
- (2.) The particulars have not yet been finally approved, but they will appear in the newspapers in the course of a few days.
- (3.) It is unnecessary at present to offer a premium in this case, as surveys are being undertaken by the Department, and an exploration has recently been made between Glen Innes and Grafton, a report of which will shortly be ready.

(8.) Annual Report of the Department of Lands:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in placing upon the Table of this House the Annual Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1889?
- (2.) When will the report be available for members, and will it be furnished before the Estimates for next year are dealt with?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) The delay is due to the fact that the information has to be collected from the several Local Land Offices and elsewhere, and considerable correspondence is involved in the revision of the returns furnished.
- (2.) The report is in course of completion, and will be laid upon the Table without any unnecessary delay, and before the Estimates for the ensuing year are dealt with.

(9.) Drainage Scheme, Town of Bungendore:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a report yet been made upon the application of the Member for Qucanbeyan, for a drainage scheme for the town of Bungendore?
- (2.) If not, when is the report likely to be made?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Reports have been received, and the matter is now in the hands of the local officer to have a survey made.

(10.) Rents of Crown Lands —Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that no intimation was published until the 12th July setting forth that pastoral rents due on the 10th July would be received at the Treasury at the rate submitted by the Local Land Boards?
- (2.) Is it a fact that rents not paid on the 10th July are subject to a fine of 5 per cent.?
- (3.) Is it a fact that on the 10th July the Treasury stated to applicants that rents, as appraised by the Minister, must be paid?
- (4.) Is it a fact that lessees had no option but to pay on the 10th July, and at the rates fixed by him?
- (5.) What is the date of the *Gazette* referred to by him in *Hanard*, on the 24th July, as follows:—
“A *Gazette* notice has appeared stating that, notwithstanding the decision of the Privy Council, the rents will be received, pending the determination of Parliament, at the rate fixed by the Land Board, without prejudice”?
- (6.) Is it a fact that no notification was given to lessees except that published with the list of rents issued two days after the rents due 10th July were paid?
- (7.) As the lessees did not receive notice of his intention until two days after the rents were paid, is it his intention to refund the difference between the Land Board's and his appraisalment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) The list of rents of pastoral leases was not published in time for issue before the 12th July.
- (2.) Under the Act, if rents are not paid when due, a fine may be inflicted. As a matter of fact, however, rents tendered some days after the 12th July have been accepted without fine. This has been the case where it has been shown that the delay has been unavoidable.
- (3.) It has been ascertained that rents were accepted by the Treasury on the 10th July, at the rates appraised by the Land Boards.
- (4.) Is replied to by No. 3.
- (5.) The reference to *Gazette* is a verbal mistake. What was meant was the usual list of pastoral lease rents published at the Government-Printing Office.
- (6.) Yes; no modification of the recurring payments of rents of pastoral leases is required by law, nor has it been the practice to publish any other than the list already mentioned.
- (7.) As the list referred to is merely published for convenience the adjustment referred to is unnecessary.

(11.) Sites for Agricultural Farms:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Has he yet fixed upon any sites in country districts for agricultural farms?
- (2.) If so, in what districts?
- (3.) By what means does he decide the advisability, or otherwise, of granting any applications that may be sent in?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The whole subject is now engaging my attention.

(12.) Tourist Tickets, Great Northern Line:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that tourist tickets, at reduced rates, are issued on the western and southern lines, while similar concessions on the northern lines are refused?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the mileage rates for passengers is greater on a portion of the northern line than on the western and southern lines?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not aware that the Northern Districts suffer such disabilities as would appear to be indicated, and would be glad if the Honorable Member will furnish me with particulars of what is referred to, so that I may make inquiry.

(13.) Mr. Poulton, Confinee in Gladesville Asylum:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When Mr. Poulton, at present a confinee in the asylum at Gladesville, is likely to be liberated?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will furnish the Honorable Member with the information privately, which I think will be the better course.

(14.) Road, Molong to Peak Hill:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give the name of the officer (if any) who has been instructed by him to expend the special allowance of £150 that was granted some weeks back for repairs to the road Molong to Peak Hill, and why the work is not being proceeded with?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Mr. Road Superintendent Newton, of Forbes, is the name of the officer referred to, and he has been instructed by telegraph to expend the amount at once. The Honorable Member will see that in view of the many urgent works which the Roads officers have to attend to, in consequence of the damage to the roads owing to the excessive rainfall, it has been found impossible for all the works in their districts to be put in hand at once. As, however, this particular work is represented to be of great urgency, special instructions have been given with regard to it.

(15.) Inspection and Repair of Roads:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that instructions are forthwith sent to every superintendent of roads throughout the Colony requesting them to make a thorough and careful inspection and report of the worst and most dangerous places of the various roads in their respective districts, with the view of such dangerous and impassable places being put in a proper state of repair during the dry weather, or early months of summer, to prevent the future suspension of traffic?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This is practically being done.

(16.) Crown Land taken up on 17th July:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of conditional purchases taken up under the 13th section of the Lands Act, on the 17th instant, at each of the Land Offices, and the acreage, in the Eastern Division?
- (2.) The number of additional conditional purchases taken the same day, and the acreage?
- (3.) The number of conditional leases, and acreage?

Mr.

Mr. Bruncker answered,—There are no conditional purchases taken up under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. A Return will be prepared, giving the number and acreage of original and additional conditional purchases, and conditional leases applied for on the 17th instant, at each of the Land Offices in the Eastern Division, if moved for in the usual way.

- (17.) Advertising Crown Land for Sale:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In view of the large areas of land thrown open for selection on the Clarence and Richmond Rivers, did he take any steps to make known the same by advertising in the district paper, *The Clarence and Richmond Examiner*?
 - (2.) In the public interest, and in view of the large areas now being taken up in those districts, will he take the same means of disseminating the information as to the lands thrown open in those districts for selection as he did in the Hunter and Albury districts?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) No advertisements have been inserted in the newspaper mentioned.
- (2.) Except in the Casino Land District there have not been any large areas taken up, but the subject of advertising will be further considered.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Further Return (in part) respecting buildings rented by the Government—Post and Telegraph Departments.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Honorable R. Burdett-Smith, C.M.G., M.L.C., Executive Commissioner for the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, 1888-9.
 - (2.) Particulars respecting Police in Northern Districts.
 - (3.) Report of Departmental Board of Inquiry on Accident to Express Train at Thirlmere.
 - (4.) Report of Railway Commissioners for Quarter ending 30th June, 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1889.
 - (2.) Further Return (in part) respecting buildings rented by the Government—Department of Public Instruction.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on the 10th July, 1890, "Conduct of Teacher at Ameroo Public School."
- Ordered to be printed.

4. NECROPOLIS (ADDITIONAL AREAS) BILL:—Mr. Gould presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to set apart and apportion certain areas of land adjoining the Necropolis at Rookwood as additional or other areas for burying the dead; and to extend the Necropolis Acts to such areas; and for other purposes hereinafter set forth,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. THE HINTON PUNT:—Mr. McRae presented a Petition from certain persons who have occasion to use the Hinton Punt, representing that the imposition of tolls on that punt is felt to be unfair, burdensome, and impolitic; and praying the House to abolish such tolls forthwith.
Petition received.

6. CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruncker 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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the "Crown Lands Act of 1884;" to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts; and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.
Question put and passed.

7. HOSPITAL ELECTIONS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the election of trustees, treasurers, and officers of Hospitals.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Election of Trustees, Treasurers, and Officers of Hospitals,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th August.

8. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873," and the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886," and to provide for the election of the licensees and municipal commissioners by ballot, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burdekin then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,' and the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,' and to provide for the election of the licensees and municipal commissioners by ballot, and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th September.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. William Stephen 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 directing attention to the attack made on his character by the Postmaster-General on Wednesday evening last.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Stephen moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

10. **MEMBER SWORN**:—John Hurley, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Hartley.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—The Debate on the motion for the Adjournment of the House,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 10 above,—resumed.
Question put and negatived.
12. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Paul presented a Petition from J. Garrard, as Chairman of a public meeting of citizens of Sydney, held in the Temperance Hall, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.

13. **POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—

- (1.) 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, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal some, and amend other, enactments relating to the imposition of Postage Rates; to reduce the Postage Rate on letters, and to impose a Postage Rate on newspapers; to provide further facilities and safeguards in connection with the registration of newspapers, and the transmission of certain matter by post; 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 repeal some, and amend other, enactments relating to the imposition of Postage Rates; to reduce the Postage Rate on letters, and to impose a Postage Rate on newspapers; to provide further facilities and safeguards in connection with the registration of newspapers, and the transmission of certain matter by post; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. O'Connor then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal some, and amend other, enactments relating to the imposition of Postage Rates; to reduce the Postage Rate on letters, and to impose a Postage Rate on newspapers; to provide further facilities and safeguards in connection with the registration of newspapers, and the transmission of certain matter by post; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 20th August.

14. **TRANSFER OF MINING STOCK STAMP DUTY EXEMPTION BILL**:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 exempt shares in the stock and funds of mining corporations, companies, and societies from being chargeable with stamp duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares.

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 exempt shares in the stock and funds of mining corporations, companies, and societies from being chargeable with stamp duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares.

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

- (2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to exempt shares in the stock and funds of mining corporations, companies, and societies from being chargeable with stamp duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares*,”—which was read a first time.

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

15. **MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 “*Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act*,” 53 Vic. No. 3.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the “Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act,” 53 Vic. No. 3.

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

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act’*”—which was read a first time.

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

16. COAL MINES REGULATION 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 to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School at Amaroo:—*Mr. Kidd*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the teacher of the Public School at Amaroo puts his horse in the school play-ground?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the school-teacher also lately ordered the children attending school to put their dinners in the weather-shed in place of in the school, as formerly, for reasons, as alleged, that the dinners, by being kept in the school-room, make him sick, and were the cause of his late illness?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that, although he has been officially warned to the contrary, he still keeps poultry in the play-ground?
- (4.) Is the teacher permitted to enclose the front of the weather-shed with wire netting to keep the poultry out of the shed; and, if so, by whose authority; and is such a proceeding allowed at any other Public School in the Colony?
- (5.) Are Public Schools and premises erected for the purpose of enabling teachers to keep dogs, horses, and poultry, or are they intended as institutions for the education of children?
- (6.) What classification does this teacher possess, and what rank or class does the school occupy?
- (7.) How long is it since the teacher passed his examination?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that the teacher of the Public School at Amaroo occasionally puts his horse in the play-ground.
- (2.) It is not a fact that the teacher assigned as his reason for arranging that pupils' dinners shall be kept in the weather-shed, instead of in the school, that they made him sick. The arrangement in question was made because it was more convenient both for pupils and teacher.
- (3.) The teacher has not been officially warned not to keep poultry. He has been instructed that he must prevent the poultry from interfering in any way with the children's use of any portion of the premises, or get rid of them.
- (4.) The teacher has been instructed that his poultry must be kept out of the weather-shed. It was left to his discretion to use proper means for doing this. The use of wire netting is not considered objectionable, provided that it does not interfere with the pupils' use of the shed.
- (5.) Public Schools and premises are not erected for the purpose of enabling teachers to keep dogs, horses, and poultry. Such buildings are intended to be used for educational purposes.
- (6.) The teacher holds a classification of III B. The school is in the 8th class.
- (7.) The teacher passed his examination for his present classification in December, 1888.

- (2.) Leave of Absence to Professors, &c., Sydney University:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What leave of absence has been granted to the professors, lecturers, and demonstrators at the Sydney University since 1870?
- (2.) Have they, during their absence, received the full salary voted by Parliament?
- (3.) Has Professor Anderson Stuart applied for leave of absence this year?
- (4.) If so, for how long; and will he receive the full salary voted by Parliament?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Leave of absence has been granted to the professors and lecturers of the Sydney University, since 1870, as follows:—1871—To Professor Smith, Professor of Physics, 12 months. 1878—To Professor Liversidge, Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy, 14 months. 1881—To Professor Smith, Professor of Physics, 15 months. 1884—To Professor Gurney, Professor of Mathematics, 12 months; to Mr. T. Dixon, M.B., Lecturer in Materia Medica, 6 months. 1885—To Professor Smith,

Smith, Professor of Physics, 12 months. 1886—To Professor Liversidge, Professor of Chemistry, 12 months. 1887—To Mr. F. Horner, B.A., Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics, Lent Term. 1888—To Professor Threlfall, Professor of Physics, Lent Term, 1889. 1889.—To Professor Scott, Professor of Classics, Lent Term, 1890; to Professor Haswell, Professor of Biology, Lent and Trinity Terms, 1890; to Dr. W. C. Wilkinson, Lecturer on Pathology, Lent and Trinity Terms, 1890; to M. R. Max, LL.D., evening lecturer in French and German, Lent Term, 1890.

(2.) They have not received full salaries during their absence.

(3.) Professor Anderson Stuart has applied for leave of absence this year.

(4.) For Michaelmas Term, 1890, and Michaelmas Term, 1891; he will receive full salary.

(3.) Road, Bungendore to Currawang and Collector:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the road leading from Bungendore to Currawang and Collector, and called "The Lake Road," a public road?

(2.) Has it not been travelled as a public road for many years past?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Cowley Cooper, of Willeroo Station, is refusing to allow stock to travel that portion of the Lake Road which passes through Willeroo?

(4.) Will he take steps to have this road kept open for travelling stock?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) A road between the places named has been legally established, and is in use by the public.

(3.) No complaint has been received.

(4.) If Mr. Cowley Cooper prevents traffic on the proclaimed road he is liable to prosecution, and the public have their remedy.

(4.) Carriage of Chilled Meat:—Mr. Kidd, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any difference in the carriage of chilled meat forwarded from the country by railway for exportation compared with the carriage of meat sent from the country by railway to the metropolitan market, or for general consumption; if so, will he state the difference in price for each respectively, and if there are any special rates of carriage on such articles?

(2.) What is the price charged per truck per mile for live stock conveyed on our railways compared with the price per truck per mile for chilled meat, and the amount of revenue realized from each?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed there is no special rate in favour of meat sent from the country for exportation.

(2.) The rates for live stock per truck per mile are:—Cattle—First 140 miles, 8d. per mile; from 140 to 200 miles, 6d. per mile; every additional mile, 4d. Sheep—First 80 miles, 8d. per mile; from 80 to 100 miles, 6d. per mile; from 100 to 150 miles, 4½d. per mile; from 150 to 200 miles, 4d. per mile; each additional mile, 3½d. Chilled meat in full truck loads is carried at 1½d. per ton per mile.

(5.) Rifle Range at Randwick:—Mr. Kidd asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to set apart a portion of the Church and School Lands at Randwick for a Rifle Range?

(2.) If so, what is the area of the land proposed to be given?

(3.) What is the estimated value of such land?

(4.) Has any portion of the Church and School Lands at Randwick already been alienated?

(5.) If so, what is the area and the value of the land so alienated, and for what purpose?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The question of the proposed Rifle Range has not yet been settled, and I am unable to give the Honorable Member the information he desires.

(4.) 208 acres were sold as freehold between 1861 and 1864, 30½ acres in 1881, and 23 acres leasehold in the same year.

(5.) The total area thus alienated for residential purposes was 266½ acres. The freehold realized a total of £2,671 1s. 4d., and the leasehold an average yearly rental of £10 per acre.

(6.) Differential rates on New South Wales Railways:—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that proceedings were commenced by Mr. Solomon Meyer, of Goulburn, against the Railway Commissioners, on the 12th July last, to test the legality, or otherwise, of differential rates?

(2.) Is it a fact that the case was dismissed by the Goulburn Bench upon technical grounds?

(3.) Did Mr. Wise, barrister-at-law, appear for the Commissioners?

(4.) Is it true that a truck load of wire was carried for Mr. Meyer from Sydney to Goulburn on the 11th July, upon which a charge was made of £13 5s. 10d.?

(5.) Is it true that Mr. Meyer desired to forward the truck of wire to Hay, upon which a further charge of £25 17s. 10d. was made and demanded?

(6.) Is the rate from Sydney to Goulburn for first-class goods £13 5s. 10d. per truck of 6 tons, and the distance from Sydney to Goulburn 134 miles?

(7.) Is the rate, per Commissioners' rate sheets, for first-class goods from Sydney to Hay (454 miles) £24 the truck?

(8.) Is it also a fact that Mr. Meyer tendered £24 for payment of the truck of wire referred to in question No. 4, and that it was refused?

(9.) Is it also true that a summons was issued for proceedings in the matter referred to in question No. 1, and that immediately after the Commissioners offered to accept £24 (in lieu of £39 3s. 8d. at first demanded at Goulburn), the amount already tendered by Mr. Meyer?

(10.) Have the Commissioners decided to abolish differential rates all over the Colony?

(11.) For what reason was the offer of £24 (in lieu of £39 3s. 8d. previously demanded) accepted by the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. McMillan answered,—These questions practically refer to a case in which legal proceedings are pending, and therefore it is not desirable to afford the information sought.

(7.) Sheriff's officer, Cobar:—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that owing to there not being a Sheriff's officer at Cobar that persons in that town and district (against whom Supreme Court judgments are given) are put to serious and unnecessary expense?

(2.) If so, will he have a resident Sheriff's officer appointed at Cobar without delay?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am not aware that such is the case, and the Sheriff informs me that there is not sufficient work to warrant the appointment of a Sheriff's officer at Cobar, and that the arrangements for the working of the office enable him to send an officer when necessary.

(8.) Mr. Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—What were the Departmental reasons for removing Mr. Lee, S.M., from Bathurst to Sydney?

Mr. Gould answered,—Upon a full consideration of all the circumstances existing at the time of Mr. Lee's removal, his appointment to the position of Stipendiary Magistrate, Sydney, recommended itself to me as the best that could be made in the interests of the public service.

(9.) Erection of Baths, Sydney Harbour:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders were recently called for the erection of baths at one of the islands in the harbour?

(2.) If so, how many tenders were received, and what were the amounts respectively?

(3.) Was any tender accepted, or have fresh tenders been called?

(4.) If so, what are the reasons for so doing?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes. Tenders were invited for the construction of a swimming bath at Cockatoo Island, in connection with the N.S.S. "Vernon."

(2.) One tender was received for £1,496.

(3.) Fresh tenders have been invited.

(4.) The only offer submitted was deemed excessive.

(10.) Receipts and Expenditure under Rabbit Nuisance Act:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

When will the Order of the House, passed upon the 11th June last, be complied with, for a Return showing—

(1.) The receipts under the Rabbit Act from the time when it came into force up to the present time, for each year, and from all sources?

(2.) The expenditure for each year during the same period, showing the total items of expenditure for each year,—

(1.) For subsidies?

(2.) For salaries?

(3.) For fencing and netting?

(4.) For salaries, travelling expenses, and otherwise, in connection with fencing?

(5.) For experiments in connection with the destruction of rabbits?

(6.) All other expenses, apart from salaries and subsidies, and those matters mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A portion only of the Return asked for by the Honorable Member can be supplied by the Treasury. The remainder of the Return, comprising the details specified in sub-sections Nos. 1. to 6, can only be supplied by the Audit Office. I am informed that it will take three or four weeks to complete the Return, and that it will require the services of extra clerks, for payment of whom application has been made to the Colonial Secretary for the needful authority.

(11.) Compositors, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he please lay upon the Table, a Return showing the names of compositors employed in the Government Printing Office, date when first employed, also date of promotion to permanent staff, in cases where such has occurred?

(2.) Are the permanent staff compositors required to possess greater ability than those on the temporary staff?

(3.) Are the permanent staff compositors called upon to execute work of a more special or higher character than that which is required from those on the temporary staff?

(4.) Is it a fact that a number of compositors on the permanent staff have been employed for a less period than some of those on the temporary staff?

(5.) Are the permanent staff compositors entitled to any superior treatment in the matter of payment for holidays, or in any other way, beyond that given to those on the temporary staff; if so, please specify?

(6.) What are the special qualifications necessary to entitle the temporary staff compositors to the same privileges?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied in the course of next week.

2. CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Brunker, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 27.

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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rents and license fees under the Crown Lands Act, 1884; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts; and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the rents and license fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.

Government House,

Sydney, 31st July, 1890.

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

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3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Remission of Penalties Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act of the twenty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter forty-nine, intituled 'An Act for preventing certain abuses and profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday, and for further amending the law concerning the remission of penalties,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st July, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Gould, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(2.) Culcairn to Corowa Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st July, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

4. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt and costs in all civil actions.

Question put and passed.

5. SELECTIONS TAKEN UP IN EASTERN DIVISION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Rylie moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of selections taken up in the Eastern Division on the 17th instant, with the acreage; distinguishing the original conditional purchases, the additional conditional purchases, and the conditional leases.

Question put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lakeman 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 urge on the Government the absolute necessity of dealing with the rabbit question at once."

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

Mr. Lakeman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt and costs in all civil actions,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the "Crown Lands Act of 1884;" to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts; and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.

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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the "Crown Lands Act of 1884;" to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts; and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.

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

(2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884;' to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts; and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1890.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of William Teece, junior, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows:—

“ We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that William Teece, junior, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as Member for the Electoral District of Goulburn, died on the 3rd day of August, 1890.

“ We give you this notice, to the intent that you may acquaint the Assembly therewith, in order to the issue of a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said William Teece, junior, Esquire.

“ Given under our hands, at Sydney, this 5th day of August, 1890.

“ EDWARD JOSEPH BALL.

“ J. STUART HAWTHORNE.

“ To the Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.”

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Seat of William Teece, junior, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Goulburn, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said William Teece, junior, Esquire, as certified under the hands of two of the Members of this House, in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker.

Mr. Dibbs addressed the House, and seconded the motion.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prices of Well-boring Rods and Tubes:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—At what prices were tenders received, and accepted, from the several persons who tendered during 1890 for the supply of well-boring rods and tubes to be used in connection with the diamond drills?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Tenders were invited twice for the supply of 2,010 feet of 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch drill rods and 1,005 feet of 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch drill rods within three months of acceptance of tender, the rods being urgently required. Two tenders were received, as follows:—From James Brown, for Lloyd & Lloyd, Birmingham, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch at 2s., and 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch at 2s. 6d. per foot, to be delivered in five months from acceptance of tender; and from T. J. MacWilliam, for A. & J. Stewart, Glasgow, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch at 4s. 3d., and 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch at 5s. 6d. per foot, to be delivered within three months of acceptance of tender. As Mr. Brown could not undertake to supply the rods in less than five months, his tender was accepted, to be delivered in five months; and as rods were urgently required, an order was given to Mr. MacWilliam for 1,005 feet of 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch and 502 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet of 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch rods, to be delivered in three months. Also, tenders received for 2,000 feet of 5-inch tubing, from James Brown, at 2s. 5d. per foot (not in accordance with specification as to time of delivery), and from T. J. MacWilliam, at 3s. per foot. As Mr. Brown could not deliver within five or six months, Mr. MacWilliam's tender was accepted to deliver in three months, as the men in the field would have been kept idle if the tubes were not supplied within three months, the time fixed in the notice inviting tenders.

(2.) Naval Prison at Garden Island:—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Howe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Imperial Government contemplate erecting on Garden Island a naval prison, which will be entirely beyond the control and supervision of the Government of this Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It appears that in 1883 the Admiralty sent out tracings for the erection of a building containing cells similar to the one erected at Walmer Barracks. The cells are intended, it is understood, to form part of the naval barracks on Garden Island, and to be used in the same way as the cells on Her Majesty's ships of war. The men summarily punished cannot be confined for more than fourteen days. The naval barracks are under the control of the Naval Commander-in-Chief.

(3.)

(3.) Imprisonment of men of Imperial Navy :—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many men belonging to the Imperial Navy were committed to Darlinghurst gaol between 2nd June and 22nd June, 1890?
- (2.) Of the above number, how many belonged to H.M.S. "Egeria," and on what charges were they sentenced?
- (3.) Were any of the prisoners belonging to H.M.S. "Egeria" released before the expiration of their sentence; and, if so, for what purpose, and by whose authority?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
- (2.) None of the men belonged to the "Egeria."

(4.) Noxious Weeds :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill during the present Session to deal with the Bathurst burr and other noxious weeds?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes.

(5.) Appointments to New Field Battery of Artillery :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Kidd, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of the officers recommended by Colonel Wells (commanding New South Wales Volunteer Artillery), in accordance with general order No. 138, for appointment to the new Field Battery No. 2?
- (2.) The qualifications and length of military service, and rank of the officers at the time of their recommendation?
- (3.) How many officers applied for appointment to the new Field Battery (No. 2), stating their names?
- (4.) The qualifications, rank, and length of military service of such officers?
- (5.) The names of the officers who have served in No. 1 Field Battery, and afterwards transferred to garrison batteries, on promotion, owing to no vacancy for the higher rank in the Field Artillery at that time?
- (6.) Will he lay copies of all letters of applications and correspondence upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague has been informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that no recommendation has yet been received from the Officer Commanding the Artillery Forces.

(6.) Rent paid on mineral leases near Tingha :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) When was the rent for the year 1890 paid on mineral leases No. 499 and No. 533, parish of Herbert, county of Gough, near Tingha?
- (2.) At what date did the lessee apply to have the tribute agreement filed?
- (3.) On what date was the tribute agreement filed?
- (4.) If over the fourteen days, what was the reason it was not filed within fourteen days?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Portion 499 cannot be identified. Portion 533, rent paid to 31st December, 1890.
- (2.) 12th October, 1889.
- (3.) 14th October, 1889.
- (4.) The whole of the papers are under reference to the Warden in connection with a complaint, and, therefore, this question cannot at present be answered.

(7.) Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the case of Agricultural Societies that have already drawn the subsidy of 10s. per pound subscribed, now that this House has approved of the £1 for £1 subsidy, will the extra 10s. be paid such societies?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Nothing can be done to carry into effect this resolution until the Estimates have been passed by the House

(8.) Proposed Blacktown-Blayney Railway :—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he come to any decision yet in the matter of granting a trial survey of the proposed Blacktown-Blayney railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have received a further report from the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, but, before arriving at a decision, it is necessary some further information should be obtained, and, when this is received, I will lose no time in coming to a determination in the matter.

(9.) Boarders in Public Schools :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Are the Public Schoolmasters allowed to take boarders, and charge reduced fees?
- (2.) Are they allowed to advertise in the papers for same?
- (3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made, and, if contrary to the Public Schools Act, have it discontinued?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Public Schoolmasters are allowed to take boarders, but cannot charge less than the authorized school fees.
- (2.) They are allowed to advertise in the papers.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.

(10.) Payments to Mr. Bevan, New Guinea Explorer :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any payments been made from the Consolidated Revenue to a Mr. Bevan, who explored a river in New Guinea?
- (2.) If so, how much?
- (3.) Has he had the use of any Government property?
- (4.) If so, what was it, and the time?
- (5.) Has any account of his discoveries been published at the Government Printing Office?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes. About the end of 1886 the Jennings-Dibbs Government purchased, for £350, the Theodore Bevan Exhibit of New Guinea Ethnology (exhibited in the New South Wales Court at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition), and presented same, I understand, as a national gift to the Imperial Institute.

(3 and 4.) Yes. The New South Wales Government steam-launch "Mabel" was lent to Mr. Bevan, free of charge, for a few months at the end of 1887, after which she was returned to Sydney.

(5.) Yes. 100 copies of a small pamphlet, describing Mr. Bevan's fifth visit to New Guinea.

(11.) Pilot Service at Sydney and Newcastle:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount was collected for pilotage at the port of Sydney during the year 1889?

(2.) What was the total cost of the pilot service at Sydney during same period?

(3.) The like information for the port of Newcastle?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) £21,271 9s. 4d.

(2.) £10,061 15s.

(3.) Amount collected, Newcastle, 1889, £17,418 19s. 4d. Cost of pilot service same period, £8,272.

(12.) Rents of Crown Lands:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that notices were sent to the Crown tenants (whose rents were raised by the Minister above the recommendations made by the Land Boards) that the Department would, without prejudice, accept rents at the rate fixed by the Land Boards?

(2.) If so, what was the date of such notices, and what was the last day for paying such rents?

(3.) Was a similar notification made in the *Gazette*; and, if so, on what date?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2.) No such notices were sent.

(3.) No.

(13.) Cattle-driving through the Suburbs:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he taken any steps to put an end to the cattle-driving nuisance through Leichhardt, Balmain, and other western suburbs?

(2.) If not, will he do so at once, by amending present regulations, so as to make it punishable to drive cattle or sheep at any other time than between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 in the morning?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This is a very difficult question, and has been continuously under my consideration for some months past. It will probably require special legislation, and special arrangements at the Abattoirs for the reception of cattle.

(14.) Coolabah Railway Accident:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, and report in connection with the late Coolabah railway accident?

Mr. McMillan answered,—There is no objection. I will lay the papers upon the Table presently.

(15.) Township of Bourke:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount of money has been obtained for the sale of Crown Lands within the municipal area of Bourke?

(2.) How many allotments of land do the Government own within the township of Bourke?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A Return is now being prepared, giving the information sought by the Honorable Member, which shall be laid upon the Table of this House with the least possible delay.

(16.) Bourke Court-house:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Bourke Court-house be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Department of Justice has been asked to supply the necessary particulars to admit of the plans and specifications being prepared, and as soon as these are received no time will be lost in inviting tenders for the work.

(17.) Bridge over the Bogan, between Bourke and Brewarrina:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the bridge over the Bogan crossing, between Bourke and Brewarrina, be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Plans have been prepared, but the work has not yet been advertised, as the Department is awaiting further information as to the height of maximum flood, which is being obtained.

(18.) Bridge over the Narran Creek, between Goodooga and Brewarrina:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the bridge over the Narran Creek, between Goodooga and Brewarrina, be proceeded with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Roads officer has been directed to send in section, and report as soon as possible. The latest reply received from him is to the effect that the flooded state of the country prevented his getting there, but that as soon as the water subsided sufficiently he would visit the locality.

(19.) Case of *Alison v. Burns*:—*Mr. Curley* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the names of the appellants in the late suit of *Alison v. Burns*?

(2.) The names and number of their pastoral holdings?

(3.) The land divisions in which such holdings are situated?

(4.) The names and number of the runs comprised within such holdings?

- (5.) The rental of each run immediately prior to the Land Board's appraisements?
- (6.) The rental of each run recommended by the Land Board?
- (7.) The rental of each run determined by the Minister?
- (8.) The area of each holding?
- (9.) The aggregate area of the combined holdings?
- (10.) The rent of each holding?
- (11.) The aggregate rent of the combined holdings?
- (12.) The area of freehold and other lands alienated from the Crown in the vicinity of such holdings owned by the said appellants?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will lay upon the Table of this House a Return giving such of the information sought by the Honorable Member as is available.

- (20.) Gold Leases at Hillgrove:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—To obviate delay at this late period of the Session, will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, papers, plans, documents, and writings whatsoever, containing any entry, memorandum, or minute, or other matter whatsoever, in anywise relating to application for, and granting of, a permit to William Lovel Davis, to mine under an alleged road adjoining the easterly boundary of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Company's ground at Hillgrove, parish of Metz, county of Sandon; together with such permit or authority, and the *Gazette* notice declaring such permit in existence, without recourse to the ordinary motion for production?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—If the Honorable Member moves for the papers in the ordinary way I will lay them upon the Table of this House.

3. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 28.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of water supplied to ratepayers within the Municipality of Goulburn,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 31st July, 1890.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the railway accident at Coolabah.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the pastoral holdings of Eliza Alison and others, the plaintiffs in the Appeal Case to the Privy Council, *Alison v. Burns*.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parishes of Petersham and St. George, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sewerage of the Western Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) presented a Petition from Robert R. Jack, as Chairman of a public meeting of citizens of Summer Hill, held in the Carlton Hall, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.

Petition received.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Ritchie presented a Petition from E. H. Wilkinson, President, and H. Bennett, Secretary of the General Havelock Tent, Independent Order of Rechabites, at Auburn, praying that the present hours of closing be not extended; that no traffic other than that already provided for be allowed on Sundays; that the present duty on spirits be not reduced; and that the restrictions as to refreshments to travellers now in force be retained.

Petition received.

7. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Creer 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 so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

8. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Slattery, for Mr. Want, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to the observance of the Sunday.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to the observance of the Sunday,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th October.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th August.

(2.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th October.

(3.) Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th October.

10. **LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Reid moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
 Debate continued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Crick, 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, 19th August.
11. **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 days labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 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 declare eight hours to be a legal days labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 On motion of Mr. Schey, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Schey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Days Labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th October.
12. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Cullen, 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. Cullen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING 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. Cullen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. **BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Cullen, 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. Cullen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
15. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the Employers Liability Act of 1886 to seamen and all other persons engaged in manual labour, postponed until Tuesday, 19th August.
16. **TORONTO TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, 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. Stevenson, 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 'Toronto Tramway Act of 1889.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th August, 1890.
17. **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Dibbs proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Frank Smith requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Bill was not beyond the order of leave, inasmuch as clause 2 would operate as retrospective legislation, and interfere with judgments of the Supreme Court already obtained, while such order of leave contained no special reference to that subject.
 Mr. Speaker ruled that the order of leave was sufficiently comprehensive to cover the Bill and to enable the House to understand that such powers were to be given. Mr.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Alfred Allen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Motion, for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gornuly,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. See,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Hassall.
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Garland,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Plumb.
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Frank Smith
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	
Mr. Ritchie,	
Mr. Greene,	
Mr. Vivian,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. King,	
Mr. Cooke,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1890, A.M.

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Scripture Lessons in Public Schools:—Mr. Colls asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Inspector of Public Schools in District No. 28 has compelled the teachers to teach Scripture lessons to children, whose parents object to such being done?
 (2.) If so, will he, in view of sections 17 and 18 of the Public Instruction Act of 1880, order the discontinuation of the practice?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (2.) Railway between Burwood and Ashfield:—Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that within the last five years the permanent-way between Burwood and Ashfield has been relayed or ballasted, or any part of it?
 (2.) If so, at what cost?
 (3.) What has been the total amount expended in repairs to the permanent-way between Burwood and Ashfield during the five years ending 30th June, 1890?
 (4.) What has been the total amount expended in repairs to the same section between 1st July, 1880, and 30th June, 1885?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the road was relaid with steel rails in 1885-6, but only a few truck loads of sandstone, which is not ballast, were put down.
 (2, 3, and 4.) It is regretted the information cannot be given, as the expenses for the portion referred to are not kept separate, being included in the section Sydney to Granville.

- (3.) Licensing Inspectors, Bathurst:—Mr. Hurley, for Mr. Paul, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was any order issued to the Licensing Inspectors of Bathurst, or elsewhere, at any time during the last eight and a half years, with regard to the administration of the Licensing Law, having special reference to their dealings with licensees?
 (2.) If so, will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The following is a copy of a general order issued by the Inspector-General of Police when the Licensing Act of 1882 was passed:—
 "Having in view the serious consequences to the holders of publicans' licenses should they be convicted of offences under the new Statute, it will be desirable to impress upon the police generally the necessity for exercising extreme discretion in proceeding in such cases. They should be well assured, not only that an offence has been committed, but also that there is clear and sufficient evidence to support a prosecution. Further, the members of the Police Force authorised either generally or specially to enter licensed houses should not exercise that right capriciously, or without being clearly satisfied that the law is being violated, and that it is their duty to act."

(4.)

- (4.) The Sydney Hospital:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How much was paid out of public funds for the erection of the Nightingale wing of the Sydney Hospital?
 - (2.) How much was paid out of public funds for the erection of the south wing of the Sydney Hospital?
 - (3.) How much has been paid out of public funds towards the erection of the present unfinished structure on the Hospital site?
 - (4.) Did the Board of the Sydney Hospital ask, and, if so, did they obtain the sanction of the Government for the commencement of the present unfinished structure?
 - (5.) Did the Board ever lay before the Government, before they obtained the first grant of public money, an estimate of the probable cost of the new Hospital, or the plans for the same, or the amount they expected the Government to contribute?
 - (6.) What was the amount which the Government was asked to contribute in the first instance?
 - (7.) What amount has the Government actually contributed towards the erection of the new Hospital?
 - (8.) What is the amount now estimated as necessary for the completion of the structure, and how many beds will be provided, and what will be the total cost (estimated) when finished, and what will be the total proportion of that cost the Government will be expected to bear?
 - (9.) What amount was paid out of public funds last year for the maintenance of patients in the Sydney Hospital?

Mr. McMillan answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return to embrace this information it shall be supplied, so far as the Government may have the means to supply it.

- (5.) Press Telegrams:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Postmaster-General,—What was the total amount received by the Telegraph Department for the year 1889 for “Press Telegrams”?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The amount received from Sydney papers for 1889 was £9,238 14s. 5d. No separate account being kept of country Press, further particulars cannot be given.

- (6.) Government Buildings and Revenue of Bourke, Cobar, and Brewarrina:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the estimated value of the Government buildings in the township of Bourke?
- (2.) What is the amount of revenue collected by the Government in Bourke, Cobar, and Brewarrina respectively?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague is unable to state the estimated value of the Government buildings referred to, but they have cost in erection £22,766, as follows, viz.:—

Gaol	£7,443
Post and Telegraph Office	6,904
Court-house	4,145
Police Station	2,864
Watch-house	1,410

- (2.) The revenue derived from the districts in question from the 1st January, 1889, to 30th June, 1890, is as follows, viz.:—

Bourke	£63,836	10	5
Brewarrina	12,589	0	0
Cobar	11,765	1	10

Exclusive in each case of receipts paid over the counter at the Treasury.

- (7.) Life Insurance in the Railway Service:—*Mr. Fletcher* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, under the Railway Act, men employed in the railway service are compelled to insure their lives?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the men consider compulsory insurance oppressive?
- (3.) Is it his intention to repeal that portion of the Railway Act making insurance compulsory?
- (4.) Will he endeavour to bring about a system of local insurance, making provision for sickness and disablement, to supersede the present law?
- (5.) Have the Commissioners the option of exempting railway employees from the application of this law as it now stands?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The Act provides that no new appointment shall be made permanent until the person appointed has insured his life.
- (2.) I am informed that just recently representations have been made to the Railway Commissioners by some of the men that they consider it a hardship.
- (3 to 5.) A scheme has been for some time under consideration by the Commissioners, and is about to be submitted to the Government, for providing for the railway employees certain allowances in cases of disablement, sickness, or death, and also for the establishment of a pension fund. It is anticipated that this scheme will be satisfactory to the staff.

- (8.) Land Board at Silverton—Appointment of Mr. C. A. Ring:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it the practice of his Department to appoint only residents of the Colony of New South Wales as members of the various Land Boards?
- (2.) Is it a fact that one of the members of the Land Board at Silverton, viz., Mr. C. A. Ring, is not a resident of the Colony of New South Wales?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware. Mr. Ring, at the time of appointment, was reported as being a J.P. at Silverton.

(9.) Maintenance men, Railway Department:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to dispense with the maintenance men on the railways of the Colony?
- (2.) If so, by what means do they intend keeping up the proper system of maintenance?
- (3.) Is it true that some 500 or 600 maintenance men have received notice to quit the service?
- (4.) If the maintenance men are to be dispensed with, what means are intended to be employed to keep the railways in a fit state for running?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) As at present.
- (3 and 4.) I am informed that it is not proposed to dispense with the maintenance men employed on the railways; but as the Commissioners consider that special works, such as extensive reballasting, relaying, and land slips, can be more satisfactorily and economically done under contract, they have arranged to let these works in that way. No change whatever will take place in the ordinary maintenance of the lines, which will be under the control of the officers of the Commissioners as at present, and no alteration will be made in regard to the fetlers and gangers now employed. Notice has only been given to men who have been employed on special works, and it has been arranged that these men shall be taken over at the commencement of the work by the contractors. I may say, in addition, that there has been a great deal of exaggeration in the reports circulated in this matter. There has been practically no change. The only question that arises relates to the way of dealing with certain work outside the regular work of the railway. That will in future be done by contract, in place of keeping a number of men for whom there is not always employment permanently on the staff.

2. CULCAIRN TO COROWA RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 29.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa*,"—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, 6th August, 1890.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further correspondence respecting balance at disposal of Old Loans Account.
 - (2.) Return showing all new appointments made in the Postal and Telegraphic Departments during the Honorable Daniel O'Connor's tenure of office as Postmaster-General.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Return (in part) respecting buildings rented by the Government—Department of Lands.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on the 19th June, 1890, "Application for Drainage Union at Nowra."
 - (3.) 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.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1, and 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, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883, for giving effect to section 409 in respect of Licenses.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LAND CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS:—Mr. Frank Farnell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Hurley be appointed a Member of the Select Committee on "Land corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets."

Question put and passed.

5. GOLD-MINING LEASE, PARISH ETTRINA, COUNTY ST. VINCENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, including all applications for suspension of labour conditions, reports, and complaints for non-performance of same, referring to gold-mining lease 92, portion 1, parish Ettrina, county St. Vincent.

Question put and passed.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSING LAW IN BATHURST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley, for Mr. Paul, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all correspondence which has passed between Mr. W. H. Paul and the Department of Justice, in reference to the administration of the Licensing law in Bathurst.

Question put and passed.

7. RESERVES ON RUNS IN GLEN INNES, INVERELL, MOREE, AND WARIALDA LAND DISTRICTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cruickshank moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all reserves on existing and expired leasehold areas of runs in the Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree, and Warialda Land Districts, and the same with regard to the resumed areas; such Returns to supply the number of the reserve, estimated area, the character—whether for camping, water, mining, or otherwise; the name of the run on which they are situated; also, the parish, county, and Land District.
Question put and passed.
8. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cullen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cullen then moved that the title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 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 ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887.’*”—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, 6th August, 1890.*
9. ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cullen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics’ School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; 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 declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics’ School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; and for other purposes.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1890.*
10. BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cullen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cullen then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to alter the name of the Borough of North Willoughby.*”
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 name of the Borough of North Willoughby.*”—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, 6th August, 1890.*
11. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Henry Hill, of Burrabogie, near Hay, Esquire, John Witcombe, of Hay, merchant, Alexander Pentleton Stewart, of same place, bank manager, and Thomas Robertson, of same place, solicitor, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from Hay to South Denilquin. And Mr. Wilkinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Denilquin Chronicle*, the *Pastoral Times*, the *Riverine Grazier*, and *Hay Standard*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
12. CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—
THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1890, A.M.
Mr. Cruickshank moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Twelve o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Special Area near Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause a special area to be proclaimed near the township of Brewarrina for small settlement?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Inquiry will be made, in view of obtaining full information.

- (2.) Town Common, Goodooga:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause to be proclaimed an area of 10,000 acres around the township of Goodooga for the purposes of a town common?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The District Surveyor will be instructed to report. There is, however, a common of 1,014 acres, distant about 2 miles from Goodooga.

- (3.) Police Station, Coolabah:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the urgency of establishing a police station at Coolabah, with suitable buildings for officers?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that a constable is stationed at Coolabah. The question of the situation of a permanent station is under consideration.

- (4.) Roads in the Bourke District:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many miles of roads are under the inspectorship of Mr. Coleman, in the Bourke district?

(2.) How many contracts has that officer to supervise?

(3.) What amount of money is due to such contractors?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) 662 miles.

(2.) Ten.

(3.) The exact amount can only be ascertained by the local officer visiting and inspecting each work. He states, however, that the amount due is small at the present time, consequent upon the delay to public works owing to recent exceptionally heavy rainfall.

- (5.) Road between Barrangun and Bourke:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the road between Barrangun and Bourke is now impassable?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the road repaired?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The road requires attention, as do most of the other roads throughout the district, consequent upon the recent floods and heavy rainfall. When the weather improves, and the flood-water subsides, works to the extent of the money available for them will be put in hand.

- (6.) Repairs of Brewarrina Streets:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the repairs and metalling of the Brewarrina streets be proceeded with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A tender has been received for this work; it will be at once accepted, and the work commenced without any unnecessary delay.

- (7.) Streets of Bourke:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a sum of £2,000 to be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of making the streets of Bourke passable?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Commissioner for Roads reports that Richard-street, the principal street to the railway station, and Mitchell-street, as far as Wilson-street, which were constructed by the Department, are in fair order. A sum of £1,000 has already been granted for the road Wilson and Mitchell Streets to North Bourke bridges. Any other streets which require repairs, it is considered by the Department, properly come within the province of the Municipality.

(8.)

(8.) Special grants to Fire Brigades:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. FitzGerald*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it usual or customary to give special grants of public money in aid of Fire Brigades throughout the Colony?
- (2.) Have any special grants been given, or approved of recently, to certain Fire Brigades in the north; if so, to which, and for what special reasons?
- (3.) Is he disposed to favourably entertain similar applications for assistance from other northern towns?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Special grants in aid of the Wallsend and Plattsburg Fire Brigade and the Singleton Fire Brigade have been approved, to be placed on the Additional Estimates, 1890, for the purchase of plant, &c.
- (3.) Any application of the kind will be carefully considered.

(9.) Proposed Bridge at Freshford, near Queanbeyan:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Public Works examiners yet received instructions to report upon the proposed bridge at Freshford, near Queanbeyan?
- (2.) Upon what date may they be expected in the district?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am unable at the present moment to give a precise answer to this question, but I will see that the matter is not unnecessarily delayed.

(10.) Proposed routes of Railway to Inverell:—*Mr. Traill*, for *Mr. Hutchison (Glen Innes)*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many routes have been surveyed to connect the town of Inverell with the Great Northern Railway, and from what points on the line do they start?
- (2.) How many routes are there in process of survey, and from what points do they start?
- (3.) When will all the surveys be completed?
- (4.) Will he state whether, and when, he will be prepared to submit the various routes, or any route in particular, of the proposed railway to the Public Works Committee for investigation this Session?
- (5.) If so, when will he introduce a Bill for the construction of the said railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Four routes have been surveyed to connect Inverell with the Great Northern Railway, viz.:—from Kentucky, Guyra, Uralla, and Glen Innes. No other routes are at present being surveyed.
- (4.) The Public Works Act of 1888 does not provide for the submission of alternate routes to the Public Works Committee. The question of the connection of Inverell with the Great Northern Railway will be dealt with when the Railway policy is before the Cabinet.
- (5.) No Bill can be introduced for the construction of a railway until the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall have first reported thereon. It is impossible, therefore, to give any definite answer to this question at present.

(11.) Agents applying for Crown Land,—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has it been the practice of his Department to allow, under the 26th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, agents, or authorized agents, to take up an original conditional purchase, or additional conditional purchase, on behalf any syndicate or corporate body; or has it been the practice to make any applicant apply for land for his whole and sole use and benefit only, and not for any syndicate or corporate body?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a protest was lodged with the Crown Lands Agent, at Molong, on Thursday, 31st July, against the legality of agents applying for land under this section, on behalf of syndicates or corporate bodies; and will he see that the opinion of the Attorney-General is taken on the matter to avoid confusion?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) It has not been the practice to allow agents, or authorized agents, of any syndicate or corporate body to take up original conditional purchases under the 26th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Some applications by such agents for additional conditional purchases, under the 42nd clause of that Act, were made, but under an opinion of the Attorney-General it was subsequently decided that such applications were opposed to the policy of the Land Act.
- (2.) A protest was lodged, which will be forwarded to the Land Board for consideration. Under the 20th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, additional conditional purchases may be applied for by any duly authorized officer or member of any syndicate or banking corporation, the registered owner of the original conditional purchase.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Drummoyne, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (2.) General Abstract of Banks Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 30th June, 1890.
- (3.) Regulations under Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, and other documents, respecting the condition of the Southern Breakwater at Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

3. NAUTICAL SCHOOL SHIP "VERNON":—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Minister of Public Instruction after inquiry into certain charges concerning the Nautical School Ship "Vernon," made by Messrs. Bragg and Ardill, together with notes of evidence,—and moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McMillan moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "omitting the names of the 'Vernon' boys in the evidence."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. McMillan then (*by consent*) proposed the following amendment, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "omitting the evidence."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Virian,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. See,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Greene.
Mr. Plumb,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Miller,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Creer.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Tonkin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That the document be printed, omitting the evidence,—put and passed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Kiama to Nowra Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and certain laws for the administration of justice,*"—present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

- APPOINTMENTS MADE IN POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all appointments, promotions, increases of pay, removals, suspensions, and dismissals, giving the names separately in each case, which have occurred in the Department of the General Post Office, including the Telegraph Department, since the 8th of March, 1889, together with copies of all letters recommending such appointments, promotions, increases of pay, removals, suspensions, and dismissals; and that such Return apply to every Post and Telegraph Office in the Colony of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

6. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a tramway from Hay to South Denilquin.

Question put and passed.

7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF J. SMITH, J. M. D. SULLIVAN, AND A. CAMPBELL, LAND DISTRICT OF LISMORE (Formal Motion):**—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, documents, &c., in connection with the circumstances surrounding the conditional purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, in the Land District of Lismore.
Question put and passed.

8. **CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2):**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Bruncker*,—"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 AUGUST, 1890, A.M.

Mr. Miller moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."

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, 45.

<i>Mr. Tonkin</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hurley</i> ,
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. R. B. Wilkinson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Bruncker</i> ,	<i>Mr. Black</i> ,
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lees</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. Copeland</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Curley</i> ,
<i>Mr. McMillan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cooke</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	<i>Mr. Nobbs</i> ,
<i>Mr. Paul</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>
<i>Mr. Shepherd</i> ,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
<i>Mr. Haynes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Woodward</i> ,
<i>Mr. Inglis</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cullen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Jones</i> ,	<i>Mr. Greene</i> ,
<i>Dr. Ross</i> ,	<i>Mr. Ewing</i> ,
<i>Mr. Vivian</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cruickshank</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dale</i> ,	<i>Mr. O. O. Dangar</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wheeler</i> ,	<i>Mr. Clubb</i> ,
<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,
<i>Mr. McCourt</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Mr. King</i> ,	<i>Mr. Mitchell</i> .
<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. McRae</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Reid</i> ,	<i>Mr. Morton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Alfred Allen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Frank Smith</i> .

Noes, 12.

<i>Mr. Dawson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Alison</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,
<i>Mr. Goodchap</i> ,
<i>Mr. Toohy</i> ,
<i>Mr. Crick</i> ,
<i>Mr. Miller</i> ,
<i>Mr. Howe</i> .
<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wall</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dickens</i> .

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

<i>Mr. Tonkin</i> ,	<i>Mr. Woodward</i> ,
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>
<i>Mr. Bruncker</i> ,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Nobbs</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cooke</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Copeland</i> ,
<i>Mr. McMillan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Curley</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lees</i> ,
<i>Mr. Shepherd</i> ,	<i>Mr. McCourt</i> ,
<i>Mr. King</i> ,	<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,	<i>Mr. Wheeler</i> ,
<i>Mr. McRae</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dale</i> ,
<i>Mr. Reid</i> ,	<i>Mr. Vivian</i> ,
<i>Mr. Alfred Allen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Morton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hurley</i> ,	<i>Dr. Ross</i> ,
<i>Mr. R. B. Wilkinson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Jones</i> ,
<i>Mr. Black</i> ,	<i>Mr. Inglis</i> ,
<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,	<i>Mr. Frank Smith</i> ,
<i>Mr. Clubb</i> ,	<i>Mr. Mitchell</i> ,
<i>Mr. O. O. Dangar</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> .
<i>Mr. Cruickshank</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ewing</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Greene</i> ,	<i>Mr. Haynes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cullen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Paul</i> .

Noes, 12.

<i>Mr. Alison</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dickens</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wall</i> ,
<i>Mr. Miller</i> ,
<i>Mr. Crick</i> ,
<i>Mr. Toohy</i> ,
<i>Mr. Goodchap</i> ,
<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dawson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Howe</i> .

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the vote of the Honorable Member for the Hastings and Manning, *Mr. Walter Hussey Vivian*, be disallowed, on the ground of indirect pecuniary interest in the pastoral lands held under lease from the Crown, and known as Canonbar and Merioola.

Mr. Vivian was heard in his place, and denied the allegations in the motion.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr.

Mr. Bruner 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 on Wednesday next.

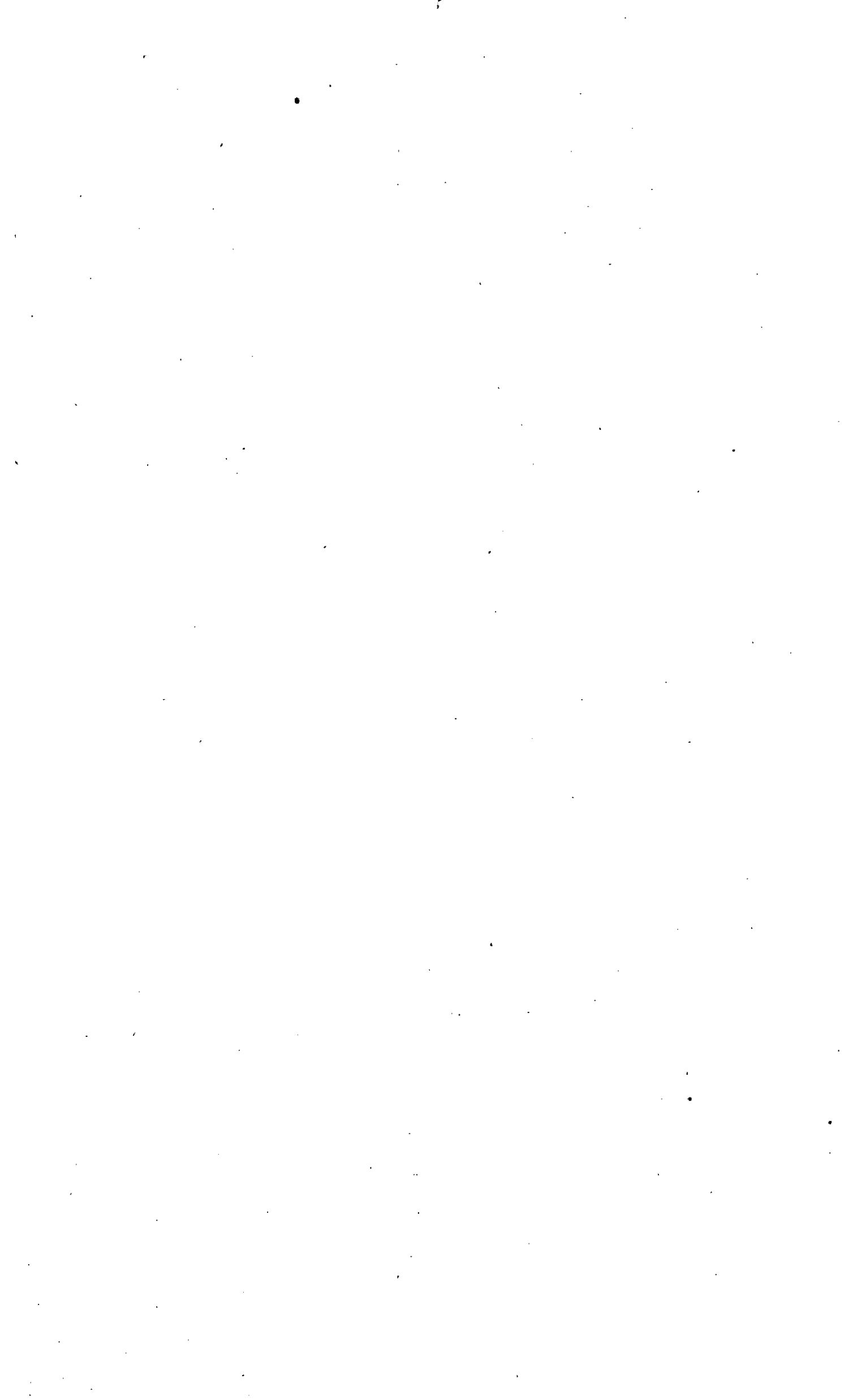
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1890.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE NAMOI:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 8th July last, declaring the Seat of Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Dangar, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Charles Collins, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of The Namoi.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Hurley 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 deal with a matter of importance, viz., Mr. Willis and the Railway Commissioners."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Hurley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Interruption.

3. MEMBER SWORN:—Charles Collins, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Namoi.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Hurley continued his address on the motion for the adjournment of the House,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 3 above.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Bruncker, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Toronto Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Toronto Tramway Act of 1889,'*"—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, 12th August, 1890.

- (2.) Kiama to Nowra Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra,*"—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, 12th August, 1890.

6. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Sydney University:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the amount respectively of endowment money, special allowance for buildings, scientific apparatus, fittings, &c., voted for the Sydney University during each of the eight years since 1882?

(2.) What was the number of matriculants in each of the years mentioned; how many of these attended lectures; how many of these passed the first year examination; how many of these passed the B.A. examination; of the graduates, how many were exempted from attending lectures; how many evening students?

(3.) How much money in all has been voted by Parliament for fittings for the Macleay Museum; has the whole of this money been appropriated; how much has been spent on the Museum; how much on the Medical School?

(4.) How many different students resided at the three affiliated Colleges of the University in each of the last six years; how much money was in each case contributed by the State towards the erection of those Colleges; how much does their continuance cost the State?

(5.) What is the nature and extent of the tutorial assistance given at these Colleges in fulfilment of the requirements of the Affiliated Colleges Act?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return in the usual way I will endeavour to obtain the required information.

(2.) Maintenance Men, Railway Department:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Answer given to Question No. 9 on Wednesday, 6th August,—

(1.) Will he please lay upon the Table a copy of the specifications under which the contract referred to therein has been made?

(2.) Also, give the names of the successful tenderers?

(3.) Also, state the terms of the contract?

(4.) Also, lay upon the Table a copy of the schedule prices to be paid under such contract?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) *Mr. M'Sweeney*, for the Metropolitan and Southern Districts (including branch line to Blayney); and *Mr. D. Proudfoot*, for the Western and Northern lines.

(3 and 4.) I am informed the agreement has not yet been signed, and it will be laid upon the Table of the House with schedule of prices shortly.

(3.) Maintenance Men, Railway Department:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that numbers of men belonging to ballast gangs on the railways are now receiving notice that their services are dispensed with, and are to be handed over to the contractors by the Commissioners for Railways?

(2.) Is any consideration to be given to the men who have been from six to twelve years in the ballast gangs?

(3.) Will he see that no injustice is done to those men who have so served on our railways during the best part of their lives, and that the decision with respect to such notice be reconsidered?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed that notice has been served on all men who belong to the extra and ballast gangs on the railway. A considerable number of them will, however, be re-selected to constitute the necessary Departmental extra gangs, and, in the selection, men who have been longest in the Service, if efficient, will have first consideration.

(4.) The Parliamentary Draftsman:—*Mr. Dowel*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Daily Telegraph* of Saturday, 2nd instant, attributing blame to the Parliamentary Draftsman in reference to the technical error in the Crown Rents Bill?

(2.) Will he inform the House whether that officer was responsible for the error referred to or not; and, if not, where does the responsibility rest?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Parliamentary Draftsman was in no way responsible. The terms of the Title to the Bill were determined by the Government, and the responsibility rests upon no individual.

(5.) Fine under "Pastures and Stock Protection Act":—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Was a fine imposed on *Matthew Bevan*, under the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act," in May, 1889, by the Bench at Cobar?

(2.) If so, what was the amount of the fine, and what has become of the money?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £3. The money was paid to the Treasury in error, but steps have been taken towards handing it over to the Pastures and Stock Protection Board, Cobar, to whom it should have been paid in the first instance.

(6.) Land Court for Mount M'Donald:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers, &c., relative to the application for the establishment of a Land Court at Mount M'Donald, to serve the Burrowa and Carcoar districts?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There will be no objection to lay these papers upon the Table if moved for in the usual manner.

7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CARCOAR ELECTORATE:—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of public schools in the Carcoar Electorate.
- (2.) The names and addresses of the teachers of such schools.
- (3.) The number of children on the rolls of each school.
- (4.) The average attendance at each school.

Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY FROM TARAGO TO BRAIDWOOD:—Mr. Ryrie moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the surveyed line of railway from Tarago to Braidwood be submitted to the Public Works Committee, for their consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. See,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Baraes,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Slattery,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Lamb,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Fuller.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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 Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appointment of Governor:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps have been taken, and what steps do the Government intend to take, in reference to the recent appointment of the Earl of Jersey as Governor of this Colony, in view of the Resolutions carried by this House on the 22nd November, 1888?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This question should have been asked of my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary, and he has asked me to request the Honorable Member to postpone the question until he is in his place in the House.

(2.) Women imprisoned for Debt:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many women are imprisoned for debt at present in the gaols of the Colony?

(2.) Is there any special building set apart in Darlinghurst Gaol for the accommodation of female debtors?

(3.) Is it not a fact that female debtors when imprisoned in Darlinghurst Gaol have to sleep and live in the ordinary criminal cells of the female prison?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that:—

(1.) It will be necessary to refer by circular to each gaol before this information can be furnished, and that there was only one woman imprisoned for debt in the gaols of the Colony on the 31st ultimo, viz., at Windsor Gaol.

(2.) No.

(3.) Female debtors when imprisoned are placed in an ordinary (large) cell of the portion of the prison set aside for females, with the door left open, and are provided with chair, table, and matting, and made comfortable as far as practicable under the circumstances.

(3.) Sale and use of Poisons Act:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Ritchie*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is the Inspector-General of Police aware of a breach of the "Sale and use of Poisons Act" at Camden?

(2.) Did the police purchase poison from an unregistered person there, and did they prosecute the said person for breach of the Act; and, if not, on what grounds has he ordered no prosecution?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that he gave no instructions, and has no information regarding the case, but that he will make inquiries in the matter.

(4.) Police Magistrates transferred to Mines Department:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for *Mr. Lee*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, the correspondence and minutes between the Justice and Mines Departments, relative to certain Police Magistrates being transferred to the Mines Department, and ranked and paid as Wardens?

Mr. Gould answered,—As this is a matter in which my honorable colleague the Minister for Mines is interested equally with myself, it will be necessary for me to consult with him before I can give a definite reply.

(5.) Enrolment of Aborigines on Electoral Lists:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the police instructed to enrol aborigines upon the electoral lists when collecting names?

(2.) Is it the practice of the Revision Court to maintain their names?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that, as far as he is aware, it is not the practice to enrol aborigines on the electoral lists.

(6.)

- (6.) Diseases in Sheep Act:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount has been received for the past ten years under the Diseases in Sheep Act?
 - (2.) How has the amount so received been disbursed?
 - (3.) If convenient, will the Treasurer lay upon the Table a Return giving the above information?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—As soon as the information can be obtained a Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

- (7.) Rent of Rabbit-infested Crown Lands:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have the Inspectors who have lately been appointed to report on pastoral holdings, homestead leases, &c., and the Local Land Boards who will appraise the value of such lands, received instructions, when making their inspection reports and recommendations as to rental, to consider the existence of the rabbit pest?
 - (2.) If not, will he cause such instructions to be issued to the Inspectors and to the various Local Land Boards?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The Inspectors appointed to report on pastoral holdings have been instructed to mention any special circumstances in connection with the holding which, in their opinion, affects its value for pastoral occupation.

(2.) No specific instructions can, under the law, be given to Local Land Boards, who will, no doubt, take into consideration all circumstances affecting the rentals of the holdings to be appraised. The determination of the Boards must be based on the evidence taken at the time of appraisement.

- (8.) Assistant Superintendent, Government Stores:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an Assistant Superintendent is to be appointed in the Government Stores Department?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to go outside of the Department to make the appointment?
 - (3.) What salary is attached to the position?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. In this case it is necessary to go outside the Department to procure the services of a person having a practical knowledge of the various articles comprising the "stock" in store.

(3.) £400 per annum.

- (9.) Administration of Justice, Lord Howe Island:—Mr. Traill asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been lately made relative to the administration of justice on Lord Howe Island?
 - (2.) If so, how have same been dealt with?
 - (3.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the above?

Mr. Gould answered,—This is a matter that will have to be dealt with by the Colonial Secretary, and I have referred the question to him. Perhaps the honorable gentleman will give fresh notice for next Tuesday.

- (10.) Destruction of Rabbits:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to give a reward to any person who succeeds in discovering means that will prove effective in the destruction of rabbits?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—In view of contemplated legislation the expediency of adopting such a course does not at present appear necessary.

- (11.) Road between Cowra and Glenlogan:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the road between Cowra and Glenlogan is totally impassable, and that the settlers requiring to use such road are entirely unable to get their produce to market?

(2.) Will he accede to the prayer of a petition recently presented to him, and order the road in question to be cleared and classified at an early date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have authorized the sum of £100 being spent upon the necessary works as soon as the road is in a fit state to admit of repairs being put in hand.

- (12.) Aborigines Protection Board:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the members of the Aborigines Protection Board?

(2.) During the past three years how much money has the Board received from the State?

(3.) Has the Board for 1889 rendered a statement of its expenditure?

(4.) If so, will he place the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Edmund Fosbery, Esq., J.P., Inspector-General of Police, Chairman; Honorable Richard Hill, M.L.C., Honorable Philip Gidley King, M.L.C., Sydney Burdekin, Esq., M.P., A. M. Hutchinson, Esq., J.P., and Honorable W. H. Suttor, M.L.C.—Members of Board.

(2.) £15,233 4s.

(3 and 4.) Yes. A statement of the expenditure by the Board for 1889 appears in the Annual Report of the Board, dated 31st May, 1890, which has already been laid upon the Table of this House.

- (13.) Mr. Bevan, New Guinea Explorer:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government allow a pamphlet, describing the visit of a Mr. Bevan to New Guinea, to be published at the cost of the country; if so, why?

(2.) What was the cost, and what return does the country get?

(3.) Is there any further application from this gentleman to the Government for any other assistance?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; for the purpose of disseminating accurate knowledge respecting New Guinea, then, as now, a subject of great interest to the Australian Colonies.
- (2.) £65. The return to the country is specified in answer to No. 1.
- (3.) No.

- (14.) Long Cove Canal—Roselle Bay:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he call for a report as to the advisability of continuing the construction of the Long Cove canal from Marion-street, Leichhardt, to Battle Bridge, on the Parramatta Road?
 - (2.) When does he intend to start the reclaiming of Roselle Bay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) As the tramway crosses Long Cove at the head of the channel at present laid out, it will not be desirable to continue the channel any further up. An open storm-water drain can be constructed hereafter to carry down surface-water from the valley above.
- (2.) Action will be taken in this matter when surveys now being made by the Survey Branch are complete.

- (15.) *Mr. Thow*, Locomotive Engineer:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Locomotive Engineer, *Mr. Thow*, has been sent to England?
- (2.) Is it a fact that he has authority to engage officers and men there, in view of possible railway contingencies?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.

- (16.) Works, Trial Bay Prison:—*Mr. Howe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the authorities at the Trial Bay Prison started a dam at the foot of the hill on which the prison stands?
- (2.) Had the work to be abandoned after considerable work had been done, being 100 feet too low to be of any use?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a new dam was constructed, and is now leaking through defective workmanship?
- (4.) What has been the cost to date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) A dam was constructed some distance away, at the foot of the adjacent hills, which supplies water to the gaol. A report recently to hand states it is water-tight.
- (4.) £773.

- (17.) Breakwater at Trial Bay:—*Mr. Howe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the construction of a breakwater at Trial Bay considerable work had been done, and then abandoned, owing to the fact of commencing operations in the wrong place?
- (2.) Was the first site surveyed?
- (3.) How many years will it take to complete the breakwater at the present rate of progress?
- (4.) What has been the cost of the work so far?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) A small quantity of stone was tipped a little too much to the eastward of the proper start point, and it was found advisable to abandon it, and move to the westward, as it enabled the lines to be strengthened, and a large quantity of good stone being cheaply procured, which otherwise would have been left.
- (2.) The whole headland was surveyed, but the bay was not fully sounded all over when the work was started.
- (3.) Probably ten to twelve years; but in two or three years the breakwater will be out far enough to afford shelter to vessels needing it.
- (4.) About £2,200; but a sum of £82,647 has been spent on prison buildings, quarters, and works to date.

- (18.) Conferences of Railway Officers:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Will he lay upon the Table of this House all minutes and papers relating to conferences of railway officers held since the present Commissioners took office?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The conferences referred to by the Honorable Member in this question are partly matters of departmental arrangement for the ordinary management of the Railways, and I do not think that this question is such as should be answered.

2. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:**—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* presented a Petition from certain Directors of Mining Companies at Broken Hill, representing that about eleven mines require water for steam and other purposes; that the existing supply of water is very uncertain, and at times far short of actual requirements; that the water obtained from underground workings is inferior in quality and injurious, especially to boilers; that should the water supply fail in the mines many men will be out of employment; that Petitioners are most anxious that an adequate supply of water for Broken Hill should be obtained in as short a time as possible; and praying the House to consider the urgency of the circumstances, and take the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill into immediate favourable consideration, and pass it into law.
Petition received.

3. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report from the Registrar-General to the Principal Under Secretary, respecting the working of the Registrar-General's Department.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of New Lambton.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Burwood.
- (4.) Further Return (in part) respecting buildings rented by the Government—Treasury Department—Attorney-General's Department.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Crown Lands within the Municipality of Bourke.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of completion of Sewerage Works in Boroughs of Paddington and Woollahra, and transfer of such works to Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th September, 1889,—“High Schools.”

4. BERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT NAMING BILL:—Mr. Morton presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to alter the name of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th August.

5. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY 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 James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines*,”—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 August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th August, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Preamble, lines 3 to 7. *Omit* “and would also directly benefit the Colony, as the fluxing material obtainable from the said quarries would assist to retain the large smelting industry at the Barrier Ranges now in danger of being forced to the Colony of South Australia, where fluxing material is more easily obtainable.”

Page 2, clause 2, line 26. *Omit* “tramway” *insert* “gauge of the said tramway shall be three feet six inches and”

Page 2, clause 2, line 31. *Omit* “railway” *insert* “tramway”

Page 2, clause 5, lines 47 to 49. *Omit* “and for such other purposes in connection with the said industry as the said James Smith Reid, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns shall determine” *insert* “only and shall be confined to the conveyance of such fluxing material as aforesaid from the quarries of the said James Smith Reid aforesaid”

Page 3, clause 8. At end of clause *add* “Provided that where such tramway passes over Crown Lands the said James Smith Reid, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns shall pay to the Crown such annual rent not exceeding two shillings per acre for such Crown Lands passed over by such tramway as the Minister for Lands may direct”

Page 6, clause 24, line 13. *Omit* “an able practical” *insert* “a licensed”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Wyman Brown moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the further consideration in Committee of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales Lease Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 11th June, 1890, a.m., stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 14th October.

Question put and passed.

7. LAND CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on Land corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 17th May, 1878, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.

Question put and passed.

8. RENTS OF PASTORAL LEASES AND RESUMED AREAS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the rents of all pastoral leases and resumed areas recommended by the Local Land Boards, and the amount of increase or decrease in each case determined by the Minister, showing respectively those dealt with by Mr. Copeland and by Mr. Garrett.

Question put and passed.

9. 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 discussing the Railway Merchandise and Live Stock Rates, “ professed to have been made by Railway Commissioners, by virtue of the Act 51 Vic. No. 35, “ and approved by the Governor in Council, 15th day of July, 1890.”

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

Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Crick submitted that it was irregular, according to Parliamentary practice, to propose two motions of a similar character consecutively, and that, therefore, the motion now made was out of Order, no business having intervened since the other motion for adjournment was put and negatived.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, since the adoption of the Additional Standing Orders altering the character of motions for adjournment, the practice of the House of Commons in this respect did not apply.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

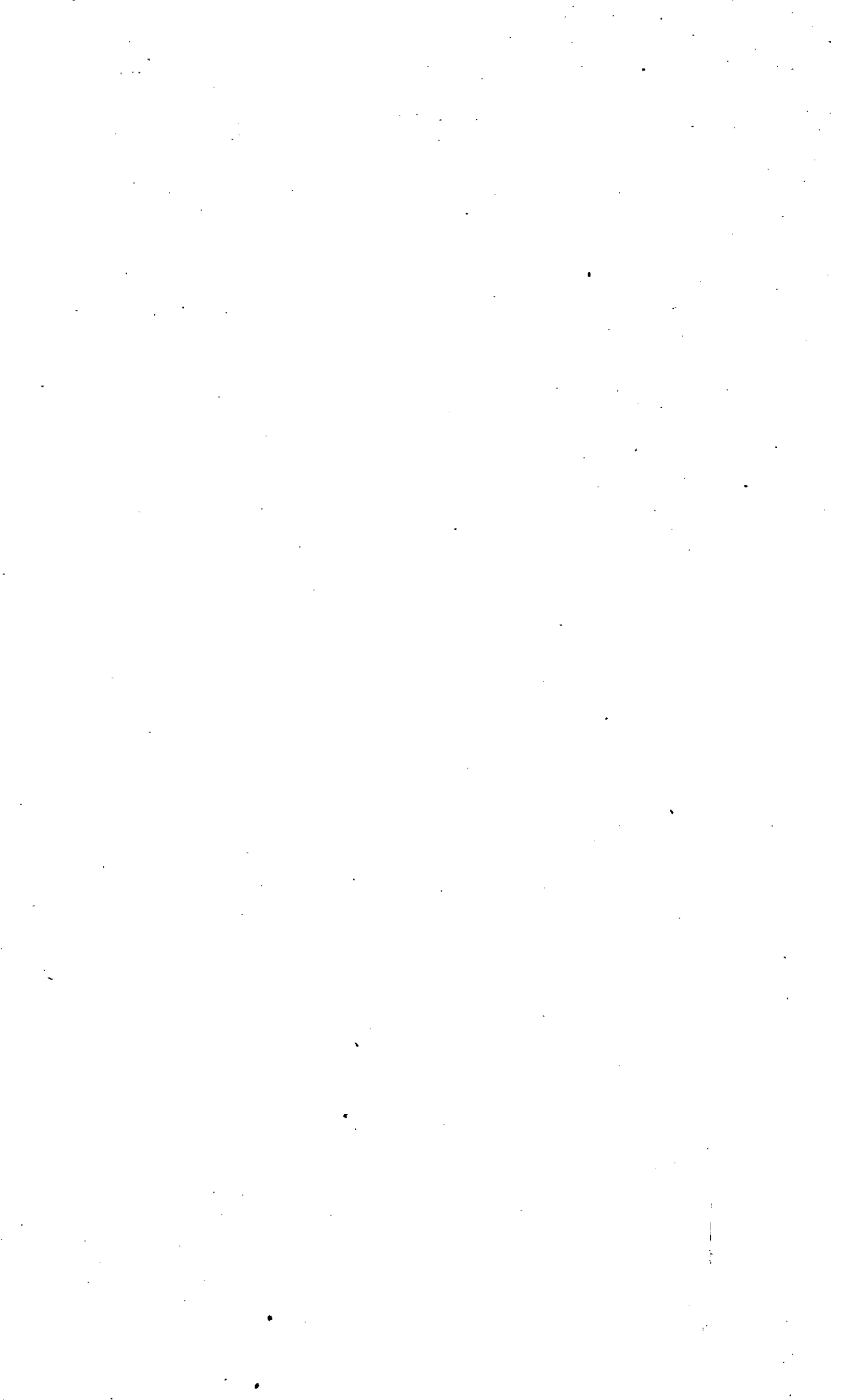
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Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trustees of Cemeteries:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. FitzGerald*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What powers of disposition have the trustees of the cemeteries in the various suburbs of Sydney over the lands under their control?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that portions of the cemeteries (especially of the Waverley Cemetery) have from time to time been sold, and conveyed absolutely by the trustees?
 - (3.) If so, what has become of the moneys derived from such sales?
 - (4.) Is it true that the portions of the cemeteries (especially of Waverley Cemetery), so conveyed by the trustees, have been resold in small lots by the purchasers, and at exorbitant prices, to persons desirous to bury their dead?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that annual grants of public money are made to the trustees for the purpose of keeping the cemeteries in good order?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Under the deed of grant the trustees are authorized to use, and permit the land to be used, as a place of interment for the dead free from all charges for burial, in so far as the use of the land is concerned, other than such charge or charges as shall and may be authorized to be made in and by any rules and regulations that may be made by the trustees of the land for the time being, and approved by the Governor and Executive Council.

(2.) No.

(3.) See answer to No. 1.

(4.) I am informed by the Secretary to the trustees, Waverley Cemetery, that imperative instructions have been issued by the trustees to the officer-in-charge that no persons shall be allowed to purchase land in the cemetery for speculative purposes. No breach of this regulation has come to the knowledge of the trustees for the past four years, being the period over which the inquiry has been made, and the records do not disclose any single case of the kind during that period.

(5.) Grants of money have been made upon application of the trustees to the suburban cemeteries for the purposes stated, but it is not customary to provide annual grants in such cases.

With regard to the reply given to question (4) I may perhaps be permitted to add that I have given directions that the inquiry shall be extended to a period more remote than four years.

- (2.) Pastures and Stock Protection Act:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. FitzGerald*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) What amount of assessment under the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts has been collected by the Merriwa Board during the last two years?

(2.) What amount, if any, has been paid by the Board for scalps of noxious animals during the past two years?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Merriwa Board has suspended operations during the said term, or some part of it?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) 1888, nil; 1889, £115 4s.

(2.) From 1st January to 30th June, 1888, the Board paid for the following:—Kangaroos, 1,407, at 6d., £35 3s. 6d.; wallabies, 184, at 3d., £2 6s.; native dogs, 6, at 20s., £6; total, £43 9s. 6d.

(3.) Yes.

(3.)

- (3.) Roads at Nimitybelle:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Progress Committee at Nimitybelle have, owing to the state of the roads, erected danger-posts in the main street for the prevention of accidents?
 - (2.) If such is the case, will he cause an officer of the Department to be sent there to make a report?
 - (3.) In the event of the Government appointing an Assistant Road Superintendent for the Monaro District will he be directed to reside at Nimitybelle?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) Representations to this effect have been made to the Department.
 - (2.) Instructions to this effect have been already given.
 - (3.) The matter is under consideration.
- (4.) Proposed Railway between Cooma and the Victorian Border:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the surveys of the proposed line between Cooma and the Victorian border, *via* Bombala, been completed?
 - (2.) Will he be able to bring this proposal before the Public Works Committee this Session?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The matter will be determined when the railway policy is before the Cabinet.
- (5.) Goods at Narrabri Railway Station:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of tonnage of merchandise received at railway terminus, Narrabri, since 1st January, 1890, and the quantity now lying there, and how classed?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the amount of merchandise received at Narrabri Station since 1st January this year is 4,414 tons, and the quantity now lying there is 185 tons of general goods.
- (6.) Pilotage Rates:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the revenue derived from pilotage at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle more than doubly exceeds the cost of maintaining the pilot service at those ports, will the Government, in the interests of the commerce of this Colony, take into their favourable consideration the desirability of reducing the present pilotage rates when considering their Estimates for the ensuing year?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter will be considered.
- (7.) Ventilation of the South Bulli Mine:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Did he, on or about 24th June, receive a copy of a check inspector's report from the miners employed at South Bulli colliery, condemning the ventilation of South Bulli mine?
 - (2.) Did he receive a report from the Government Inspector for Mines, on or about the 27th of June, in reference to a miner acting in contravention to the colliery rules?
 - (3.) Has he taken any action in these cases?
 - (4.) Would he allow a joint inspection of this mine to be made, one inspector to be appointed by him, and the miners to have the right to appoint two, as check inspectors, from the South Bulli mine, or any mine they see fit?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes; the report of the Check Inspector was referred to Mr. Inspector Rowan, who reported upon the matters therein. In regard to the report respecting a miner acting in contravention of the colliery rules, proceedings were taken against the miner, and he was fined.
 - (4.) In the present state of the law the Minister has no power to allow such an inspection without the consent of the owners of the mine.
- (8.) Use of naked lights in the old Bulli Mine:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that men are again working with naked lights in the old Bulli mine, the scene of the late explosion?
 - (2.) Has Inspector Rowan reported upon the matter; and, if not, why has he not done so?
 - (3.) Will he have an inquiry made into the matter, in order to ascertain if it be safe to allow men to work in this mine with naked lights?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Inspector Rowan accompanied the Examiner of Coal-fields, who has made a report.
 - (3.) The question as to the necessity for making better provisions for the working of mines of this class is under consideration.
- (9.) Water Conservation and Irrigation:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When do the Government intend to introduce a comprehensive measure dealing with water conservation and irrigation?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Bill will be introduced shortly.
- (10.) Explosion of Fire-damp in the Young Wallsend Colliery:—Mr. Curley asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Did an explosion of fire-damp take place at one of the northern collieries recently, whereby two miners were injured?
 - (2.) Will he state the name of the mine, and how the explosion occurred?
 - (3.) Were any special rules in existence at the colliery in question, and were they observed?

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith answered.—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Young Wallsend. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a mixture of explosive gas and powder smoke igniting at a naked light when being beaten out, after a shot had been fired.
- (3.) There are special rules in force at the colliery, and no complaint has been made respecting non-observance of them.

- (11.) Rabbit-proof Fence between this Colony and Queensland:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will the Government complete the gap of 22½ miles in the boundary rabbit-proof fence between this Colony and Queensland?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The erection of a rabbit-proof fence along a portion of the northern boundary of this Colony was undertaken by the Government of Queensland, and inquiries will be made with a view to ascertaining whether it is intended to fence that particular portion of the boundary to which it is thought the Honorable Member refers.

- (12.) Railway Policy:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*), asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to Question 4 and the answer thereto on the 7th instant, will he state whether it is intended that the railway policy will be considered by the Cabinet this Session; and, if so, when?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am unable to give a more definite answer to this Question than that already made.

- (13.) New Bridges, Sydney to Pyrmont, and Pyrmont to Glebe Island:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the report of the Commission, appointed by him to inquire into the necessity of new bridges from Sydney to Pyrmont and Pyrmont to Glebe Island, be ready?
- (2.) If not ready, will he insist on his officers throwing aside other duties, so that the report may be published without further delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed by the President of the Commission that the Report will be ready early next week.

- (14.) Northern Express Goods Train:—Mr. Creer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an express goods train leaves Redfern at 4:15 a.m. each day for Tenterfield, and arrives at Newcastle at 10:15 a.m.?
- (2.) What class of goods form the principal part of the goods carried by this train?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing, per week or per month, the cost and earnings respectively of such train?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) General goods.
- (3.) I am informed records are not kept showing the earnings and cost of running of individual trains.

- 15.) Sale of Allotments, Township of Woodstock:—Mr. Plumb, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that great dissatisfaction has been expressed, and many representations made to him, by reason of the delay in offering the allotments in the township of Woodstock for sale?
- (2.) Will he state definitely when the sale will take place?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) No dissatisfaction has been expressed, but representations have been made as to the necessity of offering these lands at auction. The delay has been caused by the fact of the town and suburban portions being comprised within several reserves, the authority to cancel which has now been obtained from the Governor and Executive Council, and will be gazetted immediately.
- (2.) It is proposed to submit these lands to auction in November next, that being the earliest period allowed by the 102nd clause of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," after cancellation of the reserves.

- (16.) Appointment of Mr. Davidson as a Draftsman in the Civil Service:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has a Mr. Davidson, lately a draftsman in the service of the South Australian Government, been lately appointed to any position in the New South Wales Civil Service?
- (2.) If so, to what position has he been appointed; at what salary; under what clause of what Act has such appointment been made; and what is the date of such appointment?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that advertisements were inserted in the daily papers, in accordance with the 59th clause of the Railway Act, for the appointment of competent draftsmen required in the Existing Lines Branch of the Railways. Twenty applications were received, and the Examiners recommended Mr. Davidson's appointment.
- (2.) He commenced duty on the 20th June, at a salary of £300 per annum.

2. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Gormly, 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 24th June, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 11th November.
Question put and passed.

3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from William Kelynack, D.D., President of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Conference, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Centenary Hall, Sydney, praying the House to legislate so as to give effect to the strong convictions and desires expressed by the meeting that the private-bar system, as now existing, should be abolished; that public-houses should be closed on Parliamentary election days; and that full local option without compensation should be legalized.
Petition received.
4. **PAPER**:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of Mr. George Gordon, C.E., respecting the Hunter River Floods, together with certain plans and other papers on the same subject.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **COOK'S RIVER ROAD TRAMWAYS BILL**:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Alfred Herbert Whiffen, of Sydney, electrician, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Alfred Herbert Whiffen, or his assigns, to construct a tramway in, over, and along the Cook's River Road, commencing at the Railway bridge, Newtown, at the intersection of King-street and Enmore Road, running thence southerly to the northern end of the Tempe dam over Cook's River.
And Mr. Melville having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Suburban Independent*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Tarrarungee Tramway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Thursday next.
(2.) Wentworth Irrigation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Thursday next.
7. **PRECEDENCE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY OF GENERAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order that on Wednesday and Thursday in each week Orders of the Day of General Business shall take precedence of Notices of Motions of General Business; "and that such Orders may be taken after eleven o'clock at night."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cullen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "and that such Orders may be taken after eleven o'clock at night."
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, 5.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Walker.

Tellers,

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Paul.

Noes, 75.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Burdickin,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. See,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Hayes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. King,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. W. B. Abbott,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Traill.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Scobie,	

Tellers,

Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Howe.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—That it be a Sessional Order that on Wednesday and Thursday in each week Orders of the Day of General Business shall take precedence of Notices of Motions of General Business.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. King,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Copeiand,	
Mr. Wall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Paul,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Allison,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. John Wilkinson,	
Mr. Gornily,	
Mr. Copland,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Lateman,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Hutchison	
	(<i>Glen Innes</i>).

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. 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 "for the purpose of bringing forward the subject of the Government, and its broken pledges."

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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Walker,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Plumb.

Noes, 52.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Vivian,	
Mr. Ewing,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. King,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
	(<i>Canterbury</i>),

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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. Brunker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gould, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*), Mr. Lamb, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Miller, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1890.

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

ELECTORATE OF GOULBURN:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 5th instant, declaring the Seat of William Teece, junior, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Teece, and that such writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Cecil Bedford Teece, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Goulburn.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prosecution of Francis Leslie Shaw:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, on the prosecution of one Francis Leslie Shaw, at the Water Police Court, on Friday last, for larceny as a bailee of a diamond ring, valued £15, the presiding magistrate, after hearing the evidence for the prosecution, adjourned the case, and told the accused he had better settle by giving back the ring, and afterwards, when the accused refused to give the ring, did the said magistrate commit the accused for trial?

(2.) The name of the presiding magistrate?

(3.) What were the grounds on which the magistrate advised a settlement of the offence?

(4.) Was the said Shaw charged with a felony?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 3.) It would not appear advisable for the Minister of Justice to call upon a magistrate to state his reasons for any suggestion made by him on the Bench in reference to a case heard before him, but in this instance, as the magistrate desires his reasons should be given, I beg to inform the Honorable Member that, as the evidence seemed to show that accused thought he had a claim of right to the ring in question, the magistrate suggested a conference between the prosecutor and the attorney of the accused, and adjourned the case for that purpose. Finding that they had not come to any agreement, the magistrate adopted what he thought to be the proper course, under the power conferred upon him by the 150th section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1833, and committed the accused for trial, in order that a jury might decide the question at issue.

(2.) Mr. Benjamin Leo, stipendiary magistrate.

(4.) Yes.

- (2.) Administration of Justice at Catherine Hill Bay:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay, situate on the sea-coast, between Sydney and Newcastle, there is a mining township, with a population of between 300 and 400 souls, and daily increasing?

(2.) Is it a fact that a constable is stationed in the above township?

(3.) Is it a fact that when anyone is arrested after 2 p.m. for drunkenness, or any petty offence, that the party has to be detained for twenty-four hours, and then has to be conveyed by land for 6½ miles, thence by steamer, train, and tram, a further distance of 25 miles, to Lambton, where he is again locked up for the night, and brought before the Court next day, thus causing a compulsory incarceration of three days?

(4.) Is it a fact, that before the issue of the last two lists of appointments to the Commission of the Peace, the want of a resident magistrate at the abovenamed mining township was pointed out to him, and a gentleman, in every way qualified for the position, recommended by the Member for the Wollombi and by the Board of Directors of the Wallarah Coal Company; if so, has any notice been taken beyond a formal acknowledgment of the letters, or has any gentleman been appointed?

(5.)

(5.) Is it a fact that at the township of Swansea, a distance of some $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Wallarah, situate on Lake Macquarie, in the same district, there is a resident constable and lock-up, but no magistrate, and is there also a constable and lock-up at Belmont, also situate on the Lake, 3 miles from Swansea; and has all police-court business of the said townships to be dealt with at Lambton?

(6.) If it is found that the above state of things exists, will he have the gentleman recommended appointed as a resident magistrate at Wallarah, and cause an inquiry to be made with a view to the establishment of a monthly Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea—for which the present police building could be used—and will the Police Magistrate of Brisbane Water be requested to attend and preside over such Court, and could the police business of the three townships named, as well as Toronto, and the whole of the Lake Macquarie District, be dealt with at Wallarah, and, at the same time, effect a saving to the revenue?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to this question.

- (3.) Administration of Justice, Lord Howe Island :—*Mr. Traill* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been lately made relative to the administration of justice on Lord Howe Island?
 - (2.) If so, how have same been dealt with?
 - (3.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the above?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Complaints have been made and reported on by the Visiting Magistrate. There will be no objection to lay the documents upon the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

- (4.) Report of Civil Service Commission on Post and Telegraph Department :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Report of the Civil Service Commission on the Postal and Telegraphic Department been furnished him yet?
 - (2.) If so, when was it furnished?
 - (3.) Has it been considered by the Cabinet?
 - (4.) Will it be furnished to Members in sufficient time to enable them to judge whether the various salaries and expenses of the Department and its officers to be set out in the Estimates are necessary or justified?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) 9th May, 1890.
 - (3.) It has not yet been brought under the notice of the Cabinet, because it is deemed advisable to consider other matters of a similar character at the same time.
 - (4.) No objection to laying the Report upon the Table at an early date.
- (5.) Maintenance of Railway Lines by Contractors :—*Mr. Wright* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the specifications for construction of the Nyngan to Cobar, Culcairn to Corowa, and Kiama to Nowra railway lines provision is made compelling the contractors to provide for the maintenance of these railways for twelve months after completion of the contract?
 - (2.) Will not the maintenance of these lines by the contractors largely reduce the working expenses for the first year of their existence?
 - (3.) Has it not been the invariable custom heretofore that immediately a railway is handed over completed by the contractor the cost of maintenance has been a charge against working expenses?
 - (4.) At whose suggestion, and for what reason, has this charge been made, and what (if any) control will the Railway Commissioners have over the maintenance men employed by the contractor?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Probably.
- (3.) It has been the rule in this Colony, though not invariably so in Victoria, South Australia, and other countries.
- (4.) The clause was inserted after conference with the Railway Commissioners. The cost of maintenance for the first year has often been unfairly heavy, owing to the newness of the banks and the resulting subsidences, and it has been thought that by making the contractors responsible it will cause them to use every effort to make the banks in the first instance thoroughly solid. At any rate it seems fair that the expenses connected with the first consolidation of the banks should be charged to capital. The matter of control is a question of arrangement between this Department and that of the Railways.

- (6.) Mulwala Bridge :—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that work has ceased at the Mulwala Bridge?
- (2.) When does the contract time expire?
- (3.) Will any fines be imposed if the work is not completed within the time specified?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Work is completely stopped by a rise in the river; but as soon as the river falls it will be resumed.
- (2.) Contract time expired on the 21st April last.
- (3.) Fines will be imposed, unless it is clearly shown that delay was caused by circumstances over which contractor had no control.

- (7.) Assistant Superintendent, Government Stores :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) By what means did he ascertain that it was necessary to go outside the Government Stores Department to appoint an Assistant Superintendent?
- (2.) Did the Civil Service Board make any recommendations of any existing officer for the position?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) By the exercise of my own judgment in relation to facts placed before me.
- (2.) No.

- (8.) Tenders for Mail-vans :—Mr. Howe asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What are the names of the tenderers for the supply of vans for inland and intercolonial mails at Redfern station?
 - (2.) What was the amount of each tender?
 - (3.) Who is now doing the work?
 - (4.) What is the price paid in each case?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1 and 2.) J. M'Mahon & Co., 1s. 10d. per load; Edwin F. Sutton, 1s. 11d. per load; Patrick Cleary, 2s. 4d. per load; Sydney Parcel Delivery Company (Whitehead), 2s. 6d. per load; J. P. Flannery, 2s. 6d. per load.

(3 and 4.) J. M'Mahon & Co. and J. P. Flannery, at 1s. 10d. and 2s. 6d. per load, respectively. Mr. Flannery's contract will terminate on the 1st October next, from which date the tender of E. F. Sutton, at 1s. 11d. per load, has been accepted, in addition to that of M'Mahon & Co.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made on the 26th June, 1890,—

- (1.) "Proposed Railway Platform at or near Ourimbah Creek."
 - (2.) Return respecting Administration of Justice at Catherine Hill Bay.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for extension of the Tramway from Leichhardt to Five Dock.
 - (2.) Annual Statement of works carried out by Public Works Department during the year 1889.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from John Harris, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, convened by the New South Wales Local Option League, at the close of a lecture upon Local Option, delivered by Rev. Dr. Roseby, M.A., representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting no legislation affecting the Liquor Traffic will be satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying that the subject of the Petition may receive favourable consideration.
- Petition received.
5. CASE OF EDWARD CLAYTON, TRIED AND CONVICTED AT ALBURY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Criel, for Mr. Lyne, 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, evidence, petitions, letters, and other documents, or extracts therefrom as may appear unobjectionable, in connection with the case of Edward Clayton, who was tried and convicted at Albury.
- Question put and passed.
6. LAND BOARDS AT HAY AND DENILIKUIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, laid upon the Table of this House on the 27th November, 1889, "Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin," be printed.
- Question put and passed.
7. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Vivian moved, pursuant to Notice That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act, 1875.
- Question put and passed.
8. PAYMENT OF MONEY UNDER ORDERS OF JUDGES FACILITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Vivian moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the enforcing of payment of money under orders of Judges of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
- Question put and passed.
9. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY 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 the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the new member had been sworn.
10. MEMBER SWORN:—Cecil Bedford Teeco, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Goulburn.
11. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—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 further consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
12. BOATS REGISTRATION AND REGULATION BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hawken, 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 registration of certain classes of boats employed or used on the waters of Port Jackson, and for the licensing and regulation thereof, 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 provide for the registration of certain classes of boats employed or used on the waters of Port Jackson, and for the licensing and regulation thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Hawken then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the registration of certain classes of boats employed or used on the waters of Port Jackson, and for the licensing and regulation thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 27th August.

13. GRANTING OF PROBATE OF WILLS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FACILITATION 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 passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Instruction in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Will he state, or furnish a return of, the number of public schools, and the number of pupils attending each school respectively, who are now receiving instruction in Latin, French, Mathematics, and Euclid?
 - (2.) The same information with regard to high or superior schools?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—This Return will necessitate considerable labour and expense in preparation, and will be obtained if the Honorable Member moves for it in the usual way.
- (2.) Land Court, Districts of Hay and Deniliquin:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) From the establishment of a Local Land Court for the Hay and Deniliquin Districts, up to the 18th of April last, what was the total number of cases heard by the Board at its various sittings?
 - (2.) What number of appeals were made during the same period to the Minister for Lands?
 - (3.) How many of such appeals were sustained by the Minister; how many were dismissed; and how many referred back to the Board to take further evidence?
 - (4.) What number of appeals were made to the Land Court, in reference to decisions given by the same Boards, up to the 18th April last?
 - (5.) How many were sustained by the Land Court; how many referred back for further evidence; and how many were dismissed?
 - (6.) What was the percentage of decisions appealed against?
 - (7.) What was the percentage of decisions reversed?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—A Return is being prepared, giving the information sought by the Honorable Member, which shall be laid upon the Table of this House with the least possible delay.
- (3.) Hydro-pneumatic Guns:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the officers, or other persons engaged in the fitting-up and emplacement of the Hydro-pneumatic guns, have had serious difficulties to contend with in doing so, as a consequence of parts of the guns and machinery being ill-fitting?
 - (2.) Have they made reports to this effect?
 - (3.) Is a statement "That these faults were not earlier detected because the contractors were not required by the Inspecting Officer for the Colony in England to put the machinery in working position before certifying to its efficiency?" a correct one?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—These questions have been answered in the Legislative Council. It is a fact that difficulty has arisen in consequence of parts of the machinery being ill-fitting. The reports of the officers in charge have received immediate attention, and the steps necessary in the matter have been taken.
- (4.) South Bulli Coal Mine:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Has he taken any steps to ascertain the correctness of the report of the South Bulli Miners' check inspector from any other authority than that of Mr. Rowan, Inspector of Mines?
 - (2.) Has Mr. Rowan, Inspector of Mines, the power to cancel any check inspector's report?
 - (3.) In the event of the check inspectors of South Bulli Mine furnishing proof to him that Inspector Rowan allowed the management of South Bulli Colliery to ride rough-shod over the Coal Mines Regulation Act, would he endeavour to bring the parties to justice?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.

(5.)

- (5.) Cost of Jetty at Trial Bay:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The total cost of the jetty erected at Trial Bay for the purpose of landing stores and material for the officials and prisoners there?
 - (2.) Who recommended the construction of this jetty?
 - (3.) The name of the officer who selected the site for the same?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the sand has silted to such an extent as to make the jetty perfectly useless, and that the low-water mark is now some distance beyond the eastern extremity of the jetty?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) £501 5s. 2d.
 - (2.) On petition of farmers and residents in the locality, it was recommended by the late Member for the district (Mr. R. B. Smith), and supported by the local officer (Mr. D. S. Kirkwood).
 - (3.) The papers in this office do not disclose who actually selected the site.
 - (4.) Only a small portion of the proposed jetty was constructed. It was found that the site selected was too exposed, and, to be generally useful, would have to be extended a long way into the Bay; it was consequently abandoned, as it was considered the expenditure was not warranted. A cheaper jetty, in a more convenient site, can be constructed hereafter when the Breakwater affords some shelter to the Bay.
- (6.) Assistant Superintendent, Stores Department:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Referring to answer to question No. 7, of Tuesday, 19th August, is it the custom of the Department to ask the Civil Service Board to report on the fitness of an applicant to the post similar to that given to Mr. Morrow as Assistant Superintendent of the Stores Department?
 - (2.) Did the Civil Service Commission, of which Mr. McMillan is a member, make any recommendation for the filling of the post of Assistant Superintendent in the Stores Department?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No. I am not a member of the Civil Service Commission.
- (7.) Defence of Colony—Appointment of Military Secretary:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the Government taken into their consideration the advisability of placing all matters pertaining to the defence of the Colony in a separate department?
 - (2.) If so, with what result?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a military secretary; and, if so, when?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—No decision has been arrived at in either of these matters. The former involves very grave consideration, and the latter depends upon eligibility for the appointment.
- (8.) Proposed railway, Galong to Burrowa:—Mr. Slattery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- When will the visit of the Examiners of Public Works proposals take place with reference to the proposed railway Galong to Burrowa, as promised on the 6th May last?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Examiners have been longer absent from Sydney than I anticipated when I answered the question referred to. They shall, however, undertake this work as soon as they have completed their present inquiries. I think I can promise they shall begin their inquiries within two months from now.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gundagai.
 - (2.) Report of J. Ashburton Thompson, M.D., D.P.H., on outbreak of Typhoid Fever, Waverley and Randwick.
 - (3.) Return respecting Compositors, Government Printing Office.
 - (4.) Annual Report of the Nautical School Ship "Vernon" for year ending 30th April, 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 31st July, 1890, "Selections taken up in Eastern Division." Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on the 12th June, 1890, "Irrigation Lease of Albert Stafford, of Narrabri."
- Mr. Brunker moved, That the document be printed.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 13th August, 1890, "Rents of Pastoral Leases and Resumed Areas."
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871-1884.
 - (2.) Return of Stock in Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions.
 - (3.) Return respecting loss of stock by floods in the Bourke, Walgett, and Browarrina Districts.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Schey laid upon the Table,—Papers, &c., respecting charges made by the Railway Commissioners and others against Mr. Schey in reference to the late railway accident near Bathurst.

Ordered to be printed.

3. REMISSION OF PENALTIES BILL:—Mr. William Stephen presented a Petition from certain persons connected with the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution of New South Wales, praying the House to refuse to pass the Remission of Penalties Bill.
- Petition received.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Paul presented a Petition from E. B. Bowes, as President of a public meeting convened by the Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the Liquor Traffic will be regarded as satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
5. BROKEN HILL WATER-WORKS BILL :—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from the Broken Hill Water-works Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the "Broken Hill Water-works Company (Limited)" to construct and maintain water-works, and to supply water within the Mining Division of Broken Hill, and to acquire the necessary land for such works; and for other purposes.
And Mr. Cullen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Barrier Miner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL :—Mr. Jones presented a Petition from Montague Marks, William Bridle, Edward George Brown, and John Weeden, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site.
And Mr. Jones having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Adelong Argus and Tumut and Gundagai Advertiser*, and the *Tumut and Adelong Times and Tumberumba and Murrumbidgee District Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL :—Mr. Crick presented a Petition from certain residents upon Crown, leased, and other lands within the area which it is proposed to submerge by the Broken Hill Water Supply Company, on Stephen's Creek, near Broken Hill, praying the House, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, to delay the passing of the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill, authorizing construction of a dam at the site proposed therein, until the Petitioners' just claims have been satisfied.
Petition received.
8. GRANTING OF PROBATE OF WILLS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FACILITATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Walker, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Walker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to facilitate the granting of probate of wills and letters of administration.*"
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 facilitate the granting of probate of wills and letters of administration,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th August, 1890.
9. COOK'S RIVER ROAD TRAMWAYS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize Alfred Herbert Whiffen, or his assigns, to construct a tramway in, over, and along the Cook's River Road, commencing at the Railway bridge, Newtown, at the intersection of King-street and Enmore Road, running thence southerly to the northern end of the Tempe dam, over Cook's River.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Melville 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 Alfred Herbert Whiffen, or his assigns, to construct a Tramway in, over, and along the Cook's River Road, commencing at the Railway bridge, Newtown, at the intersection of King-street and Enmore Road, running thence southerly to the northern end of the Tempe dam, over Cook's River,*"—read a first time.
10. LINE OF TRAMWAY OR RAILWAY TO BALMAIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hawthorne moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the increasing importance of Balmain, viewed from a population and commercial stand-point, warrants the Government in displaying increased zeal in regard to matters affecting this suburb, by at once taking steps to construct a line of tramway or railway, or both, by the most direct route possible, and which will also be within easy distance of the very large populations residing at East, West, and Central Balmain.
Question put and passed.
11. CROWN RENTS 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,—

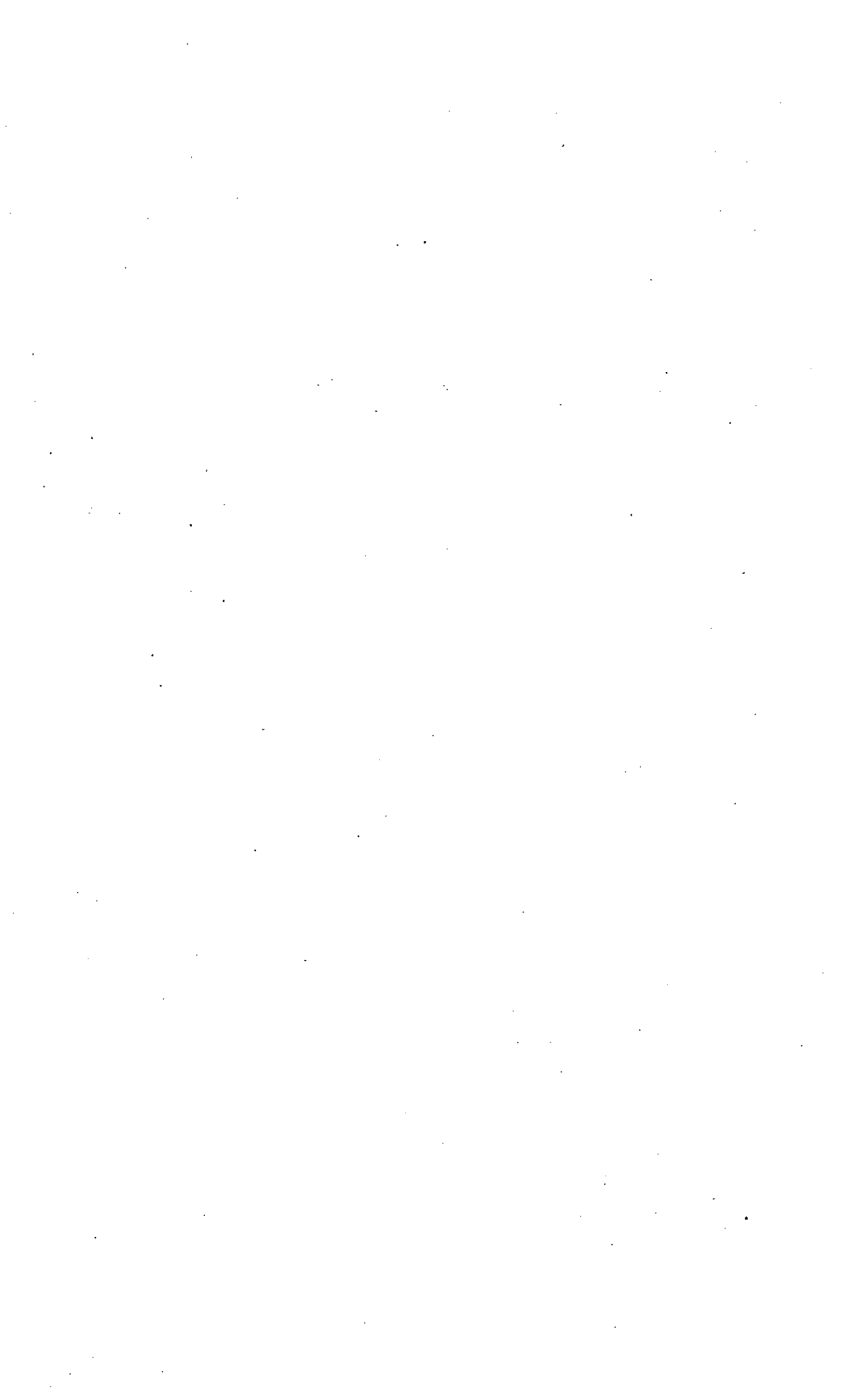
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Grant to Country and Suburban Municipalities:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether, in view of the damage caused by the recent exceptionally heavy rains, he is favourable to a further grant to country and suburban municipalities; and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. McMillan answered,—In view of the long continued wet weather, and to exceptionally destructive effects upon the roads, the Government will consider it necessary to submit to Parliament an extra grant for road maintenance; but particulars cannot be given at present.

(2.) Chicago International Exhibition:—Mr. Vivian asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the representation of the products of this Colony at the Chicago International Exhibition, to be held in 1892?

(2.) If so, will they take such steps as will ensure an adequate display of its pastoral and mineral resources?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The question has not yet been considered.

(3.) Brushgrove-Maclean Road:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Upon whose recommendation was the deviation made in Brushgrove-Maclean Road, at the properties of Messrs. Small and McGregor, and what was the reason such deviation was made?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Nothing is known of any deviation having been effected in this road, but further inquiry is being made by the Department of Public Works.

(4.) New Court-house for Maclean, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Justice,—When will tenders be advertised for new Court-house at Maclean, Clarence River?

Mr. Gould answered,—Plans have now been prepared, and will be forwarded to the Public Works Department for further action.

(5.) Western Electric Telephone Instruments:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) From whom does the Electric Telegraph Department obtain the Western Electric Telegraph instruments, and what price is paid for same?

(2.) Are these instruments supplied by contract; if so, would he give the names, and the prices submitted by the various tenderers?

(3.) Is not the price charged by Kingsbury & Co., who supply these instruments to the public, viz., £9 for each instrument, an excessive rate?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Presuming that "telephone" instruments are referred to:—

(1.) H. H. Kingsbury & Co.; £6.

(2.) Yes; only one tender received—H. H. Kingsbury & Co.'s.

(3.) This appears to be a private matter; £9 is the price charged by the Department, but if persons choose to buy them from Messrs. Kingsbury the Department cannot control their charges.

(6.) Rents of Mr. Ricketson's Annual Leases, Deniliquin:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What payments towards rent have been made on the following annual leases:—90-375, Nos. 7,687 and 7,689, Deniliquin, giving the dates of payment?

(2.) Have any of the payments been placed to Suspense Account; if so, what is the date of such?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—On the 7th instant the Honorable Member applied, by letter to the Treasury, asking for the information contained in the above questions. The following reply was forwarded to him on the 13th instant :—

Sir,
The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 13 August, 1890.
I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7th instant, and to state in reply that it has not been the practice of the Treasury to give information in regard to the state of land holdings, except upon the application of principals, or their authorized agents. The Treasury is therefore unable to give you the information you desire in reference to Leases 90-375, Nos. 7,687 and 7,689.

I have, &c.,
G. EAGAR.

For the reason thus stated, I must still decline to give the Honorable Member the information he seeks. The leases stand in the name of Mr. Henry Ricketson.

(7.) Hours of Duty of Nurses at Hospitals for the Insane :—Mr. Clubb asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a petition presented to the Colonial Secretary from the attendants and nurses of the Hospitals for the Insane at Callan Park, Gladsville, and Parramatta, petitioning for a reduction of their hours of duty?

(2.) If so, has the said petition been dealt with, and has any decision been arrived at on the subject?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; and the attendants and nurses informed of the decision through the Inspector-General of the Insane.

(8.) Case of Constable Semmington :—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table all papers relating to the case of Constable Semmington, tried in February last, before Mr. B. Lee, S.M., at the Water Police Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Commissioners of Trusts, Old Point Piper Road :—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Who were, on 10th July, 1889, the Commissioners of Trusts for the Old Point Piper Road, under the Acts 11 Victoria No. 49 and 13 Victoria No. 41; and when were such Commissioners respectively appointed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Mr. Thos. Buckland, appointed about 25 years ago, but the exact date cannot be given at present; Mr. John McPherson, 20th June, 1833; Mr. John Williams, 9th June, 1881; Mr. M. A. Black, 28th September, 1885; Mr. W. Wiley, 28th September, 1885; The Hon. C. K. Mackellar, Mr. James Hill, Mr. T. H. Kelly, Mr. A. Bennett, and Mr. C. Helmrich, 19th November, 1886; The Hon. G. B. Simpson, 9th May, 1889.

(10.) Wharf at Moama :—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the construction of a wharf at Moama?

(2.) Is the date fixed when tenders will be called?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Plans and specification are ready, and tenders will be invited in tomorrow's *Gazette*.

(11.) Assistant Superintendent, Stores Department :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Superintendent of Stores apply for the appointment of an assistant?

(2.) If so, did he recommend any officer at present in the Department for the position?

(3.) Has the officer second in command controlled the affairs of the Department when the Superintendent has been absent on leave?

(4.) Does the officer next in rank to the Superintendent possess the necessary qualifications to enable him to fill the office about to be created?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the Colonial Treasurer has never visited the Stores Department since his accession to office, and has no personal knowledge of the competency, or otherwise, of the officers employed therein?

(6.) Will he state or produce the facts which led him to use his own discretion in conferring this appointment upon a person outside the Department?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have nothing to add to the answers which I have already given in this matter.

2. BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY NAMING 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 alter the name of the Borough of North Willoughby*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. CONTRACT OF MR. WILLIAM WAKEFORD, KIAMA HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and minutes thereon in reference to the contract of Mr. William Wakeford at the Kiama Harbour, and his claims for further payments.
Question put and passed.

4. COOK'S RIVER ROAD TRAMWAYS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Cook's River Road Tramways 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hawken, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Dawson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Papers in reference to the late railway accident near Bathurst.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the papers be printed, and attached to those on the same subject laid upon the Table by Mr. Schey yesterday.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Crick requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether or not the papers were such as should be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker stated that if they reflected upon the conduct of a Member in this House, or referred to a debate in the House, they should not be presented to Parliament, unless in obedience to an order thereof.

Papers and motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Frank Smith
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Stercenson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. William Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Greene,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Miller.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Haessall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. REMISSION OF PENALTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order :—Mr. Crick drew Mr. Speaker's attention to the provisions of this Bill, and submitted that they were not covered by the title.

Mr. Speaker ruled that this House should assume that Bills coming from the Legislative Council had been properly initiated, and he knew of no instance where a Council Bill had been ruled out of order on the ground of informality in its initiation there.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.)

(2.) Cowra Bridge Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st August, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.
10. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wyman Brown, 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. Brown, 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 James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st August, 1890.*

11. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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. Dibbs, 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 vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth; to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st August, 1890.*

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1890.

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

SIR HENRY PARKES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received an intimation from the head of the Government of his intention to resume his duties in this House to-morrow. As Sir Henry Parkes was still very weak, Mr. Speaker felt sure that Honorable Members would concur in allowing such departures from ordinary rule as might be necessary to enable Sir Henry Parkes to carry out his intention.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Diseases in Sheep Acts:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What were the total sums of money collected from owners of sheep under the Diseases in Sheep Acts of 1886 and 1878 for each year from 1879 to 1889?

(2.) When will the Return promised the Honorable Member for Bourke, Mr. Davis, on the 13th August, 1890, showing how the funds of the "Sheep Account" have been disbursed, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information and Return asked for by the Honorable Member are now being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(2.) North Shore Railway:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the favourable recommendation by the Public Works Committee of the final section of the North Shore railway, between Crow's Nest and Milson's Point, and of the urgent nature of the proposed work, will he give this House the earliest possible opportunity of sanctioning the completion of this line?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Honorable Member is probably aware that the report of the Public Works Committee has not yet been laid upon the Table of this House. When this is done I shall submit the usual motion, with a view to the introduction of the Bill.

(3.) Assistant Superintendent, Government Stores:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he reconsider the answer to the appended questions, given on Thursday, 21st August, and reply to each question *seriatim*?

(1.) Did the Superintendent of Stores apply for the appointment of an assistant?

(2.) If so, did he recommend any officer at present in the Department for the position?

(3.) Has the officer second in command controlled the affairs of the Department when the Superintendent has been absent on leave?

(4.) Does the officer next in rank to the Superintendent possess the necessary qualifications to enable him to fill the office about to be created?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the Colonial Treasurer has never visited the Stores Department since his accession to office, and has no personal knowledge of the competency, or otherwise, of the officers employed therein?

(6.) Will he state or produce the facts which led him to use his own discretion in conferring this appointment upon a person outside the Department?

Mr. McMillan answered,—As requested by the Honorable Member, I have reconsidered the answer given to the above questions on the 21st instant, and it appears to me sufficient to meet the requirements of the case.

(4.) Clerks of Petty Sessions in Sydney acting as Chamber Magistrates:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the clerks of the Benches in Sydney have been appointed Chamber Magistrates?

(2.) Where, and under what Act, is there any power given to appoint such officers?

(3.) Have the City Magistrates yet made rules, as directed by the 8th section of the Metropolitan Magistrates Act, for the conduct of the business of their courts and subordinate officers; and, if so, when were they published?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Clerks of Petty Sessions at the Central and Water Police Offices, Sydney, have for a long period of time been called upon, in the public convenience, to act as Magistrates in the exercise of certain ministerial functions. On 24th September, 1889, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, altered the designation of these officers to that of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate. No statutory authority was required for such action.

(3.) No such rules have been framed by the Stipendiary Magistrates; and, under the 8th section of the Metropolitan Magistrates Act of 1881, it would appear that their power to frame rules is limited, subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council, to "General Rules of Court for the regulation of the practice, procedure, and all matters of detail to be observed and carried out in their respective Courts."

- (5.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway:—*Mr. M. Court*, for *Mr. Ball*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any further action in reference to the Goulburn to Crookwell railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have not yet had time to ascertain whether the circumstances under which the Bill was rejected would enable me to reintroduce the Bill this Session; but I will make inquiry, and if I can, shall probably do so.

3. RAILWAY TO WALGETT:—*Mr. Collins* presented a Petition from certain members of the Progress Committee of Walgett and surrounding districts, submitting the resolutions adopted by a public meeting, and praying the House to take them into favourable consideration, and sanction the construction of a line of railway to Walgett as early as possible.
Petition received.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. McMillan*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

- (1.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes*,"—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, 26th August, 1890.

- (2.) Cowra Bridge Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River at Cowra*,"—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, 26th August, 1890.

- (3.) Borough of Willoughby Naming Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the name of the Borough of North Willoughby*,"—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 August, 1890.

5. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—*Mr. Gormly*, 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 3rd June, 1890, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

6. PAYMENT OF MONEY UNDER ORDERS OF JUDGES FACILITATION BILL:—*Mr. Vivian* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the enforcing of payment of money under orders of Judges of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd September.

7. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Vivian* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Bank Holidays Act, 1875'*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th September.

8. **HAY AND DENILIQVIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Henry Hill, of Burrabogie, near Hay, Esquire, John Whitcombe, of Hay, merchant, Alexander Pentleton Stewart, of same place, bank manager, and Thomas Robertson, of same place, solicitor, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the making, constructing, and maintaining of a Tramway from Hay to South Deniliquin, and for other purposes.
And Mr. Wilkinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Deniliquin Chronicle*, the *Pastoral Times*, the *Riverine Grazier*, and *Hay Standard*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
9. **TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Jones 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 sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site*,"—read a first time.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**.—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Parliamentary Sessions Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 30th September.
(2.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until to-morrow.
11. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Edmunds presented a Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, as Chairman of a public meeting held at the New Masonic Hall, Sydney, representing that, in the opinion of the meeting, local option is fallacious in principle and disappointing in its results even to its best supporters, and having been made a lever to put in motion the engine of confiscation without compensation, the further extension of the principle is undesirable; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
12. **PAPER**:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Light Railways.
Ordered to be printed.
13. **RAILWAY BETWEEN BLACKTOWN AND BLAYNEY**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a trial survey should be made between Blacktown and Blayney, with a view to the construction of a railway to connect between the two places.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 30th September.
14. **CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA**:—Mr. Dalton 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 (if any) of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, for remuneration as the first discoverers of gold in Australia.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Street, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Wright, Mr. Lee, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. **FLOOD-GATE AT BROWN'S CREEK, LISMORE**:—Mr. Nicoll 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 upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £3,000 to be granted to the town of Lismore, for the construction of a flood-gate at Brown's Creek, to protect the town from inundation by flood-waters.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
16. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF J. SMITH, J. M. D. SULLIVAN, AND A. CAMPBELL, LAND DISTRICT OF LISMORE**:—Mr. Nicoll 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 circumstances surrounding the conditional purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, in the Land District of Lismore.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ewing, Mr. Perry, Mr. Howe, Mr. Brunker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Torpy, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. **CLAIM OF REV. DANIEL P. M. HULBERT**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions from the Rev. Daniel P. M. Hulbert, presented to this Honorable House on the 15th November, 1887, and 3rd July, 1888, respectively.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Copland, Mr. Goodchap, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Teece, Mr. William Stephen, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
18. **ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSING LAW IN BATHURST**:—Mr. Paul moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, letters, papers, and all other documents relating to the Administration of the Licensing Law at Bathurst.
Question put and passed.

19. **BROKEN HILL WATER-WORKS BILL:**—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Broken Hill Water-works Company (Limited) to construct and maintain water-works, and to supply water within the mining division of Broken Hill, and to acquire the necessary land for such works; and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cullen 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 'Broken Hill Water-works Company (Limited), to construct and maintain water-works and to supply water within the Mining Division of Broken Hill, and to acquire the necessary land for such works; and for other purposes,'*"—read a first time.

20. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Gundagai Bridge:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Gundagai bridge, on being examined by Mr. E. M. de Burgh, bridge expert, has been condemned, and said to have only a five years life?
(2.) Is it also a fact that Mr. C. O. Burge, district engineer, in his report on the Tumut railway, recommends that when the Gundagai bridge is renewed it should be made available for railway and road traffic?
(3.) In consideration of a new bridge being required, will he come to some determination, without further delay, to have it erected?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Mr. De Burgh, after examining the bridge, reported that, in his opinion, the approaches to the bridge will, if carefully attended to, carry the traffic safely for five or six years to come without any extensive renewals. The iron bridge over the river is a permanent structure.
(2.) Mr. Burge, in his report, was referring to the timber approaches only, and not to the main bridge over the river.
(3.) No new bridge is required for road purposes over the river.

- (2.) Trades Hall for Newcastle:—Mr. Alexander Brown, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place on the Estimates this Session a sum of money for the erection of a trades hall at Newcastle, for Newcastle and district, on the same terms and conditions as those on which a sum was granted for a like purpose in Sydney?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Six thousand pounds were voted in the year 1884 to cover the cost of resumption or purchase of land, to be vested in trustees to be appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, to erect thereon a trades hall, the cost of which was to be defrayed by public subscription, in accordance with the resolution of the Legislative Assembly. Until I have had an opportunity of consulting the Cabinet, I am not prepared to answer the question. The matter will require a great deal of careful consideration. If a sum of money were voted to establish an institution of this kind for the organization of labour, it is quite possible we might be called upon to take similar action on behalf of an organization of capital. Therefore, I am not prepared to answer "yes" to this question until I have consulted my colleagues. That I will do as soon as possible.

- (3.) Report of Civil Service Inquiry Commission on Mines Department:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what date did the Civil Service Inquiry Commission furnish to the Government its report on the Mines Department?
(2.) What action has the Government taken in regard to that report?
(3.) Will he lay the Commission's report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—When this report has been considered and dealt with by the Government there will be no objection to lay it upon the Table of this House.

(4.)

- (4.) Leper Bill :—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. King, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in the Leper Bill, drafted some time ago, legalizing the detention of persons afflicted with leprosy ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A Bill dealing with leprosy has been prepared, and notice will probably be given to-morrow night.

- (5.) Mining for Coal under Road between Plattsburg and Minmi :—*Mr. Creer* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that undermining for coal under the main road between Plattsburg and Minmi has been going on for some time, and is still going on ?
- (2.) Has considerable subsidence taken place in consequence ?
- (3.) Has he taken any action with a view to putting a stop to such undermining ?
- (4.) If so, what action has been taken ; if not, for what reason ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) It has been reported by the Examiner of Coal-fields that some of the bords in the Summerhill Colliery have been carried under the Minmi Road.
- (2.) No report to that effect has been received.
- (3.) The officers have been instructed to inspect and report specially whether there is any circumstance in connection with these workings that would justify the taking of proceedings under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and the reports are distinctly to the effect that there is no present danger of the miners engaged in removing the coal, and, consequently, no power under the said Act for the Minister to interfere.
- (4.) The Municipal Council has been informed, in order that it may take such steps and may be advised by the Council's legal adviser, the road in question being within the municipality, and, consequently, under the control of the Municipal Council.

- (6.) Additions to the Post Office at Cobar :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have advertisements been inserted in the metropolitan papers calling for tenders for additions to the post-office at Cobar ?
- (2.) If so, has a similar advertisement been sent to the local paper ?
- (3.) Will he, in future, when having works carried out in the country districts by contract, see that tenders are called for in the local papers ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) This practice is adopted.

- (7.) Salary of the Prothonotary :—*Mr. Teece* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, all papers relating to the application of the Prothonotary for an increase in salary ?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection to lay copies of any papers referred to not already laid on the Table of this House if moved for in the usual way.

- (8.) Barratta Run :—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did Henry Ricketson, Barratta, near Deniliquin, purchase at auction two annual leases, Nos. 7,687 and 7,689 ?
- (2.) Were these leases gazetted forfeited on 3rd June, 1890 ?
- (3.) Were any rents paid thereon since the first rent ; if so, will he give the date and the amount ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—If the Honorable Member will postpone this question until Tuesday next I will give him the required information.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—*Mr. Frank Smith* presented a Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, as Chairman of a public meeting held at the Town Hall, Balmain, submitting a Resolution representing that local option is fallacious in principle and disappointing in its results even to its best supporters, and having been made a lever to put in motion the engine of confiscation without compensation, the further extension of the principle is undesirable ; and praying the House to give that Resolution favourable consideration.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the gross returns of the Cooma Railway line from date of opening to 31st May, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Further correspondence respecting the Railway Accident near Bathurst.

Mr. McMillan moved, That the document be printed.

Point of Order :—*Mr. Crick* referred to *Mr. Speaker's* previous ruling on 21st August, 1890, and submitted that this document was, equally with the papers presented on that occasion, such as should not be laid upon the Table of this House.

Mr. Speaker decided that this document was not open to the objections raised against the other papers, inasmuch as it did not refer to the action of a Member in this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes 67.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cooke,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Turner,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Greer,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Woodward,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Martin.

Noes 13.

Mr. Henry Clarke,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Toohey.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for erection of a court-house at Redfern.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of St. James, county of Cumberland, for erection of buildings for public offices, City of Sydney.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for supply of water to the City of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Railway Commissioners for year ending 30th June, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 6th August, 1890, "Administration of the Licensing Law in Bathurst."

Ordered to be printed.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, in accordance with the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans (to which is attached the first Report, with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans) on Proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Ordered to be printed:

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 27th August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th August, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "Provided further that in the event of the said tramway and branch lines not being constructed within the times lastly before-mentioned, then all the powers and privileges granted by this Act shall cease and determine."

Page 8, clause 28, line 4. *Omit* "hereinafter" *insert* "hereinbefore"

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.)

(2.) Mulgoa Irrigation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorize George Chaffey and Henry Gorman to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within and adjacent to the Police District of Penrith; to acquire lands to establish irrigation works; to authorize the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*"—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, 27th August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Tumut School of Arts Site 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. Carruthers, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Hospital Elections Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
8. CROWN RENTS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunner moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. McCourt,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Curley,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. King,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Shopherd,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Leas,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Martin.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dibbs.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Brunner then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An 'Act' to give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884'; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts; and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.*"

Mr. Crick moved, That the Title be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "*Act,*" in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "*to avoid the lawful liabilities of the Crown, as laid down by the Privy Council in the case of Alison v. Burns, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes moved,—"*That the Question be now put.*"

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. King,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Tonkin,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Stokes,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. E. Abbott.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Walker,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Alison,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Lakeman,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Woodward,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Plumb,	

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 Title.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. King,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Hawthorne,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Waddell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884'; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

Mr. Brunker then 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 give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884'; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th August, 1890.

Mr. Slattery moved, That the following words be added to the Message, "The Assembly also informs your Honorable House that the Title of the Bill was carried by what is known as the cloture or gag, thereby depriving members of the Assembly of the right of free speech thereon."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Mr. Haynes moved,—"That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. King,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Lees,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Lamb,	
Mr. Greene,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Jones,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. See,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Edmunds,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that there were not forty members in favour of the Motion,—
Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>).
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 56.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. King,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Curley,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Dowd,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Shepherd,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Frank Smith.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the Message, as proposed by Mr. Brunker.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. King,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Dale,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Barbour,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dowd.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Playfair,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Walker.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Edmunds.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **REMISSION OF PENALTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. McMillan, *passed*.
 Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Act of the twenty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter forty-nine, intituled 'An Act for preventing certain abuses and profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday,' and for further amending the law concerning the remission of penalties.*"
 Debate ensued.
 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 Act of the twenty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter forty-nine, intituled 'An Act for preventing certain abuses and profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday,' and for further amending the law concerning the remission of penalties,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th August, 1890.
10. **TRANSFER OF MINING STOCK STAMP DUTY EXEMPTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Area of Gosford Population Reserve:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the area of land (approximately) contained in that portion of the Gosford population reserve, situate on the western side of the Great Northern Railway line?

Mr. Brunker answered,—8,120 acres.

(2.) History of New South Wales:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was an arrangement entered into between the Government and Mr. G. B. Barton to write a history of New South Wales?

(2.) What were the terms of such agreement?

(3.) Has that agreement been carried out; or, if not, to what extent?

(4.) Has the agreement been terminated?

(5.) For what reason, and by whom terminated—the Government or Mr. Barton?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Government engaged a party of canvassers to take orders in advance of publication for the book, under the title of "Barton's New South Wales"?

(7.) How many orders for such books were taken?

(8.) Has money been paid to the canvassers; and the total amount so paid?

(9.) What arrangements have been made to complete the work entitled "Barton's New South Wales"?

(10.) Has any person been appointed to continue the History?

(11.) The name of the person so appointed, and the terms of such appointment?

(12.) Will the Government be able to recover from the canvassers the commissions so paid them, if unable to deliver "Barton's New South Wales," according to contracts with the intending purchasers?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes. After the production of the first volume of the History an arrangement was entered into with Mr. G. B. Barton to continue the work on reduced terms of payment.

(2.) To produce one volume each successive six months, at a cost of £600 per volume.

(3.) No. A portion only of the second volume was produced within the time limited.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) On the failure of Mr. Barton to fulfil an essential condition of the contract.

(6.) A canvasser was engaged to procure orders in advance for "The History of New South Wales from the Records."

(7.) 2,033.

(8.) Yes. The canvasser has been paid a total sum of £1,659 8s. 2d.

(9.) No arrangements are yet made.

(10.) No.

(11.) Answered by No. 10.

(12.) Commission paid to the canvasser for work and labour done cannot be recovered, nor does the Government contemplate any such proceeding.

(3.) Crown Lands in the Tumut Electorate:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—What area of Crown Lands has been alienated in the Tumut Electorate, and what area is still unalienated and open for settlement?

Mr. Brunker answered,—To supply an accurate return would involve a considerable amount of work, as the areas of each parish would have to be computed separately. If the Honorable Member will give fresh notice for next Tuesday, I will endeavour to have an approximate reply to his question prepared by that date.

(4.)

- (4.) Eradication of the Bathurst Burr:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
- (1.) Has it been represented to him that, unless a Bill for the eradication of the Bathurst burr and other noxious weeds is passed, and becomes law during the next month, a large portion of the north and south-western portion of the Colony will be virtually closed to travelling sheep?
 - (2.) Did he promise, on the 11th April, 1889, to at once bring in a Bill for this purpose?
 - (3.) Will he do so?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) The necessity for legislation for the eradication of the Bathurst burr and other noxious weeds in many parts of the Colony has frequently been represented.
 - (2.) The Government intend to introduce a Bill as soon as the state of the Government business will permit.
- (5.) Additions to Police Barracks, Lake Cudgellico:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the amount of the tender accepted for additions to the police barracks, Lake Cudgellico, this month?
 - (2.) Did Martin Keiley, of Condobolin, tender for the work in question, under date 18th June?
 - (3.) Was the necessary deposit received by cheque from him, and duly collected by the Department?
 - (4.) What was the amount of Mr. Keiley's tender?
 - (5.) Was he informed by letter, dated 24th July, that in consequence of his first tender not being covered with a deposit, that he was ineligible to tender when fresh tenders were subsequently called for the same work?
 - (6.) What is the loss sustained by this procedure?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) No tender has yet been accepted.
 - (2.) Mr. Keiley first tendered on the 11th April, but as he sent in no deposit, as required by the regulations of the Tender Board, his offer was declared informal. Fresh tenders had consequently to be called, when Mr. Keiley again sent in an offer, but increased his price by £42, and in accordance with the practice of the Board the tender was declined on the ground that, by reason of his default, the Department had been put to the inconvenience and delay of calling for fresh tenders, of which he was informed by letter. Experience has shown this course to be necessary to ensure *bona fides* in public tendering.
 - (3.) The cheque was received and paid in to the credit of the Department in the usual course, but the amount was refunded as soon as the decision was arrived at that Mr. Keiley's tender could not be considered.
 - (4.) Mr. Keiley's first offer was £315, and on the second occasion he increased it to £357.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) No loss can be said to have been sustained.
- (6.) Mail-service between Perico, *via* Bondi, to Bombala:—Mr. Dawson asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it his intention to establish a mail-service between Perico, *via* Bondi to Bombala?
- Mr. O'Connor answered,—Yes, so soon as a mail contract can be arranged, which, I hope, will be in a few days.
- (7.) Roads at Nimitybelle:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a special officer from his Department been sent to Nimitybelle, as promised a fortnight ago?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No reply has yet been received from the officer sent to report on this work. He was instructed on the 22nd instant to expedite his report; and another telegram has been sent to him to-day to the same effect.
- (8.) Road between Bombala and Bondi:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the £500 promised by the Department been spent on the road between Bombala and Bondi?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I find that the Honorable Member was informed that a sum of £540 would be noted for consideration. The local officer will be instructed to report as to the necessity for the amount being granted for immediate expenditure.
2. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Torpy presented a Petition from John Gale, Chairman, George Louis A. Davies, Secretary, and J. Charles Fitzpatrick, as the Committee appointed at a conference of Provincial Newspaper Proprietors held in Sydney, submitting certain Resolutions unanimously adopted by the meeting, disapproving of the proposed imposition of a postal rate upon newspapers; and praying the House to cause the clause imposing a postal rate upon newspapers carried within these Colonies to be expunged from the Bill now before the House.
- Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for Quarter ended 30th June, 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Notification of addition to Regulation No. 256 under the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—
- (1.) Mr. Reid presented a Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, as Chairman of a public meeting held at the Town Hall, George-street, Sydney, submitting a Resolution representing that local option is fallacious in principle and disappointing in its results even to its best supporters, and having been made a lever to put in motion the engine of confiscation without compensation, the further extension of the principle is undesirable; and praying the House to give that Resolution favourable consideration.
- Petition received.
- (2.)

(2.) Mr. Goodchap presented a similar Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, as Chairman of a public meeting held at the Town Hall, Redfern.
Petition received.

5. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT AND PENSION FUND BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to facilitate the establishment of a Provident and Pension Fund for the relief and support in sickness, on retirement, and other contingencies of persons employed at weekly or daily wages on the New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways, and of their families; to authorize contributions by such persons and by the Railway Commissioners; to protect the interests of persons entitled to the benefits of the said Fund; to regulate the administration of the Fund; to make certain provisions affecting liabilities of, and contributions to, the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to allow contributions to the Fund to stand instead of the life insurance required by the sixty-fourth section of the "Government Railways Act of 1888"; to make further provision in connection with the said Fund; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

6. TRANSFER OF MINING STOCK STAMP DUTY EXEMPTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to exempt Shares in the Stock and Funds of Mining Corporations, Companies, and Societies from being chargeable with Stamp Duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares.*"
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 exempt Shares in the Stock and Funds of Mining Corporations, Companies, and Societies from being chargeable with Stamp Duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th August, 1890.*

7. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition 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 'Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th August, 1890.*

8. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

"(1.) That this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz:—

"(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

"(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

"(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

"(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

"(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

"(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention,"—

Upon

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.

10. ENTRANCE TO THE RICHMOND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS 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 sanction the carrying out of improvements to the Entrance of the Richmond River,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th August, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

11. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cullen, 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. Cullen, 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 ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887.’*”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th August, 1890.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after Ten o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fines paid by Benjamin Tripp:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many times has Benjamin Tripp been fined within the years 1889 and 1890 for offending against the by-law, by placing a barrow upon the carriage-way in a public street?
 - (2.) During that period what amount has he paid in fines?
 - (3.) How many times has he been incarcerated for non-payment of fines?
 - (4.) What is the longest term of imprisonment the Bench can inflict for this offence?
 - (5.) What is the largest amount paid in fines by the worst offender against the above by-law during the above period?
 - (6.) What is the greatest number of times an offender against the by-law, other than Benjamin Tripp, has been incarcerated during 1889 and 1890?

Mr. Gould answered,—Upon inquiry at the Central and Water Police Courts and Prisons Department, I have been furnished with the following information respecting these questions:—

- (1.) During the years 1889 and 1890 Benjamin Tripp was fined three times for breach of the City Corporation By-law, and seventeen times under the Sydney Police Act (4 Wm. IV, No. 7) for the offence named.
 - (2.) During such period he has paid in fines, with costs, the sum of £7 3s.
 - (3.) He has been incarcerated for non-payment of fines four times, but on one occasion he paid the fine after two days' detention.
 - (4.) Two months under the Sydney Police Act (4 Wm. IV No. 7) and three months under the City Corporation By-laws.
 - (5.) The largest amount paid in fines by the worst offender against the By-law was £3 0s. 6d. (including costs), by Tripp, who has also paid £4 2s. 6d. (including costs) in fines for convictions under the Sydney Police Act.
 - (6.) The greatest number of times a person, other than Benjamin Tripp, has been incarcerated during the years 1889 and 1890, for offending by placing a barrow upon the carriage-way in a public street is five times.
- (2.) Report of Royal Commission on Department of Mines:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When will the Report of the Royal Commission on the Department of Mines be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This report will be considered with others, and, after this has been done, the whole will be laid upon the Table of this House.

(3.)

(3.) Sub-letting of Government Contracts:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the contractors for the following constructions, or for any of them, sublet the whole or portions of the work, specifying particular cases, viz.:—(a) Railway Station at Brskineville; (b) Railway Station at Auburn; (c) Additions, &c., Coast Hospital; (d) Additions, &c., Military Barracks; (e) Drill-shed, Paddington; (f) Public School, Darlington; (g) Public School, Rockdale; (h) Building at Cowper's Wharf?

(2.) On what authority has such subletting (if any) been carried out?

(3.) Have any of the sub-contractors sublet their sub-contracts in whole or in part?

(4.) Will he take steps to restrain excessive subletting of Government contracts?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have caused inquiries to be made in these matters, and will communicate the result to the Honorable Member by letter. The information is too lengthy to give in the shape of a reply to questions.

(4.) Barratta Run:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did Henry Ricketson, Barratta, near Deniliquin, purchase at auction two annual leases, Nos 7,687 and 7,689?

(2.) Were these leases gazetted forfeited on 3rd June, 1890?

(3.) Were any rents paid thereon since the first rent; if so, will he give the date and the amount?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) On the 1st October, 1889, the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company lodged £241 6s. to "Suspense Account," which was stated to be for "Rents on Annual Leases at present unknown." Subsequently, £70 1s. was credited for rents on certain annual leases which had been particularised, leaving £171 5s. in "Suspense Account." On 22nd July, 1890, nearly ten months after deposit of the money, the above Company desired that this amount, which represents the exact sum due, should be credited for rent for 1890 on Henry Ricketson's annual leases, Nos. 7,687 and 7,689, but as said leases had been declared forfeited for non-payment of rent by *Gazette* notice of 3rd June, 1890, the Under Secretary for Lands has been asked by B.C., of 22nd July, 1890, if the request could be complied with. No answer has yet been received.

(5.) Coal Slack in the Illawarra District:—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Woodward*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Has his attention been invited to the necessity for dealing with the large accumulation of coal slack in the Illawarra district, and have representations been made that such slack was filling up several of the creeks, particularly Fairy Creek?

(2.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Honorable the Attorney-General upon the subject?

(3.) If so, will he lay a copy of such opinion upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Attention was called to it some time since, but the matter has been dealt with by the Lands Department, the latest action being a minute by an officer of that Department that he understands the nuisance has been abated.

(2.) An opinion has been obtained.

(3.) It is contrary to practice to do so.

(6.) Electorate of New England:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is not the Electorate of New England entitled, under the expansive clauses of the Electoral Act, to an additional Parliamentary representative; if so, when will he take the necessary steps to give effect to its claims?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am aware that, by the collection of the last returns, New England is entitled to an additional Member, and the steps prescribed by law will be taken in due course.

(7.) Weights and Measures Act:—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Woodward*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Weights and Measures Act applies to the weights and machines used in or at any mines for weighing minerals?

(2.) If so, have instructions been given to the inspectors to inspect and examine the weighing-machines and weights used, or the measures or gauges used at or in such mines in lieu of weights?

(3.) If not, will he cause directions to be given to have the law in this behalf carried out at all mines?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes, *vide* section 21 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1876.

(2.) No; owing to the fact that the word "Inspector" as used in section 21 was intended to mean the Inspector of Weights and Measures. But in section 2 of the Act the meaning assigned to the word "Inspector" is Inspector of Collieries.

(3.) It is open to doubt whether effect can be given to the section 21 of the said Act, seeing that the penalties for using unjust weights and measures are those provided by the Weights and Measures Act, 16 Vic. No. 34.

(8.) Railway from Gundagai to Tumut:—*Mr. Barnes*, for *Mr. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the railway from Gundagai to Tumut has been constructed?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Gundagai Railway Station has been erected on the Gundagai to Tumut line?

(3.) If so, when was the work contracted for, and what was the cost of same, showing expenditure on length of railway and on station buildings, yards, &c., separate?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) The contract from Cootamundra to Gundagai terminated at 286 miles from Sydney, outside the township, and it was intended to erect the station at this point. The line towards Tumut passed nearer to the centre of the town of Gundagai, and, upon the representations of the residents, the Government agreed to construct a length of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile which would have formed part of the contract—"Gundagai to Tumut"—and the grades were altered at very considerable expense to enable a station to be made.

(3.) The work was contracted for in 1885, and the cost was as follows:—Station buildings, &c., £5,124; extension of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile into Gundagai, £25,609—total, £30,733.

- (9.) Crown Lands, Tumut Electorate:—*Mr. Barnes*, for Mr. Jones, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What area of Crown Lands has been alienated in the Tumut Electorate, and what area is still unalienated and open for settlement?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—There are about 1,250,000 acres of land within this electorate, of which about 400,000 acres are at present open to selection. The balance being either alienated, reserved from sale, or included within the boundaries of unexpired leaseholds.

- (10.) Confinees in Debtors' Prison:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a confinee, arrested and detained in the debtors prison on a writ of *ca. re.*, has been now in prison for ninety-two days, without judgment, trial, or hearing of the case; and that the arrest was the first notice received by him of the action in which he is the defendant, no writ or summons having been previously served, or attempted to be served?

(2.) Is he aware that the Judge, late in the afternoon, before the application referred to was dealt with, refused to allow the defendant to appear in person by a writ of *habeas corpus*, and give evidence in support of that application; also, that the only ground of the arrest was a statement made by the plaintiff "that the defendant informed the plaintiff that he intended to go to Melbourne," which statement the defendant denies on oath, and that no fact, evidence, or circumstance has been brought in support of plaintiff's statement?

(3.) Is he aware that, when the said application was refused, the defendant had then been in prison forty-five days (from 28th May to 11th July), and that the case could have been heard any time between the 10th June, when defendant's notice of defence was filed, and the 5th of July, when the vacation commenced; but that the plaintiff delayed the trial of the action, with the avowed intention of keeping the defendant in prison as long as possible without trial, for plaintiff's own personal satisfaction?

(4.) Will he, in view of preventing such actions being committed in the name of, and with the sanction of, the law, bring in his promised Bill dealing with the subject without further delay?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have received the following information from the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court with reference to Questions 1, 2, and 3:—

(1.) One Henry Charles Everill was arrested on a writ of *ca. re.* on 28th May last, issued under order made by His Honor Mr. Justice Stephen, and still remains in custody. An application on his behalf was made on the 11th July to set aside the writ of *ca. re.*, but His Honor Mr. Justice Foster, before whom the matter was argued, after reading affidavits and hearing Everill's solicitor, declined to grant the application.

(2.) "The application referred to." This is unintelligible. No application has been previously referred to in No. 1. His Honor Mr. Justice Stephen made the order for the arrest on an affidavit setting forth the cause of action, and Everill's indebtedness, and his intention to leave the Colony.

(3.) The defendant Everill filed his plea on 12th July, and plaintiff's replication and the issue were filed on the 19th July. The case was, on the 15th August, set down for trial in No. 2 Jury Court on the 5th September.

(4.) I am now having a Bill prepared to deal with the whole subject of imprisonment for debt.

- (11.) Police Magistrate for Bombala:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the appointment of Police Magistrate be made at Bombala?

Mr. Gould answered,—*Mr. F. B. Hales*, Police Magistrate, Port Macquarie, has been appointed Police Magistrate at Bombala, and will commence duty at the latter place as early as practicable.

- (12.) Clerk of Petty Sessions for Tamworth:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has a Clerk of Petty Sessions been appointed at Tamworth?

(2.) If so, when will he commence his duties?

Mr. Gould answered,—A clerk has not yet been appointed, but the matter is now under consideration.

- (13.) Warden for the Tamworth District:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Has a Warden been appointed to the Tamworth District?

(2.) If so, when will that officer commence his duties?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The question is now under consideration and I hope in course of a few days to be able to announce that a gentleman has been appointed, not at Tamworth, but having his head quarters at Nundle.

- (14.) Employment of William C. Webster in Supreme Court:—*Mr. Lakeman* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is a man named William Webster employed in the Supreme Court; if so, in what capacity?

(2.) When was he appointed, by whom appointed, and upon whose recommendation?

(3.) Has he previously been employed in the Government Service of this Colony; if so, in what position?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have been informed by the Sheriff that—

(1.) A person named William C. Webster has been employed temporarily to keep order on the verandah of the Supreme Court during the sittings of the Court.

(2.) He was appointed on 4th June last by the Sheriff, who has authority to employ persons for this purpose, and was not specially recommended.

(3.) Yes, as Warrant Officer in the Permanent Artillery Force.

(15.)

(15.) Clerks of Petty Sessions acting as Chamber Magistrates :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Were any of the Metropolitan Magistrates asked to report in reference to the rules which the 8th section of the Metropolitan Magistrates Act directs "shall" be made?

(2.) If not, who supplied the information in answer to Questions asked in reference to this matter on Tuesday, 26th August?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table any correspondence which has ensued in reference to this subject?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) No. As the information required for the purpose of answering the first two of the questions asked on the 26th August last was necessarily within the scope of the Minister's knowledge, there was obviously no necessity to apply for such information from any officer outside the Ministerial Department. The question as to whether rules were in existence for the conduct of the business of the Metropolitan Police Courts, &c., was, in the ordinary official course, referred to the clerks of Petty Sessions at the Central and Water Police Offices respectively.

(3.) The correspondence only consists of the usual printed form asking for the necessary information to enable the Minister of Justice to answer question 3, and the replies, which were simply "No." I am about to lay this correspondence on the Table of this House, but I cannot see what public purpose would be served to justify the expense which would be incurred by having these documents printed. In justice to the Honorable Member, I would wish to say I think that unless he had been misled as to the value of the information which could be elicited by his questions, he would not have interrogated the Minister upon such a trivial matter of departmental detail.

(16.) Crown Lands, parishes of Narara, Popran, Mangrove, Eglington, and Koree :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the approximate aggregate area of land available for conditional purchase in the parishes of Narara, Popran, Mangrove, Eglington, and Koree?

(2.) What is the approximate aggregate area of timber and other reserves in the same parishes?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) About 84,300 acres.

(2.) Area of timber reserves 2,680 acres, and of other reservations about 6,920 acres, or a total of about 9,600 acres.

(17.) Post Office-street :—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were Messrs. Thompson & Giles given only till the 31st of August to vacate the land in Post Office-street resumed by the Government?

(2.) Is it intended to grant them any further extension of time?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The time fixed was the 31st August, but, subsequently, to meet the convenience of occupiers, this was extended to the 15th instant.

(2.) It is not intended to grant any further extension of time, the material of the buildings having been advertised for sale by auction on the 15th instant, and it is my intention to have the buildings removed as quickly as possible thereafter.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Playfair presented a Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, as Chairman of a public meeting held at the Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, submitting a Resolution representing that local option is fallacious in principle and disappointing in its results even to its best supporters, and having been made a lever to put in motion the engine of confiscation without compensation, the further extension of the principle is undesirable; and praying the House to give that Resolution favourable consideration.
Petition 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.) Remission of Penalties Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act of the twenty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter forty-nine, intituled 'An Act for preventing certain abuses and profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday,' and for further amending the law concerning the remission of penalties,*"—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 September, 1890.

(2.) Entrance to the Richmond River Improvements Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River,*"—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, 1st September, 1890.

(3.)

(3.) Wentworth Irrigation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st September, 1890.

(4.) Tarrawingee Tramway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize James Smith Reid, of Adelaide, in the Colony of South Australia, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee, county of Farnell, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry all fluxing material from his said Flux Quarries, in the parish of Tarrawingee aforesaid, by way of May Bell Mine, in the said Colony, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines,*"—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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4. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from certain Clergy of the Diocese of Sydney, and Lay Representatives of the Synod of the said Diocese, praying the House, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, to withhold its assent from the Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill.
Petition received.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Rules under Section 8 of the Metropolitan Magistrates Act, 1881.
Ordered to be printed.
6. CONTRACTORS DEBTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker 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 Contractors Debts Act of 1879.
Question put and passed.
7. DISMISSAL OF JOHN CULLEN FROM THE DREDGE SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the dismissal of John Cullen from the dredge service.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, until Tuesday, 16th September:—
 - (1.) Employers Liability Act Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the Employers Liability Act of 1886 to seamen and all other persons engaged in manual labour.
 - (2.) Licensing Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith.
9. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL:—Mr. Dowel presented a Petition from the Directors of the Australian Banking Company of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company, called "The Australian Banking Company of Sydney;" and for other purposes therein mentioned.
And Mr. Dowel having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT 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 and passed.
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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Garrard, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC AND OTHER LIGHT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes 7.
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Ewing.
Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cullen.

Noes 46.
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Paul,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Scobic,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Inglis.
Tellers,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Walker.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Creer moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Frank Sm
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. McFarlane.
Tellers,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Howe.

Noes, 22.
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Scobic,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Gough.
Tellers,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Paul.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Creer, that the Bill be withdrawn.

12. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Alexander Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cullen submitted that as clause 39 gave power to the Council to supply electricity outside the limits of the Borough of Newcastle, the Bill was beyond the order of leave.

Mr. Speaker stated that the objection taken was fatal to the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. BOOK PURCHASERS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevenson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Traill.
Tellers,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 10.
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Plumb.
Tellers,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Alexander Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

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

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.—Mr. Traill drew attention to an article in *Truth*, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

BAREFACED BRIBERY.

A BILL to provide a water supply for Broken Hill has recently been engaging the attention of Parliament, and so far, it appears, with only dubious success. To the many persons who, being competent to form an opinion on the matter, admit the urgency of some such scheme in the interests of that progressive community, it has appeared strange that the measure should be so resolutely opposed. The solution of the riddle will not, we fear, enhance the reputation of our Legislative institutions; for it is an open secret that attempts were made to stave off opposition, by bribing members of the Legislative Assembly to support the measure. In the face of the urgent clamour for an effective water supply at Broken Hill, it is hard to conceive the necessity for invoking corruption in its behalf; but that there is about the measure something which the candid term "fishy," may be gathered from the fact that the bribery complained of has been open and notorious. Overtures were made to a number of members of Parliament to accept so many shares in the project, on condition that they assisted to pass the measure into law. This offer, it may be, speaks very ill for the estimate which syndicates have of the honor of Parliament, and it is to be hoped that it was rejected with disdain—as we understand it was—by those whom it insulted. We would impress upon them, however, that if they wish our Parliamentary institutions to be "above suspicion" their resentment of the insult has still further to go. It is their bounden duty to publicly punish the flagitious persons who have put this disgrace upon them; and even if they felt a delicacy about handing the tempters over to the police, they should at least take the earliest opportunity of exposing the matter in Parliament. Furthermore, it appears that at least a thousand shares are regarded by members as having been already absorbed in furthering the political interests of the persons whom the Bill prominently benefits. These are facts which, though perhaps new to our readers, are widely known and discussed in political circles. We marvel, therefore, at the timid reticence which has hitherto been observed by both Press and Parliament in regard to this serious and shady subject. Touching the Bill itself, if it be that the difficulties in the way are caused by the tactics of rival syndicates, the plain duty of the Government is to bring in a measure themselves, and relieve the Broken Hill miners (who contribute largely to the revenue of the Colony) from the evils of drought. The fact is that the Barrier people have, in return for such contributing, so far experienced nothing but niggardly step-motherly treatment at the hands of the Sydney Government.

Mr. Traill then moved, That this House do, "To-morrow," proceed to inquire into the statement that bribes have been offered to, and asked for, by Members of Parliament, and that the Editor of the newspaper named *Truth* be summoned to give evidence at the Bar.

Mr. Paul 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 "at seven o'clock this evening."

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 passed.

Original Question put:

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The House divided.

Ayes, 72.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Bruce Smith,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hayce,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Ryrie,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wright,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Truill,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Howe,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Callen,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. McBae,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hoggan,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Tonkin.

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Alexander Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Appointment of Governor of the Colony :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps have been taken, and what steps do the Government intend to take, in reference to the recent appointment of the Earl of Jersey as Governor of this Colony, in view of the Resolutions carried by this House on the 22nd November, 1888 ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will be recollected that in the Address of this Honorable House on this subject there were two distinct representations made. In clause 2 there were these words :—
“ 2. In view of the great and growing interests of this Colony in connection with the Empire, we desire dutifully to convey to your Majesty the expression of our opinion that no person in the future should be appointed to the office of Governor who has not had experience in the conduct of public affairs, in high political office, or in the Imperial Parliament.” I think Honorable Members will admit that the Imperial Government have done their utmost to comply with that portion of the Address from this House, since no person has been selected who does not answer to this description of having had experience in high political office or in the Imperial Parliament. Clause 3 reads thus :—“ 3. Though not desirous of interfering with the functions of your Majesty's Imperial Advisers, we humbly submit that it is desirable and reasonable, and in strict accord with the privileges constitutionally conferred upon your Majesty's Australian subjects, that in future the Government of the Colony should be informed of any intended appointment to the high Office of Governor before such appointment is finally made.” In this, which is the least considerable portion of the request made, the Government have not complied. I hold—and I think Honorable Members will hold also—that the first matter is much more important, and it will be seen that a great deal of difficulty would arise in such a case as that of the late appointment, for example. That appointment was made suddenly, after it was understood that the office of Governor had been offered to one or two other distinguished persons. If a telegram had arrived here asking the Government whether they approved of Lord Jersey, I think it would have been difficult for any set of men who may have been in office as advisers to say whether they did or did not, for the reason that Lord Jersey was quite unknown in the Colony. In further reply to the Honorable Member's question, I will see that the Government send some further communication on this subject to the Imperial Government, through His Excellency the Governor.

- (2.) Imprisonment of Men of Imperial Navy :—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the large number of men belonging to the Imperial Navy who are sentenced by their commanders to imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol for breaches of discipline, can steps be taken to secure their separation from the criminal prisoners ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Efforts are made to keep prisoners who may be sent from Her Majesty's ships to Darlinghurst Gaol separate, but there is considerable difficulty. By a regulation passed about two years ago, a class of prisoners, called the seventh class, was created, where persons from 15 years and under 25 years might be treated separately. I understand that most of these Naval prisoners are under 25 years of age, and I will communicate with the Department of Justice to see whether they cannot, under that regulation, be separately treated.

(3.)

- (3.) **Erection of Bridges over the Murray:**—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was he, during the latter part of last year, interviewed by the Honorable D. M. Davies, Minister for Public Works in the Colony of Victoria, who was accompanied by his chief clerk, Mr. Malcolm?
 - (2.) Was that interview for the purpose of agreeing to the joint construction by this Colony and that of Victoria of certain bridges over the river Murray?
 - (3.) Did the Victorian Minister promise or agree with him on that occasion, on behalf of the Colony of Victoria, to construct one of those bridges over the river Murray, at Tocumwal?
 - (4.) Did he estimate the cost of such construction, and place a sum of money upon the Estimates to meet the moiety of cost to be borne by this Colony?
 - (5.) Was that said sum voted by Parliament; will he state the amount?
 - (6.) Did the Victorian Government send their engineer to meet his officer at Tocumwal, for the purpose of conferring upon the whole subject?
 - (7.) What was the nature of their report?
 - (8.) Was the site of the bridge then determined upon; if so, where?
 - (9.) Have soundings been taken in the bed of the river to determine the nature of the foundations?
 - (10.) Have any plans (sketch or otherwise) been prepared for the construction of a bridge at Tocumwal?
 - (11.) Has not he at all times, since his agreement with the Victorian Minister, been ready to proceed with the work?
 - (12.) Would he have undertaken to incur the foregoing large expenditure in preparing plans, estimates, taking soundings, &c., had he not placed full reliance on the promise or agreement of the Victorian Minister that the Victorian Government would join in the construction of the bridge?
 - (13.) Did he not, on behalf of this Colony, consider himself bound by the agreement made with the Victorian Minister to construct a bridge at Tocumwal?
 - (14.) Is he now aware that the Premier (Mr. Gillies) in the Parliament of Victoria, on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, in reply to a question from Mr. Graham, M.P., repudiates the agreement of his colleague, Mr. Davies, to construct a bridge at Tocumwal?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The interview was an informal one, at which the matters referred to were discussed.
 - (3.) Yes; subject to official confirmation by letter?
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) Yes; £8,000 voted on Loan Estimates, 1890, as the New South Wales moiety.
 - (6.) Yes; in February, 1889, Mr. Thwaites, of Victoria, in conjunction with Mr. Smyth, of New South Wales, reported on the question of bridges, &c., to be erected across the Murray.
 - (7.) Iron bridges were recommended at Corowa and Tocumwal; wooden bridges at Jingellic and Tintaldra; and a punt at Hawksview.
 - (8.) Yes; Messrs. Thwaites and Smyth concurred in recommending a site to the westward of the punt, connecting the Police Reserve, on the New South Wales side, with the Customs Reserve, on the Victorian side.
 - (9.) Yes; all the necessary borings have been made.
 - (10.) A sketch of the proposed bridge has been forwarded to the Victorian Government for their concurrence.
 - (11.) Yes.
 - (12.) The expenditure referred to was undoubtedly incurred in view of the arrangement come to with the Honorable Mr. Davies.
 - (13.) That was certainly the understanding at the time.
 - (14.) I notice from the *Melbourne Argus*, of the 27th ultimo, that Mr. Gillies is reported to have made the following statement on the subject, viz.:—"That Mr. Davies, when Commissioner of Public Works, agreed with the Secretary of Public Works in Sydney, subject to confirmation by the Victorian Cabinet, that it would be desirable to erect a bridge at Tocumwal. An important question now arose as to whether the bridge should be at Tocumwal or at Cobram, as the latter place was more in harmony with the railway system of the Colony. It was not proposed at present to deal further with the matter."
3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC:**—Mr. Joseph Abbott presented a Petition from Charles J. Lane, as Chairman of a Meeting of Residents of Newtown and Enmore, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be deemed satisfactory which does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to embody that principle in legislative enactment.
Petition received.

4. **PAPERS:**—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880 to 1891, showing the past operation of the Expansive Clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the "Electoral Act of 1880."
 - (2.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
 - (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bingara.
 - (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bowral.
 - (6.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (7.) Further Return respecting buildings rented by the Government—Colonial Secretary's Department.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker 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.)

(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 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.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Hawkesbury Racecourse Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Hawkesbury Racecourse to grant leases thereof; and to enable the Members of the Hawkesbury Race Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the said club; and for other purposes.*"—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, 3rd September, 1890.

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 next.

(2.) St. Leonards School of Arts Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; 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, 3rd September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd September, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 3, line 10. *Omit* "not exceeding one half the value of the land and buildings."

Page 4, clause 8. At end of clause *add* "and as the Minister for Public Instruction shall approve."

Page 4, clause 9, line 26. *Omit* "provided by the last preceding clause," *insert* "by this Act provided."

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.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Offices Erection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 3rd September, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 25. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "thirty"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker, referring to the Message from the Legislative Council just read, stated that if a day should be fixed for the consideration of the Council's amendment, he would, on the Order of the Day being read, express his opinion on such amendment.

Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. **LEPROSY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Brunker*, for *Mr. McMillan*, 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 notification of cases of leprosy; for the detention and isolation of lepers; the appointment of lazarets; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
7. **PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MURRAY, AT TOCUMWAL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, and other documents relating to the proposed construction of a bridge over the river Murray, at Tocumwal.
Question put and passed.
8. **CASE OF GIBBS, TRIED AT POLICE COURT, QUEANBEYAN (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan* 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 papers having reference to the case of Gibbs, recently tried at the police court at Queanbeyan.
Question put and passed.
9. **COURTS OF CONCILIATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Dibbs*, 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 Courts of Conciliation.
Question put and passed.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Railway Employees Provident and Pension Fund Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—until Wednesday next.
(2.) Level Crossings on Railways Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.
(3.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—until To-morrow.
(4.) Book Purchasers Protection Bill (*Council Bill*); third reading;—until To-morrow.
(5.) Payment of Money under Orders of Judges Facilitation Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
11. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on motion of *Sir Henry Parkes*,—
“(1.) ‘That’ this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz.:—
“(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
“(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
“(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.’
“(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz.:—*Sir Henry Parkes*, G.C.M.G.; *William McMillan*, Esquire; *Joseph Palmer Abbott*, Esquire; and *James Patrick Garvan*, Esquire; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.
“(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.
“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”—
Upon which *Mr. Slattery* had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.
“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—
“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.
“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—
“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.
“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.
“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and
“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds

“ funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution,
“ Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies,
“ interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative
“ Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and
“ confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint
“ compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each
“ Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the
“ scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their
“ respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only
“ ‘municipal’ powers, as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legis-
“ lative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the
“ Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of
the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Census of the Colony:—Mr. Street asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Government taking any, and, if any, what steps in connection with the Census of this Colony, in keeping with the Census which is proposed to be taken in other parts of the British Empire in the year 1891?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am authorized by my honorable colleague to inform the Honorable Member that steps are being taken in accordance with his suggestion.

- (2.) Man named Fergusson, confinee in debtors prison:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is there at present in the debtors prison a man named Fergusson, who had been confined there more than twelve months for law costs?
 - (2.) Has he repeatedly applied to be allowed out in charge of a warder for a few hours in order to try and obtain the money necessary for his liberation, and have his applications been refused by the Sheriff and other officers of the Crown?
 - (3.) Has he applied to the Sheriff for permission to attend at Court for the purpose of taking proceedings for the recovery of moneys due to him, so that he might be able to pay the amount for which he is imprisoned, and has such application been refused by the Sheriff?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Sheriff has furnished me with the following replies to these questions:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No. Fergusson has, however, asked on several occasions to be allowed to go out of the gaol for other purposes, but the Sheriff has refused to permit him to do so except under a writ of *habeas corpus*.
- (3.) No.

- (3.) Imprisonment of Dr. Goode:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Dr. Goode was granted his certificate in Bankruptcy last week by the Judge in Bankruptcy conditional only on his discharge from prison, and that he is still kept in prison when nothing in the way of pecuniary satisfaction can be gained by plaintiff keeping him in prison any longer than the eight months he has already been imprisoned?
- (2.) How long does he intend to allow Dr. Goode and the unfortunate Eathers to languish in prison before he brings in his promised Bill for their relief?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Judge in Bankruptcy, in dealing with the application of Dr. Goode for his certificate, in his judgment delivered on the 29th ultimo, ordered that the certificate should be suspended until such time as the bankrupt should be released from gaol on the writ of *ca. sa.*
- (2.) I have already informed the Honorable Member twice within the last two days that a Bill is now being prepared on the subject of imprisonment for debt.

- (4.) Employment of William C. Webster in Supreme Court:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Lakeman, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Did the Sheriff appoint W. C. Webster from personal knowledge, as it is stated in answer to Mr. Lakeman's question of 2nd September "That he was not specially recommended"?
- (2.) Is W. C. Webster still employed by the Sheriff?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Sheriff that,—

- (1.) He did not know Mr. Webster personally, but that the result of inquiries he made previous to employing him was satisfactory.
- (2.) Mr. Webster is not at present employed by him.

(5.)

(5.) Complaints against Postal Department by Mr. J. Windred, J.P.:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has he received, within the last two or three weeks, any registered letter or other communication from one Joseph Windred, J.P., of Orange, re certain recent alleged complaints and grievances in the Postal Department; if so, will he state on what date the letter or document was received, and if any reply has been sent to Mr. Windred?

(2.) Will he further state if the information contained in Mr. Windred's communication to the Postmaster-General has been accepted as a satisfactory explanation, or if any further information is required in the matter?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) A letter was received from Mr. Windred, in reply to a letter from the Department, calling upon him either to substantiate certain statements made by him whilst sitting on the Bench of the Orange Police Court reflecting upon the Post Office, or to apologise. The letter was received on the 22nd ultimo. No; the matter was of such a trivial nature that no reply was deemed necessary to Mr. Windred's letter.

(2.) The three cases specified by Mr. Windred had already been fully inquired into, and as there was no proof that the Post Office was to blame for the alleged irregularities brought under notice, no further action was taken.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Amended replies to Questions respecting imprisonment of men of Imperial Navy.
Ordered to be printed.

3. TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Jones, 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 August, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jones then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 11th November.

Question put and passed.

4. RABBIT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruncker 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 repeal the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883"; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects.
Question put and passed.

5. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the 'Employers Liability 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 amend the 'Employers Liability Act, 1886.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th September, 1890.

6. BOOK PURCHASERS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to protect the purchasers of certain Books and other Publications, and to amend the law of contracts in relation thereto.*"

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 protect the purchasers of certain Books and other Publications,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th September, 1890.

BOOK PURCHASERS PROTECTION BILL,
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th September, 1890.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, Title. After "publications" add "and to amend the law of contracts in relation thereto."

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "printed" insert "like."

Page 1, clause 1, line 15. After "The" insert "total."

Page 2. After clause 2 insert new clause 3:—

3. In any action hereafter arising in any Court on any Contract for the purchase of such printed matter, whether entered into before or after the passing of this Act, the Court may determine the value of the said printed matter, proof of which shall be on the vendor.

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman of Committees.

7. POWER OF MORTGAGEES OF CHATTELS RESTRICTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the power of mortgagees of chattels, and to prevent vexatious defences to actions for the recovery of moneys due under bills of sale and rent orders.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Levien then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrict the power of mortgagees of chattels, and to prevent vexatious defences to actions for the recovery of moneys due under bills of sale and rent orders,*"—which was read a first time.

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

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 11th November:—

(1.) Payment of Money under Orders of Judges Facilitation Bill; second reading.

(2.) Berry Municipal District Naming Bill; second reading.

9. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the statement that bribes have been offered to and asked for by Members of Parliament, contained in an article published in a newspaper named *Truth*—Examination of witnesses,—

Question,—That this House do now proceed to the consideration of the statement that bribes have been offered to and asked for by Members of Parliament, contained in an article published in a newspaper named *Truth*,—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the motion of *Privilege* yesterday, the Clerk of the Assembly, under the provisions of the Parliamentary Evidence Act, issued a summons to the Editor of the newspaper named *Truth*, that such summons had been duly served by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and that the gentleman so summoned was in attendance to be examined. Mr. Speaker then stated what, in his judgment, should be the procedure of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Traill moved, That the Editor of the newspaper *Truth* be now examined at the Bar of this House.

Question put and passed.

The witness (Mr. Adolphus George Taylor) was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted to the Bar of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Taylor being at the Bar, was sworn by the Clerk of the Assembly, and gave evidence—which was taken down by the shorthand writer.

The witness having withdrawn,—

Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the witness be discharged from further attendance.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to inform the witness accordingly.

Mr. Bruce Smith then moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. See,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Clubb.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Howe,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Crieck,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>).
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. SOLICITORS RIGHT OF AUDIENCE 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 give attorneys, solicitors, and proctors the right of audience in all Courts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 4th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

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11. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

“(1.) ‘That’ this House concurs in the following Resolutions adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—

“(a) ‘That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown ; and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1888 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies, under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

“(b) ‘That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

“(c) ‘That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.’

“(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G ; William McMillan, Esquire ; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire ; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire ; and that such Members act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

“(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.”

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

“(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

“(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

“(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

“(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

“(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

“(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.

“(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers, as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve near Mungindi:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a reserve, extending down the Barwon River for about three miles south-westerly from Mungindi, and withdrawn from lease, is being constantly grazed by sheep, the property of J. R. Lomax, of Wirrah?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to protect the reserve in question in the interests of teamsters, travellers, and the residents of the township of Mungindi, who suffer loss and inconvenience by reason of the action of the said J. R. Lomax?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) No such complaints have been made.

(2.) The Stock Inspector has been instructed by the Department of Mines to furnish a report, which has not as yet been received. Upon receipt thereof any steps necessary to protect the reserve will be at once taken.

- (2.) Proposed Railway, Eden to Bega:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he decided to recommend to the Cabinet that the proposed railway, Eden to Bega, be referred to the Public Works Committee for investigation and report?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have not yet decided upon the railway proposals which I intend to bring before the Cabinet; but I am at present engaged in collecting the necessary data to enable me to do so.

- (3.) Roads, Muswellbrook District:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money has been expended on the road from Muswellbrook iron bridge to Sandy Hollow during the past three years?

(2.) On what portion or portions of the road has the same been expended, and who were the contractors?

(3.) Has the local Roads officer power to remove at pleasure a contractor from any one contract to another in a different part of the district?

(4.) What is the reason of the delay in completing the contract, let in October last, for the repair of a portion of the said road, viz., from Boorer's Gate to the Shingle Hut?

(5.) Will he reconsider the numerous signed petition presented by Mr. Fitzgerald, on the 30th May last, asking for a grant for repairs to the Woburn-Brogheda road?

(6.) When will the deviation of this road (Woburn-Brogheda) be proclaimed, and will the owner of Callatoota, where the deviation occurs, be compensated for the contingent expenses of removing the existing fence, and re-erecting it on the deviation line?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The local officer reports that the amount of money expended on the road from Muswellbrook iron bridge to Denman and Cassilis Road from 30th September, 1887, to date is £1,346 7s. 5d., and that there yet remains a sum of £476 3s. 6d. from 1889 and 1890 votes to be expended. Contracts amounting to £244 10s. are in hand, and tenders for the expenditure of the balance have been invited three times.

(2.) Money has been expended on many different parts, viz., in Rosebrook Lane, near Spring Creek, through Boorer's, in Callatoota, near Wybong, &c. The contractors were B. T. Baxter, J. Small, junior, E. R. M'Taggart, T. Clarke, P. F. Curran, Small and M'Taggart, D. James, and J. Small.

(3.) In the case of a contractor having two or more contracts in a district, it is competent for the local officer to decide as to the order in which the works shall be carried out.

(4.) The delay was mainly due to the very wet season.

(5.) Yes. The local officer has been asked for a further report.

(6.) This matter is one to be dealt with by the Lands Department.

(4.)

- (4.) Broken Draw-bar on Goods Train—Granville to Strathfield:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a train of forty loaded waggons travelled from Granville to Strathfield during the last few weeks with a broken draw-bar, and the whole of the trucks pulling only on the side chains?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that on the 19th ultimo, when a train of forty waggons arrived at Strathfield from Granville, it was noticed that the draw-gear between two of the trucks was broken; but it is not known where the breakage occurred. The draw-gear was of the old and weak type, which is being done away with. The side chains were in use. It may be added, that it is not an uncommon occurrence to find the old weak draw-gear break, but in every instance where the old gear is in use side chains are provided; and the only effectual remedy is to do as the Railway Commissioners have been doing for some time past, viz., to provide draw-gear of such strength that breakages will be practically unknown. 2,293 vehicles have been dealt with since the Commissioners took office.

- (5.) Tenders for erection of Refreshment Rooms at Moss Vale:—*Mr. Cullen*, for *Mr. Ball*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the tender of *Mr. W. J. Lansdown* for the erection of refreshment rooms at Moss Vale was the lowest?
- (2.) If so, what is the reason of the tender of another contractor being accepted?
- (3.) What is the amount of the tender accepted, and the amount of *Mr. Lansdown's* tender?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that tenders were recently invited for the erection of refreshment rooms at Moss Vale, at which station it is proposed the refreshment rooms shall be located in place of Mittagong, the new contract for the keeping of the rooms and the supply of refreshments commencing from the 1st January next. The lowest tender received was that of *Mr. W. J. Lansdown*, at £5,436, but as time was the essential feature of the contract, and *Mr. Dean*, who is well known as one of the most reliable contractors in the Colony, offered to have the building ready for occupation by the 1st December next, his tender at £5,851 3s. 7d. was accepted.

- (6.) Maximum areas of conditional purchases:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in immediate legislation to prevent the holders of a number of conditional purchases from making the same up to the maximum area, by virtue of conditional purchase and conditional lease, without further conditions of residence?

Mr. Brunner answered,—No. I may be permitted to say that I have some knowledge of the evils which the Honorable Member assumes to exist under the prevailing law; but inquiry has been fully made into the matter, and it is assumed by the Department that these irregularities are covered by the law of 1884, and will be dealt with when the proper time arrives.

- (7.) Supply of Coal to Hudson Bros. by Railway Department:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Railway Department supply six trucks of coal to Hudson Bros., at Clyde, on Thursday, the 4th instant, or any other date?
- (2.) Was such coal loaded by Government railway servants?
- (3.) What is the reason assigned for such action?
- (4.) Has the Government asserted that they intended to pursue a policy of non-intervention in the present labour crisis?
- (5.) Does he intend to preserve an attitude in accord with that declaration?
- (6.) Does the Government intend to similarly supply other employers of labour?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners lent Messrs. Hudson Bros. six trucks of coal, as a supply of coal consigned to that firm was delayed in transit, and had this not been done contract work of an urgent character in hand for the Railway Commissioners would have been stopped. The matter is one in which the Government have not interfered; and, I may add, the Railway Commissioners are studiously avoiding any action which would identify them with the present labour troubles.

- (8.) Roads, Muswellbrook District:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. W. E. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How much money has been voted for that portion of Muswellbrook to Mudgee Road, extending from Sandy Hollow crossing, Goulburn River, to Wollar, during the last two years, and how much or to what value, has contract work been performed on this length of road in the above time?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The sum of £1,720 has been voted for the period named for 62 miles of this road, which are within the Muswellbrook District. Of this sum £157 has been spent on contract work, and £613 2s. 5d. on maintenance and incidental works. The balance is required for the Widdin Creek Bridge; additional sums have been given for Cox's Gap and other heavy cuttings.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) St. Leonards School of Arts Enabling Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Thursday next.
- (2.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until to-morrow.

3. PAPER:—*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 12th August, 1890, "Public Schools in the Carcoar Electorate."
Ordered to be printed.

4. LAND REVENUE:—*Mr. Garvan* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of treating the gross revenue derived from the sale and occupation of Crown lands as part of the Consolidated Revenue is unsound, and should be altered.

(2.)

(2.) That a Bill should be introduced, providing that some substantial portion of said land revenue be applied towards the redemption of existing loans, or towards the carrying out of such works as are usually authorized to be carried out from Loan Funds.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Torpy.

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Copland.

Noes, 28.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Frank Farnell,	(Canterbury),
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Tellers,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Carruthers,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Ball 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 connected with Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's additional conditional purchases, 72-7,712 and 74-12,569, and 75-171, Windellama, near Goulburn.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Cooke, Dr. Ross, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lakeman, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN:—Mr. Ball 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 connected with Calaghan's conditional purchase, 81-51, Braidwood, and 83-246 and 84-30, Queanbeyan, recommended for forfeiture.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Colls, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Ryrie, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Registrar-General's Department, and the late frauds in connection therewith.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Traill, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gormly.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Black,	(Canterbury),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Morton,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. King.
Mr. William Stephen,	Tellers.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Mitchell.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. THE CASE EDDY *versus* MARTIN:—Mr. Crick 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 in connection with the case Eddy *versus* Martin; also, the report of the detectives who were engaged to trace out the origin of the rumours upon which Martin wrote the libel.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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 Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling allowance in Police Department:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the present travelling allowance in the Police Department to officers in charge of districts, sub-districts, sergeants, and constables?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that when sergeants and constables halt for the night at a police station they get no allowance whatever?
 - (3.) What is the travelling allowance paid to warders of gaols?
 - (4.) Will he give instructions to place sergeants and constables on the same footing as warders with regard to travelling allowances?
 - (5.) Is any allowance made to members of the force when removed from one district to another; if not, will he see that the men are made some allowance for enforced removals?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Superintendents 20s. per night when absent from head-quarters on duty. Inspectors and sub-inspectors 12s. per night when absent from their quarters on duty. Sergeants and constables 4s. per night when absent from their quarters on duty.
 - (2.) The rule is that when members of the Police Force are provided with accommodation at a police station they are not entitled to the allowance, but under exceptional circumstances, where they are at extra expense, it is granted.
 - (3.) Seven shillings and sixpence per diem.
 - (4.) The circumstances are different, and it would not be advisable to increase the allowance to that extent.
 - (5.) The same travelling allowance is paid as when travelling on other duty.
- (2.) Denison Bridge at Kelso:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the Department decided to do anything to prevent the eastern approach to the Denison bridge at Kelso from washing away?
 - (2.) If so, what; and when will the work be started?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Estimates of probable cost are being prepared, and when they come before me I shall determine what, if anything, shall be done by the Government. There are some unusual features in connection with this matter.

- (3.) Bridge over George's River at Liverpool:—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the Government decided to construct a bridge over the George's River, Liverpool?
 - (2.) If so, what is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes, as already intimated to the Honorable Member.
 - (2.) The detail surveys have yet to be made, and these will be put in hand this week. The contract plans will afterwards be prepared, and tenders subsequently invited.
- (4.) Dr. Samwil Cellim Beyts, F.M.C.P., D.C.L.M.M.:—Mr. Slattery asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is a person calling himself "Dr. Samwil Cellim Beyts, F.M.C.P., D.C.L.M.M., the eminent Syrian physician," and "His Turkish Imperial Majesty's Consul-General for New South Wales," the Consul for Turkey in this Colony?
 - (2.) Is he a duly qualified medical practitioner, registered by the Medical Board of New South Wales?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No.

- (5.) Telegraph-master at Yetman:—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has he received a letter from a person named A. W. Bucknell, complaining that "owing to the neglect of the telegraph-master at Yetman in not telegraphing to the telegraph-master at Mungundi, on the 26th March last, and warning him that a great flood was coming down the river sheep to the value of £50,000 were drowned in the neighbourhood of Mungundi"?

(2.)

(2.) Will he call upon the telegraph-master at Yetman to explain why he did not inform the telegraph-master at Mungundi of the approaching flood?

(3.) Will he take steps to render the system of telegraphy as complete as practicable, so that the residents of towns situated on the Darling and other rivers will get the earliest possible information of approaching floods?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Every information was supplied to all the stations up to the 25th March, when the office at Yetman became inundated, and communication was not restored until 1st April.

(3.) Instructions have been issued to every station in New South Wales to obtain and forward for public information to all stations concerned the fullest particulars regarding floods.

(6.) Constitution of New South Wales:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he in a position to state that the present Government does not contemplate any change in the Constitution of New South Wales, in the nature of a union of this Colony with other Australian Colonies under one Executive and Legislative Government without or before an appeal to the people on a general election?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The present Government would not think of carrying into effect any great constitutional change, such as is indicated by the Honorable Member's question, without an appeal to the people on the subject.

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

(1.) Vote of Credit:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the payments under a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

(2.) Railway Employees Provident and Pension Fund Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to facilitate the establishment of a provident and pension fund for the relief and support in sickness, on retirement, and other contingencies of persons employed at weekly or daily wages on the New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways, and of their families; to authorize contributions by such persons and by the Railway Commissioners; to protect the interests of persons entitled to the benefits of the said fund; to regulate the administration of the fund; to make certain provisions affecting liabilities of, and contributions to, the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to allow contributions to the Fund to stand instead of the life insurance required by the sixty-fourth section of the "Government Railways Act of 1888"; to make further provision in connection with the said fund; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

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

(3.) Circular Quay Land Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the sale or dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

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

(4.) Leprosy Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the notification of cases of leprosy; for the detention and isolation of lepers; the appointment of lazarets; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

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

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 23rd July, 1890, "Landholders near Byron Bay."

(2.) Notification of amendment of Form 11 under the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

(3.) Return to an Order made on the 3rd July, 1890, "James Maher's Conditional Purchase at Burrowa."

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order made on the 1st July, 1890, "Conditional Purchases of August Möller, at Condobolin."

Mr. Bruncker moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th July, 1890, "Bridge connecting Sydney with the North Shore."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 19th August, 1890, "Case of Edward Clayton, tried and convicted at Albury."

Ordered to be printed.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Superintendent and Teachers of the Wesleyan Sabbath School, Parramatta, with reference to the Liquor Traffic, praying that the present hours of closing be not extended; that no traffic other than that already provided for be allowed on Sundays; that the present duty on spirits be not reduced; and that the restrictions as to refreshments to travellers now in force be retained.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Taylor presented 13 similar Petitions,—from James J. Jennings, Minister of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, Parramatta; from President and Officers of the "Olive Branch" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Fairfield; from the Clergy, Church Wardens, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Teachers, and Members of the Church of England Mission Church of Prospect; from the President and Officers of the Members of the "Riverview" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Ermington; from the President and Officers of the "Star of the East" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Carlingford; from the President and Officers of the "Prince Alfred Division" of the Sons of Temperance, Granville; from the Superintendent and Teachers of the Wesleyan Factory-street Mission Sabbath School, Parramatta; from the President and Officers of the Baptist "Band of Hope," Parramatta; from the President and Officers of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union," Parramatta; from the Superintendent and Teachers of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Sabbath School, Parramatta; from the President and Office-bearers of the Wesleyan Factory-street Mission, Parramatta; from the President and Officers of the "Universal" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Castle Hill; from the President and Officers of the "Light on the Hill" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Bankstown.
Petitions received.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Bank Holidays Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 11th November.

(2.) Hawkesbury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.

6. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

"(1.) 'That' this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have "been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—

"(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future "prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the "Crown; and while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Con- "vention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven "years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, "in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which "justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under "one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

"(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolu- "tion, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on "such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

"(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to "induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, "Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon "an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

"(2.) 'That' the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, "and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution "for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; "Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire; and that such Members "act with three Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Council.

"(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating "to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this "Colony.

"(4.)

"(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention,"—

Upon which Mr. Slattery had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words in the first Resolution after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the words,—“in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to form ‘a union’ under one Legislative and Executive Government as resolved by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne.

"(2.) That this House is of opinion that the best interests, and future prosperity of the Australasian Colonies will be best promoted by,—

"(1.) A system of mutual defence for the whole of the Australasian Colonies.

"(2.) An early provision by joint action by the said Colonies on such subjects as,—

"(a) Beacons and lighthouses on the coast.

"(b) Postage between the said Colonies.

"(c) A general Court of Appeal from the Courts of such Colonies,—and

"(3.) A power to legislate on all other subjects that may be submitted to them by addresses from the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the other Colonies—the necessary funds for such joint action to be provided, as proposed by the founder of our Constitution, Mr. Wentworth, in the year 1853, by a percentage on the revenues of all the Colonies interested.

"(3.) That steps should be at once taken for the appointment of Delegates by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, as early as possible this Session, to meet and confer with Delegates from the other Australasian Colonies on the advisability of such joint compact, which, if concurred in and adopted, would leave the Parliaments and the people of each Colony, as they now are, absolutely supreme within the boundaries of their Colonies and the scope of their free constitutions to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of their respective territories, and not cause the said Parliaments to be mere subordinates, having only ‘municipal’ powers as they would be if a ‘union’ of the Colonies took place under one Legislative and Executive Government.

"(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Ayes 92.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. O'Connor,	(Canterbury),
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Toolhey,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. M. Ivillie,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. See,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Edmunds.
Mr. Wynman Brown,	Tellers,
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Dowel,	

Noes 10.

Mr. Hutchison
(Glen Innes),
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. King.
Tellers
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Burns moved, That Resolution (2) 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 "four Members appointed by Ballot, viz.,

be Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, and that such Members act with three Members to be appointed by the Legislative Council."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Bruce Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Paul,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Dale,	
Mr. Seobie,	
Mr. Ritchie,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Tecco,	
Mr. Inglis,	

Noes, 69.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Gornaly,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Woodward,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. See,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Martin.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then put,—

(1.) That this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—

- "(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognizing the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.
- "(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.
- "(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

(2.) That four Members appointed by Ballot, viz. :—

be

Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies; and that such Members act with three Members to be appointed by the Legislative Council.

(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message, desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.

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The House divided.

Ayes 97.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Gould,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Fuller,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Teccc,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Black,	Mr. See,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Kidd.
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Edmunds,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Paul.

Noes 11.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. King,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Dalton.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Toohy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot;—and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Delegates duly appointed:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and George Richard Dibbs, Esquire.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Lismore to The Tweed Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Lismore to The Tweed*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Officers' Provident Fund Trustees Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest the property, in or upon the security of which the moneys belonging to the Officers' Provident Fund of the Australian Mutual Provident Society are, or may be hereafter, invested in the trustees for the time being of such fund, and for other purposes*,"—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.

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Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house and Police Station at Redfern:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to secure a site for the erection of a Court-house and Police-station at Redfern?

(2.) Have any steps been taken towards the erection of the necessary buildings?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Two portions of land in Redfern-street have been resumed for the purpose, and the notice of same appeared in the *Government Gazette* of 22nd August last.

(2.) It is intended to submit a vote to Parliament for the erection of the necessary buildings.

- (2.) Clock for the Tower of the Post and Telegraph Office at Redfern:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the contract time expire for the erection of the clock in the tower of the Post and Telegraph Office at Redfern?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to see that the contractor strictly fulfils the terms of his contract?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The contract time expired on the 9th instant, but an extension of time has been applied for by the contractors on account of additional work required to the tower. In other respects the contract will be adhered to.

- (3.) San Francisco Mail Service:—Mr. Street asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the net cost to this Government of the San Francisco Mail Service for the year 1889?

Mr. McMillan answered,—£4,396 16s. 1d.

- (4.) Court-house at Liverpool:—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to repair the Court-house at Liverpool?

(2.) If so, when will tenders be invited?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A sum of money will be placed on the Estimates for the purpose.

- (5.) Cattle-driving through the Suburbs:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that during the past few weeks wild cattle have broken away from a mob that were being driven from the Homebush sale-yards to the Abattoirs, and have gone for miles before they were brought under control or shot?

(2.) Will he take steps to at once abate this nuisance and danger, by altering the hours, so that cattle may be driven through the streets when people are usually supposed to be in bed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The nuisance and danger complained of by the Honorable Member will not be abated by merely altering the hours during which cattle may be driven through the streets. Apart from the fact that fresh legislation would be necessary for any alteration limiting the hours for such driving, an expenditure of over £6,000 would have to be made for the construction of suitable receiving yards at the Abattoir. The Government is not prepared to ask Parliament for this expenditure, until the question of reorganising the whole Abattoir system can be placed before it.

(6.)

(6.) Pay to Railway men for Eight-hour day Holiday :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Teece*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In what districts were the railway men paid for last eight-hour day holiday?

(2.) Is it a fact that the railway men in the Newcastle and Bathurst districts were paid, and that the men in the Goulburn district were not?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the railway men in the districts of Cumberland, Newcastle, and Bathurst were allowed the eight-hour day last year, as a holiday was gazetted for the districts mentioned. No holiday was gazetted for Goulburn, and it was not allowed.

(7.) Offenders against City By-law of Obstructing Foot-paths :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to questions answered on Tuesday, 2nd September, in answer to Question 5, what is the largest amount paid in fines by the worst offender against the City by-law relating to obstructing foot-paths, &c., other than Benjamin Tripp, within the years 1889–90?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that the largest amount paid in fines is £1 5s. and 10s. costs.

(8.) Constable H. A. Slater :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that Constable Henry A. Slater, who attempted to arrest three burglars at *Mr. Justice Stephen's* residence on the night of 25th June, 1889, was seriously wounded on that occasion?

(2.) Has the medical officer who examined Slater, stated that, owing to the injuries received on the occasion referred to, Slater is permanently incapacitated from discharging his duty as a constable, or from engaging in manual employment?

(3.) What rate of pay was Slater getting per month before the 25th June, 1889, and what rate per month has he been receiving since?

(4.) What do the Government intend doing with reference to Slater's maintenance in the future?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Medical Board certified that Slater was unfit to perform the duties of a police constable.

(3.) Seven shillings per diem from October, 1886.

(4.) He has been awarded a temporary pension allowance (as a single man), at the rate of £75 per annum, from the Police Superannuation Funds. His case will be reconsidered at a future date.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Kogarah, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cooma, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(3.) By-law of the Municipal District of Hay.

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Mittagong, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(5.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the questions of the construction of a new bridge to replace the existing Pyrmont Bridge, Glebe Island Bridge, and a line of Tramway to Balmain.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return respecting Dismissal of Thomas Buckley from the Roads Department.

3. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION :—*Mr. McMillan* moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having yesterday passed certain Resolutions adopting the recommendations of the Australasian Federation Conference, held in Melbourne in February last, begs to transmit a copy of the said Resolutions to the Legislative Council, and invites its concurrence therein.

The Assembly also requests that the Legislative Council will appoint three of its Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th September, 1890.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION.

Resolutions referred to in Message of 11th September, 1890.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

(1.) That this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Assembly, viz. :—

“(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

“(b)

"(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

"(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution."

(2.) That Four Members appointed by ballot, viz:—Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.; William McMillan, Esquire; Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; and George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, be Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies; and that such Members act with three Members to be appointed by the Legislative Council.

(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, for the approval of the Parliament of this Colony.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Council will appoint three of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the four Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Crown Rents Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884'; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Book Purchasers Protection 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 protect the purchasers of certain Books and other Publications*,"—including an amendment in the Title.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Officiating Minister and Office-bearers of the Baptist Church, Parramatta, with reference to the Liquor Traffic, praying that the present hours of closing be not extended; that no traffic other than that already provided for be allowed on Sundays; that the present duty on spirits be not reduced; and that the restrictions as to refreshments to travellers now in force be retained.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Taylor presented a similar Petition from the President and Officers of the "Happy Thought" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Parramatta South,—and moved, That the Petition be received.
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*.
Petition received.

(3.) Mr. Taylor presented 8 similar Petitions,—from President and Secretary of the "Carrington Tent" Independent Order of Rechabites at Parramatta; from the President and Officers of the "Home of Peace" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Granville; from President and Officers of the "Mutual" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Seven Hills; from the President and Officers of the "Sunshine" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Baulkham Hills; from the President and Officers of the "Church of England Temperance Society," at Castle Hill; from the Officiating Minister and Office-bearers of the Church of England, Rookwood; from the President of St. John's Church of England Temperance Society, at Parramatta; from the Officiating Minister and Office-bearers of the Congregational Church, Granville.
Petitions received.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Solicitors Right of Audience Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.

7. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

9. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—*Railway to connect North Shore with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried on.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. **CIRCULAR QUAY LAND BILL**:—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to *amended* 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 declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the sale or dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Railway Employees Provident and Pension Fund Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
12. **PROBATE 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. Gould (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Wednesday next.
14. **LEPROSY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 notification of cases of leprosy; for the detention and isolation of lepers; the appointment of lazarets; 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 provide for the notification of cases of leprosy; for the detention and isolation of lepers; the appointment of lazarets; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.
16. **ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cullen, 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. Cullen, 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 declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; and for other purposes.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th September, 1890.
17. **AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S OFFICERS' PROVIDENT FUND TRUSTEES 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 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. Garrard, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at one minute before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) San Francisco Mail Service:—Mr. Street asked the Postmaster-General,—Will this Government communicate with the Government of New Zealand, and endeavour to make arrangements for a continuation of the San Francisco Mail Service, in view of the following facts, viz.:—

- (1.) That the Government of the United States has agreed to subsidise the service?
 (2.) That a recent cable message from London, received from the Agent-General for New Zealand, advises the probability of the Imperial Government contributing to that service?
 (3.) That the business between this Colony and the United States during the year 1889 was, as shown by the Statistical Register—Imports, £1,094,697; and exports, £1,130,025?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government recognises the advantages of commercial intercourse with the American continent, but for postal purposes the service in question has ceased to be necessary as a means of communication with Europe. It was determined, as the Honorable Member is aware, to renew the contract for one more year only up to November next. It is understood that the Colony of New Zealand, to which Colony this service is believed to be of great value, is at present negotiating for an extension of the service for another year, and the New South Wales Government is prepared to pay as a non-contracting Colony the usual rates for mails despatched to America, on the same principle as New Zealand pays to the Colonies who are not parties to the Federal Mail Service, *via* Suez, for mails it despatches by that route.

- (2.) Telegraph line from Cooma to Berridale:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Postmaster-General,—What was the total cost of erecting the telegraph line from Cooma to Berridale?

Mr. McMillan answered,—£501 8s. 5d.

- (3.) Botanical Survey of the Colony:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any systematic botanical survey ever been made of this Colony, with a view to ascertaining the value of the plants, roots, and barks indigenous to the country?
 (2.) Will he cause this subject to be carefully considered by competent persons, for the purpose of securing such scientific investigation as will determine the value of indigenous products ere the process of clearing and settlement lead to their entire destruction?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The subject is now engaging the attention of the Government.

- (4.) Growth of Cedars in the Macleay and Bellinger Districts:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What sums of money have been expended in the Macleay District during the years 1887-8-9, in connection with the planting of cedars?
 (2.) What result has attended the attempt to encourage the growth of cedars in that district?
 (3.) The same information in regard to the Bellinger District?
 (4.) In view of the expenditure and results, is it the intention of the Government to continue the system hitherto adopted, or what course do they intend to adopt?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared and laid upon the Table, giving the required information.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the President and Officers of the "Orange Blossom" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Pennant Hills, with reference to the Liquor Traffic; praying that the present hours of closing be not extended; that no traffic, other than that already provided for, be allowed on Sundays; that the present duty on spirits be not reduced; and that the restrictions as to refreshments to travellers now in force be retained.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Taylor presented 8 similar Petitions,—from the President and Officers of the "Light of Dural" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Dural; from the Officiating Minister and Office-bearers of the Congregational Church, Rookwood; from the President and Officers of the "Sherwood Rangers" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Goughstown; from the President and Officers of the Wesleyan "Band of Hope," at Castle Hill; from the Minister and Office-bearers of the Primitive Methodist Church of Granville; from the President and Officers of the "Hope of Auburn" Lodge, I.O.G.T., Auburn; from the Captain of the Salvation Army, Parramatta; from the Superintendent and Teachers of the Wesleyan Centenary Sabbath School, Parramatta.

Petitions received.

3. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S OFFICERS' PROVIDENT FUND TRUSTEES 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 vest the property, in or upon the security of which the moneys belonging to the Officers' Provident Fund of the Australian Mutual Provident Society are, or may be hereafter, invested in the Trustees for the time being of such fund, and for other purposes.*"

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 vest the property, in or upon the security of which the moneys belonging to the Officers' Provident Fund of the Australian Mutual Provident Society are, or may be hereafter, invested in the Trustees for the time being of such fund, and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th September, 1890.

4. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the making, constructing, and maintaining of a tramway from Hay to South Denilquin, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson 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 authorise the making, constructing, and maintaining of a tramway from Hay to South Denilquin, and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three months be granted to Thomas Garrett, Esquire, one of the Members for Camden, in consequence of ill-health.

Question put and passed.

6. CASE OF HENRY WILLIAMS, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT MOREE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard 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, minutes, reports, and papers in connection with the case of Henry Williams, who was arrested at Moree, on a charge of having escaped from the Goondiwindi gaol or lockup.

Question put and passed.

7. BROKEN HILL WATER-WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Broken Hill Water-works 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. Sydney Smith, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Melville, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. PROBATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Gould, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Gould then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons.*"

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th September, 1890.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill postponed until to-morrow.

10. NET FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT:—Mr. William Stephen presented a Petition from certain Licensed Fishermen and others, stating their reasons for believing that the Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act bears hardly on the Licensed Fishermen; that the food supply of Sydney and suburbs is curtailed thereby; and that the Act is inoperative in the direction intended; and praying that the said Act be repealed.
Petition received.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of the Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Order be postponed until after the next Order of the Day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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.
13. FISHERIES AND OYSTER FISHERIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ritchie moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 30th September.
14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill postponed until Tuesday, 30th September.
15. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burdekin 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. Burdekin, 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. Burdekin (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
16. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Employers Liability Act Extension Bill postponed until Tuesday, 30th September.
17. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Creer, 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 so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith.
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 so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Creer, the Resolution was read a second time (after debate) and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Creer then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 30th September.
18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 43.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th September, 1890.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Loading stage at Brewongle:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he have a fence erected along the edge of the loading stage at Brewongle, at the spot where a man by the name of Quelch, a short time ago, met with an accident whereby he lost his life?

(2.) Is it a fact that this is not the first very serious accident which has happened at the same place?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I shall be glad to refer this matter to the Railway Commissioners for whatever attention is necessary.

(2.) Rabbit-proof fence between Queensland and New South Wales:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—As the Queensland Government have stated that it is not their intention of extending the rabbit-proof fence between that Colony and New South Wales to the corner, at the 141st meridian, will the Government complete the necessary works?

Mr. Brunner answered,—In view of immediate legislation on the rabbit question, it is not the intention of the Government to erect any additional rabbit-proof fences.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Commercial Treaties between Great Britain and Roumania.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Assistant Examiners of Public Works proposals, in regard to Railway Extension in the Northern Districts of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

4. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Frank Farnell*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill.*"

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 and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's 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, 17th September, 1890.*

5. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burdekin, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Burdekin then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,' and the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,' and to provide for the election of the Licensees' and Municipal Commissioners by ballot; 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 amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,' and the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,' and to provide for the election of the Licensees' and Municipal Commissioners by ballot; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1890.*

6. EARLY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred 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 for the supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within prescribed hours; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

7. PUBLIC, HIGH, AND SUPERIOR SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of public schools, and the number of pupils attending each school respectively who are now receiving instruction in Latin, French, Mathematics, and Euclid; also, the same information with regard to high and superior schools.
Question put and passed.

8. SHEEP TRUST FUND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all moneys received and disbursed in connection with the "Sheep Trust Fund" since its inception.
Question put and passed.

9. APPOINTMENT OF DR. C. LEPEERVANCHE AS GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER AT NARRABRI (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the appointment of Dr. C. Lepervanche as Government Medical Officer at Narrabri.

(2.) Copies of all complaints, reports, and evidence, with all letters and correspondence, in reference to Dr. Lepervanche's want of qualifications for the position, and reports thereon by the Board of Health.

Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until to-morrow.

(2.) Boats Registration and Regulation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th November.

(3.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Transfer of Mining Stock Stamp Duty Exemption Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to exempt Shares in the Stock and Funds of Mining Corporations, Companies, and Societies from being chargeable with Stamp Duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Cootamundra to Temora Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

12. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:**—Mr. McMillan 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, 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.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the first word "That" of the words "in the opinion of this House it is opposed to true Parliamentary Government to suspend."

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, 19.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Traill.

Tellers,

Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Edmunds.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Paul,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Fuller,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. King,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Plumb.

Tellers,

Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Inglis,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. King,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Curley.

Tellers.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Paul.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Miller.

Tellers

Mr. Copland,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **ENTRANCE TO CLARENCE RIVER IMPROVEMENTS 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 sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Net profit or loss on Tramways for year ended 30th June, 1890:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount of percentage of net profit or loss for the year ended 30th June, 1890, on each of the several lines of tramway, viz., Railway, Glebe Point, Forest Lodge, Leichhardt, Newtown, Crown-street, Waverley, Coogee, &c.?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that separate accounts are not kept of the earnings on the different sections of the city and suburban tramways, the lines being dealt with as a whole, and it is regretted the details asked for cannot be given.

- (2.) Concrete used in Cylinders of Bridges:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that none but the best blue metal was used for making the concrete in the iron cylinders of the Hawkesbury bridge; and also in the construction of the fortifications at Sydney Heads?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Works Department have insisted on the contractor for the bridge over the Minnamurra River using rotten surface stone for making the concrete for the iron cylinders in that bridge?

(3.) Is he aware that first-class blue metal can be obtained immediately adjoining the said bridge?

(4.) Is he aware that the said rotten stone is more expensive for the contractor to obtain than the first-class metal referred to?

(5.) If it is true that the first-class metal can be obtained with equal facility as the rotten metal, will he take steps to have it used?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have not been able to obtain the information in time to reply to these questions this afternoon, but it shall be communicated to the Honorable Member by letter in the course of a day or two.

- (3.) Bridges at Jingellic and Tintaldra:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the present state of the bridges at Jingellic and Tintaldra, and when is the work connected with them likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The drawings for the bridges at Tintaldra and Jingellic are almost completed. No further action can be taken until an intimation is received from the Victorian Government of its willingness to pay a moiety of the cost of their construction.

- (4.) Special areas proclaimed since February, 1889:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many special areas have been proclaimed since February, 1889, giving price and locality?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A return is being prepared giving the information required by the Honorable Member, which will be laid on the Table of the House with the least possible delay.

- (5.) Employment of William C. Webster in Supreme Court:—Mr. E. B. Wilkinson, for Mr. Jakeman, asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether the Sheriff received any request, verbally or otherwise, from any Military Officer in favour of the employment of Mr. Webster?

Mr. Gould answered,—I may state that I have already answered a series of questions with regard to this man, the replies to which I thought had sufficiently apprised the Honorable Member as to how the matter really stood with regard to the engagement. I may, however, add that Webster was not employed at the request of any Military Officer.

(G.)

(6.) Manning the s.s. "Rodondo" :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As to the statement made on Wednesday, the 17th September, in reference to the s.s. "Rodondo," will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether or not the Government has any power to prevent a steamer registered in New South Wales going to sea without properly qualified engineers, officers, and seamen?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will be further inquired into.

(7.) Government Architect's Department :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the conditions under which contracts are taken in the Government Architect's Department strictly adhered to?

(2.) Has any officer of the Government Architect's Department, other than the Government Architect himself, the power or authority to order a contractor to deviate from plans and specifications which such contractor has signed to carry out strictly in accordance with the above?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The conditions are adhered to as far as practicable.

(2.) No officer has power, without the approval of the Government Architect, to make deviations from plans and specifications.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting growth of Cedars in the Macleay and Bellinger Districts.

(2.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880 to 1891, showing the past operation of the Expansive Clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the Electoral Act of 1880. (*To be substituted for similar return laid upon the Table of the House, on 3rd September, 1890.*)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for extension of Tramway from Castlereagh-street to the Randwick Road.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for improving the Parramatta Road, at University Cutting.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return showing the total number of cases heard by the Local Land Boards for the Land Districts within the Land Board District of Hay, from 1st January, 1885, to 18th April, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Rule of the Supreme Court in Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Mila, Kameruka, and Winegrove.

Ordered to be printed.

3. RABBIT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Brunker, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 41.

Governor,

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to repeal the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883; to extend the jurisdictions of the Law Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected, or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects.

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Sydney, 18th September, 1890.

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

4. LEPROSY BILL :—*Mr. McMillan* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the notification of cases of Leprosy; for the detention and isolation of Lepers; the appointment of Lazarets; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

5. SELECTIONS UNDER CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of selections under conditional purchase that have been sold or transferred each year from 1877 to the present date; the areas of such selections; the districts in which they are situate; the names of the selectors; the dates of the applications to select; the names of the purchasers or transferees; and the date when each sale or transfer was made.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 16th October.

(2.) Solicitors Right of Audience Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday, 25th September.

(3.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday, 25th September.

7. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES:—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from certain servants of the Railway Department, stating that in July last nearly six hundred railway employees, known as extra hands, received notice that their services would be dispensed with; that the public safety will be in danger if the contemplated changes, in regard to their dismissal and giving their work to public contract, be carried out; pointing out that many of the men under notice are old and faithful servants of the Railway Department, and have been passed over by new hands, who have been permanently appointed to the service; and praying the House to inquire into the premises, with a view to granting relief.

At the request of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker. Petition received.

8. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th September, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £320,261 in anticipation of Loan Votes,—being £95,261 towards recouping the Treasurer's Advance Account for payments made therefrom, and to meet claims forwarded to the Treasury for liquidation, on account of services to be hereafter provided for by loan pending Parliamentary appropriation for such services; £25,000 further sum for duplicating railway lines—Hurstville and George's River, Sutherland and Waterfall; and £200,000 for purchase of railway stores.

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

The House adjourned, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION:—Mr. Bruce Smith proceeded to make a personal explanation, and objection being taken to his proceeding,—

Mr. Copland moved, That the Honorable Member for The Glebe, Mr. Bruce Smith, be now heard. Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Smith then concluded his explanation.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Crown Rents Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 45.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License fees under the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884'; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License fees under the said Act; and to further amend the law in respect 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th September, 1890.

- (2.) Lismore to the Tweed Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Lismore to the Tweed;*"—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 September, 1890.

- (3.) St. Leonards School of Arts Enabling Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th September, 1890.

3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes stated that on Saturday morning he received a letter from the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. McMillan), resigning his office in the Administration; that he (Sir Henry Parkes) forwarded it to His Excellency the Governor, but abstained from recommending its acceptance; and that it was subsequently withdrawn by Mr. McMillan.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return showing the number of special areas proclaimed from 1st March to 13th September, 1890, giving price and locality.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on the 6th August, 1890,—“Reserves on Runs in Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree, and Warialda Land Districts.”
5. **MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA**:—Mr. Howc, 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 30th April, 1890; together with Appendix.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT**:—Mr. Greenc, 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 30th April, 1890; together with Appendix.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. **QUESTIONS**:—
 (1.) **Cook's River Road**:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he please lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of money expended by the Government on the Cook's River Road, showing separately the amounts expended on that portion of the said road over which it is now proposed to run a tramway?
 Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as desired by the Honorable Member.
- (2.) **Manning the s.s. "Rodondo"**:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As to the statement made on Wednesday, the 17th September, in reference to the s.s. "Rodondo," will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether or not the Government has any power to prevent a steamer registered in New South Wales going to sea without properly qualified engineers, officers, and seamen?
 Mr. McMillan answered,—I beg to inform the Honorable Member that I have taken the necessary steps to obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General on the matter referred to.
- (3.) **Assays made in Mines Department**:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—
 (1.) Is it not the object of the Mines Department in making assays or analyses free of charge to assist prospectors to develop the Crown estate?
 (2.) Is it not a fact that many samples for assay or analysis in this way come from proprietary companies who are working mines for their own advantage?
 (3.) Have not the officers of the Department made reports on mines and mining properties already alienated from the Crown?
 (4.) Have not such reports been used by those interested in floating companies here and elsewhere?
 (5.) Is he aware that there are many competent mining engineers and assayers in this Colony who, by this gratuitous work of the Department, are deprived of their legitimate employment?
 (6.) Will he direct that in future such gratuitous work will be strictly limited to *bona fide* prospecting on the Crown estate?
 Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
 (1.) They are made to assist in developing the resources of the Colony.
 (2.) No distinction is made between companies and individual miners if the object is to develop the mineral resources. Samples sent for other purposes are rejected without regard to the sender.
 (3.) When inspecting mines in connection with the Prospecting Vote, it is necessary that the officers furnish reports upon such mines for the information of the Minister. Officers when inspecting and reporting upon localities have sometimes necessarily to mention the mines in such locality, and in the annual reports reference is necessarily made to specific mines, but no such reports are furnished by officers of this Department as are usually supplied by mining experts.
 (4.) Reports written for the purpose of making known the resources of the Colony are possibly sometimes used by persons interested in floating companies.
 (5.) No; because it is thought that the more the mining resources of the Colony are made known and developed, the more employment will be afforded to such gentlemen.
 (6.) No; because it is desirable that all the mineral resources of the Colony, whether on Crown or private estate, should be made known and developed, so that employment may be provided for labour and capital, and the general prosperity of the Colony promoted.
8. **WIDTH OF TIRES REGULATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the width of tires on certain vehicles, and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
9. **HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Hay and Denilquin 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Street, Mr. Gornly, Mr. Chanter, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Black, Mr. Greenc, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

10. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company, called "The Australian Banking Company of Sydney"; and for other purposes therein mentioned.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Dowel 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 incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company, called 'The Australian Banking Company of Sydney'; and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—read a first time.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the expediency of bringing in the Early Closing Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
12. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from Robert Alexander Withers, as Chairman of a meeting held in the Borough of Granville, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation on the licensing question will be satisfactory which does not provide for full local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Traill 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 state of the Country in the present crisis."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Traill 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. Ball, Mr. Creer, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Curley, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Howe, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Schey, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Traill, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Willis,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at Twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Clock for new Post and Telegraph Offices at Leichhardt:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he take steps, on an early date, to have a suitable clock put in the clock tower of the new post and telegraph office at Leichhardt?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for a clock; but I may inform the Honorable Member that, on a tender for the building being accepted in March, 1888, provision was made for a tower, as the extra cost was only £100; but the correspondence shows there was no immediate intention of providing a clock, and none has up to the present time been asked for.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases transferred to Financial Institutions:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Turner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Of the 21,911 conditional purchasers shown as transferred during 1888, in table XXV of the Lands Department Report for 1888, how many were transferred to financial institutions?

(2.) Can he state how many may be reasonably supposed to be *bona fide* sales?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The information will be given in the Return ordered by the House on the 17th instant to be prepared, giving full particulars of all conditional purchases transferred from 1877 to the present date.

(2.) It cannot be stated.

- (3.) History of New South Wales:—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps do the Government propose to take for the purpose of carrying out its contract with the subscribers to "Barton's History of New South Wales"?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The continuation of the "History of New South Wales from the Records," of which the first volume has been issued, will be proceeded with as soon as arrangements can be made for the purpose.

- (4.) Employment of William C. Webster in Supreme Court:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Minister of Justice,—Is the W. C. Webster referred to in Mr. Lakeman's Questions of September 2nd, 4th, and 18th, 1890, the same person as the W. Webster, of the Permanent Artillery, convicted by court-martial of embezzlement, and sentenced on 28th March, 1889, "to be imprisoned with hard labour for one year"; if so, will he call for a detailed report from the Sheriff as to the circumstances which led to his employing, at the Supreme Court of the Colony, a man so recently discharged from prison, as to whom he said that "he did not know Mr. Webster personally," and that Mr. Webster "was not specially recommended"?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Sheriff that W. C. Webster is the same person as the W. Webster referred to, and that he applied to the Sheriff for work, who, urgently requiring someone to keep order on the verandah of the Supreme Court, employed him temporarily.

- (5.) Station and Overhead Bridge at Katoomba:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Commissioners decided on the erection of the station and overhead bridge at Katoomba; if so, when are the works likely to be proceeded with, and when are they likely to be completed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Commissioners have decided on the erection of new Railway Station buildings and overbridge at Katoomba. An unavoidable delay has arisen in commencing the work, owing to works of a more urgent character requiring first attention during the unfavourable weather that has been experienced; but the plans, &c., are now nearly completed, and work will be expedited.

(6).

(6.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Clubb asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In connection with the danger and nuisance in driving cattle to and from the Glebe Island Abattoirs, as pointed out by several deputations to him, and the suggestion made to connect the abattoirs by a light line of railway, for the purpose of trucking the cattle to the island, have the Government considered the matter; and, if so, has any decision been come to on the subject?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government is not prepared to ask Parliament for any large expenditure, especially of a new kind, upon the present abattoirs, until the question of reorganising the whole abattoir system can be placed before it.

(7.) Railway to Longnose Point, Balmain:—Mr. Clubb asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to include the railway to Longnose Point, Balmain, in their new railway proposals?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to allow this matter to stand over until the Government Railway proposals have been considered by the Cabinet.

2. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act of 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Torpy presented a Petition from James Cox, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the residents of Orange, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory that does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.

4. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Creer presented a Petition from J. Straughen, as Chairman of the Baptist Union of New South Wales, representing that great and serious evils arise from the law which allows more than one bar in houses licensed for the sale of spirituous liquors; that no female should be allowed to labour in any public-house bar; and praying the House to assent to the Licensing Act Amendment Bill.
Petition received.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Wheeler, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to James Thompson Wilshire, Esquire, one of the Members for Canterbury, in consequence of ill-health.
Question put and passed.

6. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY SYDNEY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Australian Banking Company of Sydney 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. Stokes, Mr. Lees, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Creer, Mr. Crick, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Public Vehicles Regulation Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,' and the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1885'; and to provide for the election of the Licensees' and Municipal Commissioners by ballot; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Western Suburbs (City of Sydney) Sewerage Scheme Reticulation and Completion Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th September, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Schey 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 a matter of importance, viz., the attitude of the Government towards Trades Unions and Unionists with reference to the present labour difficulty."

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

Mr. Schey moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Dairies Supervision Act :—Mr. Fuller asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Board of Health seeking to obtain an extension in the operation of the Dairies Supervision Act?
- (2.) Is it proposed that the dairymen of this Colony should be taxed for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the administration of the Dairies Supervision Act?
- (3.) Has the Board of Health taken steps to set forth the dangers that may possibly arise in connection with the distribution of home-made produce?
- (4.) Has it taken similar precautions in regard to imported produce?
- (5.) Does the Board of Health intend to have a thorough inspection of all places in this Colony where dairy produce is raised?
- (6.) Is it a fact that dairy produce is frequently received from localities outside the Colony where cattle disease is prevalent, and the sanitary conditions bad?
- (7.) Is it the intention of the Board of Health to recommend the exclusion of all dairy produce from the Colony which is not raised under similar sanitary regulations as those which are, or which are proposed to be, enforced in this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Board of Health :—

- (1.) The Board has recommended that certain amendments be made in the Act.
- (2.) The Board has suggested that a small registration fee should be charged to meet expenses now borne by ratepayers generally, and paid by the Municipal Councils.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The Board of Health has no control over the sale or distribution of imported dairy produce, but has inquired into the precautions taken in places from which dairy produce is imported, and finds that for the most part it is produced under more stringent sanitary regulations than exist in this Colony.
- (5.) Yes, of all places to which the Dairies Supervision Act has been extended.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) The Board of Health are aware of no grounds which would justify them in making any recommendation to interfere with the foreign trade of the Colony.

(2.) Claim of Isaac Barclay :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he considered the report of the Select Committee upon the claim of Isaac Barclay, which was laid upon the Table of the House last Session?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The case has been considered, but a settlement cannot be immediately effected.

(3.) Land Office at Condobolin :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during the last three months more land has been selected at Condobolin than any other Land Office in the Colony?
- (2.) Is it true that one officer discharges the whole of the duties of Land Agent and C.P.S., with sundry other offices appertaining to the Mines and Court of Petty Sessions?
- (3.) Has application been repeatedly made for additional assistance?
- (4.) Will he give this matter prompt attention, and at once send the desired assistance?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The present Land Agent has asked for the assistance of a smart youth.
- (4.) Inquiry is now being made.

(4.)

- (4.) Corporal Fleming, Inverell Mounted Infantry:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that Corporal Fleming, of the Inverell Mounted Infantry, sustained serious injuries when on duty in February last?
 (2.) If not, will he cause a full inquiry to be made, with a view to allowing such compensation as the case merits?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter is now under the consideration of the Military Authorities.

- (5.) Post and Telegraph Office at Cooranbong:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster-General,—
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the state of the Post and Telegraph Office at Cooranbong, which is a Government building, and deteriorating for want of urgent repairs?
 (2.) Is the estimated cost of such repairs only £71?
 (3.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that there are no funds available to effect the necessary repairs, in order to preserve the building?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague's attention has been drawn to the necessity of repairing this office.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Unfortunately the vote under the Works Department has become exhausted, owing to the extraordinary demand upon it this year. My honorable colleague also informs the Honorable Member that this official Post and Telegraph Office is maintained at a considerable loss—the whole revenue being only £140 a year; but a building having been erected some years since at a cost of nearly £1,500, it must, of course, be kept in order, and the needful repairs will be effected so soon as funds are available.

- (6.) Mr. Giles, Police Magistrate at Parramatta:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. James Giles, P.M. at Parramatta, attended the Campbelltown Police Court, on 17th May last, in response to a requisition signed by four of the Local Bench of Magistrates; if so, was his action in contravention of his instructions from the Department of Justice, relative to the exercise of Magisterial powers?
 (2.) Is it not a fact that he had never previously, or since that occasion, been on the Bench at Campbelltown, and that Members of the Magistracy protested to the Minister against the P.M.'s action?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate's decision on that occasion has been appealed against?
 (4.) Has the Department in any way dealt with the action of the Police Magistrate on the occasion referred to?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Mr. Giles attended the Campbelltown Police Court on the date named, and his attendance was not in contravention of instructions from the Department.
 (2.) I am informed that Mr. Giles had not previously, nor since (except on one occasion), presided on that Bench. A protest from certain members of the Bench was received in reference to Mr. Giles attending the Court on the requisition referred to.
 (3.) I understand that the Bench, consisting of the Police Magistrate and four other Justices, were unanimous in their decision, but that an appeal against such decision is now pending.
 (4.) Yes; Mr. Giles has been informed that whenever his services are required to preside at any of the local Courts of Petty Sessions within his Jurisdiction, he should be so requisitioned by the Clerk of Petty Sessions, acting under instructions from the Bench of Magistrates whilst sitting in Petty Sessions, and not by any section of the Magistrates direct. The Bench of Magistrates, Campbelltown, were apprised in similar terms.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill postponed until Thursday next.
3. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from the Ministers, Members, and adherents of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Congregation, Phillip-street, Sydney, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalize Sunday labour.
 Petition received.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1889.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. RESCISSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER FOR LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS:—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order providing that no fresh business shall be taken after 11 o'clock p.m. be rescinded.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the addition thereto of the words "so far as such Sessional Order applies to the Tuesday evening sittings."
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
 Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of Mr. Willis, an Honorable Member for Bourke, directed him to discontinue his speech.

And

And Mr. Willis requiring Mr. Speaker to put the Question provided for in the Additional Standing Order (4).—

Question put,—That the Honorable Member, Mr. Willis, be further heard.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Alexander Brown,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Howe.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Edmunds.	

Noes, 34.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Cullen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of Mr. Schey, an Honorable Member for Redfern, directed him to discontinue his speech.

And Mr. Schey requiring Mr. Speaker to put the Question provided for in the Additional Standing Order (4).—

Question put,—That the Honorable Member, Mr. Schey, be further heard.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>).	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Miller.	

Noes, 30.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Mitchell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Barbour.
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Mackinnon.	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Clubb.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Hawken,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Creer,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Hutchison
 (*Glen Innes*),
 Mr. Ferguson,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Edmunds,
 Mr. Alexander Brown,
 Mr. Miller.
Tellers,
 Mr. Cruickshank,
 Mr. Howe.

Noes, 34.
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. McMillan,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Bruce Smith,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. Paul,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Curley,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Plumb,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. Wheeler,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Mitchell,
 Mr. Woodward,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Gough,
 Mr. Hawken,
 Mr. Mackinnon.
Tellers,
 Mr. Hawthorne,
 Mr. Clubb.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put.—That the Sessional Order providing that no fresh business shall be taken after 11 o'clock p.m. be rescinded.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. McMillan,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Bruce Smith,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Paul,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Mitchell,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Plumb,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Hawken,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Hurley,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Woodward,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Wheeler,
 Mr. Hawthorne,
 Mr. Clubb,
 Mr. Cullen.
Tellers,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Dickens.

Noes, 16.
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Creer,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Ferguson,
 Mr. Hutchison
 (*Glen Innes*),
 Mr. Alexander Brown,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Edmunds,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Gough,
 Mr. Mackinnon.
Tellers,
 Mr. Cruickshank,
 Mr. Howe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Walker 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 state of public business."

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

Mr. Walker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Tonkin moved,—“That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.
 Mr. McMillan,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. O'Connor,
 Mr. Bruce Smith,
 Mr. Hawken,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Hurley,
 Mr. Playfair,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Lamb,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Vivian,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Frank Smith,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Shepherd,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Plumb,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. J. P. Abbott,
 Mr. King,
 Mr. Greene,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Curley,
 Mr. Woodward,
 Mr. Clubb,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Wheeler,
 Mr. Frank Farnell.
Tellers,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Paul.

Noes, 18.
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Howe,
 Mr. Fletcher,
 Mr. Leven,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Hutchison
 (*Glen Innes*),
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Cruickshank,
 Mr. Ferguson,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Gough.
Tellers,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Lakeman.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the Motion consisted of "at least forty members"—

And Mr. Walker having been heard in reply, as provided for in Additional Standing Order (6).—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Levion,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gough.

Tellers,

Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Howc.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Paul,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,

Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. MacKinnon,
Mr. Greene,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. King,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Morton.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Seaver.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **RABBIT BILL**.—Mr. Lakeman proceeding to move, without Notice, on the ground that the Standing Orders had been suspended [*See Votes No. 62, entry 12*], That the Government should now introduce a Rabbit Bill before any other business, and before the rising of the House.

Point of Order.—Mr. Crick submitted that as the Sessional Order which prevented new business being taken after 11 o'clock p.m. was not rescinded until after that hour last night, such Order still operated to the end of this sitting.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had nothing to do with the state of things existing at 11 o'clock last night, but could only deal with the position of the matter now; and as the Sessional Order referred to had now no existence, he ruled that there was nothing to prevent new business being taken.

Mr. Speaker also ruled that the motion could not be put without Notice, unless by concurrence of the House.

8. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—

(1.) *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of £320,261 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

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

9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**.—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, the report was adopted.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Whereupon Mr. McMillan moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1890.*

10. RABBIT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruncker, 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"; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects.

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" to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects.

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

(2.) Mr. Bruncker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883'; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with the rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 16th October.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after Three o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

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.) Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Mount Keira Tramway Acquisition 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1890.

- (2.) Cootamundra to Temora Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1890.

- (3.) Transfer of Mining Stock Stamp Duty Exemption Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to exempt Shares in the Stock and Funds of Mining Corporations, Companies, and Societies from being chargeable with Stamp Duty upon the conveyance or transfer on sale of such shares,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1890.

- (4.) Book Purchasers Protection Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect the purchasers of certain Books and other Publications, and to amend the law of contracts in relation thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1890.

(5.)

(5.) Entrance to the Clarence River Improvements Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1890.

(6.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Officers' Provident Fund Trustees Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest the property, in or upon the security of which the moneys belonging to the Officers' Provident Fund of the Australian Mutual Provident Society are, or may be hereafter, invested in the Trustees for the time being of such Fund; 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1890.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Fisheries Act :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What waters have been closed by the Fisheries Commission for cumulative periods extending over three years?
- (2.) What number of prosecutions, fines, and seizures have been made for fishing in such waters after the expiration of the period provided for in the Fisheries Act for continuous closure?
- (3.) Will the Government refund such fines to the fishermen, and reimburse them for the losses caused by these prosecutions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Port Jackson, George's River, Hawkesbury River, Lake Tuggerah, and Lake Macquarie.
- (2.) Thirteen prosecutions and fines, and five nets seized.
- (3.) I am satisfied, although the latest report I think came into my hands only half an hour ago, that there is a good deal wrong, and it seems to me, so far as I have looked into this matter, that there can be no doubt that the fishermen are entitled to refunds and consideration. I will see that the whole matter is thoroughly inquired into.

(2.) "Extra Hands," Railway Department :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have a number of men employed by the Railway Department received notice that their services will be dispensed with?
- (2.) If so, how many men have received such notices; and when do such notices expire?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these men are to go off on Thursday, the 25th September?
- (4.) If not, on what date will they cease to be employees of the Railway Department?
- (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the contract and specifications under which it is proposed to hand over the work previously done by these and other similar men to certain contractors?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is assumed that the Honorable Member refers to the contract for the relaying and rebalasting of the railway lines, in connection with which a number of what are termed "extra hands" that have been employed by the Railway Commissioners have received notice that their services are no longer required. The new contracts commenced yesterday, and 135 of such men were transferred to the contractors; 339 men are being retained to form the permanent extra gangs under the Commissioners. It may be added that a number of men who have temporarily been employed since the floods commenced have also received notice to leave; these men were taken on to meet the exceptional repairs necessitated by the excessive rainfall, and the work upon which they were engaged having finished they will no longer be retained. Their connection with the Department is not in any way interfered with by the contract for relaying, &c.

(3.) Bridge over the Murrumbidgee, at Freshford :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received the report of the Public Works Examiners with regard to the proposal for a bridge over the Murrumbidgee, at Freshford, near Queanbeyan?
- (2.) If so, what is the nature of that report?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The report has been received, and I will presently lay it upon the Table of this House. It will give the Honorable Member all the information he requires.

(4.) Yowendah and Euroka Runs, Walgett District :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have instructions been given to survey the 60,000 acres of land which were reserved from sale on Yowendah and Euroka Runs, in the Walgett Land District?
- (2.) When will this land be open for conditional purchase?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the 8th ultimo.
- (2.) As soon as possible after the survey has been completed.

(5.) Area of land alienated at Stockton :—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The total area of land alienated at Stockton?
- (2.) The number of allotments disposed of?
- (3.) The total amount obtained?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) 84 acres 1 rood 5 perches.
- (2.) 341.
- (3.) £31,077.

(6.) The Orange Hospital :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Torpy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that a deputation, representing the New South Wales branch of the British Medical Association, waited upon him on Thursday last, asking for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into charges made by Dr. Goode against the Matron and Committee of the Orange Hospital?

(2.) If so, has he decided on granting such Royal Commission or not?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is quite correct that a deputation of this character did wait upon me, but I have not had time to decide whether so important a step as appointing a commission of inquiry will or will not be made. I will decide in the course of a week.

3. **MCLIVEN AND CLIFTS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES** :—*Mr. Turner*, 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 1st July, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL** :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from George James, President, and Jabez Ashmead, Secretary of the Primitive Methodist Denomination in the Sydney District, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold assent to the said Bill and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalize Sunday labour.
Petition received.

5. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 11th June, 1890, "The Berry Estate, at Shoalhaven."

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report respecting the proposal to construct a bridge over the Murrumbidgee River, at Freshford.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Tenth and Final Report of the Committee of Management of the Technological, Industrial, and Sanitary Museum for 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Railway between Blacktown and Blayney; resumption of adjourned Debate;—until Tuesday, 14th October.

(2.) Solicitors Right of Audience Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.

(4.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.

(5.) Hospital Elections Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 14th October.

(6.) District Government Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday, 8th October.

7. **CEMETERIES 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.

8. **HAWKERS ON RIVERS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—

The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution was then read a first time as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend in certain respects the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.

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

9. **ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Goodchap,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Colls,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Bruce Smith,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Hawthorne,	

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The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that he would give his vote in such a way as would allow of the further consideration of the Bill; he, therefore, gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Traill, 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1890, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 25th November.

10. **PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 25th November.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Creer, Mr. Curley, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Howe, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Sebey, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Wall,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eighteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Advertisements of Sunday Amusements—Breaches of Shearing Agreements:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a measure was recently passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, giving the Governor power to remit penalties imposed upon newspapers for illegally publishing advertisements with regard to Sunday amusements?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to a legal opinion recently given to the effect that, in case of a breach of a shearing agreement by a conditional purchaser, the plaintiff may levy for damages upon the conditional purchase of the defendant if a verdict be given against the latter?

(3.) Will he take steps to introduce a measure providing for the protection of conditional purchases against verdicts arising out of breaches of shearing agreements that have been occasioned by the present strike?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I must ask the Honorable Member to give a fresh notice. I may, however, say, and perhaps that will be a sufficient answer, that I was not aware of the allegation contained in the second question, and if I find it to be the case I will see that the necessary steps are taken in the matter.

(2.) Noxious Weeds:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Turner, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Does he intend to bring in a Bill this Session to deal with the prickly pear, Bathurst burr, and other noxious weeds, which are spreading to an alarming extent in the Gunnedah Electorate, as well as elsewhere?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes.

(3.) Courts of Arbitration and Conciliation:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, as soon as possible after the termination of the present strike, to provide for Courts of Arbitration and Conciliation in such cases?

(2.) If not, is it their intention to submit to Parliament any other proposal for the friendly settlement of strikes in future?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think it would be wise to speak of what legislation may take place at the termination of this strike. One thing is perfectly clear, that what has occurred is sufficient to arouse the attention of everybody, leaving alone the Parliament of the country; and, without pledging the Government, or even intimating any desire on the part of the Government to introduce any measure, I can assure the honorable gentleman and this House that the whole circumstances of the case will receive that attention which their weighty character so earnestly demands.

(4.) Nyngan-Cobar Railway:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does the contract for the Nyngan-Cobar Railway provide for fencing the line on both sides?

(2.) If not, will the line be left unfenced?

(3.) Is he aware that the South Australian Government tried the experiment of leaving their railway lines unfenced, but found that it did not succeed, and are consequently having them fenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Bill specially provides for fencing being left out, and it is the intention to erect fences in the neighbourhood of settlements only.

(3.) The Department is not aware that the leaving of the lines unfenced has proved a failure in South Australia.

(5.)

(5.) New Court-house at Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have tenders been called for the erection of a new Court-house at Bourke?
- (2.) If not, what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The plans have not yet been prepared, owing to the press of other urgent work, but the Government Architect states he expects to have everything in readiness to invite tenders in a month.

(6.) "Extra Hands," Railway Department:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of all men belonging to the extra or other gangs who have been dispensed with during the month of September, 1890, or who have been transferred to contractors, showing the length of service of each man, whether continuous or not, the periods during which each has been off duty through sickness or accident, and the amount of allowance (if any) made in each case?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have strong doubts whether the Railway Commissioners should be constantly called upon to give answers to matters of detailed railway management unless the House desire it, and I am, therefore, constrained to ask the Honorable Member to move for returns in the ordinary way.

(7.) Post Office Carvings:—Mr. Hawken asked the Secretary for Public Works,—On what authority, behind that of the present Government, is it proposed to remove the carvings on the Pitt-street front of the General Post Office?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am not quite clear that I understand exactly what the Honorable Member means. There is no authority behind that of the present Government which can deal with this matter.

(8.) Contracts for Supply of Coal to Railway Department:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The names of the firms owning collieries (and the names of the collieries owned by them) which have entered into agreements to supply the Government Railways with coal during the current year?
- (2.) The total quantity of coal required for all the New South Wales Government Railways?
- (3.) How is this total amount subdivided among the various collieries; will he table a statement showing the subdivision of supply, if any?
- (4.) If more than one contract has been entered into for supply of coal for the Government Railways for the current year, will he, in addition to giving information as to subdivision of the whole quantity, table the price per ton quoted by either one or several contractors?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(9.) "Extra Hands," Railway Department:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to question asked by Mr. Schey on 30th September, 1890, does the answer given mean that 339 of the men who received notice in July and August last are to be retained?
- (2.) Will he give the number of men put off in addition to those who have been retained or transferred, the numbers of which were given in answer to question above referred to?
- (3.) Has any order been given recently in any branch of the Railway Department to put off as many men as possible as early as it could be done?
- (4.) Has any order been given to reduce the staff to the lowest possible limit, or any similar order?
- (5.) What was the special reason for the issue of such an order (if any) at this particular time?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) If the Honorable Member refers to the hands who have been employed from time to time during the continuance of the unusual rainfall, to remedy the damage thereby produced, the number would be, all told, about 1,100; but this body of men does not form, nor has ever formed, part of the permanent, ordinary, or extra staff of the Service.
- (3, 4, and 5.) No orders have been given except such as are necessary in the interests of economical management of the Railways.

(10.) Leichhardt Superior Public School:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that every week children are being refused admission to the Leichhardt Superior Public School, owing to the inadequate accommodation provided?
- (2.) In view of this fact, will he take steps to at once provide temporary accommodation, so that the children of school age residing in the district may be able to be admitted as scholars?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No. The teacher has been instructed not to refuse admission to any children who live nearer his school than to neighbouring public schools.
- (2.) The school affords sufficient accommodation for all children who live nearer to it than to other schools. A new infants' department is to be built, which will largely increase the accommodation. In schools in close proximity to Leichhardt School there is ample room for additional pupils.

(11.) "Extra Hands," Railway Department:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Howe, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total number of men who have been discharged from the Permanent Way Branch?
- (2.) What is the total number of men who have been transferred to other contractors?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Answers to these questions are contained in the answers which have been given to the Honorable Member's colleague.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker 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 provisions of the 105th 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.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Railway Coal Contracts for 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting Procedure in Extradition Cases and Cases under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881.

(2.) Despatch respecting Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report, &c., on Cokes manufactured in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Ritchie presented a Petition from John Forsyth, J.P., as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Kyde, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory that does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration. Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Frank Farnell presented a similar Petition from Caleb Gambling, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Castle Hill. Petition received.

4. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Creer presented a Petition from certain Mothers and Daughters residing at Teralba, Greta, and Minmi, in favour of the Licensing Act Amendment Bill; and praying the House to adopt that measure, and so grant the Petitioners speedy relief. Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from Caleb Gambling, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Castle Hill and surrounding districts, stating that, in the opinion of the Petitioner, private bars and the employment of females as barmaids in public-houses should be prohibited; and praying the House to pass the Licensing Act Amendment Bill. Petition received.

5. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from certain Residents of Leichhardt, in the Electoral District of Balmain, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour. Petition received.

6. CONTRACTORS LIEN BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard 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 give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected. Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 14th October.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION 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 to-morrow.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 1st October, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 thirteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barnes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Creer, Mr. Curley, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Schey, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. William Stephen,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land selected and leased in Central Division:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What is the approximate area of land selected and conditionally leased in virtue thereof in the Central Division of this Colony during three months ending Thursday, 25th September, inclusive?
 (2.) The area of land selected and conditionally leased in each Land Office respectively in the Central Division within the same period?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A return is being prepared, giving the information required by the Honorable Member, which will be laid upon the Table of the House with the least possible delay.

- (2.) Conference of Road Engineers:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has a conference of road engineers been recently held in Sydney?
 (2.) Is there any objection to the report of such conference being laid upon the Table of this House?
 (3.) The names of the members constituting the conference, and whether said members received any payment for such services; and, if so, how much per sitting?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—When I saw these questions I was not aware of the conference, but I called for a report from the Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges. He reports:—This was purely a departmental meeting of the Assistant Engineers of this Branch, supported by myself, with a view of discussing matters connected with the working of their various districts, in order that a uniform system of working might be arrived at. So little do I think these reports of public importance that I did not think it necessary to submit them to the Minister, much less that they should be laid upon the Table of the House. No payment, of course, was given for this service. These meetings will, no doubt, frequently take place, and, as the qualifications, &c., of the various officers are freely discussed, it would be highly injudicious that the proceedings should be made public.

- (3.) Return of Special Areas made since March, 1889:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a complete return of the special areas made since March, 1889, as the return submitted last week only contains those made since March, 1890?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The return laid upon the Table of the House on the 23rd ultimo covers the period from the 1st March, 1889, to 13th September, 1890, but this does not appear, owing to a clerical error in the heading.

2. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) presented a Petition from certain Parishioners of St. Clement, Marrickville, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalize Sunday labour.
 (2.) Mr. Walker presented a similar Petition from certain residents of Wickham.
 (3.) Mr. Seaver presented a similar Petition from certain residents of Barrington.
 (4.) Mr. Wheeler presented a similar Petition from certain residents of Stanmore.
 (5.) Mr. Vivian presented a similar Petition from certain residents of Taree.
 (6.) Mr. Kidd presented a similar Petition from certain residents of Appin and Wilton.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the expenditure on the Cook's River Road.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 21st August, 1890, "Contract of Mr. William Wakeford, Kiama Harbour."

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulation for giving effect to section 409, in respect of licenses, under the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Wheeler presented a Petition from James Roseby, M.A., LL.D., as Chairman of Public Meeting of the Citizens and Residents of Marrickville, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory that does not provide for complete local option without compensation, and that the employment of barmaids in public houses should be prohibited; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.

5. TRADES CONCILIATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the "Trades Conciliation Bill" during the Session of 1887-8, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question put and passed.
And the Clerk having laid the Documents upon the Table,—
Ordered to be printed.

6. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM; JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Claims of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, as the first discoverers of gold in Australia," be authorised to make visits to, and hold inquiries at, the residence of Mr. E. H. Hargraves, for the purpose of examining him upon the subject under consideration, that gentleman being incapacitated by reason of illness from attending as a witness.
Question put and passed.

7. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road*,"—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 October, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd October, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "Provided that the Public Work aforesaid shall not be commenced to be constructed before and until the persons and Company hereinafter named, who will be benefited and advantaged by the said work running through the lands of which they are the owners, or in which they are otherwise interested, shall have executed such conveyances, assignments, or other necessary assurances in the law to be made to the Constructing Authority, or other the person or persons, authority or authorities, as it may be necessary to vest such lands in, as are necessary for the purposes of such work—that is to say: Frederick Clissold, Louis Phillips, Moritz Gotthelf, M. Hamburger, Charles Moyes, John Mooney, S. J. Campbell, the Anglo-Australian Investment, Finance, and Land Company (Limited), George E. Warburton, E. A. Macpherson, Chas. F. D. Priddle, Chas. F. D. Priddle, Edward M. Stephen."

Page 2, clause 3, line 24. *Omit* "one hundred and ten thousand," *insert* "ninety thousand two hundred and fifty"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker stated, with reference to the Message just read, that it would perhaps be more convenient if he deferred what he had to say until the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Council's amendments should be reached.

Mr. Bruce Smith moved, "That" the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Chanter 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 laid aside."

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.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Black,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Frank Farnell,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Wheeler,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Plumb.
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Cullen,	

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Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Toohy,	
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Copland,	
Mr. Wall,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION 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.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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, viz.,—Mr. Brunner, Mr. Creer, Mr. Curley, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Gould, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Schey, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Woodward,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at Fourteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
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No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Government Officials enrolled as Special Constables:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What number of officers of the Government Service receiving salary and allowances exceeding £1,000 per annum have enrolled as special constables, and on how many days have such officers been absent from their regular duties, attending as constables?

(2.) The same information with respect to officers receiving salaries, &c., exceeding £700 per annum, but not exceeding £1,000 per annum?

(3.) The same with respect to officers receiving salaries, &c., exceeding £500, but not exceeding £700?

(4.) The same with respect to officers receiving salaries exceeding £300, but not exceeding £500?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that 3,130 special constables have been attested, and that it would be impossible to analyse the lists and ascertain who would come under the above category. The duty is so arranged that a special constable only performs three hours duty once in three days; portion of this duty is between 4.30 and 9 p.m.

- (2.) Charges made by Alexander T. Dimbecki, of Temora:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he, on the 5th of June last, receive a number of documents and papers in reference to certain charges made by Alexander T. Dimbecki, a Polish resident of Temora?

(2.) If so, and if the documents are of public importance, has he any objection to their being laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that a communication relating to this name has been sent to the Colonial Secretary's Office. I looked over this communication this morning. It is somewhat voluminous, and it appears to relate to an entirely private quarrel, or misunderstanding, in which no officer of the Government has anything to do, so far as I can see, and it does not appear to me a paper which should be laid upon the Table of this House under any circumstances which have been disclosed to me up to the present time.

- (3.) Reserve Rifle Clubs:—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Fuller*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government subsidised in any way any of the Reserve Rifle Clubs of the Colony; if so, to what extent?

(2.) Has Colonel Eden recommended that the said Clubs should be subsidised?

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

(1.) Until this year all companies unable to go through their musketry course owing to date of *Gazette*, or the want of range accommodation, were granted £20 each in lieu of their possible "effective" money.

(2.) None of a monetary nature.

- (4.) Water Supply for Hillgrove:—*Mr. Copeland* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in carrying out the proposed water supply for Hillgrove?

(2.) Is *Mr. M'Kinney's* scheme to be carried out; and, if so, when will the works be undertaken?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The work has been delayed through the Loan Vote for water conservation not being available for the payment of compensation for land. Steps have been now taken to obtain funds.

(2.) Yes; as soon as the necessary preliminary steps have been taken.

(5.)

(5.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Clubb asked the Secretary for Public Works,—That, having in view the increased traffic to Long Cove Bay, and the large area of Government land above the Iron Cove bridge, now being reclaimed by the Department, will he consider the advisableness of having a swing-opening made in the Iron Cove bridge, so as to remove the present impediment to the shipping traffic beyond the bridge, so frequently complained of, and to render the valuable foreshores beyond the said bridge available for commercial purposes?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—An estimate for the proposed swing-span is now in course of preparation, and when this is before me I will at once decide what shall be done in the matter.

(6.) Remuneration to Jurors:—Mr. Clubb asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he consider the advisableness of increasing the remuneration at present paid to jurors attending the Central Criminal Court and Courts of Quarter Sessions?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will give this matter my consideration.

2. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—

- (1.) By Mr. Joseph Abbott—From certain Residents of Enmore.
- (2.) By Mr. Curley—From certain Members of the Newcastle Minister's Association.
- (3.) By Mr. Curley—From certain Residents of Newcastle and suburbs.
- (4.) By Mr. Curley—From certain Residents of Hamilton and neighbourhood.
- (5.) By Mr. Ritchie—From certain Residents of Auburn and Rookwood.
- (6.) By Mr. Plumb—From certain Residents of Peelwood, Tuena, &c.
- (7.) By Mr. Creer—From Residents of Lambton and vicinity.
- (8.) By Mr. Kidd—From certain Residents of Campbelltown.
- (9.) By Mr. Kidd—From certain Residents of Picton.
- (10.) By Mr. Cruickshank—From certain Residents of Inverell.
- (11.) By Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Fletcher—From certain Residents of Islington.
- (12.) By Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*)—From certain Residents of Dulwich Hill.
- (13.) By Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*)—From certain Residents of Marrickville.
- (14.) By Mr. Frank Smith—From certain Residents of Petersham and Leichhardt.
- (15.) By Mr. Dibbs—From certain Residents of Wagga Wagga.

Petitions received.

3. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—Mr. Hurley drew attention to the leading article headed "The Parliamentary Scandal" in *The Maitland Mercury* of Tuesday, 30th September, 1890, and stated his intention to move a Motion of *Privilege* in relation thereto.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the article.

And Mr. Hurley not being present to move the Motion referred to by him in submitting this subject, Mr. Speaker called attention to that Honorable Member's conduct, which he characterised as reprehensible.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That this House desires to record its expression of severe censure against the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. John Hurley, in availing himself of the rules of this House on a question of Privilege, and then leaving the Chamber without submitting a Motion of Privilege, as he had assured Mr. Speaker he would, and upon which he obtained leave to have read by the Clerk an article from *The Maitland Mercury*.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Western Suburbs (City of Sydney) Sewerage Scheme Reticulation and Completion Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works in connection with the reticulation and completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme,"—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, 7th October, 1890.

(2.) Public Vehicles Regulation Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,' and the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,' and to provide for the election of the Licensees and Municipal Commissioners by ballot; 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, 7th October, 1890.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, 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, 7th October, 1890.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return showing the area of land applied for under Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in each Land District within the Central Division, during the months of July, August, and September, 1890.
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Solicitors Right of Audience Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
(2.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
(3.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday next.
(4.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.
(5.) Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
7. RAILWAY DIFFERENTIAL RATES:—Mr. John Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the system of levying differential rates on the railways of the Colony restricts trade, and should be abolished.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. ADELAIDE JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION:—Mr. Fletcher 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 representation of this Colony at the Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition, and the expenditure of public money in connection therewith.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Dowel, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Waddell, Mr. McMillan, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Cruickshank proceeding to move the motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barnes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Collins, Mr. Crick, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Curley, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Goodchap, Mr. Gould, Mr. Haynes, Mr. McMillan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. John Wilkinson,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at thirteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rabbit Nuisance Act:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount still due to the Consolidated Revenue for advances to meet charges under the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883?

Mr. McMillan answered,—£463,218.

- (2.) The *Sydney Mail*:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that copies of the *Sydney Mail* newspaper are now being supplied to gangers on the various railway lines for the edification of the men working under them?

(2.) If so, by whose order was this done?

(3.) Who pays for these copies of the *Sydney Mail*?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes. At the request of the Railway Commissioners the proprietors of the *Sydney Mail* have kindly consented to supply each gang of platelayers with a gratuitous copy of their paper.

- (3.) Turalla Reserve, Queanbeyan Electorate:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to sell the Turalla reserve (or temporary common) at Bungendore, in the Queanbeyan Electorate?

(2.) Is he aware that the reserve referred to is absolutely necessary to the people of Bungendore as a place from which to obtain their firewood, and on which to graze and water their stock?

(3.) Is he aware that there are other reserves around Bungendore not so much required as the Turalla reserve, which might be sold instead of the latter?

(4.) Will he stay the sale of the Turalla reserve till the opinion of the people of Bungendore is expressed upon the proposal?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) In the absence of the papers, now with the District Surveyor, at Cooma, it is impossible to say what will be ultimately done. The land is being surveyed.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) A petition was received in June last from the residents of Bungendore, against selling or leasing this land, which will receive full consideration before final decision is arrived at.

- (4.) Eight Hour System:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to an answer given by the Minister for Public Works, while temporarily leading the Government on Thursday, 2nd October, to the effect that the Cabinet at its next meeting would consider the desirableness of extending the eight-hour system to all men in Government employ, and bring in a Bill to legalise the eight-hour principle, will he tell the House if the subjects have been considered, and what steps (if any) the Government contemplate taking in the direction indicated?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Members question is, as he phrases it, one of rather striking importance. There are several parts, and each part is deserving of great consideration; and how he can expect that the Government can have given this instant attention to it I am at a loss to know. All I can say is that if the question is asked of me on some future day I will try to give an answer.

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(5.) Excursion Trains on Saturdays:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are special excursion trains run from Redfern on the Western, Southern, and Illawarra lines on Saturday mornings and afternoons?
- (2.) What is the rate of fares, 1st and 2nd class, per mile by these trains, and how long are the tickets available for return?
- (3.) What are the special excursion rates to Goulburn and Bathurst?
- (4.) Are similar trains run on the Northern line?
- (5.) What are the fares (return tickets) Sydney to Singleton?
- (6.) If similar facilities for travelling by special excursion trains have not been given to the districts served by the Northern line, will he invite the Commissioners for Railways to consider the advisableness of running such trains to Maitland and Singleton?
- (7.) If the Commissioners have had the subject under their consideration, will he say why the facilities which are given by Saturday excursion trains to the districts between Picton and Goulburn, and between Penrith and Bathurst, have not been given to the districts between Gosford and Singleton?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Special excursion trains are run from Sydney to Southern and Western stations on Saturday mornings and afternoons, but on the Illawarra line on Saturday afternoon only.
- (2.) 2d. per mile 1st class, 1d. per mile 2nd class tickets, available for return on date of issue or by excursion trains on following Monday or Monday week.
- (3.) To Goulburn, 1st class, £1 2s. 4d.; 2nd class, 11s. 2d. To Bathurst, 1st class, £1 4s. 2d.; 2nd class, 12s. 1d.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Return tickets, 1st class, £1 11s. 6d.; 2nd class, 19s. 9d. Holiday excursion tickets, 1st class, £1 10s. 1d.; 2nd class, 18s. 9d. The corresponding fares to Goulburn, 13 miles less distant from Sydney, are £1 16s. 9d. 1st class, £1 4s. 3d. 2nd class. Bathurst, 2 miles less distant, £2 1st class, £1 6s. 6d. 2nd class.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) They have not had the matter under consideration.

(6.) Employees, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that for many years it has been the custom to pay all the employees in the Government Printing Office for the holiday on Eight Hour Day?
- (2.) Is it true that instructions have been given that the so-called temporary hands are not to receive payment this year?
- (3.) Will he state the reason for the non-payment of the temporary staff?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have received the following report from the Government Printer, in reference to the questions of the honorable member:—On the 3rd instant I received a memo. from the representatives of the temporary hands, asking if pay would be given for the Eight Hour Demonstration holiday, on Monday last, the 6th instant. I replied that in consequence of the numerous and liberal concessions made to the temporary hands, in the new rules published on the 1st instant, I could not grant their request. The concessions referred to are as follows:—

1. An additional 1d. per thousand ens for night work, *i.e.*, 1s. 2d., instead of 1s. 1d.
2. An additional 2d. per hour overtime up to 12 p.m., *i.e.*, 1s. 8d., instead of 1s. 6d.
3. An additional 6d. per hour overtime after 12 p.m., *i.e.*, 2s. 6d., instead of 2s.
4. Additional payment of one-half, instead of one-fourth, extra for foreign languages.
5. Payment for New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Christmas Day.

Although contrary to the rules under which temporary hands engage themselves, it has been the practice, hitherto, to pay them for Eight-Hour Day—special Treasury authority being obtained on each occasion. As, however, it would entail a very considerable expense to pay them for all public holidays, and there appears to be no reason why this particular day should be any exception, I did not see my way to recommend that the request be granted, especially in view of the concessions made in paragraph No. 5 above.

(7.) Hay Court-house:—Mr. Collins, for Mr. Lakeman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
When will the plans for the Hay Court-house be ready?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Next week.

2. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—

- (1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From certain Residents of Parramatta.
- (2.) By Mr. McFarlane—From certain Residents of Lawrence.
- (3.) By Mr. McFarlane—From certain Residents of Maclean.
- (4.) By Mr. Collins—From certain Residents of Narrabri.
- (5.) By Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*)—From certain Residents of Stanmore.
- (6.) By Mr. Bowman—From certain Residents of Richmond.
- (7.) By Mr. Playfair—From certain Residents of Sydney.
- (8.) By Mr. Hayes—From certain Residents of Tumberumba and Welaregang.
- (9.) By Mr. Brunker—From certain Residents of East Maitland.

Mr. Brunker moved, That the Petition be received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 53.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Waddell,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Vivian,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Black,	

Noes 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(10.) By Mr. Melville—From certain Residents of Hamilton.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(11.) By Mr. Vivian—From certain Residents of Tinonee.

Mr. Vivian moved, That the Petition be received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 55.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Miller,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Dowel,	

Noes 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(12.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From certain Adherents of the Primitive Methodist Church, Annandale.

Mr. Smith moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(13.) By Mr. J. P. Abbott—From certain Residents of Seone, &c.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(14.) By Mr. Gould—From certain Residents of Singleton.

Mr. Gould moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(15.) By Mr. Morton—From certain Residents of Berry and district.

Mr. Morton moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(16.) By Mr. McCourt—From certain Residents of Mittagong.

Mr. McCourt moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(17.) By Mr. McCourt—From certain Residents of Bowral.

(18.) By Mr. Ryrie—From certain Residents of Braidwood.

Mr. Ryrie moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(19.) By Mr. Ball—From certain Residents of Marulan.

(20.) By Mr. Ball—From certain Residents of Binda and Julong, &c.

(21.) By Mr. O'Sullivan—From certain Residents of Gundaroo.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Petition be received.

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.

(22.) By Mr. O'Sullivan—From certain Residents of Wallsend and Minmi.

(23.) By Mr. Howe, for Mr. Creer—From certain Residents of Newcastle.

(24.) By Mr. Molesworth—From certain Citizens and Inhabitants of New South Wales.

(25.) By Mr. Cruickshank—From certain Residents of the Town and District of Inverell.

(26.) By Mr. Jones—From certain Residents of Tumut, Adelong, and Gundagai.

(27.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From Members of the Hamilton Presbyterian Church.

(28.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From certain Residents of Newcastle.

(29.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From certain Residents of Newcastle and District.

(30.) By Mr. Alexander Brown—From certain Members and Adherents of the Hunter-street Presbyterian Church, Newcastle.

(31.) By Mr. Clubb—From certain Residents of Leichhardt.

(32.) By Mr. W. E. Abbott—From certain Residents of Murrurundi.

(33.) By Mr. Ryrie—From certain Residents of Araluen.

(34.) By Mr. Holborow—From certain Residents of Crookwell.

(35.) By Mr. John Wilkinson—From certain Residents of Electoral District of Albury.

(36.) By Mr. Kidd—From certain Residents of Bowral.

(37.) By Mr. Paul—From certain Residents of the City of Bathurst.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 17th September, 1890, "Sheep Trust Fund."

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land in parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for the erection of additional Railway Works and conveniences at Newtown.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Laurence, county of Cumberland, for widening the line of railway from Sydney to Eveleigh.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parishes of Petersham and St. George, county of Cumberland, in connection with the sewerage of the Western Suburbs.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for reclamation of certain low-lying mud flats in the vicinity of Long Cove.

(3.) Return to an Order made on the 3rd September, 1890, "Proposed Bridge over the River Murray, at Tocumwal."

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. McMillan presented a Petition from William Henson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation affecting the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory that does not provide for complete local option without compensation; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration. Petition received.

5. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL :—Mr. Dowel, 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 24th September, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 28th October.

Question put and passed.

6. WORKING OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That it is expedient, in the interest of commerce, and to the end that a feeling of security may obtain in the working of the Bankruptcy Act, that a full and complete Return be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to publication, of—

(1.) The names of all the official assignees under the present Act.

(2.)

(2.) The amounts received by the said official assignees severally, and the amounts paid away by each up to the present date.

(3.) A list of all unclaimed balances in the hands of all present official assignees.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, such Return should be prepared without delay.

(3.) That a Return be published quarterly in the *Government Gazette*, showing a list of unclaimed balances in the hands of the several official assignees.

Question put and passed.

7. HOUR OF MEETING ON BUSINESS DAYS:—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of business at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Plumb.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. King,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Frank Farnell
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wheeler,
(Canterbury),	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Nicoll,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.
Mr. Schey,	Tellers,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. WATER CONSERVATION BILL:—Mr. McMillan, for Mr. Sydney Smith, 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 define water rights; to provide for the conservation and utilization of water for irrigation, mining, manufacturing, and other purposes; and for the drainage of lands.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (No 2):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
Question put and passed.
10. MILSON'S POINT EXTENSION RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. DEBTORS BILL:—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law in respect of Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt or the non-payment of money; to amend the law of Arrest on Mesne Process; to prohibit the issue of Writs of Attachment in certain cases; to provide for the discharge of certain persons undergoing imprisonment for debt or non-payment of money; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
12. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill,—
Mr. Speaker reminded the House that this Bill was one which actually appropriated money necessary to carry out the public work authorised, and therefore was one in which this House with a due regard to its constitutional position could not accept amendments by the Legislative Council, except perhaps of an unimportant character or to make the intention of this House more plain. He found by the Schedule of Amendments that the Council had reduced the amount of money authorised by this House to be expended, and it would be entirely subversive of the privileges of this House to proceed further with the Bill.

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Sehey,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Vivian,
(<i>Canterbury</i>)	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Orick,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Nobbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. King,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Copland,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Waddell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Dawson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **LEPROSY BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

14. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION**.—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

With reference to the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 11th September, 1890, the Legislative Council acquaints the Assembly that it has this day agreed to certain Resolutions, a copy of which is transmitted herewith, adopting the recommendations of the Australasian Federation Conference, held in Melbourne in February last; and has appointed three of its Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention to Act with the four Members of the Assembly who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION

Resolutions referred to in Message of 8th October, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

(1.) That this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February last, at Parliament House, Melbourne, and which have been laid before this Council, viz.:—

“(a) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven years which have since elapsed have developed the national life of Australia in population, in wealth, in the discovery of resources, and in self-governing capacity, to an extent which justifies the higher act, at all times contemplated, of the union of these Colonies under one Legislative and Executive Government, on principles just to the several Colonies.

“(b) That to the union of the Australian Colonies contemplated by the foregoing Resolution, the remoter Australasian Colonies shall be entitled to admission at such times and on such conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon.

“(c) That the Members of the Conference should take such steps as may be necessary to induce the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to appoint, during the present year, Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution.”

(2.)

(2.) That the following Members be appointed Delegates to a National Australasian Convention, and be empowered to consider and report upon an adequate scheme for a Federal Constitution for the Australian Colonies, viz. :—The Honorable Edmund Barton, the Honorable Sir Patrick Jennings, and the Honorable William Henry Suttor; and that such Members act with four Members to be similarly appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

(3.) That the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention, together with any documents relating to such Constitution, be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Parliament of this Colony.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly, with a Message desiring their concurrence therein, and requesting that the Legislative Assembly will appoint four of their Members to represent the Colony at the National Australasian Convention, to act with the three Members of this House who have been appointed to represent the Colony at the said Convention.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

15. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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 declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the sale or dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and any other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street.

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 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 declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the sale or dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and any other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Board of Inquiry into Working of Local Land Boards:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) On what date was the Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate the Local Land Boards and District Surveyors' Offices throughout the Colony?

(2.) What were the names of each member of that Board?

(3.) What position did each member occupy in the Public Service at the date of his appointment, and at what salary?

(4.) What position does each member of that Board now occupy in the Public Service, and at what salary?

(5.) What sums were paid to each member of that Board for salary, or otherwise, from the date of appointment until the conclusion of the work of the Board?

(6.) How many reports were furnished by the Board?

(7.) When did the work of the Board terminate?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) In July, 1887.

(2.) W. J. Conder, Chairman; W. Houston, Member; R. McDonald, Member.

(3.) W. J. Conder, Chairman Land Board at Cooma, £700 per annum; W. Houston, Chief Inspector, £650 per annum; R. McDonald, District Surveyor at Hay, £650 per annum.

(4.) W. Houston, Under Secretary for Lands, £1,000 per annum; W. J. Conder, Chairman Land Board, Cooma, £700; R. McDonald, District Surveyor, Armidale, £625, at present Acting Chairman of the Hay Land Board District.

(5.) Each officer received no more than the salary set forth in No. 3, but the usual travelling expenses were allowed when absent from Sydney.

(6.) Comprehensive reports were furnished on the system of administration, state of the work of each Local Land Board, and District Surveyor's Office, and the *personnel* of the staff of each office, with a final report embodying general recommendations. In addition to these reports, 383 inquiries, many of them of a complicated and difficult character, were referred to the Board; where possible, these were dealt with in the reports relating to the offices concerned; in others, separate reports, amounting to about 169, were furnished.

(7.) On 1st August, 1889.

(2.) Board of Inquiry into Working of Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a copy of the report of the Board (of which Dr. Sly was the Chairman), appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin, furnished to the chairman of that Board?

(2.) Was the substance of the report communicated to the said Chairman?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No. I may inform the Honorable Member that this was instituted by the Department to make an inquiry into a lack of discipline which appeared to prevail there, and not at the instance of the Chairman of the Board.

(3.) Road leading to Bridge across Serpentine Channel, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the new bridge constructed across Serpentine Channel, Clarence River, nearly two years ago, cannot yet be used, owing to the road leading to Chatsworth not being opened or repaired?

(2.) Will he state cause of delay, and also when said road will be open for traffic?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The approach to this bridge on the Chatsworth Island side is through the private property of Mr. H. McFarlane, with whom an agreement was made to allow immediate resumption of the land requisite for the road on payment of a compensation of £98 10s.

(2.) The non-payment of the compensation is due to legal difficulties pointed out by the Crown Solicitor. Mr. McFarlane, having now closed the road, demands a compensation amounting to £237. It would appear a formal resumption will now be necessary, which will occupy some little time longer.

(4.) Town Commons at Coolabah and Goodooga:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps have been taken to proclaim a town's common near the towns of Coolabah and Goodooga?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No application for a common at Coolabah has been received, but enquiry will be made. As regards proposed common at Goodooga, the Mines Department have been asked whether there is any objection to the withdrawal of the land applied for from the travelling stock reserve at present including it.

(5.) Erection of Trucking-yards at Coolabah:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps, if any, are being taken to erect trucking-yards at Coolabah?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This question has had the consideration of the Commissioners, but remains in abeyance, pending the establishment of a water supply, without which trucking-yards at Coolabah would practically be useless.

(6.) Water Supply for Byrock and Coolabah:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he take immediate steps to give the townships of Byrock and Coolabah a water supply?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Chief Inspector is at present in the locality investigating these matters.

(7.) Woods known as Buddah and Ironwood:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to protect woods known as buddah and ironwood, as they contain valuable oils?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The question of the protection of New South Wales woods, known to be valuable in regard to essential oils, will be taken in hand as early as practicable by the Forest Department.

(8.) Police Quarters at Coolabah:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he take steps to have police quarters erected at Coolabah?

(2.) Is it a fact there is no police accommodation at Coolabah?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) The matter is under consideration. It is doubtful whether a permanent police station will be required.

(2.) The police are living in a tent at present.

(9.) Bridge between Brewarrina and Goodooga:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take immediate steps to have a bridge erected over the creek between Brewarrina and Goodooga?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The carrying out of this work has been recommended by the Commissioner for Roads, but there are no funds available for the purpose. I cannot make therefore any definite promise.

(10.) Bridge over Tarrabong Creek, near Goodooga:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Department recommended the construction of a bridge over Tarrabong Creek, near Goodooga?

(2.) Is this the best site available?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The local officer's report on this matter is now with that official; I cannot, therefore, answer this question at present.

(11.) Ringbarking, Crown Lands, Cobar District:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that permission was refused to Messrs. Love, McPherson, & Co. and Alison & Son to ringbark some 200,000 acres of Crown Lands in the Cobar district by the Local Land Board?

(2.) Is it not true that the wood on this land is of no use, excepting for firewood and the breeding of vermin, rabbits particularly?

(3.) Will he have the above decision reversed?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Nothing is known in this Department of this case.

(2 and 3.) Inquiries will be made in view of furnishing further information.

(12.) Repair of Road between Bourke and North Bourke:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he instruct the officer at Bourke to expedite the repairing of the road between Bourke and North Bourke?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I understand that this work is being pressed on with all reasonable speed.

(13.) Racecourse at Louth:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps at once to set aside a piece of land near Louth for a racecourse?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is not usual to make grants of land for public racecourses. I know that in some parts of the interior recreation reserves are used in connection with such purposes; but the Lands Department do not as a rule dedicate land for that purpose.

- (14.) School-house, Louth :—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Will he take steps to have a school-house built in Louth township?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that the room now used is on the main road, and in the centre of a lignum swamp?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) I have no present intention to do this, as a commodious school-house already exists in the township.
 - (2.) There is no information in this office showing that the building is situated as described, but I am causing inquiry to be made into the matter.
- (15.) Main Streets of Louth :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he effect some means to make the main streets of Louth passable?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—An expenditure of £25 is recommended for the purpose, which I shall approve.
- (16.) Water Supply between Wanaaring and Louth :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—What steps, if any, do the Government intend to take to make a water supply on the main road between Wanaaring and Louth?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—In the present state of the roads it is at present impossible to get a report upon the matter.
- (17.) Bourke Court-house :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the plans for the Bourke Court-house completed yet?
 - (2.) If not, what is the reason of the delay?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that part of the money for this work was voted last year?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The plans are in hand, but not yet completed. Some delay has occurred through the press of other and more urgent work.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (18.) Prospecting Board :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he say on what date the mining community of Cobar district may expect the Prospecting Board to visit them?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Prospecting Board have been instructed to visit Cobar with the least possible delay.
- (19.) Trespass of Stock, Narrabundah Reserve :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the proprietors of the Duntroon Estate, near Queanbeyan, are allowing their stock to trespass upon the Narrabundah Reserve?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to have these trespassers prosecuted, and give instructions to the Crown Lands bailiff to enforce the law against all who are trespassing upon the reserves in the Queanbeyan district?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) I will make full inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining the facts.
- (20.) Employees under Water and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the employees under the Water and Sewerage Board were not allowed a holiday on the Eight Hour Day?
 - (2.) If so, what is the reason they were not treated the same this year as last?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that if an employee is taken ill on the works, or meets with an accident while in the execution of his duty, he receives no sick allowance?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Board have supplied me with the following replies :—
- (1.) No. Any employee was allowed to take a holiday, but pay was not granted to those who were absent on the 1st August.
 - (2.) In November last the Board approved of the following holidays, in each year, viz. :—New Years' Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday, 1st August, Prince of Wales Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day; all of which are paid for with the exception of Good Friday and Christmas Day, which are treated as Sundays. At the request of the men the Board have, however, approved of Eight Hour Day being substituted for the 1st August in future.
 - (3.) No. Full pay is granted during absence.
- (21.) Small Debts Court at Yantabulla, Bourke District :—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Will he take the necessary steps to establish a Small Debts Court in the township of Yantabulla, Bourke district?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that persons summoned for trivial offences have to travel 80 miles to Bourke, the nearest Court?
 - (3.) Is it not also a fact that the Government have a suitable building for a Court-house erected at a cost of £1,300?
- Mr. Gould answered,—Inquiry will be made as to the necessity of establishing a Court of this nature, and the result communicated to the Honorable Member in due course.
- (22.) Eastern Suburbs Court-house :—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Minister of Justice,—Seeing that the Eastern Suburbs Court-house has been completed for some time, will the Government take early steps to have the Court opened for public business?
- Mr. Gould answered,—The Stipendiary Magistrates having reported that they are unable to hold any additional Courts, it is impracticable, under existing arrangements, to hold a Court of Petty Sessions at Paddington, as no additional Stipendiary Magistrates can be appointed without legislation in that behalf.

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

(1.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Offices Erection Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 57.

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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

Government House,

Sydney, 9th October, 1890.

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

(2.) Milson's Point Extension Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 58.

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Government House,

Sydney, 9th October, 1890.

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

3. PAPERS:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Board of Health on Bovine Tuberculosis in the South Coast District.
- (2.) Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board for the year ended August, 1890.
- (3.) By-law of the Borough of Gosford.
- (4.) Return to an Order made on the 17th September, 1890, "Appointment of Dr. C. Lepervanche as Government Medical Officer at Narrabri."

Ordered to be printed.

4. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—

- (1.) By Mr. McMillan—From certain Residents of Bathurst and Pitt Streets, Sydney.
- (2.) By Mr. Sydney Smith—From certain Residents of Kelso, Peel, Raglan, Duramana, Eglinton, Oberon, and White Rock.
- (3.) By Mr. Wright—From certain Residents of Emmaville, &c.
- (4.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Petersham, Enmore, &c.
- (5.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of St. Peters.
- (6.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Bexley and Arncliffe.
- (7.) By Mr. Willis—From certain Residents of Cobar and Nymagee.
- (8.) By Mr. Burns—From certain Residents of Willoughby, Gordon, and adjoining neighbourhood.
- (9.) By Mr. Want—From certain Residents of Woollahra, &c.

Mr. Want moved, That the Petition be received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Alfred Aller,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Ritchie,	*Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Greene,
(Canterbury),	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bai,	Mr. Traill.
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Thompson,	Tellers,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Culler,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wyman Brown,
*Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Nicoll.

Tellers,

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Willis.

* So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (10.) By Mr. William Stephen—From certain Citizens and Inhabitants of New South Wales.
- (11.) By Mr. Vivian—From certain Residents of Raymond Terrace, Miller's Forest, Fullerton Cove, and Clarence Town.
- (12.) By Mr. Inglis—From certain Residents of Walcha.

(13.)

- (13.) By Mr. Inglis—From certain Residents of Hillgrove.
 - (14.) By Mr. Tonkin—From certain Residents of Oberon.
 - (15.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain Residents of Bourke.
 - (16.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain Residents of Cobar.
 - (17.) By Mr. Nobbs—From certain Residents of Homebush, &c.
 - (18.) By Mr. Nobbs—From certain Residents of Woolwich and Hunter's Hill.
 - (19.) By Mr. Mortou—From certain Residents of the Electoral District of Shoalhaven.
 - (20.) By Mr. Dale—From certain Residents of Homebush, Strathfield, &c.
 - (21.) By Mr. Garland—From certain Residents of Carcoar, &c.
 - (22.) By Mr. Seaver—From certain Residents of Monkerai, &c.
 - (23.) By Mr. Seaver—From certain Residents of Stroud and district.
 - (24.) By Mr. Garrard—From certain Residents of Pymont, &c.
 - (25.) By Mr. Teoce—From the Bishop of Goulburn, as President of a Public Meeting of Residents of Goulburn.
 - (26.) By Mr. Melville—From certain Residents of Adamstown, &c.
 - (27.) By Mr. Ewing—From certain Residents of Lismore.
 - (28.) By Mr. Ewing—From certain Residents of The Tweed and Brunswick Rivers.
 - (29.) By Mr. Thompson—From certain Residents of West Maitland.
 - (30.) By Mr. Thompson—From certain Residents of West Maitland.
 - (31.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Petersham.
 - (32.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Kogarah, &c.
 - (33.) By Mr. Nicoll—From certain Residents of Ballina, Tintenbar, &c.
 - (34.) By Mr. Nicoll—From certain Residents of Casino.
 - (35.) By Mr. Lees—From certain Residents of Penrith.
 - (36.) By Mr. Hawthorne—From certain Residents of Leichhardt.
 - (37.) By Mr. Hawthorne—From certain Residents of Camperdown, Annandale, &c.
 - (38.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Waverley, &c.
 - (39.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Bondi.
 - (40.) By Mr. Lakeman—From certain Residents of Euabalong and District.
 - (41.) By Mr. Hasall—From certain Residents of Warialda.
 - (42.) By Mr. Copeland—From James Ross, M.A., Archdeacon of Armidale.
 - (43.) By Mr. Copeland—From certain Residents of Hillgrove.
 - (44.) By Mr. William Stephen—From certain Residents of Redfern.
 - (45.) By Mr. Cooke—From certain Residents of Forbes.
 - (46.) By Mr. Bowman—From certain Residents of Pitt Town, &c.
 - (47.) By Mr. Bowman—From certain Residents of Wilberforce and Windsor, &c.
 - (48.) By Mr. Bowman—From certain Residents of Pitt Town, Ebenezer, and Sackville Reach.
 - (49.) By Mr. Garvan—From certain Residents of Bergalia, &c.
 - (50.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From certain Residents of Parramatta and district.
 - (51.) By Mr. Ritchie—From certain Residents of Gladesville.
 - (52.) By Mr. Lyne—From certain Residents of Germanton and vicinity.
 - (53.) By Mr. Lyne—From certain Residents of Braespring, Culcairn, &c.
 - (54.) By Mr. Miller—From certain Residents of Cooma.
 - (55.) By Mr. Wheeler—From certain Residents of Lewisham, Summer Hill, &c.
 - (56.) By Mr. Wheeler—From certain Residents of Petersham West.
 - (57.) By Mr. Wheeler—From certain Residents of Marrickville East.
 - (58.) By Mr. Wheeler—From certain Residents of Belmore and Moorefield.
 - (59.) By Mr. Toohey—From certain Residents of South Sydney.
 - (60.) By Mr. McCourt—From certain Residents of Picton and Thirlmere.
 - (61.) By Mr. Want—From certain Residents of Bondi and Waverley.
 - (62.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From certain Residents of The Glebe.
 - (63.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From certain Residents of The Glebe.
 - (64.) By Mr. Stokes—From certain Residents of Forbes.
 - (65.) By Mr. Wyman Brown—From certain Residents of Broken Hill.
 - (66.) By Mr. Wyman Brown—From certain Residents of Broken Hill.
 - (67.) By Mr. Wyman Brown—From certain Residents of Broken Hill.
- Petitions received.

5. ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—

- (1.) Mr. Ball presented a Petition from Edward Rolfe, residing at Nerriga, praying that he may be heard personally or by counsel or attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's Additional Conditional Purchases.

Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. LEPROSY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McMillan then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the notification of cases of Leprosy; for the detention and isolation of Lepers; the appointment of Lazarets; 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 provide for the notification of cases of Leprosy; for the detention and isolation of Lepers; the appointment of Lazarets; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1890.

7. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the expediency of bringing in the Early Closing Bill postponed until Tuesday, 11th November.
8. **BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
9. **MILSON'S POINT EXTENSION RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1890, A.M.

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

Ordered, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE:—Mr. Crick, 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 30th April, 1890; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Confinees in Darlinghurst Gaol for Wife Maintenance:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many men are at present in Darlinghurst Gaol for wife maintenance?
- (2.) How many are doing their first sentence of twelve months?
- (3.) How many are doing their second sentence of twelve months?
- (4.) How many are doing their third sentence of twelve months?
- (5.) Is twelve months the minimum sentence for wife maintenance; if not, what is?
- (6.) In the case of men now doing their second and third sentences for wife maintenance, what interval of time has elapsed in each case between their discharge from gaol and their re-entry to serve second and third sentences respectively?
- (7.) Is it a fact that a man who has been imprisoned for wife maintenance can, after only fourteen days liberty, be proceeded against for not supporting his wife, and be sentenced to a further period of twelve months?
- (8.) If not after fourteen days, what is the minimum period after which he can be proceeded against on the charge of not supporting his wife?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Nineteen.
- (2.) Sixteen.
- (3.) One.
- (4.) Two.
- (5.) The sentence for disobeying an order of maintenance is imprisonment until the order shall have been complied with, or the imposition of a fine not less than £5, nor more than £50.
- (6.) In the case of the man now confined the second time for disobeying an order of maintenance, an interval of nearly seven years has elapsed since his discharge from gaol for his prior disobedience of a like order. In the other two cases intervals of three and five months respectively have elapsed.
- (7 and 8.) For the offence of wife desertion, proved to have occurred after his release from gaol, he can be proceeded against, and if an order is made against him it may be enforced in the way indicated in answer 5.

- (2.) Supply of Coal to Railway Department:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Commissioners for Railways made arrangements for a permanent supply of coal, other than from the mines hitherto supplying coal?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners are obtaining coal from every available source.

- (3.) Inspection of Fruit from other Colonies:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it his intention to take steps for the early appointment of an officer to inspect shipments of fruit arriving in this Colony from outside ports, in order to prevent the further introduction of fruit diseases?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is now under consideration.

- (4.) Sleeping-cars for Goulburn to Cooma Railway:—Mr. Dawson, for Mr. Ryrie, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the long-promised sleeping-cars be placed on the Goulburn to Cooma Railway?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The carriages are under construction, and it is hoped they will be ready about January next.

(5.)

- (5.) Appeals under Crown Rents Bill :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any notices of appeal to the Land Court been given under the Crown Rents Bill recently passed ?
 - (2.) If so, how many ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Fifteen.
- (6.) Rabbit-proof fence between Bourke and Dubbo :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he received any report from his officer with reference to the condition of the rabbit-proof fence between Bourke and Dubbo ?
 - (2.) If so, will he lay the report upon the Table of this House ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor at Bourke as to the condition of that part of the rabbit-proof fence between Bourke and Dubbo which was only accessible after the floods. In consequence of the state of the country a full inspection was impracticable, but a further report will be furnished at an early date. The Progress Report will be laid upon the Table of the House if so desired; in the meantime it is available for perusal at the Lands Department.
- (7.) "Scrub," under Crown Lands Acts :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands—
- (1.) Has any notice been given in the *Gazette* of what trees and bushes will be considered "scrub," in connection with the provisions of the Land Act of 1884 and 1889, for the destruction of scrub ?
 - (2.) If so, what are the names of the trees and bushes that will be regarded as scrub ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—No general notification classifying what trees and plants will be considered as "scrub" has been issued. The declaration of "scrub" and "scrub lands" is made when a scrub lease is granted.
- (8.) Ringbarking Crown Lands, Cobar District :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have applications been made by the owners of The Meadows, Paddington, and Meryula stations, near Cobar, to the Local Land Board, for leave to ringbark certain areas of their holdings ?
 - (2.) If so, have the applications been refused, and on what grounds ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—In view of inquiries made by the Honorable Member for Bourke, Mr. Willis, on the 9th instant, the papers relating to these applications have been obtained, and it is found that all of them have been refused by the Local Land Board, but the reasons for such refusal are not embodied in the report.
3. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour :—
- (1.) By Mr. Garrard—From certain Residents of Balmain.
 - (2.) By Mr. Gould—From certain Residents of Singleton.
 - (3.) By Mr. Dalton—From certain Residents of Orange.
 - (4.) By Mr. McMillan—From certain Residents of New South Wales.
 - (5.) By Mr. O'Sullivan—From certain Residents of Queanbeyan and vicinity.
 - (6.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From certain Residents of Annandale.
 - (7.) By Mr. Dawson—From certain Residents of Cooma.
 - (8.) By Mr. Dawson—From Members of the Star of the South Lodge No. 76, Cooma, I.O.G.T.
 - (9.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Randwick.
 - (10.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Paddington.
 - (11.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Paddington.
 - (12.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Waverley.
 - (13.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Coogee and neighbourhood.
 - (14.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of Double Bay and Rose Bay.
 - (15.) By Mr. Hogan—From certain Residents of Kempsey and district.
 - (16.) By Sir Henry Parkes—From certain Residents of Manly.
 - (17.) By Mr. Howe—From certain Residents of Waterloo and Alexandria.
 - (18.) By Mr. Howe—From certain Residents of Botany.
 - (19.) By Mr. Inglis—From certain Residents of Armidale and Uralla.
 - (20.) By Mr. Copland—From certain Residents of Wagga Wagga.
 - (21.) By Mr. Copland—From certain Residents of Hay and district.
 - (22.) By Mr. Greene—From certain Residents of Grenfell.
 - (23.) By Mr. Colls—From certain Residents of Gunning, Collector, &c.
 - (24.) By Mr. Colls—From certain Residents of Gunning and Collector.
 - (25.) By Mr. Frank Farnell—From certain Residents of Gladesville, Ryde, Five Dock, &c.
 - (26.) By Mr. Garvan—From certain Residents of Eden.
 - (27.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Ashfield and vicinity.
 - (28.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Marrickville.
 - (29.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Kogarah.
 - (30.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Marrickville.
 - (31.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain Residents of Strathfield.
 - (32.) By Mr. Gormly—From certain Residents of Narrandera.
 - (33.) By Mr. Gormly—From certain Residents of Hillston.
 - (34.) By Mr. Lees—From certain Residents of Penrith.
 - (35.) By Mr. Kidd—From certain Residents of Bowral, Joadja Creek &c.
 - (36.) By Mr. Street—From certain Residents of Woolloomooloo.
 - (37.) By Mr. Street—From certain Residents of Woolloomooloo.

- (38.) By Mr. Street—From certain Residents of Woolloomooloo.
 (39.) By Mr. See—From certain Residents of Grafton.
 (40.) By Mr. See—From James S. Scott, Moderator, and Andrew Barron, Clerk of the Presbytery of The Clarence.
 (41.) By Mr. See—From certain Residents of Grafton and neighbourhood.
 (42.) By Mr. William Stephen—From certain Citizens and inhabitants of New South Wales.
 (43.) By Mr. Henry Clarke—From certain Residents of Moruya.
 (44.) By Mr. Henry Clarke—From certain Residents of Bega.
 (45.) By Mr. Fuller—From certain Residents of Kiama.
 (46.) By Mr. Fuller—From certain Residents of Gerringong.
 (47.) By Mr. Fletcher—From certain Residents of Wickham.
 (48.) By Mr. Martin—From certain Residents of the Electoral District of South Sydney.
 (49.) By Mr. Martin—From certain Residents of Surry Hills.
 (50.) By Mr. Martin—From certain Residents of Surry Hills.
 (51.) By Mr. Martin—From certain Residents of Surry Hills.
 (52.) By Mr. Martin—From certain Residents of Surry Hills, &c.
 (53.) By Mr. Hawken—From certain Residents of Newtown.
 (54.) By Mr. Dale—From certain Residents of Hunter's Hill.
 (55.) By Mr. Lee—From certain Residents of Tenterfield.
 (56.) By Mr. Cass—From certain Residents of Dubbo.
 (57.) By Mr. Abigail—From Wm. G. Taylor, Chairman of Public Meeting held in Centenary Hall York-street, Sydney.
 (58.) By Mr. Abigail—From certain Members and adherents of the Scots' Church.
 (59.) By Mr. Abigail—From certain Members, adherents, and friends of the Congregational Church, Harris-street.
 (60.) By Mr. Abigail—From the Congregational Union of New South Wales.
 (61.) By Mr. Abigail—From certain Residents of Sydney.
 (62.) By Mr. Abigail—From W. Stephen, Chairman of Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held in Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street.
 (63.) By Mr. Paul—From certain Residents of Parramatta, Baulkham Hills, &c.
 (64.) By Mr. Reid—From certain Residents of Darlinghurst and vicinity.
 (65.) By Mr. Reid—From certain Residents of Woolloomooloo.
 (66.) By Mr. Reid—From certain Residents of Woolloomooloo South, &c.
 (67.) By Mr. Clubb—From certain Residents of Leichhardt, Pyrmont, &c.
 (68.) By Mr. H. H. Brown—From certain Residents of Dungog, &c.
 (69.) By Mr. H. H. Brown—From certain Residents of Eccleston and Linstead.
 (70.) By Mr. Scobie—From James H. Terras, Chairman of Public Meeting held in Greta.
 (71.) By Mr. Burdekin—From certain Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
 (72.) By Mr. Molesworth—From certain Residents of Newtown.
 (73.) By Mr. Playfair—From certain Members, adherents, and friends of the Presbyterian Church, Quarry-street, Ultimo.
 (74.) By Mr. King—From certain Residents of Woollahra, &c.
 (75.) By Mr. King—From certain Residents of Watson's Bay.
 (76.) By Mr. King—From certain Residents of Darling Point and vicinity.
 (77.) By Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Barbour—From certain Residents at Jerilderie.
 (78.) By Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Barbour—From certain Residents of Deniliquin.
 (79.) By Mr. Schey—From certain Residents of Waterloo and Alexandria.
 (80.) By Mr. Schey—From certain Residents of Darlington, Alexandria, and Redfern.
 (81.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From certain Residents of Forest Lodge.

Petitions received.

4. **BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL:**—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Blayney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889; and to enable the said Council to recover rates; and for other purposes. And Mr. Garland having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* and *Blayney Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
5. **LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from certain Members of the Committee appointed by the Congregational Union of New South Wales, in the interests of temperance and morality, stating that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, private bars and the employment of females as barmaids in public-houses should be prohibited; and praying the House to take into favourable consideration the Licensing Act Amendment Bill.
 Petition received.
6. **DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL:**—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from the Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney, praying the House, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, to refuse assent to the Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill.
 Petition received.
7. **GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS IN *Maitland Mercury* NEWSPAPER (Formal Motion):**—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of money paid by the various Government Departments for advertisements inserted in the *Maitland Mercury* since February, 1887, the date when the present free-trade party came into power.
 Question put and passed.
8. **COMPLAINTS AGAINST KRAMBACH POSTMASTER AND HIS WIFE (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Vivian moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all complaints made against the Krambach postmaster and his wife, as assistant, in their official capacity during the past five years.
 Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Railway between Blacktown and Blayney; resumption of adjourned Debate ;—until Tuesday, 28th October.
- (2.) Hospital Elections Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st October.
- (3.) Solicitors Right of Audience Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (4.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill (*Council Bill*): second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (5.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday next.

10. STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, to consider and report upon the expediency of so altering the Additional Standing Orders of this House (adopted and approved May, 1887), as to prevent any motion of adjournment of the House—except the usual motion of adjournment to terminate the sittings of the House—being moved by any Member and proceeded with unless twenty other members rise in their places to support it.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. P. Abbott 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 whole of the " Standing Orders of this House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for its consideration and report, with power from time to time to make progress reports to this House."

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, 6.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Plumb.

Tellers.

Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 64.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. King,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Torpy,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Slattery,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Traill.
Mr. Nobbs,	Tellers,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. McCourt,	

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, 44.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. King,	Mr. Greene,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Nobbs,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Plumb,	Tellers,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Perry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Lakeinan,	Tellers,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Wall,	

Question

Question then,—That the whole of the Standing Orders of this House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for its consideration and report, with power from time to time to make progress reports to this House,—put and passed.

11. DEATH OF ALFRED LAMB, ESQUIRE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS FOR WEST SYDNEY :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of Alfred Lamb, Esquire, one of the Members for West Sydney. Mr. Dibbs addressed the House, and seconded the motion. Question put, and (after Debate) carried unanimously.
12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Seven o'clock To-morrow. Question put and passed.
13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes made a statement respecting the present Labour Strike, and the intentions of the Government in reference to their Fiscal Policy. Mr. Dibbs also addressed the House.
14. 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 take into consideration the Ministerial Statement of the Premier." 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. The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Copland,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. John Wilkinson,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stevenson.	

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Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Want,
Mr. William Steplen,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Jeas,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Cutley,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. H. H. Brown,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Scobic,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Inghis.
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LANDS ADJOINING GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE,—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 June, 1890; together with Appendix. Ordered to be printed
16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-nine minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Seven o'clock p.m., This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Dibbs, referring to certain correspondence respecting the alleged bankruptcy of Mr. Young, the Speaker, drew the attention of the House to section 26 of the Constitution Act and section 4 of the Bankruptcy Act, under which he considered Mr. Speaker's Seat was vacated; and Sir Henry Parkes having stated that, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, Mr. Young had not become a bankrupt in the meaning of the said 26th section of the Constitution Act,—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table the correspondence referred to.
Ordered to be printed.

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of Alfred Lamb, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows:—

“ We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that Alfred Lamb, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney, died on the 13th day of October, 1890.

“ We give you this notice, to the intent that you may acquaint the Assembly therewith, in order to the issue of a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said Alfred Lamb, Esquire.

“ Given under our hands, at Sydney, this 15th day of October, 1890.

“ THOMAS PLAYFAIR.

“ DANIEL O'CONNOR.

“ To the Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.”

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Seat of Alfred Lamb, Esquire, lately serving in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Alfred Lamb, Esquire, as certified under the hands of two of the Members of this House, in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker.
Question put and passed.

3. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL 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 extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th October, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Rates paid upon Government Buildings:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no rates are paid upon Government Buildings erected within Suburban and Country Municipalities; but such rates are paid to the Municipal Council of Sydney upon such buildings by the Government?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have this altered?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Such buildings are not exempted by law within the City of Sydney, but are exempted in the Municipalities outside the City.

(2.)

- (2.) The Sydney Hospital:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it the intention of the Government to make provision for completion of new buildings for Sydney Hospital?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The approval of the Legislative Assembly will be invited to complete the building of the Sydney Infirmary in the course of a week or ten days.

- (3.) Cost of Protection of Property during Labour Strike:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the extra cost of the protection of property per week during the present strike?

(2.) Out of what fund is the extra amount paid?

(3.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to compel owners of property who need special protection to pay for the cost of it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I owe the Honourable Member an explanation. I intended to have replied to this question yesterday when I spoke, but it passed from my mind until I had concluded. It is contended that there has been no extra cost for the protection of property during the strike. The extra cost has been incurred in preserving order, and in endeavouring to uphold the law equally to all classes, and if I assented to the language of this question it would put the action of the Government in a very improper light, because we have not expended this extra cost for the protection of property. But it ought to be remembered that in the construction of any body of laws, property, as well as the person, is always protected. If a watch is stolen, the law steps in to vindicate the rights of the owner from whom it was stolen, so that the protection of property enters into the whole policy of our system of laws. But not even to that extent has there been any increase of cost during this strike. I cannot tax my recollection with any single instance where any cost has been incurred merely for the protection of property. I stated early in the history of the strike that if persons who had vessels wished them not to be cut adrift they should put a watch over them. I dare say the Honourable Member will recollect that reply which I gave. With regard to the funds from which this money was paid, of course the Government in a time of this sort must find money, and it has been paid partly from the Treasurer's Advance Account and partly from the Military and Police Accounts.

- (4.) Drainage Union for Land at Seven Oaks, Macleay River:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) On what date was the first application to be formed into a Drainage Union received from proprietors of land at Seven Oaks, Macleay River?

(2.) When was the proclamation establishing the Union gazetted?

(3.) Has the first meeting (which, under the Act, should be convened by the Minister) been called; if not, for what reason?

(4.) On what date will such meeting be held?

(5.) Has the arbitrator been appointed?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The Petition for the formation of Union is dated 19th June, 1839.

(2.) The Union was proclaimed in the *Government Gazette* of 29th August, 1890.

(3, 4, and 5.) An appraiser will be appointed on Tuesday next to "assess the increased value to accrue to the several Holdings" forming the proposed Union, as required by section 6 of the "Drainage Promotion Act, 29 Vic. No. 1." The first meeting will be fixed for a date about three weeks later.

- (5.) Regulations as to Free Passes made by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Cree, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state the clause in the Railway Act, and the authority, under which the Railway Commissioners are said to have made a Regulation offering a free pass for five years to certain particular persons who may erect houses worth £1,000 on certain parts of the Southern, Western, and Northern Railway Lines?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Act gives the Commissioners power to make by-laws for the issue of free passes, &c., clause 53, the by-laws being approved by the Governor and Executive Council, and published in *Gazette*. Clause 54 and the by-law referred to was authorised in the usual way.

- (6.) Government Asylums:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Upon whose authority was the return of the cost of stimulants for inmates at Macquarie-street and Newington Asylums furnished to the *Evening News*, quoted in issue of 10th instant?

(2.) Is it a fact that during the years 1886–1888, the period referred to, that, with the exception of a few months, whatever cases were known as bad were forwarded to the Macquarie-street Asylum as the then superintendent was a trained nurse, and that only inmate assistants were employed for the nursing of the sick; and that during the latter period referred to, 1888–1890, a staff of paid hospital assistants were engaged?

(3.) As there are five institutions under the Asylums superintendent, does the Return refer to all five, or only to the Macquarie-street and Newington Asylums?

(4.) Why was this return supplied; and does he consider it will prejudice the case of the late superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum, which is now before the House?

(5.) Has a report of the management of the various asylums, since the appointment of the present Director of Asylums, been submitted for the information of the House; if not, why has not such customary course been pursued?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to follow this practice in other Departments, of allowing the heads of Departments to furnish partial statements to the press, in place of the customary annual reports, as formerly, in the Asylum Department?

(7.) Has the Director any power to regulate the issue of stimulants, or is such power entirely in the hands of the doctors of the institutions?

(8.) Is not the issue of stimulating medicines, in lieu of spirits, greatly increased, and the cost largely in excess of that for liquors formerly supplied to the inmates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table in the course of the evening a paper giving the required information. (7.)

(7.) Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the full amount of money to be paid from the Consolidated Revenue in connection with the inquiry before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the removal of Mrs. Cunynghame?

(2.) How is the said amount made up?

(3.) What is the amount charged by Mr. Maxted for cab hire in connection with his Department since the appointment of the said Committee?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The amount cannot be stated at the present time, as the various accounts have not yet been furnished.

(3.) From 5th July, 1889, to 29th September, 1890, £21 2s. 10d.

(8.) Supply of Coal to Railway Department:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to reply to Question 3 of Tuesday, 14th October,—what are the available coal supplies for the Government?

(2.) What fresh arrangements have been made for any permanent supply?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners have made arrangements for obtaining supplies of coal from various mines within the Colony, but they do not consider it would be to the interest of the country to make their arrangements public at the present time. I may add, that to use the mildest language, that is a very injudicious question from the Honorable Member.

(9.) Expenditure under Rabbit Nuisance Act:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will the return under the Rabbit Act, ordered by this House to be laid upon the Table in June last, be supplied?

(2.) What is the annual expenditure at the present time under the Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I shall presently lay the Return upon the Table of the House.

(2.) The information asked for will also be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(10.) Board of Inquiry into working of Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. J. P. Abbott's Question No. 2, answered by the Minister on Thursday, 9th October,—was not the whole conduct of the Boards at Hay and Deniliquin involved in the inquiry by the Board of Inquiry into the working of those Boards?

(2.) Should not such Boards have been informed of the results of that inquiry?

(3.) Did Mr. Houston, the present Under Secretary, make any recommendation upon the report of the Board?

(4.) What was the nature of that recommendation, and when was it made?

(5.) What was the Ministerial decision thereon?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1 and 2.) Assuming that the Board of Inquiry referred to is the Board appointed on the 1st April, 1889, consisting of Dr. Sly and Messrs. Conder and Langtree, the attention of the Honorable Member is invited to a Return printed by order of the Legislative Assembly, on his own motion of the 19th August last. On page 89 of this Return will be found a copy of the memorandum, which defines the object and scope of the inquiry—from which it will be seen that the conduct of Mr. Chairman Park, and the alleged disorganised state of his office were specially referred to, and not the action of the Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin.

(3 and 4.) No; the matter has not been under the consideration of Mr. Houston, the present Under Secretary.

(5.) No Ministerial decision has been written.

(11.) Board of Inquiry into working of Land Boards:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. J. P. Abbott's Question No. 1, answered by the Minister on Thursday, 9th October,—what sum was paid to Mr. Houston for travelling expenses, and at what rate per day?

(2.) The like, Mr. Conder?

(3.) The like, Mr. McDonald.

(4.) Was not a bonus or gratuity paid to each of the officers upon the Board at some time since the date of their appointment to the present time; (a) if so, how much to each; (b) and when was it paid?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) £465, being at the rate of 30s. per diem while absent from Sydney.

(2.) £906 5s., being at the rate of 30s. per diem while absent from Sydney, and 15s. per diem while at head quarters.

(3.) £879 5s., being at the rate of 30s. per diem while absent from Sydney, and 15s. per diem while at head quarters. In connection with these answers, I desire to invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the fact that the members of the Board were frequently engaged in official duties outside the investigation, and that, therefore, the amounts stated include travelling expenses while engaged on other than Board duties.

(4.) No gratuity in connection with this inquiry has been paid to the members of the Board.

(12.) Pay to Government Employees, Eight-hour Day:—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men engaged on the Centennial Park, and otherwise, under the Curator of the Botanical Gardens, are not paid for public holidays?

(2.) Is it a fact that all other employees of the Government are paid for such holidays?

(3.) What is the reason of such different treatment (if any)?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is another question on this subject, and I should prefer to give the information in answer to the other question.

(13.) Man named Neish, convicted of Bigamy:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Toohy*, asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps (if any) has he taken in regard to the man Neish, some time since convicted of bigamy, and whose case he promised to inquire into?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have caused full inquiry to be made into this case, but the circumstances disclosed are of such a nature that I have been unable to recommend any remission of sentence at present.

(14.) Revenue and Expenditure upon certain Railways and Tramways:—*Mr. Goodchap* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What has been the average revenue and expenditure (exclusive of interest upon capital) per passenger per mile travelled, from the date of the opening till the 30th June last, of the railway from Hornsby to St. Leonards?

(2.) The like information for the twelve months ending the 30th June last, of the suburban railway between Sydney and Parramatta?

(3.) The like information for the railway from Sydney to Hurstville, on the Illawarra line?

(4.) The like information for the Sydney and suburban tramways?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that this information cannot be given, as the Returns are not compiled in such a form as to admit of such details being afforded, and, in fact, any Return that could be shown would only be approximate, and without practical value, while the compilation of the figures would involve a large expense. The sectional Returns that were issued in former years were simply approximate, and without practical value. The Commissioners would not like to put forward Returns of a similar nature, as they would simply be misleading. If in any way I can assist the Honorable Member through the papers in the office I shall be glad to do so.

(15.) Removal of Land Board Offices from Tamworth to Narrabri:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Local Land Offices, recommend that the Land Board Office at Tamworth should be removed to Narrabri?

(2.) Did such Commission report that a saving of £7,000 would be effected by the transfer of the Land Board Offices to Narrabri?

(3.) Does he intend to carry out the recommendation of the Commission?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The Board of Inquiry recommended the reconstruction of various Land Board Districts, in which the abolition of the Tamworth Land Board Office was involved. The Board's recommendations having been carefully considered, instructions were given to defer action in regard to the proposed abolition, until the effect of the passing of the Land Act of 1889, so far as it applied to the termination of the Pastoral Leases in the Eastern Division, had been ascertained.

(16.) Pay to Government Employees, Eight-hour Day:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men employed on the Centennial Park were refused the Eight Hours proclaimed holiday?

(2.) If so, what was the reason for such refusal?

(3.) Was not such holiday granted to all other Government employees?

(4.) If not, what classes were excepted, and why?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The men were not refused leave, but they left their work without asking permission. It has been always usual to allow the men permanently employed all public holidays, but it has not been usual to extend the indulgence to temporary hands.

(17.) Freights on Agricultural Produce:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners made a statement to any deputation or Member of Parliament waiting upon them respecting the freights charged on agricultural produce to the effect, that if Parliament could be induced to consent to a general reduction of wages of all railway employees to the extent of about 30 per cent., that the Commissioners would at once largely reduce the freight rates on such agricultural produce?

(2.) If so, when, to whom, and under what circumstances was such statement made?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that there is not one word of truth in the insinuation contained in the question. It is not necessary for the Railway Commissioners to seek the authorisation of Parliament in regard to rates of pay of the railway employees; but as the Commissioners have considerably improved the condition of the staff since they took office, it is quite clear that there is no justification for making such an insinuation.

(18.) Supply of coal to Railway Department:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Government made any agreement with Alderman Archer, of Burwood, to make a house-to-house canvass for the purpose of working any coal mine for or on behalf of the Railway Commissioners?

(2.) If so, what is the consideration, present or prospective, which Alderman Archer is to receive for making such canvass (if any)?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have no knowledge whatever of any agreement such as is suggested by the Honorable Member's Question.

(19.) Contract at Sans Souci:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a job at Sans Souci was recently given to *Mr. McSweeney* without competition?

(2.) If so, will he please say what reason guided such decision?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that nothing is known of this matter.

(20.) Contractors for Foot-bridge at Redfern Station:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the contractors who have, or are making, the alterations to the foot-bridge at Redfern Station?
- (2.) Were tenders invited for the work; if not, for what reason?
- (3.) Is either of such contractors related to the late Chief Clerk of the Existing Lines Department?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed Taylor & McClure are the contractors for the alterations of foot-bridges, &c., Redfern. Tenders were invited for the work from a number of firms, and Taylor & McClure's, being the lowest, was accepted.

(3.) The Department does not require each of their employees to give in a list of their relatives for the purposes of record; and, therefore, the question as to whether any relationship exists between an ex-clerk in the Department and the contractor cannot be answered.

5. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—

- (1.) By *Mr. Bowman*—From certain Residents of Kurragong.
- (2.) By *Mr. Colls*—From certain Residents of the Electoral District of Yass and Burrowa.
- (3.) By *Sir Henry Parkes*—From certain Residents of Manly.
- (4.) By *Mr. O'Connor*—From certain Residents of West Sydney, &c.
- (5.) By *Mr. Goodchap*—From certain Residents of Redfern and Waterloo.
- (6.) By *Mr. Goodchap*—From certain Residents of Redfern.
- (7.) By *Mr. Bruncker*—From *William N. Wilson*, Moderator, and *John S. Macpherson*, Clerk of the Presbytery of Maitland.
- (8.) By *Mr. Black*—From certain Residents of Coonabarabran.
- (9.) By *Mr. Martin*—From Representatives of the Evangelical Alliance of New South Wales.
- (10.) By *Mr. Torpy*—From certain Residents of Orange.
- (11.) By *Mr. Torpy*—From certain Residents of Spring Hill.
- (12.) By *Mr. Wheeler*—From certain Residents of Petersham.
- (13.) By *Mr. Wheeler*—From certain Residents of Summer Hill and vicinity.
- (14.) By *Mr. Wheeler*—From certain Residents of Kogarah.
- (15.) By *Mr. Wheeler*—From certain Residents of Canterbury.
- (16.) By *Mr. FitzGerald*—From certain Residents of Muswellbrook.
- (17.) By *Mr. FitzGerald*—From certain Residents of Muswellbrook.
- (18.) By *Mr. FitzGerald*—From certain Residents of Rouchel.
- (19.) By *Mr. Chapman*—From certain Residents of Glebe and Forest Lodge.
- (20.) By *Mr. Turner*—From certain Residents of Gunnedah.
- (21.) By *Mr. Turner*—From certain Residents of Gunnedah.
- (22.) By *Mr. Turner*—From certain Residents of Boggabri and Gunnedah.
- (23.) By *Mr. Holborow*—From certain Residents of the Taralga District.
- (24.) By *Mr. Holborow*—From certain Residents of Taralga.
- (25.) By *Mr. Teece*—From certain Residents of Goulburn.

Petitions received.

6. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1891, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1890 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. McMillan*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

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 Expenditure for the year 1891, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1890 and previous years.

Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1890.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 11th June, 1890, "Receipts and Expenditure under the Rabbit Nuisance Act."
- (2.) Return showing the Annual Expenditure at the present time under the "Rabbit Nuisance Act."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Walcha.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on the 14th May, 1890, "Orange Hospital."
- (3.) Return to an Address adopted on the 16th September, 1890, "Case of Henry Williams, who was arrested at Moree."
- (4.) Report of the Board of Health on the Deposit of Garbage in the Borough of Redfern on a site for building purposes.
- (5.) Information respecting Parramatta and Newington Asylums.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the cost to the State for Maintenance of Prisoners during the year 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 8th July, 1890, "Imprisonment of Cabman Sweetman, Mount Rennie Crime."

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 7th August, 1890, "Conditional Purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, Land District of Lismore."

8. PRIVILEGE—(*Sent of J. H. Young, Esquire*):—Mr. Crick moved, That the Seat of J. H. Young, Esquire, one of the Members for the Hastings and Manning, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Traill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Copland.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Alison,	
Mr. McRue,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Woodward,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Garrau,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. FitzGerald,	

Noes, 53.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Want,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Burns,	*Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hutchison	*Mr. Chapman,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. King,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Street,	Sir Henry Parkes.
Mr. Seaver,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Dowel.

* So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ELECTORAL BILL:—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 for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; for the establishment of a system of registration; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and for other purposes auxiliary to, and connected with, the aforesaid objects.
Question put and passed.
10. BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889; and to enable the said Council to recover rates; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garland 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 declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889; and to enable the said Council to recover rates; and for other purposes,"—read a first time.
11. HISTORY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the terms and conditions on which the Colonial Treasurer required the second and succeeding volumes of the History of New South Wales, to be written by Mr. G. B. Barton.
Question put and passed.
12. MR. T. R. ICELY, VISITING MAGISTRATE TO LORD HOWE ISLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Toohey, for Mr. Traill, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the complaints made against Mr. T. R. Icelly, visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island, and his reports thereon.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tenders for Flood-gate on Lawrence Drain:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for construction of a flood-gate on Lawrence-drain?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders will be invited almost immediately.

- (2.) Dredge for Sportsman's Creek, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the navigation of Sportsman's Creek, Clarence River, is almost stopped, owing to the silting of the channel?

(2.) Will he take early steps to have a dredge sent to said creek to remove obstruction?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am not aware, but instructions have been given for the creek to be examined, and the matter reported on as quickly as possible.

- (3.) Accident to No. 32 Up-goods Train.—Train Mileage for Month of September:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any accident happened within the last six weeks to No. 32 up-goods train?

(2.) If so, what are the circumstances; and what was the cause of the accident?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing the train mileage for the month of September, 1890, distinguishing productive and unproductive mileage; and showing, also, the same particulars for the previous month of August?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that goods train referred to struck a stone at 15 miles 57½ chains north, which had been dislodged in blasting operations, and two trucks left the rails.

(3.) I cannot consent to furnish the information to the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Regulations as to Free Passes made by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to his reply to Question No. 5, on Wednesday, the 15th October,—will he state whether the opinion of the Attorney-General has been obtained as to the legality of the by-law referred to, and whether it is not antagonistic to the Government Railways Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The opinion of the Attorney-General has not been obtained, and by-law is not considered to be antagonistic to the Railways Act.

2. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—

(1.) By Mr. Cullen—From certain Adherents of the Congregational Church at Manly.

(2.) By Mr. Hayes, for Mr. Mackinnon—From certain Residents of Young.

(3.) By Mr. Hayes, for Mr. Mackinnon—From certain Residents of Murrumburrah.

(4.) By Mr. Hayes, for Mr. Mackinnon—From certain Residents of Temora district.

(5.) By Mr. Woodward—From certain Residents of Bulli and Woonona.

(6.) By Mr. Woodward—From certain Residents of Dapto.

(7.) By Mr. Abigail—From certain Residents and persons employed in the Electoral District of West Sydney.

(8.) By Mr. Cooke, for Mr. Ferguson—From certain Residents of Wellington, &c.

(9.) By Mr. Cooke, for Mr. Ferguson—From certain Residents of Molong, Garra, and Warne, &c.

(10.) By Mr. Cooke, for Mr. Ferguson—From certain Residents of Hill End.

(11.) By Mr. Hurley—From certain Residents of Sunny Corner, &c.

(12.) By Mr. Hurley—From certain Residents of Lithgow, Eskbank, &c.

(13.) By Mr. Hurley—From certain Residents of Lithgow.

Petitions received.

3. **BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL** (*Formal Motion*) —Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Blayney Municipal Council 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. Plumb, Mr. Wall, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Walker, Mr. Vivian, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
4. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—
 (2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,194, to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1891.
 On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
5. **WAYS AND MEANS** (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 asked leave to sit again.
 Question proposed,—That leave be given to sit again.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
6. **PAPER**:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1891.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

INTENDED RETIREMENT OF MR. SPEAKER:—Mr. Speaker (The Honorable James Henry Young, Esquire) addressed the House as follows:—

I desire to inform the House that, in view of the debate which took place on Wednesday last, and the Notice of Motion now on the Business Paper for to-morrow in the name of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dibbs, I have made up my mind to retire from the position I now occupy as Speaker of this House, and that my resignation of that office will be in the hands of the Clerk before the House meets to-morrow.

I need scarcely say that I take this step with considerable pain. I have been overtaken by commercial disaster, brought about by circumstances entirely beyond my control, and by no action of mine for which I have reason to be ashamed.

I am not conscious of having done anything either politically, commercially, or privately calculated to bring discredit or dishonour on the high position I have had the honour to occupy, nor do I recognise any legal necessity for me to vacate that position or my seat as a Member of this House; but I feel that if my occupancy of the Chair is to be made the subject of repeated Notices of Motion, and consequent unpleasant debate, the position would be intolerable to myself and lowering to the dignity of this House.

I should like to be allowed further to say that, during the three years and a half that I have held the office of Speaker, I have always endeavoured to perform its duties with fairness, both to parties and to individuals; naturally I have made mistakes; that must be considered inevitable with the very ablest public man; but I will ask the House to believe that these have never been anything but errors of judgment, and that I have never intentionally done any Honorable Member a wrong.

The duties of the Chair are of a most onerous and arduous character, requiring a very full knowledge of Parliamentary history and procedure, as well as a nice and quick perception of delicate points which frequently arise in a sudden way, and sometimes when one's faculties may be somewhat blunted by lengthened sittings, I therefore bespeak for my successor, whoever he may be, that consideration at the hands of Honorable Members which alone will enable him to do credit to the office however great his abilities may be.

I have only further to thank Honorable Members for the consideration they have shown me; to acknowledge the great assistance always so readily given me by the Clerk, Mr. Webb, and the other officers of the House; and to express the hope that the future actions and deliberations of this Great Assembly will be a credit to New South Wales, and conduce in the very highest degree to the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Dibbs then addressed the House, expressing their sympathy with Mr. Speaker, and regret for the necessity of his retirement.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until To-morrow at Twelve o'clock (noon).

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Diseases in Sheep Act:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the return which he recently promised, showing the total sum collected under the Diseases in Sheep Act during the last ten years, and the way in which it has been expended?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This return is not yet completed. It will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(2.) Railway Accident near Bathurst:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to his answer to Mr. Crick's Question on 12th June, 1890,—is it a fact that Mr. Kirkcaldie, Chief Inspector, asked that the account referred to should be sent in *in globo*, and further asked the local station-master to see that this was done?

(2.) Was the account referred to sent in *in globo*, and afterwards returned to Bathurst, through Sub-inspector Duff, for particulars?

(3.) Has the account been paid yet?

(4.) Does the account include the following items:—Cigars, £7 10s.; banquet, £34 10s.; drinks, £12 6s.?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the statements made are without foundation, and the whole question was dealt with in the reply given to the Honorable Member on the 12th June, 1890.

(3.) Harbour Improvements, Clarence River Heads:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will work be recommenced in connection with carrying out the harbour improvements at the Clarence River Heads?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders will be invited for the first portion of the work some time next month.

(4.) Flying-fox Nuisance:—Mr. Alexander Brown, for Mr. Stevenson, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Has any, and if so what, provision been made to cope with the flying-fox nuisance?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Provision has been made in the Stock and Pastures Bill for dealing with the flying-fox and other noxious animals.

(5.) Regulations as to Free Passes made by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to his reply to Question No. 4, 16th October,—will he take the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the by-law therein referred to is not antagonistic to the 27th section of the Government Railways Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I shall be glad to consult the Honorable the Attorney-General in the matter.

4. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Alexander Brown presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough and other Municipalities, with the consent of the respective Councils thereof, with the electric light, and to supply electricity to consumers for private use; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents; and acquire or construct works and break open streets; remove obstructions; and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money; enter into contracts; sell or lease fittings; and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.

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

Petition received.

5. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—

(1.) By Mr. Ritchie—From certain Residents of Ryde.

(2.) By Mr. Alison—From certain Residents of Warren.

(3.) By Mr. Garland—From certain Residents in the Electoral District of Carcoar.

(4.) By Mr. Morton—From certain Residents of Milton.

(5.) By Mr. Plumb—From certain Residents of Mount Macquarie, &c.

(6.) By Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Garrett—From certain Resident of Camden and surrounding district.

(7.) By Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Garrett—From certain Residents of Bowral.

(8.) By Mr. Abigail—From the Minister and certain Members and adherents of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Sydney.

(9.) By Mr. Inglis—From certain Residents of Bundarra, Tingha, Ollera, &c.

(10.) By Mr. Molesworth—From the Bishop of Sydney.

Petitions received.

6. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA:—

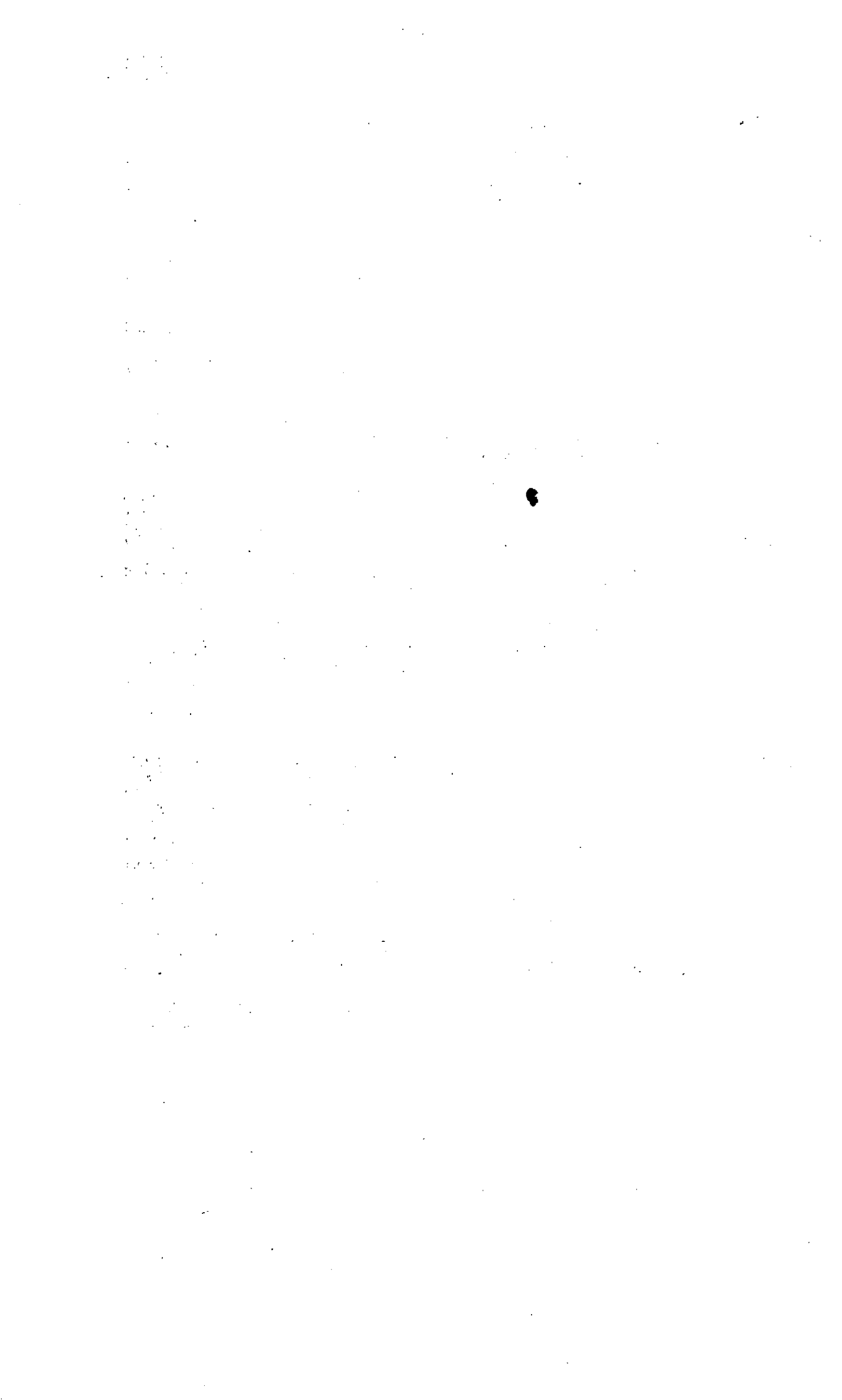
(1.) Mr. Dalton presented a Petition from William Tom, of Guyong, near Orange, praying that he may be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the "Claims of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister as the first discoverers of gold in Australia."

At the request of Mr. Dalton, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.

(2.) Mr. Dalton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted. Question put and passed.

7. **PROPOSED WIDENING OF MOORE-STREET**:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from Charles E. Pilcher, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney assembled at the Town Hall, George-street, submitting a Resolution, adopted by the said meeting, that advantage should be taken of the opportunity afforded by the recent destruction by fire of the buildings on the north side of Moore-street to widen that street between Pitt and Castlereagh Streets; and praying the House to take the Resolution into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th October.
(2.) Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill; resumption of adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time;"—until Tuesday, 28th October.
(3.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday next.
9. **MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE HOSPITAL**:—Mr. Walker 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 management of the Orange Hospital, with especial reference to the treatment of Dr. Goode by the Directors and Matron.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Crick, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Willis, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
- Unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker*:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read the following note which Mr. Speaker had addressed to him:—"I find that it will be impossible for me to take the Chair after tea this evening. I shall therefore be glad if you will so inform the House, and that Mr. Melville may be allowed to perform my duties for the remainder of the sitting."
Whereupon the Chairman of the Committees, under the provision contained in the 2nd Standing Order, took the Chair of the House for the remainder of this day.
- Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
10. **PILOTAGE RATES, SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE**:—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present pilotage rates levied at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle are excessive, and, in the interests of the commerce of this Colony, should be considerably reduced.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES**:—Mr. Joseph Abbott 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 provision to be made on an Additional or Supplementary Estimate for 1890, for the payment to country and suburban municipalities of a further additional grant of five shillings in the pound on the total amount of rates collected by such municipalities for the municipal year ending 4th February, 1890.
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. Deputy Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Twelve o'clock (noon).

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1890.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

VACANCY OF THE SPEAKERSHIP :—The Clerk announced that he had received the following letter from Mr. Speaker :—

“ Parliament of New South Wales,
“ Speaker’s Room, Sydney, 21st October, 1890.
“ Sir,
“ I have to request that at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to-morrow (Wednesday) you will communicate to Honorable Members my resignation of the office of Speaker.
“ Yours very truly,
“ F. W. Webb, Esq.,
“ Clerk of the Assembly.”
“ JAMES HENRY YOUNG.

2. ELECTION OF SPEAKER :—Sir Henry Parkes, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor having been informed of the resignation by the Honorable James Henry Young, of the office of Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker. Mr. Copeland then (addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, and moved,—“ That Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Black. The House then calling Mr. Abbott to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House. The House then again unanimously calling Mr. Abbott to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Copeland and Mr. Black, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him, and then took his seat. Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Dibbs congratulated Mr. Speaker. Sir Henry Parkes acquainted the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House at four o’clock to-day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at six minutes before One o’clock, until half-past Three o’clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

3. PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER :—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the House proceeded to Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—
And having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed His Excellency the Governor that the office of Speaker having become vacant by reason of the resignation of Mr. J. H. Young, the Assembly in accordance with their undoubted rights and privileges had proceeded to elect a Speaker, and as the object of their choice he presented himself to His Excellency for approval ;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to approve of him as Speaker, and to offer him his congratulations.
Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the high honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

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

“ *By His Excellency the Right Honorable 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 present 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 authorise the Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-fourth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

5. **QUESTIONS:—**

- (1.) **Police Office and Lock-up for Minmi:**—Mr. Creer asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the long-promised police office and lock-up for Minmi be commenced?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As soon as the site has been conveyed, the necessary steps will be taken for proceeding with the erection of the building.

- (2.) **Benefit Societies:**—Mr. Creer asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many benefit societies are registered in the Colony?

(2.) What are the names and total number of members of each society, together with the amount of accumulated funds of each?

(3.) What was the *pro rata* death and sick rate of each society for the year 1889?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The total number of benefit societies registered in the Colony is 976; but this number, if intended to represent actually existing societies, would have to be reduced by about ninety, leaving as a net total 886, of which thirty-five are Grand or District Lodges.

(2 and 3.) It will be impossible, from the records in the office of the Registrar of Friendly Societies, to answer these questions with any degree of accuracy; and even approximately accurate answers would require the Officer in charge of the Records to devote the whole of his time to do the work of dissecting the returns (which are in many cases very incomplete) during at least six weeks. Moreover, in respect of some heads on which information is sought, the returns of many societies give no information whatever.

- (3.) **Reserves in the Molong District:**—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state or furnish a list of all the reserves in the Molong district, for the information of the general public; the area of the same; where they are situated; how long they have existed as reserves; and the purposes for which the land is reserved?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A Return, giving the information sought by the Honorable Member, will be prepared if moved for in the usual manner.

- (4.) **Cancellation of Land from Dedication, Parish of Willoughby:**—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the purpose for which 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, parish Willoughby, is being cancelled from dedication, under notice of date 10th October; papers—Miscellaneous, 90-14,110?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This land was originally dedicated for public recreation, and not being required for that purpose (several other areas in the neighbourhood being also dedicated) was resumed under the 105th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, with a view to its being submitted to auction sale, after subdivision, and otherwise dealt with.

- (5.) **Amendment of Hospital Act:**—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the representations made by the Committee of the Deniliquin and other hospitals throughout the Colony, for an amendment of the Hospital Act, will he introduce an amending Act during the present Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot give a definite answer, except to this extent—that the question shall be fully considered, with a view to such amendment as the law may require.

- (6.) **Amount paid for Principal and Interest under Act 31 Vic. No. 11:**—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount already paid for principal and interest under the Act 31 Victoria No. 11?

(2.) The amount still payable under the said Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied to-morrow.

(7.) Bridges at Morpeth and Hinton:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. McRae*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the effect of the report of the Examiners of Public Works *re* the construction of the bridges at Morpeth and Hinton?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The report in question has not yet been received, but the Examiners expect to complete it before the close of the present month.

(8.) Largs Ferry:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. McRae*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the Largs Ferry be reinstated, seeing that it has not been running since the last flood?

(2.) Will action be taken to remedy this inconvenience to the farmers?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The Engineer has reported that it would be inadvisable to run this ferry on the same line as before, in consequence of the alterations made by the recent floods in the course of the river.

(2.) The Commissioner for Roads has been instructed to report on the matter without delay.

(9.) Working of the Fisheries Act:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any action this Session upon the report of the Select Committee on our fisheries, by introducing an amended Fisheries Bill?

(2.) Under the present Fisheries Act is it a fact that, according to the report of the Select Committee, the fishermen are subjected to prosecutions—half the fines going to the inspector prosecuting?

(3.) Is it a fact that a number of fishermen have been recently fined under the present Act, and being unable to pay the amount with costs, have been compelled to go to gaol; if so, will he communicate with the Commissioners to see if any action can be taken, pending the passing of an amended Act, to afford the fishermen some relief?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners of Fisheries have now under consideration a Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the existing fisheries and oyster fisheries laws.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Commissioners are not aware that the alternative of imprisonment has been adopted.

(10.) Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any, and what, action been taken in reference to the establishment of a monthly Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea, for the convenience of the residents of Wallarah and the Lake Macquarie district, in accordance with a paper laid upon the Table of the House on the 19th August last?

Mr. Gould answered,—The necessary steps have been taken for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea, which will be proclaimed in due course.

(11.) Recreation Grounds for Public Schools:—*Mr. O. O. Dangar* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have any measures been taken by him to secure larger areas of land in connection with the Public Schools of the Colony, to be used by the children attending such schools as recreation grounds?

(2.) What provision has been made on the Estimates for 1891 for the purchase of larger areas where the present school-grounds are insufficient or unsuitable?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Provision was made for this purpose in the Loan Estimates for 1889. It is therefore not necessary to place an amount on the Estimates for 1891.

(12.) Bridge over the Lachlan at Cowra:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any date been fixed for the receipt of tenders for the construction of the new bridge over the Lachlan, at Cowra?

(2.) If not, when will tenders be obtained?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders will be invited for this work in about six weeks.

(13.) Constable Slater:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any decision been come to with reference to Constable Slater's case; if so, will he get a pension for life, and at what rate per annum?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that Constable Slater's case will be reconsidered at the end of twelve months.

(14.) Supply of Coal to Railway Department:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Turner*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a contract to supply the Railway Department for two years with coal has been entered into by the Commissioners with the Rix's Creek Coal-mining Company, no opportunity being given for other companies to compete?

(2.) If such contract has been made, what is the price and quantity to be supplied?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I think it undesirable at the present time to give any information with regard to coal supply.

6. BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL:—*Mr. Garland*, 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 16th October, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garland then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from certain Residents of Woodburn, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour.
Petition received.
8. PAPERS:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, of land, parish of Hunter's Hill, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of an approach road to Meadow Bank Railway Platform.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, of land, parish of Burwood, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of a line of tramway from Ashfield Railway Station to Portland-place.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land at Double Bay, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sewerage of the City of Sydney and Suburbs.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, in connection with the enlargement of the Post Office at West Maitland.
 - (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land at Paterson, county of Durham, in connection with the Conservation of Water.
 - (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land at Oxley Island, Manning River, parish of Oxley, county of Macquarie, for wharf accommodation.
 - (7.) Correspondence, Reports, &c., respecting the Erection of Bridges over Mihi and Dangar Creeks.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th July, 1890, "Reserve known as Seven-mile Beach, Shoalhaven River."

9. LEPROSY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the notification of cases of leprosy; for the detention and isolation of lepers; the appointment of lazarets; 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, 22nd October, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

LEPROSY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd October, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 4, line 25. *After "person," insert "so ordered."*
 Page 2, clause 4, line 26. *After "neglects," insert "forthwith"*
 Page 2, clause 4, line 28. *After "lazaret," insert "or place of isolation."*
 Page 2, clause 4, line 35. *After "force," insert "or such other person."*

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.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that in consequence of his election to the Chair, he had resigned his position as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
 (2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing William John Lyne, 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—

William John Lyne, 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 Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, resigned.

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,
 “ this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
 “ hundred and ninety.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,
 “ Speaker.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Regulations as to Free Passes made by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he at once lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) Who are the owners of the land to which the concession *re* railway passes apply?
 (2.) Is any of the land, if so how much, the property of the Crown?

Mr. Brunker answered,—If moved for in the usual manner, a return will be prepared giving the names of the original grantees of lands abutting on or adjacent to the railways within the limits specified by the Railway Commissioners, but the Lands Department, having no cognizance of any subsequent dealings with such grants, is not in a position to furnish the names of the present owners. A return will also be prepared, if moved for, showing the area of Crown Lands abutting on or adjacent to the railway lines within such limits, if the Honorable Member will also specify the distance from the railway lines he would wish the information to apply to.

- (2.) Erection of a Bridge at Goolgong, on the Lachlan:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have tenders yet been invited for the erection of a bridge at Goolgong, on the Lachlan; if so, will he state when the work is likely to be proceeded with, and why the work is being delayed after promises having been made that this bridge should be erected?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders have not yet been invited, as it was found upon examination of the site that a much larger amount would be required than had been approved of. The papers have therefore been referred to the Examiners of Public Works proposals for report.

- (3.) Mining District of Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Has any person yet been sent from the Mines Department to report on the mineral deposits at Cargo, in the district of Molong; if so, will he state the nature of such report?
 (2.) If no report has yet been obtained, will he see that a competent officer is at once sent up to inspect and report on the Cargo district, as promised to Dr. Ross some two months back?

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Mr. W. H. J. Slee, F.G.S., Chief Inspector of Mines, visited the Cargo District in 1889, and reported on the Ironclad, Franks, the Dolcoath, and one or two other mines. Mr. Slee recommended that Gum Flat should be systematically prospected west of M'Guinness' Reef for alluvial gold, where the sinking would probably be deep, but comparatively easy. He attributed the somewhat backward state of mining in this district to a want of enterprise and of co-operation amongst the inhabitants of Cargo. Mr. Wilkinson reported on the Cargo district in 1878, and visited and reported on part of the same district in 1886, when he reported on several mines in the Molong District, as Delany's Dyke, Gumble, Copper Hill, Gara, and Sam's Mount, &c. A competent officer will revisit the Cargo district next month.

- (4.) Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a report yet from the Examiner who proceeded to Brewarrina, to report on the proposal for a railway from Byrock to Brewarrina; and, if so, is it his intention to submit to Parliament a resolution to refer this work to the Works Committee for their inspection and report?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will presently lay the report upon the Table of the House. The matter has not yet been decided by the Cabinet.

- (5.) Governor's Residence at Hill View, Sutton Forest:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a residence for the Governor at Hill View, Sutton Forest?

(2.) How much of the £10,000 already voted for such purpose is now available?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) I must refer the Honorable Member on this matter to my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary, as it comes properly under his Department.

(2.) I find there is none available, having been written off in 1885.

- (6.) Employees under Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to Mr. Dale's Question No. 20, subsection (3), Votes and Proceedings, of 9th October, and Mr. Bruce Smith's answer thereto,—will the Minister kindly say if it is not a fact that all employees who are connected with the Water and Sewerage Board, and who have been absent on account of sickness, have not received full pay when absent from work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Board has furnished me with a reply to the effect that, as a general rule, all employees who are absent through illness, duly certified by a medical man, are granted full pay during such absence. There may be one or two exceptional cases where the circumstances are unusual. If the Honorable Member will mention any particular cases which he wishes to inquire into, I shall be glad to obtain further particulars.

- (7.) Tram Extension from Forest Lodge to Balmain West:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How long does he anticipate it will be till tenders are called for the construction of the promised tram extension from Forest Lodge to Balmain West?

(2.) Is it his intention to study the convenience of those likely to make use of the new extension, by making it a double line instead of a single one, as is now in use to Forest Lodge?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No definite time can be given at present. A more than usually complex survey is necessary, which is now in progress. Probably four months will be occupied before tenders can be called for, and the permanent way has to be imported.

(2.) The estimate is for a single track. To lay down a double track would bring the cost above £20,000, and necessitate the whole matter standing over till dealt with by the Public Works Committee.

- (8.) Public Schools Concert:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at the proposed public school concert to be given next week the children selected to sing are to be taken only from the city public school?

(2.) If so, what is the reason that children attending suburban public schools have been ignored in this matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Children have been selected from the suburban public schools as well as the city public schools.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE HOSPITAL:—Mr. Walker (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Management of the Orange Hospital" be authorised to make a visit of inspection to, and to hold an enquiry and take evidence at, the Orange Hospital; and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visit of inspection.
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1891, 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 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers respecting construction of a break-water at Trial Bay.

(2.) Report of the Assistant Examiner of Public Works Proposals upon the proposed branch line of Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.

Ordered to be printed.

Reports, letters, &c., respecting the question of draining Swamps in the Macleay River District.

Mr.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations respecting State School and University Bursaries.
 - (2.) Summary of Return to Order, made on the 17th September, 1890, "Public, High, and Superior Schools."
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 17th September, 1890, "Public, High, and Superior Schools."

5. RESERVES IN THE MOLONG DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of reserves in the Molong district; the area of the same; where they are situated; how long they have existed as reserves; and the purposes for which such land has been reserved.
Question put and passed.

6. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) *Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Alexander Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough and other Municipalities, with the consent of the respective Councils thereof, with the electric light, and to supply electricity to consumers for private use; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents; and acquire or construct works and break open streets; remove obstructions; and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money; enter into contracts; sell or lease fittings; and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Creer* 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 give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough and other Municipalities with the consent of the respective Councils thereof with the electric light, and to supply electricity to consumers for private use; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents; and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings; and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,"—read a first time.

7. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF J. SMITH, J. M. D. SULLIVAN, AND A. CAMPBELL, LAND DISTRICT OF LISMORE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Nicoll, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Conditional Purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, Land District of Lismore," laid upon the Table on 15th October, 1890, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, stand adjourned until Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.

9. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.

10. 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, until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1890.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
ELECTORATE OF WEST SYDNEY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 15th instant, declaring the seat of Alfred Lamb, Esquire, vacant, the late Speaker had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Lamb, and that such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.
 2. **DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL**:—Mr. Traill presented a Petition from Edgar F. Tye, President, and A. Maclaren, Secretary, of the Australasian Secular Association of New South Wales, submitting reasons in favour of the Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill becoming law; and praying that the House will, in the interests of morality, favourably consider that Bill.
 Petition received.
 3. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, or to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—
 - (1.) By Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*)—From certain Residents of Glen Innes and vicinity.
 - (2.) By Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*)—From certain Residents of Glen Innes.
 - (3.) By Mr. A. Beckett—From certain Residents of Parkes and The Bogan.
 Petitions received.
 4. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—
 - (1.) The whole of the Business on the Notice Paper down to and inclusive of Notice No. 1 of General Business postponed (*by consent*) until after Notice No. 2 of General Business.
 - (2.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 18th November.
 - (3.) Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 18th November.
 5. **FISCAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That this House deplores the pretext put forward by the Government for the indefinite postponement of the announcement of their fiscal policy.
 - (2.) This House is of opinion a protective policy is necessary to stimulate our agricultural and manufacturing industries, and to provide profitable employment for the people.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor
 Debate ensued.
- Interruption.*
6. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Adolphus George Taylor, 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 West Sydney.
 7. **FISCAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE**:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 6,—resumed.

The Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. A. G. Taylor, proceeding to address the House as a matter of Privilege, in explanation of the reference made by the Honorable Member, Mr. Hurley, and the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. McMillan, to a statement which he, Mr. Taylor, was reported to have made about Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen,—

Mr. Speaker stated that the matter referred to was properly one for personal explanation, and could not be allowed to interrupt the proceedings on the ground of Privilege.

And the Honorable Member, Mr. A. G. Taylor, refusing to obey the Chair, he was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Sergeant-at-Arms, to be excluded during the present meeting of the House.

Mr. Speaker then explained to the House his reasons for directing Mr. A. G. Taylor's removal.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Garvan moved, "That" this House disapproves of the action of Mr. Speaker in ordering the removal from the Chamber of the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. A. G. Taylor, when he rose to explain some statements made in this House charging him with seditious speech during his candidature for a Seat in Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Willis 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 Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. A. G. Taylor, be heard in his place in this Honorable House, with reference to the matter now under discussion."

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, 30 OCTOBER, 1890, A.M.

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

Ayes, 62.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. King,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Nicoll,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. W. E. Abbott.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Scaver,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Baraes,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Garvan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That this House disapproves of the action of Mr. Speaker in ordering the removal from the Chamber of the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. A. G. Taylor, when he rose to explain some statements made in this House charging him with seditious speech during his candidature for a Seat in Parliament.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Willis,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Ferguson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 63.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Nicoll,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scaver,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Mitchell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1890.

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

MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL 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 extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill,*"—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 October, 1890.

2. LABOUR STRIKE:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from James Finch, Chairman of the Labour Defence Committee, representing that at a meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, held on the 29th October instant, at which were represented no less than twelve thousand men now out on strike, and at least twenty thousand women and children, a total of more than thirty-two thousand persons who are directly affected by the strike, it was resolved that application should be made to the House that he should be heard at the Bar in respect of the causes of the strike, and the great distress consequent thereon; and praying that the House may be pleased to resolve that he be heard at the Bar.
At the request of Mr. A. G. Taylor, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
3. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, or to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour:—
- (1.) By Mr. Joseph Abbott—From certain Residents of Newtown, Enmore, &c.
 - (2.) By Mr. Wheeler—From certain Residents of Petersham, &c.
 - (3.) By Mr. Cullen—From certain Residents of Gordon and Hornsby.
 - (4.) By Mr. Thompson—From certain Residents of West Maitland.
 - (5.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain Residents of New South Wales in various Electoral Districts.
- Petitions received.
4. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN:—Mr. Ball, 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 9th September, 1890; together with Appendix.
Mr. Ball moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:—Mr. A. G. Taylor, in making a personal explanation, repeated language which had been ruled out of order,—
Whereupon Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of the Additional Standing Orders, directed him to discontinue his speech.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—

- (1.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; second reading ;—postponed until Tuesday, 9th December.
 (2.) Hawkesbury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—postponed until Tuesday, 9th December.
 (3.) The whole of the Government Business on the Notice Paper for to-day postponed until Wednesday next.

7. FISCAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs,—

- “ (1.) “That,” this House deploras the pretext put forward by the Government for the indefinite postponement of the announcement of their fiscal policy.
 “ (2.) This House is of opinion a protective policy is necessary to stimulate our agricultural and manufacturing industries, and to provide profitable employment for the people.
 “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned debate.

Mr. Ewing 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 action of the Government in postponing the consideration of the fiscal changes at the present time meets with the approval of this House.”

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, 21.

Mr. Dibbs,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Cruickshank,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. Hayes,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Cass,
 Mr. Howe,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Ferguson,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Dr. Ross.

Tellers,

Mr. Alexander Brown,
 Mr. Copland.

Noes, 45.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Lec,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Young,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Plumb.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Tellers,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

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, 46.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Frank Farnell,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Teece,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. King,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Tellers,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Woodward,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Howe,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes.
Tellers,
Mr. Willis.
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That the action of the Government in postponing the consideration of the fiscal changes at the present time meets with the approval of this House.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Bruner,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Frank Farnell,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Thompson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. King,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Joseph Abbctt.
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ritchie.
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Perry,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Howe.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Ferry Traffic between Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government have inquiry and report made as to the ferry traffic between Sydney and the suburbs around the foreshores of the harbour, with a view to determine what would be the best means of securing the inhabitants of these places (numbering about 70,000) regular communication at reasonable cost?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think it would be necessary to have this inquiry authorised. The Government are fully aware of the large number of persons residing in the suburbs mentioned, and of the great traffic, and they will not fail to consider the best means of meeting the wants of that traffic.

- (2.) Police Magistrate, Windsor and Richmond:—Mr. Levien asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Who is the Police Magistrate of Windsor and Richmond?
- (2.) What salary does he receive?
- (3.) When was he appointed to the position of Police Magistrate?
- (4.) How many times has he sat at Richmond since his appointment?
- (5.) How many times has he been requested officially by the local Justices at Richmond to sit there?
- (6.) How many cases have been tried at Windsor since his appointment, stating how many each month?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Mr. William Henry Hughes Becke.
- (2.) £440.
- (3.) 1st July, 1886.
- (4.) Twice. Mr. Becke has at all times been prepared to sit at Richmond whenever his services were required.
- (5.) Three times. On one occasion Mr. Becke was unable to go to Richmond in consequence of other pressing business.
- (6.) 1,655, averaging 32 per month, in addition to which 222 cases and applications have been disposed of in the Licensing Court.

- (3.) Government Officials enrolled as Special Constables:—Mr. Traill asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many officials of the Department under his charge have been enrolled as special constables?
- (2.) What salaries are such officials receiving respectively?
- (3.) On how many days have each of such officials been absent from their regular duties attending parades or other constabulary functions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will see the Return asked for by the Honorable Member in this and the five questions which follow shall be laid upon the Table. This will be the most complete way of giving the information he desires to obtain.

- (4.) Government Moneys in Banks:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the terms on which the Government moneys are distributed amongst the various banks?
- (2.) What amount is deposited in each bank, and at what rate of interest?
- (3.) What rate of interest is received on the departmental account and on the public working account?
- (4.) What amount is there to the credit of the Government in each bank?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It is my intention to place this information upon the Table to-morrow in the form of a Return.

(5.)

(5.) Dismissal of John Cullen from the Dredge Service :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works.—When will the papers in connection with the dismissal of John Cullen from the dredge service be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will to-morrow lay the papers upon the Table.

(6.) Homestead Lessees :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of conceding to homestead lessees a proportionate right to that which appertains to pastoral lessees who search for artesian water ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Such a concession can only be made by Act of Parliament, the 45th clause of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889" not applying to holders of homestead leases.

(7.) Cultivation of Tobacco :—*Mr. Barnes* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the cultivation of tobacco as an industry is becoming strangled by the excessive excise duty placed upon it ?

(2.) Do the Government intend taking any steps to secure the services of an expert grower to instruct Colonial growers as to the best methods of growing and curing tobacco ?

(3.) Would the Government get the tobacco-producing soils of Virginia and New South Wales analysed, to find out if possible wherein the latter differs from the former ; whether there are certain properties in the soil to be worked out, or other properties to be added ; and whether it is possible to produce a tobacco at all equal to Virginia ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Steps have been taken to encourage this industry.

(8.) Reserve Rifle Companies :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Rifle Reserve Companies are there in New South Wales ?

(2.) The total number of members in these companies ?

(3.) The total number of Martini-Henri rifles (the property of the Crown) issued to these Companies ?

(4.) The total number of Martini-Henri rifles in stock at present ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) 98.

(2.) 3,911.

(3.) 1,044.

(4.) 7,692.

(9.) Supply of Flowers from Botanic Gardens to Hospitals :—*Mr. Lync*, for *Mr. Dibbs*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he any objection to the supply of flowers daily from the Botanic Gardens to the hospitals of the city ?

(2.) If he has no objection, will he give the necessary instructions to the Curator of the Gardens ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as it is in the power of the Government to supply these flowers we shall be very happy to supply them ; but I have ascertained on inquiry that if all the hospitals in Sydney were supplied with flowers it would entirely denude the gardens of one of their principal attractions to visitors.

(10.) Tank, Molong Town Common :—*Mr. Traill*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Have tenders yet been invited for the erection of a tank on the town common at Molong ; if so, what is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the work ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered—Tenders have been received for the construction of a work here and were declined, subsequent investigations having demonstrated that the proposed work is not an urgent one.

(11.) Reports on Cases of Leprosy :—*Mr. Nicoll*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the reports by *Dr. Ashburton Thompson* with reference to recent cases of leprosy ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I learn from the head of the Medical Department that there are strong objections to this report being furnished.

(12.) Resumption of Land at Erskine-street for Ferry Traffic :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps have been taken to utilise the land at the foot of Erskine-street, resumed by the Government for the accommodation of ferry traffic ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter is being pushed forward with the utmost expedition.

(13.) Reclamation at White Bay :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the approaching warm weather, will he urge forward as rapidly as possible the reclamation work now going on at White Bay, Balmain ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The reclamation is being made as quickly as possible, all silt available being deposited there ; the filling is very nearly complete.

(14.) Tram Extension, Forest Lodge to Balmain :—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the details that will necessitate four months passing away before a commencement can be made with the promised tram extension from Forest Lodge to Balmain ?

(2.) If in his Department there are not sufficient hands to carry out the work, will he take immediate steps to procure additional assistance, so that it may be started before the end of the present year ?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The descent from Forest Lodge, and the ascent to Balmain being very steep, necessitate taking the tramway through private lands, which require careful detail surveys to be made to avoid having to resume more property than is absolutely necessary. The designing of special works for crossing the heads of the bays will require a further time after completion of surveys. I am glad to be able to say that after further inquiry I can promise that tenders will probably be called for the work about the middle of January.

(2.) Extra assistance has already been obtained ; still further additional hands would not expedite the work.

(15.) Cancellation of Yugilbar and Solferino Gold-field Reserves:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he received a report from Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson, recommending the cancellation of Yugilbar and Solferino Gold-fields Reserves ?

(2.) Is it his intention to confirm the recommendation ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No report has been received.

2. AMALGAMATION OF OFFICES OF CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS AND LAND AGENT AT COONAMBLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Cass, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, &c., in reference to the amalgamation of the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Office at Coonamble.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Railway between Blacktown and Blayney ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 18th November.

(3.) Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;—until Tuesday next.

(4.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Thursday next.

(5.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until To-morrow.

4. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL :—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Stockton against the passing of the Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill now before Parliament.
Petition received.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from Rainsford Bavin, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Woolloomooloo, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation dealing with the liquor traffic will be regarded as satisfactory that does not provide for complete local option without compensation, and prohibit the employment of barmaids in public-houses ; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.

6. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Curley presented a Petition from certain Residents of Stockton, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill ; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, or to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour.
Petition received.

7. RAILWAY FROM BYROCK TO BREWARRINA :—Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government "should" immediately take the necessary steps for the construction of a railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.

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

Mr. Wright moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "should," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "refer to the Public Works Committee the question of inquiring into the desirableness or otherwise of constructing a railway from Byrock to Brewarrina."

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.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbot,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ball,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Frank Farnell.
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Dale,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicoll.
Mr. Copeland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Haesall.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Stokes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Howe.
Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Scobie,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Playfair,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. King,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Young,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Wheeler,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Cullen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF HARDEN:—Mr. Barnes 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 circumstances connected with the forfeiture of Henry Crowe's conditional purchase No. 81-326, and additional conditional purchases, county Harden, parish Gobbarolong, forfeited for non-residence, 31st October, 1888.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. McILVEEN AND CLIFF'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Turner moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Report from the Select Committee on "McIlveen and Cliff's Conditional Purchases," brought up on 30th September, 1890, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Turner.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Cullen,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Paul,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Playfair,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. DUTY ON TEA:—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the duty now imposed on tea should be forthwith removed.

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Howe,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Ball,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers,</i>
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Tonkin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

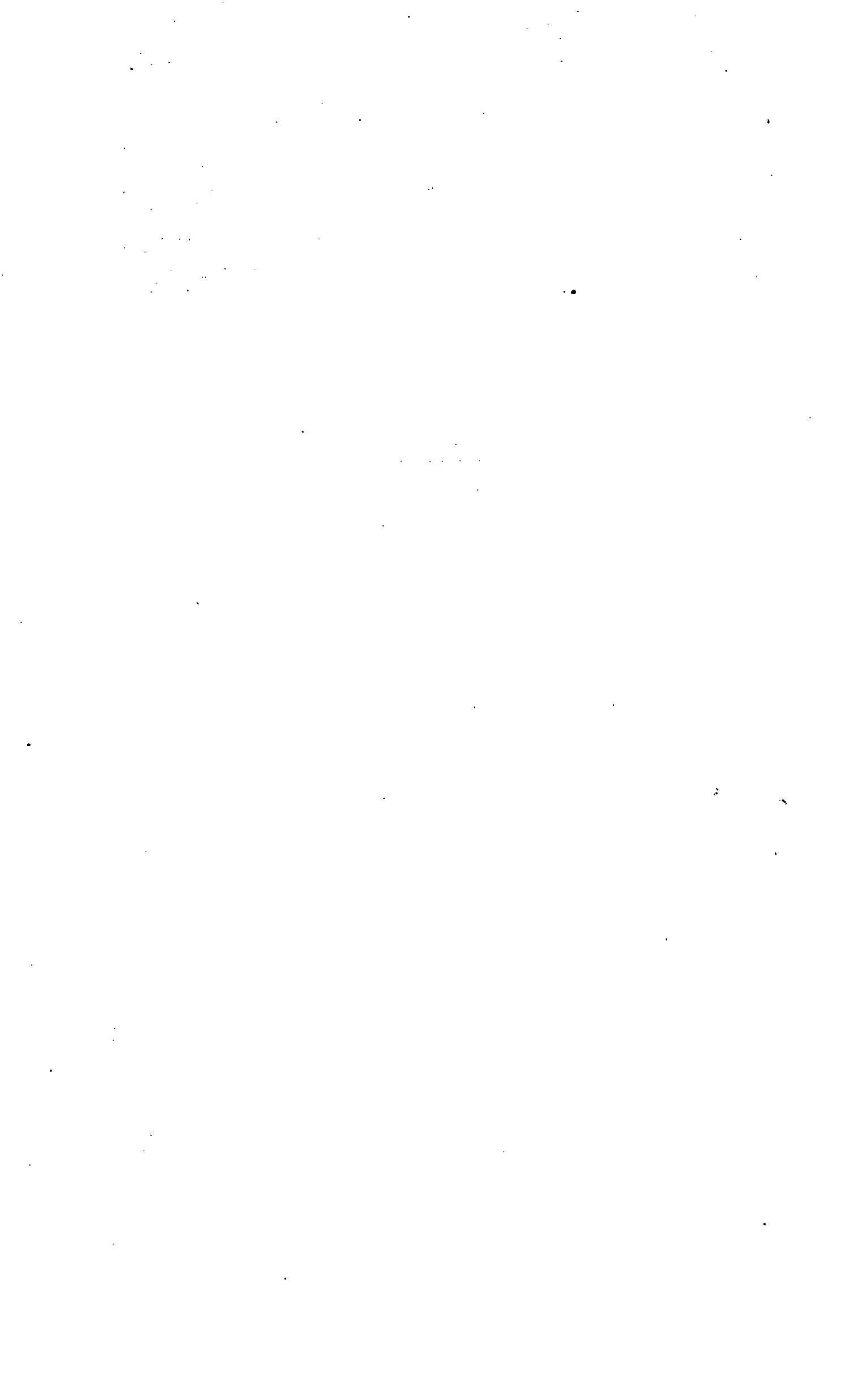
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of Mr. A. G. Taylor, the Honorable Member for West Sydney, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question for the adjournment of the House 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*.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before One o'clock a m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over the Lachlan at Forbes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the imminent danger of crossing upon the old bridge over the Lachlan, at Forbes?

(2.) When was the tender for the new bridge accepted?

(3.) The name of the successful tenderer, and the amount of his contract?

(4.) Will he take steps to compel the contractor to proceed with this work at once?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague is not aware of any such danger, but the local officer has been asked for a report.

(2 and 3.) The tenders were accepted on the 12th of June last,—that of Mr. J. F. Carson, for the supply of the ironwork, for the sum of £7,059 3s. 8d.; and that of Mr. W. H. Downey, for the erection, at £5,113 11s. 4d.

(4.) The first named contract is to be completed within fourteen months from the 25th of June last, and the latter within twenty months from the 14th of July. My honorable colleague sees no reason for supposing that the contracts will not be completed within the time specified.

(2.) Unsurveyed Land in Condobolin District:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at the present time there are 90,000 acres of conditional purchase and conditional lease land in the Condobolin district unsurveyed?

(2.) Is it a fact that one surveyor is unable to keep pace with the present weekly alienations?

(3.) Will he send an additional surveyor to assist in working up the arrears, that the selectors may proceed with their improvements?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am not aware, but inquiry will be at once made of the District Surveyor as to the necessity for employing additional surveyors.(3.) Labour Strike:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that unprecedented poverty and privation are the fruits of the recent conflict between labour and capital?

(2.) What steps do the Government propose to take in regard to the alleviation of such exceptional distress?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have stated on several occasions, it is impossible for the Government not to be aware that much distress must have been caused by the circumstances of the strike, and no doubt the pressure of this distress amongst unhappy women and children is in many instances very intense. With regard to the second question, in a country like ours the Government could not stand by and see any case of absolute destitution, and it will be the duty of the Government to make strict inquiry in any case of absolute destitution amongst women and children. Where such members of the family are in danger of starving the Government will not hesitate to incur the responsibility of trying to relieve such distress.(4.) Manufacture of Locomotives:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was any contract entered into in England by the Government for the manufacture in Sydney, or elsewhere, of locomotives for the public railways; and was the usual requirement of a deposit on the contract insisted on?

(2.) In what stage is the contract to-day; is it being proceeded with, or is it not?

(3.) Has provision been made in the event of failure for the forfeiture of the deposit?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith, answered,—

(1.) Yes, the papers were laid upon the Table of the House on the 1st May, 1890. The provisional agreement was arranged by the Agent-General, and we have no information as to a deposit.

(2.) The contract was cancelled on the 10th October, in consequence of the delay in commencing the works and the Company wishing to depart from some of the principal terms of the original agreement.

(3.) Nothing is known regarding a deposit. I may say that one of the principal deviations from the original agreement was a desire on the part of the directors at home to bring out a very much larger quantity of original manufactured material than we had specified, which would have been doing away to a great extent with the Colonial industry character of the undertaking. To that we promptly objected, and the matter now is shelved for the present. There was also another matter which was not carried out strictly according to arrangement. One of the ablest engineers in England was to have taken up his residence in the Colony, which would have been a proof of the *bona fides* of the undertaking; but he intended to substitute his son. For that reason also we allowed the matter to drop.

2. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—Sessional Order—(Formal Motion)**:—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 4 o'clock p.m., and that Government Business take precedence of General Business until 6 o'clock p.m.; that after 6 o'clock General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and that General Orders of the Day take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.

3. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday next.
- (2.) Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Friday, 14th November.
- (3.) Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 14th November.
- (4.) Courts of Conciliation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in;—until Friday, 21st November.
- (5.) Mulgoa Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Friday next.

4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Government Moneys in various banks.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Merchant Shipping Acts.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 14th October, 1890, "Government Advertisements in *Maitland Mercury* newspaper."
- (4.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1890.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the area of land applied for under conditional purchase and conditional lease within the Eastern Division of the Colony during the months of July, August, and September, 1890.
- (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 authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th 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.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price on Alternative Railway Routes, for relieving congestion of traffic on the Great Western Line.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Picton, county of Camden, for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Picton.
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on the 2nd September, 1890, "Dismissal of John Cullen from the Dredge Service."

5. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Stokes presented a Petition from certain Residents of Forbes, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, or to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour.
Petition received.

6. **SYDNEY HOSPITAL**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proceed with the completion of the buildings now partially erected in Macquarie-street for the purposes of the Sydney Hospital.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Edmunds moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "Provided that the grant to the trustees be revoked, and the land be reconveyed to the Crown for hospital purposes."
Question

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Ewing,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. King,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Plumb,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Curley,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Woodward.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Howe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 23rd October last, appointing William John Lyne, 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. Lyne to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th Section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
8. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.
Question put and passed.
9. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Licensing Acts, 1882-1883, under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 43.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Teece,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Garrard,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hawken,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Plumb.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Morton.

Noes 6.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Edmunds.

Tellers.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. COAL MINES REGULATION 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. Sydney Smith moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Electoral Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Water Conservation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in;—until To-morrow.
12. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.
Question put and passed.
The Resolution was then read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
On motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
13. MILSON’S POINT EXTENSION RAILWAY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.
Question put and passed.
The Resolution was then read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson’s Point.
On motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson’s Point*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-five minutes after Twelve o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—As the legal costs and expenses in connection with the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. Cunynghame have not yet been paid, will he promise that the same will not be paid until approved by this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I really know nothing about the matter to which this question refers, but certainly no money will be paid without the knowledge of this House.

- (2.) Tender for removal of refuse—Parramatta Gaol:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who was the successful tenderer for the removal of refuse from the Parramatta Gaol, for the year ending 1893?

(2.) What is the amount of the tender, and the name of the bondsman?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Mr. R. L. Dunne.

(2.) £39 5s. There was no bondsman.

- (3.) Tenders for Railways:—*Mr. Lakeman*, for Mr. Traill, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What tenders for railways and other public works which have this Session been authorised by Parliament have been accepted?

(2.) When will the work be commenced in each instance?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Three, namely,—Messrs. Smith and Finlayson's for Nyngan to Cobar Railway; Messrs. Horne and Shands, for Culcairn to Corowa Railway; and Mr. E. Pritchard's for Kiama to Nowra Railway.

(2.) The work has been begun in each instance.

- (4.) History of New South Wales:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many copies of Barton's "History of New South Wales" have been printed?

(2.) How many have been sold in the Colonies; and how many in London?

(3.) What is the total amount received from sales?

(4.) What is the total cost of the publication, including outlay on type, paper, and other materials?

(5.) When is the second volume likely to be published?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (5.) Mr. F. Erbert—Fisheries Department:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has an application been received by the Fisheries Department from one F. Erbert, of Tuggerah Lakes, for an appointment under the Fisheries Commission?

(2.) Is Mr. Erbert at the present time, or has he recently been, temporarily employed in connection with the Fisheries Department at Tuggerah Lakes; if so, what salary has he received or does he receive for such services?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(6.)

(6.) Opening of road on bank of Deep Creek :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision with regard to the desirability of opening a road on the bank of Deep Creek, parish of Ulmarra ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes ; a survey will be effected and the road opened, provided the Borough Council undertake, on behalf of the inhabitants, to contribute one-half the cost of taking the road through private properties. The cost of this is estimated at £232 10s.

(7.) Argyle Reefs, Clarence River :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for removing Argyle Reefs, Clarence River ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—An opportunity has not yet occurred to give this matter the consideration it requires, but I shall probably be able to deal with it very shortly.

(8.) Regulations as to Free Passes made by Railway Commissioners :—*Mr. Woodward*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the concession of free railway passes in consideration of building improvements applies as far as Moss Vale on the Southern Line, Mount Victoria on the Western, Newcastle on the Northern, and Coalcliff on the South Coast Line ?

(2.) Is there any special reason why the privilege should apply to so much shorter a distance on the South Coast Line than on the other lines ; if so, what is the reason ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It has already been intimated that in view of a legal difficulty the concession referred to has been withdrawn.

2. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Colliceries, 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 regulation of Coal Mines and Colliceries, and for other purposes connected therewith.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th November, 1890.*

3. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*).:—Mr. Alexander Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill (No. 2) 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Creer, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Curley, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Hassall, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday, 28th November.

(2.) Ministerial Election Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 28th November.

(3.) Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 28th November.

(4.) Contractors Lien Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in ;—until Friday, 21st November.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence in connection with "History of New South Wales from the Records," showing terms and conditions of contract with Mr. G. B. Barton.

(2.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 30th September, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Silverton Free Public Library.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Ninth Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for the year 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADELAIDE JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION :—

(1.) Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from John Cash Neild, of Sydney, praying that he may be heard personally, or by Counsel or Attorney, before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the "Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition" ; and have leave to call and examine witnesses.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Hurley (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—William John Lyne, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. **LABOUR STRIKE**:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from James Finch, Chairman of the Labour Defence Committee, as Chairman of a meeting held in the Domain on 22nd October, submitting that trade organisations have the right to combine and affiliate, a right which has been assailed by a numerically small section of the community; that those whom the Petitioner represents are in no way blamable for the serious consequences that have befallen the country through the attitude of the employers during the present great crisis; and praying that for these and other reasons in the Petition set forth, the House will take the premises into favourable consideration, and grant such redress as shall seem meet and proper.

At the request of Sir Henry Parkes, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Petition received.

9. **ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. Ball, 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 9th September, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

10. **JOADJA CREEK RAILWAY TRANSFER 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 'Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited), or the liquidators thereof, to transfer the Joadja Creek Railway, and the rights, powers, and privileges vested in them by the 'Joadja Creek Railway Act of 1880,' to another Company, to be formed and registered in the Colony of New South Wales under the 'Companies' Act,'*"—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, 6th November, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st November.

11. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That "James Patrick Garvan," Esquire, he appointed a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the room of The Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott, resigned.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Frank Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "James Patrick Garvan," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Robert Barbour."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Tonkin,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Hogan.
Mr. Playfair,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Tellers,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Willis,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Clubb.
Tellers,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Wyman Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

12. **BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. 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 To-morrow.

13. **MILSON'S POINT EXTENSION RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. See,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Clubb,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Nicoll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Garland.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Lakeman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Smith 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.

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 the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

14. **MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL (No. 2)**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Bruce Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
ALFRED STEPHEN, *Message No. 61.*
Lieutenant-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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th November, 1890.

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

15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
16. **BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garland, 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. Garland, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

ELECTORAL BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-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 the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; for the establishment of a system of registration; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and for other purposes auxiliary to, and connected with, the aforesaid objects.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6th November, 1890.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Albury Express Train:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many times since 1st January last has the Albury express train run late, and how late on each occasion, both from and to Albury?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a Return.

(2.) Reserve Rifle Companies:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to Votes and Proceedings No. 81, of 4th instant, Question No. 8,—will he take into consideration the advisability of issuing a further supply of rifles to the Rifle Corps throughout the Colony?

(2.) Is it not a fact that only twelve rifles have been issued to each corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that only twelve rifles have been issued to each corps, because great care has to be exercised to avoid weakening the reserve stock.

(3.) The "Totalizator":—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the city is infested with totalizator promoters?

(2.) Is it a fact that these promoters openly defy the law?

(3.) If so, will he introduce at once some amendment in the existing Betting Houses Suppression Act, substituting imprisonment in lieu of fine, as a means to meet this growing evil; or will he introduce a Bill to legalise the instrument known as the totalizator on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In reference to this question I am obliged to admit that personally I do not know what a totalizator is; but I understand that a large number of persons have been proceeded against and fined for keeping totalizators, but the punishment is ineffective to suppress the evil. What I assume is that the totalizator is an instrument which was legalised some years ago, and which is found to be capable of great fraud. I cannot at this moment say whether the Government will introduce any measure this Session to amend the Betting Houses Suppression Act; but I am afraid it is not likely that they will be able to do so.

(4.) Water Supply for Junee:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended that the proposed scheme for supplying Junee with water will be carried out?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter is awaiting a survey, which will be taken in hand shortly, a suitable surveyor not being just now available. (5.)

(5.) Juncce Court-house :—Mr. Gornly asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the building now used as a Court-house at Juncce is unsuitable for the purposes for which it is used ?
- (2.) Has a new Court-house been completed ; if so, when ?
- (3.) If a new building has been completed, when will it be furnished, and opened for use ?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Certain representations have been made to the effect that the present building is unsuitable, particularly during the summer months.
- (2.) I am informed that the new Court-house is now completed.
- (3.) The vote for furniture being exhausted, there are no funds at present available from which the cost of the new furniture could be defrayed, and it has been reported that the furniture in use at the old Court-house is insufficient. Steps will be taken for the occupation of the new building as soon as the requisite furniture can be supplied.

(6.) Peppercorn's Battersea Property :—*Mr. Alexander Brown*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the papers in the matter of Peppercorn's Battersea property ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I obtained these papers this morning, but they are so voluminous that it was quite impossible for me to look into them. I do not know much about them. After I have looked into them I shall be prepared to give an answer.

(7.) Railways—Deniliquin to Jerilderie, Jerilderie to Berrigan, and Jerilderie to Tocumwal :—*Mr. Chantor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he yet received any reports from the Railway examiners as to the necessity of constructing lines of railway from Deniliquin to Jerilderie, Jerilderie to Berrigan, and Jerilderie to Tocumwal ?
- (2.) If not, when will these reports be furnished ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—These reports are not yet to hand, and it would be impossible to fix a date at present.

3. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (No. 2) :—*Mr. Alexander Brown (by consent)* moved, without Notice, That the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee during the present Session on the "Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill (No. 2)."

Question put and passed.

4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. Young be added to the Standing Orders Committee.

Question put and passed.

5. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OFFICES ERECTION BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Smith then moved, that the title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the erection of Offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.*"

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 sanction the erection of Offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1890.*

6. BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garland, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Garland then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889 ; and to enable the said Council to recover rates ; 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 declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889 ; and to enable the said Council to recover rates ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1890.*

7. RECREATION RESERVE, PARISH OF WILLOUGHBY (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents connected with the original dedication of 45 acres 3 roods and 28 perches of land, in the parish of Willoughby, for public recreation, and the recent cancellation of the said dedication.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor relative to Special Grants to Municipalities postponed until Friday, 21st November.

9. **MILSON'S POINT EXTENSION RAILWAY 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. McMillan moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. **ELECTORAL 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 for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; for the establishment of a system of registration; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and for other purposes auxiliary to, and connected with, the aforesaid objects.

And it being Six o'clock, General Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on 5th November, 1890.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

11. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY 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.
Disorder:—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, having observed grave disorder in the Committee, and expressed astonishment that the Honorable Member for Boorowa, Mr. Slattery, did not obey the ruling of the Chairman. Mr. Speaker also stated that if the Honorable Member did not do so he would have to take an extreme course.
And Mr. Slattery and the Chairman of Committees having addressed the House in explanation of what took place,—
Mr. Speaker gave his ruling, then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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. On motion of Mr. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Four o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspection of Meat intended for Food:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is all stock slaughtered at Glebe Island Abattoirs inspected before being killed?
 - (2.) Is the meat also inspected before being distributed for food?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the only inspection of stock or meat slaughtered in New South Wales, outside the Glebe Island Abattoirs, is made by the police under the Police Act?
 - (4.) Will he take steps to have proper inspection made in all parts of the Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2). Yes.

(3.) On this subject I am informed that the police officers inspect slaughter-houses merely as to brands, and not as to the quality of the meat killed. With respect to the cattle sold at the Homebush yards, an inspector of stock examines them, and if he observes any symptoms of disease he calls the attention of the police to the animals which he considers affected, with a view to their being kept under surveillance. The inspectors of stock have no power to order the destruction of any cattle.

(4.) This matter has been for some time past under the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Glebe Island Bridge:—Mr. Clubb asked the Secretary for Public Works,—That having in view the enormous traffic daily passing over the Glebe Island bridge, and the decayed and dangerous condition of that structure, from age and the great traffic referred to, does he intend to take any steps towards erecting the new bridge as recommended by the report of the special Commission appointed by him?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have given instructions for the preparation of plans for such a bridge.

- (3.) Remuneration to Jurors:—Mr. Clubb asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he considered the question of increasing the remuneration paid to jurors attending the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Central Criminal Courts?
 - (2.) If so, will he inform the House what decision has been come to?

Mr. Gould answered,—Inquiries are being made with regard to this matter, and I have not been able to obtain the information necessary to enable me to decide what should be done.

- (4.) Manufacture of Locomotives:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has there been a failure in the Drummond contract for the manufacture of locomotives in Sydney; if so, what steps have the Government taken in the matter?
 - (2.) Are locomotives being manufactured elsewhere; if so, where and by whom?
 - (3.) What is the number and class of engines being made, and the price per engine?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes, as stated in reply to Question of the 5th instant,—the contract has been cancelled.

(2 and 3.) Since the cancellation of the contract, orders have been placed with Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co., for the manufacture of fifty locomotives, at £3,650 each, delivered in steam in Sydney; and with Messrs. Dubs & Co., for the manufacture of twenty tank mineral engines, at £2,600 each, also to be delivered in steam in Sydney. I may add, there has been a great deal of comment in the Press and elsewhere on this matter. Whatever mismanagement attaches to the affair entirely devolves upon those who undertook the contract, not upon the Government.

(5.)

(5.) Witness in the case *Regina v. Myers*:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Edmunds*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the fact that a person who was a witness for the Crown in the case *Regina v. Myers*, heard on 10th September last, in which the prisoner was convicted of maliciously wounding his wife, has since the trial made a statutory declaration that her evidence was absolutely false, and she was induced by the prosecutrix to give such false evidence by a promise of a gift of £5?

(2.) Are not the evidence and the declaration of this person absolutely contradictory?

(3.) Does he intend to take any steps to determine whether the evidence or the declaration is false?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I may state that in consequence of inquiries made in reference to this matter, I have come to the conclusion that it was not a case in which I should be justified in making any recommendation to His Excellency, either as to remission or for inquiry, under section 383 of the Criminal Act.

(6.) Public Savings Bank Act:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any clause in the Public Savings Bank Act which limits the lending powers of the Trustees to one individual, or upon one security?

(2.) Does this provision interfere with the advantageous distribution of the Banks Funds (on Loan)?

(3.) Is it in consequence of this provision that large sums of money have to be deposited with other Banks at a low rate of interest, instead of being let out at a moderate rate of interest direct to large borrowers?

(4.) Does he intend to amend the law relating to Savings Banks?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am quite aware of the disabilities under which the Trustees of the Savings Bank are prevented from utilising the funds to the utmost advantage. I am ready, at any moment the state of public business will allow, to introduce a short measure dealing with the matters referred to in the question of the Honorable Member. The Bill is prepared and ready if the business of Parliament allowed it to be proceeded with.

(7.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on the 10th of June, *re* Civil Service Superannuation Fund, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This report will be laid upon the Table next week.

(8.) Royal Commission on working of General Post Office:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the General Post Office?

(2.) If so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The report will be laid upon the Table this week.

(9.) New Bridge, Pymont to Glebe Island:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he given any instructions to the proper officers of his Department to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed new bridge from Pymont to Glebe Island?

(2.) If not, will he take steps to do so at once, so that the matter may be brought before the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have given instruction for the preparation of plans for such a bridge.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Hospital Elections Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th November.

(2.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Friday, 5th December.

(3.) Reduction of Cost of Litigation Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 19th December.

3. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Gormly* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

4. TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Jones* 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. Jones*, *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. Jones*, the report was adopted.

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

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Payment of Money under Orders of Judges Facilitation Bill, postponed until Friday, 5th December.

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 Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)*" to establish a system of water supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of each of the two Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committees thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th November, 1890.*

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 63.

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 Licensing Acts 1882-1883, under which publicans' licenses are subject to rate-payers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.

*Government House,
Sydney, 7th November, 1890.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Department of Defence:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government as yet considered the matter of establishing a Department of Defence?
(2.) If so, what provision has been made for it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has not been considered.

(2.) Royal Commission on Post and Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Why has not the report of the Royal Commission on the Post and Telegraph Department been laid upon the Table of the House?
(2.) When will it be ready for Honorable Members, so as to enable them to judge of the Estimates for that Department when submitted?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I informed some other Honorable Member yesterday that this report should be laid upon the Table in a day or two. It shall be laid on to-morrow.

(3.) Clerks in Lands Office, Sydney:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Alexander Brown, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of clerks in the Head Office, Sydney, have received successive increases of salary since 1884, amounting in the aggregate in some instances to £225, whilst other clerks in the country, their seniors prior to the Land Act of 1884 coming into operation, have received no increases to their salaries whatever?

(2.) Is it a fact that the following officers have had their salaries increased at the Head Office in the following ratio:—

Name.	Salary in 1884.	Salary in 1890.
Curry	£350	£625
Cohen	350	525
De Low	350	475
Capper	350	475
Yorke	300	375

(3.)

(3.) Are the same officers down for further increases in the Estimates for 1891?

(4.) Are there any special circumstances which warrant the increases to officers at Sydney which do not apply to officers in the country districts (disregarding the few instances of increases consequent on the Board's inquiry)?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) It is possible that such differences may exist, but this cannot be ascertained without a considerable amount of investigation—the mere location of an officer does not account for difference of salary. In consequence of the redistribution of offices, and the necessity for new posts created by the Act of 1884, some officers removed to the country no doubt obtained higher positions than others of longer service in Sydney, while officers in Sydney have been advanced to higher positions than some at present in the country. If the Honorable Member will supply the names of officers between whom he desires a comparison to be instituted further information will be obtained, but I may mention that length of service alone is not always found to carry with it the necessary qualifications for special positions.

(2.) Yes, so far as most of the officers mentioned are concerned. In the case of these officers the salaries specified as for the year 1890 are paid for duties attaching to posts not existing in 1884.

(3.) They are proposed for such salaries as are thought to be fairly adequate to the responsibilities of their respective positions, and such salaries attach to the positions whoever may from time to time occupy them. I may be permitted to add that since the reorganization of the Department the officers who have been specially named in the questions put have been appointed to occupy more responsible positions than they have held in the past, and the reason for this was that I found considerable delay accruing in the Department from the fact that the whole of the work before it came into my hands had to filter through the hands of the Under Secretary. I could not understand why gentlemen occupying responsible positions, and receiving large salaries attaching to their offices, should not take upon themselves the responsibility of giving the public such advice as was necessary and as was within their province to give, and of dealing with the cases which came before them, and of sending them on direct to me, thereby saving a considerable amount of time.

(4.) There are special circumstances which warrant, not only the increase to officers at Sydney over officers in the country, but also to officers in the country over officers in Sydney, depending in either case upon the duties to be performed and the qualifications of the officers called upon to fulfil them.

(4.) Telegraph Messenger Drew :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has the case of the death of a telegraph messenger named Drew, who was killed by the horse he was riding having fallen on him, been brought under his notice, with a view to awarding Drew's mother something as compensation for the loss of her son?

(2.) Is he aware that Drew was the principal support of his widowed mother?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the horse Drew was allotted to ride had thrown other boys before, and that it was so spirited that very few of the messengers would ride it?

(4.) Does he intend to take into consideration the whole circumstances, with a view to relieving Mrs. Drew, and awarding her reasonable compensation?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—As I have already informed the Honorable Member for Hartley, who first brought this matter under my notice, I have delayed answering these questions so that I might have time to investigate the matter.

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is so stated in a letter from herself.

(3.) No; the pony he was riding was not identical with the one referred to.

(4.) It is reported to me that the unfortunate lad was alone to blame for the accident; but I have taken the matter into consideration, and decided to allow Mrs. Drew £100.

(5.) Land Board, Gosford :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any meeting of the Land Board been held at Gosford since the 18th April, 1890?

(2.) Have numerous selections been taken up in the Gosford Land District during the last six months?

(3.) Is he aware that selectors are prevented from residing and making improvements pending the confirmation of their applications to conditionally purchase?

(4.) Is it intended that the Land Board shall hold any further meetings at Gosford for the transaction of land business?

(5.) In view of the great inconvenience to selectors, will he communicate with the Board, with the object of fixing a meeting at an early date?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) There have been eleven applications for conditional purchases made since the 1st May last.

(3.) I am not aware, but under the 12th clause of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889" all the conditional purchasers above mentioned are at liberty to enter upon the land immediately after applications have been made.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Extension of Victorian Railway from Bairnsdale to New South Wales Border :—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received any communication from the Victorian Government in reference to the extension of the Victorian Railway from Bairnsdale to the New South Wales border; if so, will he kindly inform the House of the nature of such communication?

(2.) If not, will he take an early opportunity of communicating with the Government of Victoria with a view of determining, on the point of junction, as well as the speedy completion of the two lines, to form a second or alternate route between the capitals of this and the adjoining colony of Victoria?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No such communication has been received.
- (2.) I cannot promise that the Government will enter into any such correspondence at present. The intention of continuing the railway beyond Cooma was based upon the supposition that the Victorian Government were about to push on with the completion of their railway to the New South Wales border; but, as there seems no such intention at present, the matter can well be suspended for a time, until the Victorian railway policy is definitely known.

(7.) Volunteer Artillery:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he received a report from the Military authorities who were appointed some time ago to investigate and report upon the alleged hooting of certain labourers by a portion of the Volunteer Artillery?
- (2.) If so, has he come to any decision on the matter?
- (3.) If so, what steps (if any) does he intend to take in the matter?
- (4.) Will he take steps to see that in any action which may be taken, the innocent are carefully distinguished from the guilty?
- (5.) If no decision has yet been arrived at, when will the matter be decided?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I had some conversation to-day on this subject with the General Commanding. I am to have a memorandum from this officer, and a further conversation with him to-morrow, when the matter will be decided.

(8.) Reorganisation of Postal and Telegraph Departments:—*Mr. William Stephen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the nature of the reorganisation in the Department of the Postmaster-General, as notified in the Estimates-in-Chief for 1891?
- (2.) Has this reorganisation been framed in accordance with the recommendations made in the report of the Civil Service Inquiry Commission on the Postal and Telegraph Departments, handed to the Colonial Secretary on 9th May last?
- (3.) When will this report of which, on 19th August last, *Mr. McMillan*, for the Colonial Secretary, said "There was no objection to laying the report on the Table at an early date," be laid before Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Owing to the augmentation of business, it becomes needful to make provision for changes in the duties and for alteration in the designation of officers, for increase in the number of officers in some grades, and for the concentration of the officers in other grades; and the most convenient way of effecting this is by the Estimates as submitted to Parliament.
- (2.) I may say that the report of the Civil Service Inquiry Commission can have had nothing to do with these changes, as that has not been before the Postmaster-General.
- (3.) As I have already stated, the Return will be laid before Parliament to-morrow.

(9.) Land Agents:—*Mr. Ewing*, for *Mr. Cruickshank*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into consideration the necessity of immediately giving instructions to Land agents to insert the amount of interest and principal due by selectors in the receipts when the annual instalments are paid?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This matter has already received careful consideration, and, in the public interest, it would be very undesirable to alter the present form of receipt. The Land agents, however, are instructed, when balances are tendered, to furnish full information respecting the amounts due.

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

Mr. Gormly then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same.*"

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 authorise the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same,*"—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 November, 1890.*

4. TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Jones*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Jones then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site.*"

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 authorise the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the moneys received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site,*"—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 November, 1890.*

6. BERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT NAMING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McCourt, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McCourt then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry.*"

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 name of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th November, 1890.*

6. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, affidavits, and minutes connected with the granting of portions 1,645 and 1,646, of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to the Primitive Methodist connection at Adamstown.
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Railway between Blacktown and Blayney; resumption of adjourned Debate;—until Friday next.

(2.) Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill; resumption of adjourned Debate;—until Friday next.

(3.) Mulgoa Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th November.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker 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 Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

9. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Curley, 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 6th November, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Curley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 25th November.

Question put and passed.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Married Women's Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th November, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th December.

- (2.) Policies of Assurance Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable assignees of policies of life assurance to sue thereon in their own names,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th November, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th December.

11. **MILSON'S POINT EXTENSION RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Clubb,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cooke,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Nicoll,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Willis.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. John Wilkinson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Smith then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th November, 1890.

12. **MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL (No. 2):**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
13. **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Gould presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law in respect of Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt or the non-payment of Money; to amend the law of Arrest on Mesne Process; to prohibit the issue of Writs of Attachment in certain cases; to provide for the discharge of certain persons undergoing Imprisonment for Debt or non-payment of Money; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
14. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill, postponed until To-morrow.
15. **ELECTORAL BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; for the establishment of a system of registration; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and for other purposes auxiliary to, and connected with, the aforesaid objects,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration. 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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; for the establishment of a system of registration; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and for other purposes auxiliary to, and connected with, the aforesaid objects.

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

16. **LEPROSY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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 notification of cases of Leprosy; for the detention and isolation of Lepers; the appointment of Lazarets; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th November, 1890.

17. **ELECTORAL BILL**:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; for the establishment of a system of Registration; for the better Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly; and for other purposes auxiliary to, and connected with, the aforesaid objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 26th November.

18. **PAPER**:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report of the Public Service Inquiry Commission upon the General Post Office, Money Order Office, and the Electric Telegraph Department.
Ordered to be printed.

19. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Disorder:—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that disorder had occurred in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the disorder reported should have been dealt with.

The Chairman then reported that an unseemly disturbance and disorder had taken place, from the fact that the Honorable Member for West Macquarie (Mr. Crick) refused to obey the Chair, and for such refusal the Chairman called upon the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the Honorable Member till he expressed his willingness to obey the Chair—the Honorable Member then resisted the Sergeant in the execution of his duty, with violence.

By direction of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Crick was admitted.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker read to the Honorable Member the report from the Committee, made by the Chairman—and invited him to make any explanation he desired to offer.

Mr. Crick then addressed the House,—and refusing to obey the Chair, the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to remove him from the Chamber.

While being removed from the Chamber, Mr. Crick used certain words which, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, were taken down by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—"That you, Sir, got £2,000 for putting the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill through, and the Chairman got £1,000, and you are a pair of thieves and robbers to the country."

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the words uttered by the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, on leaving the House, are highly disorderly, and a gross breach of the privileges of this House.

Question put and passed.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, The Honorable Member for West Macquarie (Mr. Crick), in Committee of the Whole, as reported by the Chairman, having disregarded and defied the ruling of the Chair, and afterwards having violently resisted the Sergeant-at-Arms, when that officer was directed to remove him, and continued such resistance until other officers rendered assistance, causing a great disorder and scandal,—this House resolves that the said Member, William Patrick Crick, Esquire, be expelled from this House.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Teece.

Tellers,

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Howe.

Noes, 57.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Lee,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. See,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Haynes,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Want,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Clubb,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—The Honorable Member for West Macquarie (Mr. Crick), in Committee of the Whole, as reported by the Chairman, having disregarded and defied the ruling of the Chair, and afterwards having violently resisted the Sergeant-at-Arms when that officer was directed to remove him, and continued such resistance until other officers rendered assistance, causing a great disorder and scandal,—this House resolves that the said Member, William Patrick Crick, Esquire, be expelled from this House.

The House divided.

Ayes 63.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Want,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Cooke,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Scobie,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. See,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. King,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. W. E. Abbott.
Mr. Greene,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

Noes 10.

Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Walker.
Tellers,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Edmunds.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Seat of William Patrick Crick, Esquire, Member for the the Electoral District of West Macquarie, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his expulsion from this House.

Point of Order :—Mr. Walker requested the opinion of the Chair as to whether this motion was in order, as by the 25th section of the Constitution Act upon the receipt by the Speaker of a resignation of a Member his Seat should become vacant, and Mr. Crick's resignation had been duly sent in.

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion was quite in order.

And

And Mr. Walker proposing to dissent from that ruling,—

Mr. Speaker stated that no motion of dissent from his ruling could be made without Notice.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

20. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Civil Service Inquiry Commissions:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of the Civil Service Inquiry Commissions up to 31st October, 1890?
- (2.) What amount has the Secretary received up to the same date, and does he hold any other Government appointment; and, if so, what salary does he receive?
- (3.) Has any official received a gratuity for bringing up arrears of work in the Secretary to the Civil Service Board's Office; if so, what amount during such inquiry?
- (4.) How many gentlemen have been appointed to the Commission, and how many have resigned?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £4,300.
- (2.) £675, in addition to his present salary of £600, as Secretary to the Civil Service Board.
- (3.) Yes, £100.
- (4.) Fourteen have been appointed from time to time, of whom seven have resigned, and one has died.

- (2.) Intended Retirement of Colonel Commanding Second Regiment:—*Mr. William Stephen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Colonel Commanding to retire from the command of Second Regiment of the partially-paid regiment?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Military Authorities to give the command of the Second Regiment to Lieutenant-Colonel Stokes, now commanding the Fourth Regiment?
- (3.) Is it the custom of the Service to appoint officers to command from outside the regiment in which the vacancy occurs?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Colonel Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) No immediate intention of doing so.
- (2.) I have given the matter no consideration whatever.
- (3.) It is often done in the Imperial Service.

- (3.) Dismissal of *Mr. Egeson* from Observatory:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has *Mr. Egeson* been dismissed from his position at the Observatory?
- (2.) Was an inquiry held at the Observatory into *Mr. Egeson's* conduct?
- (3.) If so, who conducted the inquiry; what was the nature of the charges; and the decision arrived at?
- (4.) Will he lay all papers in regard to *Mr. Egeson's* dismissal upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No, as the nature of his conduct rendered an inquiry unnecessary.
- (3.) *Mr. Egeson* was charged with neglect of duty and insubordination.
- (4.) Yes.

(4.)

- (4.) Government Printing Office :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of men have been suspended from the Government Printing Office?
 - (2.) If so, what is the reason for their suspension?
 - (3.) When are they likely to be reinstated?
 - (4.) Has the expenditure at the Government Printing Office for the year exceeded the vote of this House for that purpose?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes—temporary hands.
- (2.) Exhaustion of the Vote for expenses, consequent upon increased departmental and other work.
- (3.) A large majority of those suspended have already been temporarily re-employed, in anticipation of a Supplementary Vote.
- (4.) Yes.

- (5.) Extension of Tram—Five Dock to Mortlake:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be willing to have a survey made and an estimate prepared of the probable cost, &c., of an extension of the present Five Dock tram on to the town of Mortlake?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Having just obtained a report that the late extension, which was represented as certain to produce an immediate profit, is as a fact not more than covering the out-of-pocket expenses for working, I cannot at present give any definite promise, except to direct a cursory inquiry, which will involve no further expenditure.

- (6.) Richmond River Harbour Improvements :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for working plant necessary for construction for the Richmond River Harbour improvements?
 - (2.) When will tenders be called for the construction of plant?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The design for the plant is in hand, but, as the work is all of a novel and special character, it must necessarily occupy some time.
- (2.) It is impossible to say accurately at present. In the meantime, however, good progress is being made with the north breakwater, which the Committee recommended should be proceeded with first.

2. LATE FIRE IN PITT-STREET (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lees* moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the depositions taken at the coronial inquiry on the late fire in Pitt-street.
Question put and passed.

3. RAILWAY FROM NEW ENGLAND TO THE COAST :—*Mr. Copeland* presented a Petition from certain Residents of The Table Land of New England and District west of Inverell, representing that in the interests of the Northern Districts and the Colony generally, a line of railway should be constructed at once from New England to the Coast; and praying that the proposed railway lines from Inverell to Guyra, and Guyra to Grafton, be referred to the Committee for Public Works for report and consideration at the same time as the Glen Innes and Inverell line is considered.
Petition received.

4. PAPER :—*Mr. Bruce Smith* laid upon the Table,—By-laws to deal with the Water Supply of the Municipal District of Lismore.
Ordered to be printed.

5. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL (No. 2) :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—*Mr. Bruce Smith* moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution was then read a first time as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.

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

- (2.) *Mr. Smith* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, *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.

7. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL :—*Mr. R. B. Wilkinson*, 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 23rd September, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st November.

Question put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. McMillan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Life-buoys and Lines on Wharfs and Jetties:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that lives would sometimes be saved if life-buoys and lines were kept at every public and private jetty and wharf erected on the harbours and rivers of the Colony?

(2.) Will he instruct the Marine Board to issue regulations to this effect?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Life-buoys and lines are already kept at many of the public and private wharfs. It would scarcely be practicable to issue regulations making it compulsory to have these life-saving appliances maintained at every such place in the Colony. Lines and buoys are frequently taken away and damaged under present arrangements.

- (2.) Resumption of Victoria Wharf:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
In view of the resumption of Victoria Wharf by the Government for steam ferry purposes for the inhabitants of Balmain and Leichhardt, will he safeguard the public interest by declining to grant a lease of the ferry wharf to any one company?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No definite arrangements have been made up to the present time, but the honorable member may feel assured that I shall in every way safeguard the public interests.

- (3.) Sale of Town Lots, Delegate:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it his intention to sell the measured town lots in the township of Delegate?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No application for the sale of allotments at Delegate has been received since the date of the last sale (25th August, 1886), until to-day, when the honorable member applied to have the same submitted to public auction. Steps will be at once taken to bring them forward for sale.

2. MURWILLUMBAH FERRY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Ewing*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with Murwillumbah Ferry.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Eight Hours Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 12th December.

(2.) Solicitors Right of Audience Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Friday, 19th December.

4. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Hutchison (Canterbury)* presented a Petition from certain Residents of St. Peters, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour.
Petition received.

5. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND BILL:—*Mr. McMillan* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the sale or dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. **DISORDER ARISING WHILE THE HOUSE IS IN COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Standing Order of this House:—

Whenever a case of disorder arises while the House is in Committee, or when any member refuses to obey the ruling or order of the Chairman of Committees, the case so arising shall, without debate, be reported forthwith to the House; and by the House, after explanation from "the" offending member, then and there be dealt with.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "the" in the third line, of the words "Chairman of Committees and the"

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, 7.

Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dalton.

Tellers,

Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 45.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Nicoll,	(Canterbury),
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Plumb.
Mr. Kidd,	Tellers,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Curley.
Mr. Hurley,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and negatived.

And it being after Six o'clock, General Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on 5th November, 1890.

7. **PAPER**:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return showing the time of arrival at Sydney and Albury of the "Southern Express" trains from 1st January to 31st October, 1890.
Ordered to be printed.

8. **AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowd moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Gould 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 again referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for further consideration and report."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Burns, Mr. King, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Lee, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wyman Brown, and the Mover.

"(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on this Bill, brought up on 8th October, 1890, be referred to this Committee."

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 negatived.

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

Question then,—

(1.) That the Bill be again referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for further consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Burns, Mr. King, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Lee, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wyman Brown, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on this Bill, brought up on 8th October, 1890, be referred to this Committee,—put and passed.

9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensing Act Amendment Bill, postponed until Friday, 21st November.

10. **EARLY CLOSING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Alfred Allen proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Frank Farnell called attention to the second clause of the Bill, and submitted that as that clause involved expenditure a Message from the Governor was necessary.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the clause referred to did not necessarily involve expenditure, and that therefore the Bill was not out of order.

Mr.

Mr. Allen then moved,—“That” this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard 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 to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Garland, Mr. Curley, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Melville, Mr. O’Sullivan, and the Mover.”

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 negatived.

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

Question then,—

(1.) That the 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 Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Garland, Mr. Curley, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Melville, Mr. O’Sullivan, and the Mover,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after Eleven o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fruit Diseases Bill:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Will he introduce a Bill this Session dealing with fruit diseases and fruit pests?
 (2.) Will he take some steps to prevent cargoes of infected fruit arriving from outside ports being landed at Port Jackson?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is under consideration.

- (2.) Volunteer Force:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of officers and non-commissioned officers in the Volunteer Force of the Colony who are above the age at which retirement is compulsory, according to the Act and Regulations?
 (2.) If so, how many?
 (3.) Will he give instructions that the regulations bearing on this subject are enforced?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Colonel Commanding the Military Forces that there are seven officers serving above the age of 60 years, but he has not considered it necessary or desirable to call upon them to resign their commissions. There is no regulation rendering it necessary for non-commissioned officers to retire at any special age. I do not think I could give any instructions to the effect indicated by the Honorable Member's third question.

- (3.) Manufacture of Locomotives:—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Would the Government, in view of the contract let in England for fifty locomotives at £3,650, give an order for 100 locomotives, extending over five years, at the same price, to a New South Wales company who would undertake to have the same made in the Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—If engines equal in character in all respects, and built under the supervision of an able locomotive engineer, are guaranteed to be built in the Colony at the price stated, an order for 100 would be given. So much time having been lost in the past in making similar attempts which have failed, the Railway Commissioners would require substantial security that the undertaking would be carried out faithfully.

- (4.) Amount of Money paid to M'Arthur & Co.:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid during the last twelve months for goods to M'Arthur & Co., merchants, York-street, Sydney?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This question is to be asked in an amended form for to-morrow, when I shall be glad to give the information.

- (5.) Wrecks at Entrance to the Richmond River:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the wrecks at the entrance to the Richmond River are dangerous to navigation?
 (2.) Will he give instructions to have them removed as soon as possible?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague has received the following report by telegraph from the local officer, Mr. Engineer Keele, viz.:—"Pilot Fraser assures me he has carefully examined the present channel, which has altered very slightly from the position shown on tracing attached to my last monthly report, and can find no dangers from sunken wrecks. Portions of the

the wrecks of 'Comet' and 'Sarsfield,' together with some anchors which were not recovered when 'Tomki' was stranded, are known to be south of present channel, but are now covered with sand. They will be a danger when channel shifts south, as it must do soon. Pilot thinks boilers of 'Comet' are fully 25 yards south of present channel. It is impossible to do anything while wrecks are bedded in sand, but close watch will be kept, and the dangers will be buoyed as they appear. I will then bring boring punt and crew from South Arm, and do all that is possible to remove them. 'Coraki' coming in last week stripped her starboard propeller on the rocks of inner North Reef, and not on wrecks, as reported."

- (6.) Manufacture of Locomotives:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Accepting his statement in answer to Question No. 4, of Tuesday, 11th November, as correct, that the Government, on the failure of the Drummond contract, had ordered locomotives from Beyer, Peacock, & Co., and Dubs & Co., in England,—on whose account have a number of locomotives been ordered from United States firms, deliverable in Sydney?
 - (2.) What number of American engines have been ordered; what is the price per engine; and have the engines been ordered in this case also without tender?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Prior to the cancellation of the contract for the manufacture of locomotives in the Colony, the Railway Commissioners determined, in view of the pressing necessity for additional locomotives, to order twelve Express Passenger locomotives from the Baldwin Company, the Company undertaking to supply quickly, the price being £3,557 per engine, delivered on wharf in Sydney.

- (7.) Electric Tram between Waverley and Randwick:—*Mr. Hawken*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways purchased the electric tram service at present running between Waverley and Randwick?
 - (2.) If so, at what price?
 - (3.) If not purchased, what is the basis of the agreement; and with whom is the agreement made?
 - (4.) What are the names of the gentlemen with whom the Commissioners are negotiating?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The equipment of the tram line between Waverley and Randwick with electric apparatus and cars has been carried out by the Thompson-Houston Company, of Boston, for the Railway Commissioners. The cars, engines, motors, &c., have been purchased direct from the firm in question. The total expenditure amounts to about £9,000.

- (8.) Resumption of Land, Harris Park:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he carry out his promise made some time ago, that he would cause a report to be sent in with reference to the resumption of a small portion of land in Harris Park, for the purpose of having it proclaimed a public park for the benefit of the large population now residing there?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A report has been furnished by the Chief Surveyor, which is now under consideration, and will be dealt with in connection with similar proposals.

- (9.) Clerk required to resign from Money Order Office:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a clerk who was called upon to resign from the Government Savings Bank was appointed to the Post Office as a temporary hand, and is now on the permanent staff?
 - (2.) Since his appointment has he absented himself for six weeks; if so, for what reason?
 - (3.) Has he now been granted three months leave of absence on full pay?
 - (4.) On whose recommendation was he appointed?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) These questions probably refer to a clerk who was required to resign from the Money Order Office in February, 1883. Owing to his possessing special qualifications as one of the best correspondence clerks in the Public Service, he was appointed to a temporary position in the Postal Branch in August, 1883. The appointment was made a permanent one in 1886, and the result has fully justified the action taken.
- (2.) During the 7½ years of his re-employment he had not exceeded the leave to which he was entitled by law and regulations.
- (3.) Yes—on a medical certificate.
- (4.) Appointed by *Mr. Trickett*, when Postmaster-General, on the knowledge of the Department of his fitness for the vacant position.

- (10.) *Mr. Cracknell*, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has *Mr. Cracknell* been away to Melbourne during the present or last month?
 - (2.) If so, was such absence on public or private business; and, if the former, what was the nature of the business?
 - (3.) Was *Mr. Cracknell* paid a travelling allowance whilst away; if so, how much?
 - (4.) Was he also supplied with a free pass on the railways?
 - (5.) When did *Mr. Cracknell* last obtain leave of absence?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the 7th and 8th instant.
- (2.) Private.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The annual pass.
- (5.) In 1885.

(11.) Post Office, Randwick :—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has he determined on a site for the Post Office at Randwick?
- (2.) If so, where is it, and who is the present owner of the land?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Yes. The Works Department has been asked to take the necessary steps to resume the corner block of land having a frontage to Avoca-street and to Alison Road, the same being the property of the Church of England.

(12.) Discharge of *Arthur Harvey* and Wife from Public Instruction Department :—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Were *Arthur Harvey* and wife discharged from the service of the Department at Pacramatta; if so, for what reason?
- (2.) Has any investigation been made into the charges formulated by *Harvey*; if so, before whom, giving the names?

Mr. Carruthers answered,

- (1.) *Mr. and Mrs. Harvey* were never in the service of the Department. They were employed by the teacher to clean the school premises, and their services were discontinued by him.
- (2.) Yes, before *Mr. Inspector Skillman*.

(13.) Engagement of *Mr. Wise*, for Crown, before Land Court :—*Mr. Lakeman* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) By whose authority was *Mr. Wise* instructed to appear on behalf of the Crown in the case referred to the Land Court from Cooma Land Board, No. 158 Land Court list, in *re J. W. Edwards*, A.C.P. 84-13?
- (2.) Did he approve of engaging *Mr. Wise* in this case?
- (3.) What amount was paid to *Mr. Wise* in this case?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) As the circumstances of the case were special, it was thought desirable that the Crown should be represented, and the Crown Solicitor was advised accordingly.
- (2.) The Crown Solicitor was left to select counsel.
- (3.) I am not aware.

(14.) State House—Centennial Park :—*Mr. Copeland* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Do the Government intend to proceed with the erection of the State House?
- (2.) Do the Government intend to sell the frontages to the Centennial Park; if so, when?
- (3.) Do the Government intend to lease these lands, with a view to obtain the increment of value given to them by Government expenditure on the Centennial Park?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to give any definite information on any of the heads of this question.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 12th December :—

- (1.) Net Fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Railway between Blacktown and Blayney; resumption of adjourned Debate.
- (3.) Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill; resumption of adjourned Debate.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—*Mr. Gould* presented a Petition from the President of the Synod, Bishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia and Tasmania, submitting a Resolution of the Synod, stating its opinion that legislation affecting the Liquor Traffic is urgently needed, and that such can only be satisfactory when it includes full Local Option without compensation; and praying the House to take the Resolution into favourable consideration. Petition received.

4. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA :—*Mr. Gormly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee, on "Ryans' Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga," brought up on 26th August, 1890, be "now adopted."

Mr. Brunker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "now adopted," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "referred back to the Select Committee for further inquiry and report."

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

Question then,—That the Report from the Select Committee on "Ryans' Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga," brought up on 26th August, 1890, be referred back to the Select Committee for further inquiry and report,—put and passed.

5. CONVEYANCE OF MAILS TO AND FROM GENERAL POST OFFICE, SYDNEY :—*Mr. William Stephen* 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 causes which led to the rejection of the tender of *James McMahon & Co.*, and the acceptance of the higher tender of *James Flannery*, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails to and from the mail steamers; and also to and from the Redfern railway station and the General Post Office, Sydney.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. H. H. Brown*, *Mr. Molesworth*, *Mr. Cooke*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Dalton*, *Mr. Howe*, *Mr. McRae*, *Mr. Stevenson*, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchison
Sir Henry Parkes,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>).
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Garvan,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Garrard,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	

Noes, 43.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Dalton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Toohy.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Hawken,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Wheeler,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Seaver,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Colls,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. See,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. O'Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Hawthorne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. GOVERNMENT LOANS TO TRADES AND LABOUR UNIONS:—Mr. Walker 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 authorize the granting of loans by the Government, at the same rate of interest as the Government can borrow, to the Trades and Labour Unions, for the purpose of opening or purchasing mines, starting manufactures, purchasing sea-vessels, and inaugurating reproductive works; to provide for the payment of interest on and repayment of the principal of such loans; to grant powers of inquiry as to the *bona fides* of any proposal to borrow for the above purposes and the payable character of any proposed scheme; to provide for the appointment of trustees for works so undertaken; to give power for the supervision of the construction and management of such works; to give authority to close works so commenced; to regulate the division of profits among the employees; to provide for payments into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of a certain percentage of such profits; and for other matters connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Curley,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Howe.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker.

Noes, 48.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. King,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Kyrie,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Ball,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hoiborow,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Cooke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. McRae,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE HOSPITAL**:—Mr. Walker (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Management of the Orange Hospital" be authorised to make a further visit of inspection to, and to hold an enquiry and take evidence at, the Orange Hospital; and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visit of inspection.
Question put and passed.

8. **IMPORT DUTIES UPON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**:—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in order to develop the agricultural resources of the country, and to enable our farmers to successfully compete with producers elsewhere, it is expedient that import duties be placed upon agricultural produce, as follows:—Maize, wheat, oats, barley, and rye, sixpence per bushel; beans and peas, fourpence per bushel; hay, chaff, and potatoes, ten shillings per ton; flour and meal, twenty shillings per ton; bananas, sixpence per bunch.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. See moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 12th December.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dr. Koch's Cure for Consumption:—Mr. Plumb asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, in view of the alleged discovery by Dr. Koch, of Berlin, of a cure for consumption, take the necessary steps to appoint, either directly or through the Agent-General, a medical officer to investigate the discovery, and to ascertain the system and mode of treatment, and when such knowledge shall have been obtained to have the same imparted to the medical profession of this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have decided to take steps in this direction, but they have not fixed upon any person to be commissioned with this important trust. If the question is asked again on Friday it is probable that I shall be in a position to give the name of the gentleman selected.

- (2.) Bill to prevent Dummyism:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*), asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that before and since the coming into operation of the Land Act in the Eastern Division the old system of dummyism, in a new form, has been extensively and systematically resorted to for the acquisition of large estates, in direct contravention of the spirit of the Act and the intention of the Legislature?

(2.) If so, will he at once bring in a Bill to abolish and effectually prevent this system?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No such practices are within the knowledge of this Department. If the Honorable Member will supply me with any information he may have at his disposal on the subject, I will cause inquiries to be made.

- (3.) Amount of money paid to M'Arthur & Co.:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of money has been paid to Messrs. M'Arthur & Co., merchants, York-street, for goods supplied to the Government during the tenure of office of the present Government?

Mr. McMillan answered,—£314 10s. 6d., paid from the Vote for Stores and Stationery. We have no ready means of ascertaining what sums, if any, were paid from other Votes. As this is a personal matter, I have not interfered with the departmental answer to the question; but I notice that further information may be obtained, and I shall see that it is obtained. As far as my own knowledge goes, the only transaction of which I am cognizant was in reference to two tarpaulins required very late on a Saturday night during the Bourke floods, when there was no possibility of getting them anywhere else. I got them from our own store, and I do not know that they have been paid for to this day.

- (4.) Quit-rents:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government ever recovered the overdue quit-rents?

(2.) Is it their intention to take proceedings to recover the same?

(3.) How many quit-rents have been recovered during the last three years?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes, by distress warrants; but none have been so recovered since 1853.

(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

(3.) From January, 1888, to date, the sum of £1,676 5s. 2d. has been received for quit-rents upon 111 Crown Grants.

(5.)

- (5.) Time of arrival of Western Mail Train at Bourke :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a return showing the number of times during the year 1889 that the Western mail train to Bourke arrived at its destination up to time, and the number of times it was behind time?
 - (2.) Also, a like return for the last twelve months that the railways were managed by Mr. Commissioner Goodchap?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A regular record of such matters is kept in the Department, but if required a return must be moved for in the usual way.

- (6.) Time of arrival of Western Mail Train at Bourke :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the western mail train to Bourke is more frequently late than up to time; and, if so, what is the cause?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the residents of Bourke and district are subjected to much inconvenience through the irregular running of the trains?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This question, which might have been embodied in a letter to the Department, will have due consideration.

- (7.) Railway Trucks for Wool at Bourke :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that owing to the scarcity of railway trucks at Bourke the graziers and carriers of the district are put to serious inconvenience and loss, through the delay in getting the wool away?
 - (2.) Will he take such action as will cause the necessary supply of trucks to be provided?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member will have every consideration. I may say that I shall be glad to listen to any complaint as to the Railway Department, and to thoroughly inquire into it, but I do not think this House ought to be made the vehicle for every grievance and representation all over the country as to the Railway Department.

- (8.) Cemeteries Bill :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to regulate the management of cemeteries; and, if so, when does he purpose introducing the Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for this object, but, looking at the state of public business, it is doubtful if it can be passed during this Session.

- (9.) Trade-marks Act :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that under the provisions of the Trade-marks Act, 1867, in the case of a refusal of the Registrar-General to register a trade-mark there is no appeal from such decision?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that under the provisions of the Trade-marks Act, 1867, a person who has a trade-mark, the registration of which has been denied him by the Registrar-General, has no *locus standi* whatever in the Law Courts, even to test his rights to a registration?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that moot and intricate questions of law are involved in the proprietorship of trade-marks and the right of registration of same, and is he aware whether the present administrator of the Trade-marks Act had legal training or experience in deciding questions of Trade-marks Law; and, if he has not, is assistance accorded him by the law advisers of the Crown?
 - (4.) Will he afford opportunity to applicants for registration who may deem themselves aggrieved by decision of the Registrar-General to submit that decision for review of the law advisers of the Crown?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that in all the Australasian Colonies, and in all other countries in the world, the administration of Trade-marks Law is entrusted to the head of the Patents Department; and will he consider the advisability of assimilating the practice of this Colony in that respect?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) There is no distinct provision in the Trade-marks Act of 1865 (28 Vic. No. 9) for appeal from such decision.
- (2.) Any person aggrieved by any such decision may appeal to the Supreme Court, whose direction would guide the Registrar-General.
- (3.) Being under an Act of Parliament, the administration of Trade-marks registration does occasionally involve questions of law. The administrator of the Act has not had legal training.
- (4 and 5.) I am not aware; but these matters shall receive attention.

- (10.) Supply of Trucks at Molong Station :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that great complaints are being made by teamsters, farmers, millers, &c., of the want of trucks at the Molong station; and will he see that some steps are taken for providing a better and more regular supply of trucks for the future, to enable settlers to get their produce to market?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member will be duly inquired into.

- (11.) Reclamation at White Bay :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the reason of the stoppage of the work of reclamation at White Bay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The work is not stopped, but very little more can be done towards filling up the reclamation until the storm-water channel or drain is formed.

- (12.) Case Gordon v. Garrett, heard at Dubbo :—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he reconsider the case of Gordon v. Garrett, 11th October, 1888, heard at Dubbo, with a view to altering a previous decision, refusing to allow payment of the money due to Gordon (the plaintiff)?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This case has already been considered upon a report obtained from the Crown Solicitor, and I am not aware of any grounds for modifying the decision already given. I may be permitted in addition to read the concluding paragraph of the Crown Solicitor's memo., which confirms the answer I have given. He says, "This appears to have been a purely speculative action. I should think, therefore, that there is no reason whatever for the Government interfering to prevent Mr. Gordon suffering from the effect of his own improper proceeding."

(13.) School of Telegraphy in connection with Technical College:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is there a school in connection with the Technical College for imparting the knowledge necessary for an operator of the electric telegraph, in regard to all instruments in use in service of this Colony?
- (2.) If so, what was the cost of establishing this school, with the cost (approximately) of all instruments, apparatus, &c., in it?
- (3.) How long has it been established, and what is its annual cost?
- (4.) How many certificates of competency have been issued by it after due examination of the students?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) There is a school in connection with the Technical College for imparting all necessary knowledge in telegraphy.
- (2.) (a) The cost of its establishment was £100. (b) The cost of apparatus was £160.
- (3.) The school has been established for six years, at an annual cost of £80.
- (4.) Twenty-nine certificates of competency have been issued.

(14.) Telegraphic School of Instruction:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What has been the cost to date of the Telegraphic School of Instruction, recently established at the head office, including the cost (approximately) of instruments, apparatus, &c., in it?
- (2.) By whose authority, and upon whose recommendation, was this department established?
- (3.) What is the object of this establishment?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) The cost of altering the room, about £100. The purchase of these instruments has extended over a considerable period. The present approximate value, £700.
- (2.) The new room was authorised by the present Postmaster General.
- (3.) The object is to impart instruction to the officers of the various branches connected with the Department; also to persons who are desirous of learning telegraphy and other branches of the science, with a view to ultimate employment in the Service.

(15.) Engagement of Mr. Wise for Crown, before Land Court:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he ascertain from the Crown Solicitor how much was paid Mr. Wise for appearing before Land Court, in *re* J. W. Edward's C.P. 84-13?
- (2.) Who sent the case to the Crown Solicitor for him to employ Counsel, or otherwise?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the minute sending it to Crown Solicitor?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Crown Solicitor that a fee of £5 5s. was paid with the brief in this case. The papers which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House will give the Honorable Member the information he desires.

(16.) Reclamation at Carcening Cove and Neutral Bay:—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Whether any serious obstacle stands in the way of the reclamation works at Carcening Cove and Neutral Bay?
- (2.) Are all land resumptions completed?
- (3.) Has any agreement been entered into between the Department and the Municipal Council interested, as to a division of the work of reclamation?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) None but the usual lengthy preliminaries, such as surveys, preparation of resumption plans, preparation of descriptions for resumption, the latter being now in hand.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The Department are to construct the sea-wall, and the Council will carry out the necessary reclamation, the Government retaining the right to dispose or otherwise deal with the water frontages, with the view of recouping the outlay. I may add that the Members for the District are losing no opportunity to push this matter on, and I am now obtaining further information for them.

(17.) Railway to Manly and Pittwater:—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit for the consideration of the Public Works Committee, during this Session, any proposal to construct a railway to Manly and Pittwater?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No conclusion has been arrived at. Data is being collected.

(18.) Distribution of Rations to Sufferers from the Strike:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Board appointed by the Government for the distribution of rations to those suffering from the effects of the late strike has stopped such distribution to the wives and families of the coal lumpers?
- (2.) If so, at whose instigation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Chairman of the Board that relief has been stopped, in consequence of a section of the coal lumpers being still on strike. This fact was admitted yesterday by the Secretary to the Coal Lumpers' Association. I may add that no one has instigated or in any way interfered with the Board, who have acted under their own judgment and discretion.

(19.) Miners at Coalcliff:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that among the miners at Coalcliff poverty exists as keen as that existing in the metropolis?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, and steps taken to relieve the distress?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have been made aware that there is distress in the southern colliery districts, and indeed it is impossible not to know that such must follow the course taken by the men in those districts. As yet no step has been taken, but the matter shall be considered to-morrow.

(20.) Bill to amend the Land Act:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the advisability of bringing in an amending Land Act to confer liberal terms to the homestead lessees in their endeavour to search for artesian waters in the western portions of the country?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The privileges in connection with artesian leases apply only to resumed areas held under occupation license, or annual leases, in the Western Division, and in view of the fact that both pastoral and homestead lessees have security of tenure for a term of twenty-one years, with a right to extension, it is not apparent that an amendment of the law in the direction indicated by the Honorable Member is desirable at present.

(21.) Bourke Court-house:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the plans for the new Court-house at Bourke completed?
- (2.) When may the people of Bourke expect the work to be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Government Architect informs me that the plans for a public building are nearly completed.

(22.) Wool at Railway Stations between Nyngan and Bourke:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the railway stations between Nyngan and Bourke are inundated with wool, owing to no railway trucks being available?
- (2.) What reason is assigned for the want of tarpaulins to cover the wool?
- (3.) Will the Government be responsible for any damage to produce from such exposure?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will have attention.

(23.) Spark Catchers on Railway Engines:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he point out to the Railway Commissioners the advisability of providing all engines running into the interior with spark catchers?
- (2.) Is it a fact that wholesale damage is now being done to property, by the country being set on fire, through the sparks from the engines?
- (3.) Will he give instructions that all dry grass be burnt within the railway area?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will have due consideration.

(24.) Post Office, Randwick:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it true that he intends to remove the Randwick Post Office from the main thoroughfare between Sydney and Coogee to a by-street.
- (2.) Is it true that he has offered £30 per foot for land at the corner of Allison Road and Avoca-street, when land at the corner of Avoca-street and Mear's Avenue, fronting the intersection of six streets, has been offered to him, and refused, at £16 per foot?
- (3.) Is it true that the Randwick Municipal Council, by a majority of seven to one, has decided that the present site is, in the interest of the population, the most central, convenient, and suitable site available, and have repeatedly requested him to resume the site known as the Captain Cook?
- (4.) Did the Randwick Municipal Council offer a portion of high cross reserve, opposite the Captain Cook, to him, free of cost, such position being at junction of six roads, and on the tram line?
- (5.) Have the Postal Inspectors inspected and reported on the various sites; and, if so, what reports have been made, and will the said reports be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) In the event of the Church of England land being resumed, it is intended to erect a new post and telegraph office thereon; such land fronting Avoca-street, which I understand is the main street.
- (2.) No; the land at the corner of these streets is the same as is intended to be resumed.
- (3.) I am not aware whether the Randwick Municipal Council has decided that the present site, in the interest of the population, is the most central, convenient, and suitable. There is no record of the Council requesting the resumption of the site known as the Captain Cook site.
- (4.) Yes—but it was found that they had no power to give it; and, moreover, a numerous signed petition was presented against it, and a large deputation opposed it.
- (5.) A Postal Inspector reported on the various sites offered. He recommended the acceptance of the Council's offer of the High Cross site, and afterwards the purchase of Mear's land, at the corner of Arden-street and Mear's Avenue. There is no objection to lay the reports upon the Table if moved for.

(25.) Assault on Constable Boyle at late Fire in Pitt-street:—*Mr. Chantler*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a constable, while in the execution of his duty at the recent great fire which originated at Messrs. Gibbs, Shallard, & Co., was stabbed outside the Athenæum Club by a barrister-at-law; that he was arrested, and the weapon with which he stabbed the constable taken charge of by the police?
- (2.) Why was he not locked up?
- (3.) By whose advice was he released?
- (4.) Why was he not prosecuted?
- (5.) Has influence been brought to bear upon Constable Boyle to induce him to refrain from prosecuting?

Mr. Gould answered,—This question having reference to a complaint with regard to the police, who are placed under the Colonial Secretary, should be addressed to him.

(26.)

(26.) Inebriate Asylum:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—As the need for an inebriate asylum has been admitted by the Government, can he make provision on the Supplementary Estimates for the establishment of such an institution forthwith?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think that the Government will take the course suggested by this question. If any asylum of the kind is established it will be done by legislative enactment.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return showing the instructions given to the Crown Solicitor to employ Counsel before the Land Court in *re J. W. Edward's C.P. 84-13, Cooma*.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report by *Mr. E. B. Price*, Temporary Examiner of Public Works proposals, upon the proposed Colo Valley Railway.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 4th November, 1890, "Amalgamation of Offices of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Coonamble."
Ordered to be printed.

3. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, *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.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McMillan* 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. Brunker*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Cass*, *Mr. Cooke*, *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. Jones*, *Mr. McMillan*, *Mr. Melville*, *Mr. Morton*, *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Bruce Smith*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Wall*, and *Mr. Willis*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway State Carriages:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many state coaches are in the possession of the Railway Department?
- (2.) When were same built?
- (3.) What was the cost of each?
- (4.) How often and when have they been refitted, altered, or re-decorated?
- (5.) At what cost in each instance?
- (6.) At what price does each now stand in the books of the Department (complete)?
- (7.) Are any new state coaches being constructed for the use of any person?
- (8.) If so, how many; and at what cost?
- (9.) Who is building them?
- (10.) For what reasons are such new coaches necessary?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) One dining and one saloon car.
- (2.) May, 1884.
- (3.) £6,104 10s. 6d. for the two.
- (4.) Twice—in September, 1886, and January, 1890. It may be added that these vehicles have never been satisfactory, and, soon after construction, were found so unsuitable that a very large expense had to be incurred in making them not only comfortable for travelling, but actually safe to run; in fact, they were so unsatisfactory that it was reported to the Minister by the late Commissioner for Railways that the carriages were dangerously faulty in design, and great peril had been incurred by their use, that the bogies were not in accordance with the recognised principles of engineering, and that the springs were too weak for such heavy cars. The ventilation was also found to be very defective, which necessitated radical alterations in the carriage bodies.
- (5.) In September, 1886, £1,553 14s. 2d., and in January, 1890, £406 10s., the latter including re-painting and re-varnishing the exteriors, rendered necessary to preserve the carriages.
- (6.) At the original cost.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) One; estimated cost, £2,750.
- (9.) The railway workshops, Eveleigh.
- (10.) The Railway Commissioners considered it desirable to have an additional special carriage.

As some of the questions which have lately been asked with regard to the Railway Department, although probably not seen by you, Sir, really include matters of inference, and almost allegation, I intend to amplify my answer to these questions by reading the following minutes by the late Commissioner for Railways on reports *re* defects in state cars:—

I must bring this matter without further delay under the attention of the Minister. With such testimony as that given by Mr. Max Thompson, Mr. Cowdery, and finally Mr. Scott, I am forced to the conclusion that the bogies to the State car used by His Excellency the Governor are dangerously faulty in design, and that great peril has been incurred (happily without accident) by their use.

Mr. Midelton designed these bogies, and seems to have departed from the recognised principle observed by engineers in such designs, and to have endangered human life by the use of these defective under-frames. There are papers demonstrating, I am sorry to say, that Mr. Midelton has made a serious mistake in the application of weak springs of his design to heavy carriages—taking advantage of Mr. Scott's absence to do so—and applying them to a class of carriage which the Minister himself had expressly pointed out they were not strong enough for.

Mr. Midelton has shown himself to be so self-willed and incompetent in these matters that I must recommend that he be called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the position of Locomotive Overseer. Regard for the public safety compels me to make this recommendation. I have given directions to the Locomotive Engineer that the State cars are not to be run. Bogies of accepted and safe design will be made for them as early as possible.—CH. A. G., 20/3/85.

The cars, as designed by Mr. Midelton, are not usable on account of defective ventilation. I must recommend the outlay recommended. These cars much required.—CH. A. G., 29/12/85.

- (2.) Bourke Hospital:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has an application been made for a special grant for the Bourke Hospital; and, if so, what does he propose to do in the matter?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—An application of this character has been made, and it will be considered with other similar applications.
- (3.) Flood-waters on Railway line near Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What steps do the Railway Commissioners intend taking with regard to making provision for the escape of flood-waters on the railway line near Bourke?
(2.) What is the cause of delay in dealing with this matter?
Mr. McMillan answered,—As already mentioned, it is proposed to provide additional openings in the embankment near Bourke, and arrangements are now being made to start the work.
- (4.) Petersham Cemetery:—Mr. Ball, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many persons have been fined within the last four years for illegally burying bodies in Petersham cemetery?
(2.) The municipal by-law, put in force for the preservation of health, having failed in its object, as proved by the continued breaches thereof, will the Government take such steps as will absolutely close the cemetery against any further interments?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
(1.) In 1886, ten persons were fined; in 1887, one; in 1888, fifty-nine; in 1889, thirty-two; and for the expired portion of this year, nineteen.
(2.) I will give the matter consideration.
- (5.) Tolls on Ferries:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In view of the Resolution passed by this House in favour of the abolition of tolls on ferries, is it the intention of the Government to carry out such recommendation; and, if so, when?
(2.) Is he aware that the leases of certain ferries have been already sold?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) The abolition of tolls would involve a loss to the revenue of about £30,000. My honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, has not been able to see his way to giving up, at the present time, so substantial a contribution to the public revenue. I must refer the Honorable Member to my colleague for any further reasons.
(2.) As portion of the work of my Department, I am, of course, aware of what has been done.
2. ROAD BETWEEN NARRABRI AND THE QUEENSLAND BORDER:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from certain Residents of that portion of the territory of the Colony lying between the town of Narrabri and the Queensland Border about and beyond Angledool, representing the necessity for improvements—such as substantial bridges, culverts, embankments, &c.—on the direct line of road or route starting from Narrabri and ending at the Border beyond Angledool; and praying the House to order that the line of road referred to be classified forthwith as a second-class road, and that the various works required to make it fit for use at all reasonable times be done without unnecessary delay.
Petition received.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Milson's Point Extension Railway Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th November, 1890. JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Offices Erection Bill (No. 2):—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th November, 1890. JOHN HAY,
President.
4. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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, 21 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1891, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,194, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1891.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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 Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Peppercorn's Battersea Property:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of the papers in the matter of Peppercorn's Battersea property?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no objection to the production of these papers except the expense; but there is no reason that they should not be moved for in the ordinary way.

(2.) Manufacture of Locomotives:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he please describe the locomotives which are under construction by Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co., at £3,650 each?

(2.) Will he likewise describe those being made by Messrs. Dubs & Co. at £2,600 each?

(3.) What price will each be per ton?

(4.) Will he please describe the locomotives ordered from America, and state their weight and price per ton?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for the required information in the form of a return.

(3.) Dr. Koch's Cure for Consumption:—*Mr. Plumb* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, in view of the alleged discovery by Dr. Koch, of Berlin, of a cure for consumption, take the necessary steps to appoint, either directly or through the Agent-General, a medical officer to investigate the discovery, and to ascertain the system and mode of treatment, and when such knowledge shall have been obtained to have the same imparted to the medical profession of this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This subject has necessarily given the Government a good deal of anxiety; numbers of persons have been thought of; but, on the whole, looking to all the circumstances, the Government has decided to commission Professor Anderson Stuart, now in London, for this duty.

(4.) Volunteer Artillery:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the members of No. 4 and No. 8 Battery, Volunteer Artillery, have been suspended from military duty until 14th January, 1891?

(2.) Has this punishment been inflicted in consequence of some members of these batteries having hooted at the free labourers?

(3.) Is it not a fact that many of those thus punished were absent from the parade in question?

(4.) Is it not also a fact that many members of the batteries, loyal to the cause of law and order, are deprived of their efficiency awards from no fault of their own?

(5.) Is it usual, in civilised military systems, to visit the sins of the few upon the many; if so, why?

(6.) Will he take steps to cause discrimination to be exercised between the recognised guilty and the obviously innocent?

(7.) Is it not also a fact that Lieutenant Lester, of No. 4 Battery, who was present on the occasion which caused the suspension of the batteries, is now acting as Regimental Adjutant?

(8.) Does the punishment of suspension apply to Lieutenant Lester, or is he specifically excluded from the operation of the military mandate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Colonel commanding the Military Forces, in the absence of the General:—

(1.) No, until the 1st January, 1891.

(2.) Yes.

(3.)

- (3.) Some members of these batteries did not attend the parade.
- (4.) The batteries were dealt with *en bloc*.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Answered by No. 4.
- (7.) Yes; during temporary absence on duty of Regimental Adjutant, who has now returned.
- (8.) Yes, as far as his efficiency is concerned.

(5.) Fisherman's Channel, Macleay River:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Fisherman's Channel, near the entrance to the Macleay River, is still an impediment to navigation by ocean steamers, and that delay is caused by their grounding in passing through?

(2.) With reference to the dredge service employed there—(a) since what date has the "Fitzroy" been working at this part of the river; (b) when were double crews supplied; (c) what arrangement has been made for superintendence during the extra hours worked; (d) what have been the hours actually worked by the crews—single and double; (e) what quantity of silt is stated to have been lifted since the date work was commenced; (f) how is the quantity arrived at; (g) what guarantee is there that the actual quantity of silt is lifted during the absence of the officer in charge of the dredge?

(3.) In view of the slow process of clearing these channels by means of the bucket dredge, and the necessity for providing for the trade of the coming season, can he provide some more expeditious means of dredging?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; the fact is familiar to the Department.

(2.) (a) 13th April, 1890; (b) 27th May, 1890. (c) The work during the sixteen hours per day is superintended by the engineer in charge of the plant, who sleeps on board the "Fitzroy." (d) Eight hours per day, single shift work; sixteen hours, double shift. Before double shifts started, 162 hours' actual dredging was performed; since then, and up to 9th November, 1,533 hours. Previous to 12th September there was considerable detention, due to unsuitable tug and accident to machinery. (e) 200,380 tons to 9th November, the present monthly average being about 44,000 tons. (f) By registering the punt loads; each punt takes 140 tons to the depositing ground. (g) The superintending officer is only occasionally away at the Hastings River dredge, or at the dock. During his absence the mate records the work done. Separate weekly returns of sand lifted and deposited are sent to the head office by both the master of the dredge and of the tug.

(3.) The Department has no additional dredging plant at disposal for expediting the deepening work of the Macleay.

(6.) Theatres and other places of Amusement:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) 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?

(2.) When will the Government lay upon the Table of this House a Bill to bring all places of public concourse under statutory control?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government are very sensible of the necessity of a measure of this kind; but the Honorable Member has only to refer to the business paper, and he will see nine or ten measures of importance, and which we believe of urgency, standing for the second reading, and we cannot proceed with them; and that difficulty renders legislation almost—next thing, at all events, to impracticable.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Explanation, estimate, and plans of proposed Training College for Teachers of Public Schools, in accordance with the 13th section of the Public Works, Act of 1888.
Ordered to be printed.
3. COLLEGE FOR THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for their report thereon, the erection of a College for the training of Teachers of Public Schools, as submitted and explained by the Minister of Public Instruction.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

6. LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

And it being Six o'clock, General Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on 5th November, 1890.

7. COURTS OF CONCILIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs 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 Courts of Conciliation.
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 Courts of Conciliation.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. CONTRACTORS LIEN BILL:—
(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected.
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 give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected.
On motion of Mr. Garrard, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 5th December.
9. JOADJA CREEK RAILWAY TRANSFER 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 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. Garrard, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on an Additional or Supplementary Estimate for 1890, for the payment to country and suburban municipalities of a further additional grant of five shillings in the pound on the total amount of rates collected by such municipalities for the municipal year ending 4th February, 1890.
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 provision to be made on an Additional or Supplementary Estimate for 1890, for the payment to country and suburban municipalities of a further additional grant of five shillings in the pound on the total amount of rates collected by such municipalities for the municipal year ending 4th February 1890.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. HAY AND DENILQUIN 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. McMillan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 5th December.
13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan 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 eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely :—Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lees, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Morton, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Schey, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Walker,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Improvements of Bellinger Harbour:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he arrived at any determination with reference to the improvements of the Bellinger Harbour suggested by the report of Captain Howard?
 (2.) How soon will this matter be proceeded with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No. The Engineer-in-Chief informs me the matter is surrounded with difficulty, owing to the absence of suitable material for making the training wall. This will probably make the cost of carrying out the work more than I at present feel warranted in entering upon, but the matter is being further investigated.

(2.) There is no money at present available for starting works.

- (2.) Entrance to Macleay River:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Sir John Coode's report on the proposed improvements to the entrance to the Macleay River been received?
 (2.) If not, can he state what is the cause of delay, and how soon such report may be expected?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The information required by Sir John Coode was forwarded to the Agent-General on the 17th October, 1889. I cannot state the cause of delay, but in all probability the report will be to hand very shortly.

- (3.) Nambuccra Harbour:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How soon will the improvement of the harbour of the Nambuccra, for which the sum of £3,000 was voted in the year 1883, be proceeded with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Nambuccra survey has been awaiting the completion of the Coff's Harbour survey; the latter work, which has been delayed by bad weather, is now complete, and Captain Howard is proceeding with the former survey.

- (4.) Grafton-Yamba Road:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that for the past eight months traffic has been seriously impeded on the South Grafton-Yamba Road, caused by a wash-away in the river bank at Ulmarra?
 (2.) Will he see that no further delay takes place in carrying out the repairs already sanctioned?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,

(1.) It appears from a report by the local officer that a wash-away in the road, near Ulmarra, occurred during the March floods, and traffic has been inconvenienced on account of having to pass through private property. The impediment complained of consists of two light sets of slip-rails; but arrangements have been made to move the fence back 33 feet at once, which will give ample room for all traffic.

(2.) The local officer also reports that the fascine work for protection of the river bank at this place is now in hand. The question as to resumption of land for a new road has not yet been decided. Papers are with the District Surveyor for report.

- (5.) Railway across Shoalhaven River:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit to the House, with a view to its being sent on to the Public Works Committee with the next batch of public works, the proposal of taking the railway line across the Shoalhaven River by bridge?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I hope to have all the papers ready to enable me to do so.

(6.)

(6.) Resumption of Pember's Land at Bowral for Public Cemetery :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On what date was Pember's land resumed for cemetery at Bowral ?
- (2.) What is the amount of Mr. Pember's claim for the land ?
- (3.) What is the amount of value and compensation for such land fixed by Government Valuator Thompson ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) On 24th January, 1890.
- (2.) £1,300.
- (3.) £727.

(7.) Late Fire in Pitt-street :—Mr. Dowd asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the verdict of the jury on the late disastrous fire in Pitt-street, Sydney, so far as their verdict made reference to the overhead telegraph and telephone wires in the streets, and the great danger of same to property and life ?
- (2.) Is he aware that, in consequence of danger and inconvenience, such wires are now being laid underground in the city of London ?
- (3.) Is it his intention to take steps to give effect to the suggestion of the jury ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes, and the Superintendent of Telegraphs is preparing a report on the subject, together with a recommendation for the consideration of the Postmaster-General, which will, in all probability, be a subway.
- (2.) No; the telephone wires are not being placed underground. In London the telegraph wires have been underground for some years.
- (3.) The Postmaster-General will consider the best steps to be taken on receipt of the Superintendent's report.

(8.) Edward Morris, killed at Orange Railway Station :—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the claim of the widow of the shunter, Edward Morris, recently killed by collision with a lamp-post improperly placed on the six-foot space between two lines of rails at the Orange railway-station, been brought under his notice, or under the notice of the Railway Commissioners ?
- (2.) If so, what amount of money as compensation has been offered to the widow ?
- (3.) Will he ascertain whether the erection of a post in the centre of a space as narrow as 6 feet between the railway lines was necessary, and who suggested or authorised it ?
- (4.) Will he give the name of the official responsible for the erection of this lamp-post ?
- (5.) Is he aware that the space between the projecting foot-boards of the vans and carriages and this post was only some 9 or 10 inches ?
- (6.) Will he ascertain whether the narrow space allowed placed the lives of guards, shunters, and passengers, under certain circumstances, in danger ?
- (7.) Is it true that Morris was only 28 years of age, and that his wife, aged 23, is unprovided for, and has three young children, one of whom is a baby a few weeks old ?
- (8.) Is it true that Mrs. Morris has been offered £350 only as compensation for the loss she has sustained ?
- (9.) Is it true that this lamp-post had been only in its place about eight hours, and was quickly removed after the accident which caused the death of Morris ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I do not think that the Honorable Member's question should be answered just at present, as I am informed the matter is one out of which legal proceedings may arise.

(9.) Branch Line of Railway to Glebe Island :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he order a trial survey of a branch line of railway from some point on the main line between Summer Hill and Stanmore Stations on to Glebe Island, or other deep water frontages of Balmain ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Trial surveys were made a few years ago from the Illawarra line, and from the Main Suburban line to Long Nose Point, Balmain, passing under Petersham viaduct, and skirting the eastern shore of Long Cove.

2. JOADJA CREEK RAILWAY TRANSFER 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 'Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited), or the liquidators thereof, to transfer the Joadja Creek Railway, and the rights, powers, and privileges vested in them by the 'Joadja Creek Railway Act of 1880, to another Company, to be formed and registered in the Colony of New South Wales under the 'Companies Act.'*"

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 'Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited), or the liquidators thereof, to transfer the Joadja Creek Railway, and the rights, powers, and privileges vested in them by the 'Joadja Creek Railway Act of 1880, to another Company, to be formed and registered in the Colony of New South Wales under the 'Companies Act.'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th November, 1890.

3. MR. WILLIAM NEWBERY, LATE MATHEMATICAL MASTER, SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alison moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, and documents in connection with the dismissal of W. Newbery from the Sydney Grammar School.

Question put and passed.

4. **CIRCULAR QUAY LAND BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street.*”
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 certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th November, 1890.*
5. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Copeland presented a Petition from certain Residents of New England, submitting reasons for the Petitioners’ opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour.
Petition received.
6. **MULGOA IRRIGATION BILL**:—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from T. R. Smith, Mayor of Penrith, and Chairman of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of that Town and District, representing that at the said meeting Resolutions were passed unanimously in support of the Mulgoa Irrigation Bill, stating that the best interests of the Nepean District and the Colony at large demand that Messrs. Chassey Brothers scheme for the irrigation of Mulgoa should receive encouragement; and praying the House to take the said Resolutions into favourable consideration.
At the request of Mr. Lees, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 25th November, 1890, “*Mr. William Newbery, late Mathematical Master, Sydney Grammar School.*”
8. **BOATS REGISTRATION AND REGULATION BILL**:—Mr. Hawken proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Alexander Brown requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker on this Bill, which, he stated, involved expenditure, and was in other respects a Money Bill, but was not covered by a Message from the Governor. He also contended that it was beyond the order of leave.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill had been properly introduced, that it did not necessarily involve expenditure, but that it imposed license fees not referred to in the order of leave, and was therefore out of order.
On motion of Mr. Hawken, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. **ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT 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.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. King,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Groene,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. O’Sullivan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Goodchap.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Slattery.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before One o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Compensation for Roads through Properties:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to submit cases in which application is made for compensation, because of severance or loss in consequence of roads being forced through properties, to the Local Boards for report?

Mr. Brunner answered,—In some cases the Deeds of Grant do not provide for compensation being given, but in those in which it is provided for by the law, reference will be made to the Local Land Boards.

(2.) Grants of Sites for Town Halls or Municipal Chambers:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government granted, free of cost, or at a nominal charge, sites for town halls or municipal chambers?

(2.) The names of the municipalities or boroughs to which such grants have been made?

(3.) Are the Government prepared to treat all municipalities alike in this matter, either by granting free sites or granting a sum of money for purchase of same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will in a day or two lay a paper upon the Table giving an answer to this question.

(3.) Prospecting Board:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When will the Prospecting Board visit Cobar?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Prospecting Board will visit Cobar next month.

(4.) Post Office, Randwick:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Postmaster-General,—Referring to his answers *re* the Post Office site at Randwick, will he state on whose advice he decided on the site in Avoca-street?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—On receipt of the tenders which were invited for a site at Randwick, I found the residents were much divided in opinion as to the most central and suitable one, and, having personally visited the locality, I selected the land belonging to the Church of England as being, in my opinion, the best in the interest of the people in the district generally.

(5.) General Military Staff:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the annual value of the rations, fuel, and light allowed to each of the following officers of the General Staff:—Officer Commanding the Forces, Assistant Adjutant-General, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Inspector of Musketry?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the absence of the Major-General the following information has been supplied by the Colonel Commanding the Military Forces, which is in accordance with present contract rates, viz.:—Officer Commanding the Forces, £44 16s. 6d.; Assistant Adjutant-General, £41 9s. 7½d.; Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, £41 9s. 7½d.; Inspector of Musketry, £35 18s. 6d.

(6.) Coff's Harbour Jetty:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the originally-proposed length of the jetty now being constructed at Coff's Harbour?

(2.) The name of the officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department who selected the site for the abovenamed jetty?

(3.) The name of the officer-in-charge of the construction of the work?

(4.) What length of jetty has now been constructed?

(5.) What depth of water is there at the present end of the jetty?

(6.) What will be the total length of the jetty when completed, and what depth of water will be secured?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) 1,080 feet.
- (2.) Mr. R. R. P. Hickson, now Engineer and Commissioner for Roads and Bridges.
- (3.) Captain Howard, R.N., assisted by Inspector Brayne.
- (4.) 720 feet.
- (5.) 8 feet at low water.
- (6.) Owing to the shoaling up of the bay subsequent to the original survey being made, it is found desirable to extend the jetty 500 feet further, making it 1,580 feet long, to reach a depth of 18 feet at low water.

(7.) Reward for Gold Discovery at Hillgrove:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Was an inquiry held some time ago with a view to ascertaining the relative merits of the various claimants for the reward for gold discovery at Hillgrove?
- (2.) What was the result of such inquiry?
- (3.) When does he intend to finally deal with the matter?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The warden reports that three of the claimants had the best claim, but the evidence discloses that the discovery was made by accident, while searching for antimony, and was not reported.
- (3.) The matter is under consideration.

(8.) Reformatory Buildings and Grounds, Rookwood:—*Mr. Ritchie* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
Has the Government considered the question of utilising the buildings and land at Rookwood known as the Reformatory buildings and grounds; if so, with what result?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot give a definite answer to-day, but the premises will be utilised either by the Department of Public Instruction or that of Mines and Agriculture. I can answer the question in a fortnight's time.

(9.) Appointment of Engineer-in-Chief for Railways:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Before sending to England for an Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, did he consider the claims and capabilities of those in the Department, and satisfy himself that there was no one suited for the position?
- (2.) Was there any particular reason why applications were not invited in the Colony for the said position?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The Government can scarcely be said to have sent to England for an Engineer-in-Chief. Applications have been received, and carefully entertained, from gentlemen in this and other Colonies, though not publicly invited, and the Honorable Member may rest assured that only what is conceived, on the very best authority, to be the most qualified man will be chosen for the position, irrespective of his whereabouts.
- (2.) Experience shows that advertised invitations for applications for such a position, as a rule, do not attract the most highly qualified men, who generally refrain from entering into such competitions.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Electoral Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 4th December.
- (2.) Parliamentary Sessions Bill; adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Copeland, "That this Bill be now read a second time;"—until Friday, 5th December.
- (3.) Hospital Elections Bill; second reading;—until Friday next.
- (4.) Mulgoa Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 9th December.
- (5.) Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday next.

3. USE OF CAMELS BY AFGHAN CARRIERS IN THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS:—*Mr. Waddell* presented a Petition from certain Residents of Bourke, drawing attention to the fact that certain coloured men from Afghanistan are entering into competition with the carriers in the Bourke District, and use camels to transport goods from place to place; and representing the unfairness and injustice of such competition; and praying the House to remove the evils complained of.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Borough of East Maitland, under the "Maitland Cattle Driving Act Amendment Act, 1880."
- (2.) Report by the Director-General of Forests on Italian settlement at the Richmond River, known as "New Italy."
- (3.) List of Delegates appointed to represent the various Colonies at Australasian Federation Convention.
- (4.) Information respecting employment of Officers in Civil Service as Special Constables.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on the 12th November, 1890, "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve."
- (2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th 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 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 authorised to be dedicated and reserved to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report by the Examiners of Public Works Proposals on the proposed Bridges at Morpeth and Hinton.

(2.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price, Temporary Examiner of Public Works Proposals, in regard to the proposed improvement of the Brunswick River, together with plan.

(3.) Schedules A. to F., Public Works Department, Estimates for 1891, including Schedules for Subordinate Roads.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Berry Municipal District Naming Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Blayney Municipal Council Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889; and to enable the said Council to recover rates; and for other 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, 26th November, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 26th November, 1890.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,

For the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, line 3. *After "by" insert "not"*

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.

6. 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 giving reasons why the Minister for Works should not again be allowed to take charge of the business of the House on the part of the Government."

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

Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Hawken submitted that the subject of the motion made by the Honorable Member was not of sufficient "public importance" to justify the course taken by him under the Additional Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker stated that the point was not a new one, his predecessor—Mr. Speaker Young—having ruled, on 31st May and 2nd June, 1887, that the duty devolved on him to decide whether or not the motion offered was a matter of urgent public importance, which ruling was subsequently reversed by the House itself. As the practice of Parliament was to observe the decision of the House unless that decision were afterwards negatived, Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not within his province to decide the matter submitted by the Honorable Member, Mr. Hawken.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes referred to the position of the public business, and stated the intention of the Government in relation thereto, with a view to the close of the Session. Mr. Dibbs also addressed the House.

8. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING:—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling, given on the 12th instant, That no motion can be made dissenting from the ruling of the Chair, except by notice of motion.

Mr. Speaker having explained the reasons for his ruling,—

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from Charles Jones, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of South Sydney, representing that, in the opinion of the said meeting, no legislation dealing with the Liquor Traffic will be regarded as satisfactory that does not provide for full local option without compensation, and prohibit the employment of barmaids; and praying the House to give that opinion favourable consideration.
Petition received.
10. **LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.
11. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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, 27 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Offices Erection Bill (No. 2):—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Message No. 64.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*,"—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, 26th November, 1890.

- (2.) Milson's Point Extension Railway Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Message No. 65.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point*,"—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, 26th November, 1890.

- (3.) Leprosy Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Message No. 66.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the notification of cases of Leprosy; for the detention and isolation of Lepers; the appointment of Lazarets; 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, 26th November, 1890.

2. CENSUS 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. 67.

Lieutenant-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 make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and for obtaining certain industrial, commercial, and other statistics, and certain particulars relating to the live stock, crops, and occupation of land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th November, 1890.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Grants held by Messrs. Crace, Johnston, and Dyce:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. E. K. Crace, of Gungahleen, and Mr. R. P. Johnston, of Jeir, both near Queanbeyan, do not pay quit-rents for the old grants they hold?

(2.) Is it a fact also that the Treasury Department demand the payment of £121 11s. 8d. for the quit-rent of a grant issued in 1838 to Mr. P. Dyce, now held by Mr. Alexander Dyce, of Gundaroo?

(3.) Why is such distinction made between the grants held by Messrs. Grace and Johnston and that held by Mr. Alexander Dyce?

(4.) Is he aware that a letter was received on 27th April, 1855, by Margaret Dyce, widow of Mr. P. Dyce, the original holder of the grant, notifying that if the quit-rents then due were paid a deed would be issued for the grants?

(5.) Is he aware that such rents were paid, and the deed of grant issued?

(6.) Is he also aware that no quit-rent has been demanded for the Dyce grant since 1855?

(7.) Under these circumstances, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the reason why the arrears of quit-rents, amounting to £121 11s. 8d., are now demanded by the Examiners under the Real Property Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) There is no record in the Treasury of a grant to E. K. Crace. In regard to R. P. Johnston, there is a grant of 700 acres to Robert Johnston (Jeir), county of Murray, the quit-rent upon which has been redeemed under the regulations of 9th October, 1846.

(2.) £121 11s. 8d. is due and payable for quit-rent upon a grant of 1,280 acres (Gundaroo), county of Murray, to Margaret Dyce.

(3.) Because the quit-rent upon Johnston's grant has been redeemed under the regulations above referred to. Such is not the case in respect of Dyce's grant.

(4.) No.

(5.) No.

(6.) If not demanded, the grant is still liable for the quit-rent.

(7.) The Registrar-General requires the quit-rent to be paid before issuing the certificate of title bringing the land under the Real Property Act.

(2.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Cowra:—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Garland, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in effecting the necessary alterations in the Cowra Post and Telegraph offices?

(2.) Will he expedite the work?

(3.) Can he state any definite time within which the work will be commenced?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague understands that the delay is occasioned through the Government Architect not having funds at his disposal to carry out the work, which is estimated to cost £325. (2 and 3.) Yes, so soon as money has been voted.

(3.) Prospecting Board:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—When will the Prospecting Board visit the Monaro District, especially Kiandra, Pawping, Cowra, Fiery Creek, and Micalago?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The district was visited and applications dealt with last November. The Board proposes to visit the district again early next year.

(4.) Langhorn's Crossing, Snowy River:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide a boat at Langhorn's Crossing, Snowy River, as promised some time since?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes; plans are being prepared and tenders will be invited in about a week.

(5.) Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) How many applications have been received from the Condobolin District during the last two years for assistance from the Prospecting Vote to search for gold?

(2.) When will the Prospecting Board visit Condobolin with a view to report upon the same?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Only one from Condobolin, three from Melrose, and one from Burra Burra.

(2.) The Board hope to visit the district at the beginning of the year.

(6.) Chowder Bay Riot:—Mr. Clubb asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all reports, papers, or other documents in the possession of the Inspector-General of Police relating to the rioting at Chowder Bay on the 6th October ultimo?

(2.) Also, a return showing the names of all persons convicted at the Water Police Court for participation therein, with the nature of the punishment awarded in each case?

(3.) Will he state what steps, if any, have been taken to reward the two artillerymen who so bravely and successfully assisted the police on that occasion?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Inspector-General of Police to specially recognise the services of Police Constable Burke on the occasion of the rioting?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1. and 2.) If the honorable gentleman will move for the papers no objection will be raised, but, as they include the publication of names, I do not think the Government should voluntarily take that course without being moved to do so.

(3.) A money gratuity has been paid to the two artillerymen who assisted the police on the occasion.

(4.) Constable Burke's conduct will not be overlooked when claims for promotion are under consideration.

(7.)

(7.) Crown Lessees in Western Division :—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are the Crown lessees in the Western Division entitled to a refund of rent paid by them in advance for any land taken from their holdings during the year's currency?
 (2.) If so, what is the process of applying for and receiving it?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No application is necessary, but at the commencement of each year the District Surveyors furnish schedules showing the areas withdrawn from each holding during the preceding year, on receipt of which the necessary refunds are made.

4. FRUIT DISEASES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to deal with fruit diseases, fruit insects, and fruit pests.
 Question put and passed.

5. BAR IN PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOM :—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from John Harris, President of the New South Wales Local Option League, stating the objects of the League, and that he deploras the fact that a bar for the sale of intoxicating liquors exists within the precincts of Parliament House; and praying that the necessary steps may be taken for abolishing and prohibiting the supply of intoxicants within the Parliamentary buildings.

Mr. Allen moved, That the Petition be received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. McFarlane,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Plumb,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Traill.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Evidence in connection with the inquiry of the Examiners of Public Works Proposals, respecting the proposed bridges over the Hunter River at Morpeth, and the Paterson at Hinton; together with appendices thereto.
 Ordered to be printed.

7. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a Sitting Day of this House, that the House meet at Four o'clock p.m., and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Davis,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Ball,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Ritchie.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Dalton.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Dawson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan 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 Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Returns on Railways between Wellington and Bourke:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the gross return for goods and passengers carried on the Government Railways between Wellington and Bourke, and including both the abovenamed towns, for the year ending the 31st of December, 1889?

(2.) What was the net return for same after deducting working expenses?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the railway books are not kept in such a way as to admit of the information for sections of the lines, as mentioned, being given.

- (2.) Post Office, George-street North:—*Mr. Playfair* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the rent of the building now used as a Post Office in George-street North?

(2.) For how long has the building been leased?

(3.) Who recommended the leasing of this building by the Government?

(4.) Is it found to be a suitable building for a Post Office?

(5.) Will he endeavour to get a more suitable building in a better position?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) £250 per annum.

(2.) For five years, from 5th September, 1887.

(3.) By *Mr. Postal-Inspector Unwin*.

(4.) It is reported as dilapidated, and not very conveniently situated, although the best that could be obtained at the time.

(5.) Yes. Inquiries are now being made in that direction.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day (No. 2) for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill postponed until after the Order of the Day (No. 3) for the second reading of the Katoomba Lighting Bill.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 15th October, 1890, “*Mr. T. R. Icely, Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island.*”

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 10th June, 1890, “*Civil Service Superannuation Fund.*”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting charges of insubordination and neglect of duty against *Mr. Charles Egeson*, late Map-Compiler, Observatory, and respecting his subsequent removal from the Public Service.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION 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 and extend the provisions of the Licensing Acts, 1882–1883, under which publicans licenses are subject to ratepayers votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.

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 amend and extend the provisions of the Licensing Acts, 1882–1883, under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.

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 and extend the provisions of the 'Licensing Acts, 1882–1883, under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses,*"—which was read a first time.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Monday, 8th December.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McMillan, "That this Bill be now read a third time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Dibbs 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 recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 1."

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

Debate continued.

And it being Six o'clock, General Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on 5th November, 1890.

6. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION 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. Frank Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

7. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hurley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill postponed until Friday, 12th December.

9. HOSPITAL ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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. Lee (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Creer moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Perry,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Curley,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Garland.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. King,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Hawthorne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. **BLAYNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENABLING BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garland, 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. Garland, 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 declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889; and to enable the said Council to recover rates; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1890.*

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) New Postal Pillars:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) By whose authority are the new postal pillars being erected in this city?
 - (2.) Has the City Council been invited to approve of the design of such pillars?
 - (3.) Is the Postal Department aware that it is publicly stated that letters can be abstracted from such pillars?
 - (4.) How many pillars of this design are to be erected, and within what area?
 - (5.) Who are the contractors for the erection of these pillars?
 - (6.) What will be the cost to the Government for each pillar?
 - (7.) What rights and privileges are granted to the contractors?
 - (8.) Over what period of time do such rights and privileges extend?
 - (9.) Will he have any objection to lay the whole of the papers in connection with this matter upon the Table of the House?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) The Postmaster-General.
 - (2.) Yes, and has done so.
 - (3.) A slight defect, which has been remedied, caused the letter-receivers to fill too quickly.
 - (4.) One hundred; probably within the city of Sydney, at the sites of present boxes.
 - (5.) John Colquhoun-Thompson.
 - (6.) Nothing.
 - (7.) The right of advertising on certain panels, &c.
 - (8.) Seventeen years.
 - (9.) No, on motion for them being passed.
- (2.) Marked-tree Road, Gundaroo to Collector:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How long has the road from Gundaroo to Collector, known as the marked-tree Road, been under the control of road superintendents?
 - (2.) How much per annum has been voted for expenditure on this road since it has been under the road superintendent?
 - (3.) How much has been expended per annum, giving each year separately, on the road in question during that time?
 - (4.) How has the money been expended on it—by contract, or in what way?
 - (5.) What is the amount of the unexpended balance for the said time, and is it yet available for expenditure?
 - (6.) Has any maintenance man been working on the road during the said term; and, if so, who was he, and what was he paid for the said work?
 - (7.) Has any contract for work on this road been accepted for this year; if not, why not?
 - (8.) Is it the intention of the Department to call for tenders for repairs to this road this year?
 - (9.) Will the Department put on a permanent maintenance man on this road?
 - (10.) Who is the maintenance man on the road Gundaroo to Gunning?
 - (11.) Is there sufficient work to keep him continually going, and is he continually on it?
 - (12.) Will he authorise the road superintendent to see that the maintenance man on the last mentioned road fills up all the ruts and tracks made by heavy rains, so as to make it passable?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter has been referred to the local officer for report, and on receipt of same, information will be supplied.

2. VINE DISEASES ACTS CONTINUATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers, for Mr. Sydney Smith, 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 continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year.
Question put and passed.
3. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Vivian moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act, 1875.
Question put and passed.
4. METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Hawthorne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make By-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep; and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of her present Majesty's reign, numbered 23, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
5. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hurley, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Hurley then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct gas works and electric works, or either of them, within the town and district of Katoomba.*"
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 Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct gas works and electric works, or either of them, within the town and district of Katoomba,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1890.
6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duplication of Railway Line between Picton and Mittagong:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners for Railways to duplicate the line between Picton and Mittagong?
- (2.) If so, will the grade now existing of 1 in 30 be reduced?
- (3.) Have any trial surveys been made of deviations between Picton and Mittagong; if so, with what result?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners are anxious to duplicate the Southern Railway Line through to Goulburn as soon as possible, and Parliament is being asked to consider the question of voting a portion of the necessary money for the purpose. With regard to the line, Picton to Mittagong, a survey has been made for avoiding the rising gradients of 1 in 30; but the expense of carrying out the work surveyed is so considerable that another scheme is now being inquired into, in the expectation of less costly arrangements being secured.

- (2.) Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra, and Bondi Tram-lines:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of fares credited to the Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra, and Bondi tram-lines respectively, from 1st January, 1890, to 31st October, 1890?
- (2.) The amount debited to each of the said lines on account of repairs, and all kinds of working expenses for the like period?
- (3.) The proportion of expenses debited to each of the said lines in the maintenance of such from Bridge-street to Botany-street, and thence to their respective termini?
- (4.) The percentage of receipts (if any) over and above the amount payable upon the amount expended in connection with the construction, maintenance, and management of the said lines?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it is not usual to keep the earnings and expenses separate for the different tram routes, and it is regretted the information cannot be given in the form desired.

- (3.) "Mann" Car:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he state the total cost of the Mann car lately constructed at Wickham?
- (2.) What has the car cost for repairs and alterations since it was delivered to the Department?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the total cost of the Mann car, as built by the contractors, was £3,800. The contract for this vehicle was let in May, 1888, prior to the Railway Commissioners taking office, and was originally estimated to cost £3,600, but owing to defects in the design certain alterations had to be made, incurring an increased cost of £200. A cost of £41 was incurred by the Department in fitting brake, &c., but nothing has been spent on repairs.

- (4.) Removal of Mr. Midelton from the Public Service:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he please say upon what basis, or for what purpose, the sum of £1,500 was given to Mr. Midelton when that gentleman was dismissed the Public Service?
- (2.) Was Mr. Midelton's dismissal carried out under the provisions of the Civil Service Act and Railways Act?
- (3.) Was the information read to the House on the 20th November known to the Honorable Treasurer at the time he consented to Mr. Midelton's dismissal?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2.) The sum of £1,500 was granted as a retiring allowance to Mr. Midelton on the recommendation of the Railway Commissioners as a special amount. His services were dispensed with by the Railway Commissioners under the powers given them by the Railway Act. I referred at length to this matter in debate some time ago. I may say that Mr. Midelton gave a receipt in full for all claims when he received the sum of £1,500.

- (5.) Mining on Private Property Bill:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he redeem his promise to this House, by introducing a Mining on Private Property Bill during the present Session?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I shall endeavour to do so.

- (6.) Bridge over Macleay River at Kempsey:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What arrangements have been made by him to secure the fulfilment of his promise to a deputation from the Macleay River that, within four months from that date, Examining Officers would be despatched to the Macleay District to report upon the expediency of erecting a bridge over that river at Kempsey?

(2.) On what date may the Examining Officers be expected to visit the Macleay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—My answer was not of the definite character which the Honorable Member's question would indicate. I have not lost sight of the matter, and hope to be able to send an Examiner to report on the question within a few weeks.

- (7.) Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have urgent representations been made to his Department concerning the dilapidation of the interior of the Forbes Post and Telegraph Office?

(2.) Will he give this matter early attention?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Such representations were made in September last, but the Government Architect reports that an officer has not yet been able to visit the building, and that one will be instructed to do so as early as possible, to prepare specifications, and obtain tenders for necessary repairs, &c.

- (8.) Lake Cudgellico:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it intended to construct water to conserve water in Lake Cudgellico; if so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Levels connecting the Lachlan River surveys with Lake Cudgellico were taken some time ago, but owing to flood all work in that neighbourhood had to be postponed. The plans for a flood-gate, and the survey of Lake Creek, with a view to its improvement, are now being proceeded with.

- (9.) Canal from Murrumbidgee River to Lake Urana:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—What is intended to be done in regard to the proposal to construct a canal from the Murrumbidgee River, near Wagga Wagga, to Lake Urana?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The preliminary surveys in connection with the proposed canal from the Murrumbidgee River, near Wagga Wagga, are well advanced. The result obtained has been satisfactory, but it is impossible at this stage to give detail as to what should be done.

- (10.) Tramway, Ashfield to Druiit Town:—*Mr. Gormly*, for Mr. Lakeman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to call for tenders for the tramway from Ashfield to Druiit Town?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders were invited some time ago, as I have already informed the Members for the district.

- (11.) Road from Carrathool Railway Station to Hillston:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the road from Carrathool Railway Station to Hillston, *via* Camp Plain, been yet made available for public use; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The land has been resumed for the road, but will not be open for public use until Executive sanction has been obtained, which is now being sought. The proclamation will be made in a few days.

- (12.) Military Forces of the Colony:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the increasing annual expenditure, now approaching £250,000, from the Consolidated Revenue, in addition to expenditure from loans, on the Military Forces of the Colony, what action do the Government intend to take for the placing of the business relating to the Military and Naval Forces of New South Wales under a separate department of Government?

(2.) If the Government has not yet taken the subject into consideration, will it please to do so, and inform Parliament at an early date as to the decision arrived at?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government has not determined upon any new departure in the conduct of business relating to the military forces, and I cannot at the present time give information as to when the matter is likely to receive further consideration.

- (13.) D. & R. Bradford's Tender for Special Castings:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that D. & R. Bradford's tender for special castings has been accepted by the Water Supply and Sewerage Department?

(2.) Is it true that one of the partners of this firm has lately served a sentence for defrauding the City Corporation in connection with certain similar contracts obtained from that corporation?

(3.) If he is unaware of these facts will he make inquiry, with the view (if they are proved correct) of preventing this contract being continued?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Board have supplied me with the following answers :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) This firm being the lowest tenderers, and having complied with all the conditions, the Board did not consider itself justified in passing them over. Every care will be taken to prevent a repetition of the frauds practised on the City Corporation.

I may add that I am not satisfied with the state of things disclosed in these answers, and am now making further inquiries into the facts.

- (14.) Land Board, Gosford:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. Stevenson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to Mr. Stevenson's Question, and the Minister's answer of date 12th November,—is he able to say when a meeting of the Local Land Board will be held at Gosford?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A meeting of the Local Land Board will be held at Gosford on Tuesday, the 6th of January next, and following days.

2. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Greene, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchases of C. H. Thatcher, Forbes Land District," brought up on 23rd September, 1890, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.

3. HOSPITAL ELECTIONS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lee, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Election of Trustees, Treasurers, and Officers of Hospitals.*"

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 the Election of Trustees, Treasurers, and Officers of Hospitals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1890.

4. RAILWAY ROUTE FROM GUYRA TO INVERELL:—*Mr. Inglis* presented a Petition from certain Residents of Ollera, Wandsworth, Tenterden, and their surroundings, urging reasons in favour of the Railway route from Guyra to Inverell; and praying that this route will be submitted for the consideration of the Works Committee, and that the House will take such steps as will cause the speedy construction of this route.
Petition received.

5. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—*Mr. Vivian* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Bank Holidays Act, 1875,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th December.

6. METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL:—*Mr. Hawthorne* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make by-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep; and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, numbered 23, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th December.

7. FORFEITED SELECTION OF J. J. RAY:—*Mr. Gormly* 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 recommendation made by the Local Land Board, Wagga Wagga, that the selection of J. J. Ray be forfeited.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Copland, Mr. Curley, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Lakeman, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. LAW REFORM:—*Mr. Reid* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, many of the methods of legal procedure in New South Wales, especially in the civil jurisdiction of the superior courts, are antiquated in form, complicated and uncertain in their operation, and unnecessarily expensive to all persons seeking justice, whether at law or in equity.

(2.) That a much-needed branch of law reform is the consolidation (and, when expedient, the amendment) by one or more comprehensive measures, of much of the statute law, especially that part of it which, by virtue of a declaratory section in the Imperial Act 9 Geo. IV., c. 83, embraces such English legislation from the earliest times down to the year 1828, as the Judges of the Colony may have occasion from time to time to decide to be applicable to this part of the Empire at the present day.

(3.) That this House desires earnestly to impress upon the Government the great urgency of law reform in these and other respects, and the immediate necessity for such inquiry and report by competent persons as will ensure the framing of measures conferring upon the people the advantages of a speedy and economical administration of justice, under a sound and efficient system of law.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. WATER CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION BILL:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define water rights, and to provide for the conservation and utilization of water for irrigation and other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. ADMINISTRATION OF FISHERIES ACT:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid up the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The names and addresses of persons who have been prosecuted and fined under section 18 of the Fisheries Act of 1881.
(2.) The amount of the fine in each case; by whom imposed; and whether the nets found in the possession of the persons proceeded against were confiscated or not.
(3.) The date of each prosecution, or when information was sworn to, giving also the name of the Inspector of Fisheries who prosecuted, and amount of the fine he received as his moiety.
(4.) The way in which the confiscated nets have been disposed of, giving prices (if any) obtained for each, as also length and mesh of same.
(5.) The original date of closing the waters of the Parramatta River above the iron bridge, near Hunter's Hill, against net-fishing; also giving dates of subsequent closures, and the time each proclamation was intended to cover.
(6.) The like information in regard to Iron Cove Bay, Lane Cove River, Tuggerrah Lakes, Hawkesbury River, Lake Macquarie, and George's River.
(7.) The number of times each Commissioner, giving name, has attended in response to the usual call at the meetings called during the period 1st August, 1889, to 30th September, 1890; also, the number of meetings that have lapsed, or at which business has been transacted, without a quorum, during the same period.
(8.) The names of the fishing-grounds that have been visited officially by any member of the Commission during the period above mentioned, giving dates of each visit (if any), and name of Commissioner.
(9.) The rent paid for offices occupied by the Fisheries Department, and to whom paid.
(10.) The amount still outstanding and uncollected for oyster leases.
(11.) The number of licenses issued to fishermen during the current year at the following places:—Home Fisheries, Northern Fisheries, and Southern Fisheries.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mounted Infantry:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Cruickshank*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision in this year's Supplementary Estimates for an additional regiment in the Mounted Infantry?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is quite certain that provision will be made for another regiment of Mounted Infantry, but I cannot give any definite information beyond the statement of that intention.

- (2.) Packet License granted to Steamer "General Gordon":—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a packet license has been granted to the captain of the steamer "General Gordon," lying at the Government Wharf, at the Hawkesbury River?

(2.) If so, on what conditions was such license granted?

(3.) Does the "General Gordon" steamer make regular trips up the River Hawkesbury to any definite point; if so, where to, and how often?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to prevent similar licenses being granted to other harbour and river steamers on the same conditions?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes, a packet license under class 3 section 40 of 45 Vic. No. 14 was granted by the Ryde Licensing Bench, on 7th November last.

(2.) Under the ordinary conditions imposed by section 25 of 45 Vic. No. 14, authorising the master of the vessel to sell liquor to passengers during her voyage or passage, but not until the vessel has left her berth or moorings.

(3.) The "General Gordon" steamer makes trips up the river chiefly to Windsor and Peat's Ferry, but how often cannot be stated, as the steamer is run under private enterprise. On certain occasions the steamer connects with railway excursion trains under arrangement with the Railway Commissioners.

(4.) As the issue of packet licenses is provided by the Act 45 Vic. No. 14, under the provisions of which Licensing Courts and Licensing Magistrates are empowered to grant certificates requiring the issue of such licenses, the Government are unable to interfere with the action of such Courts or Magistrates when acting within the jurisdiction conferred upon them by the statute.

- (3.) Contracts for erection of Postal Pillars:—*Mr. Creer* asked the Postmaster-General,—Under what authority does he enter into contracts for the erection of postal pillars in the streets of Sydney, and under what statutory authority are such pillars permitted by him or the Municipal Council of Sydney?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Owing to one of the many defects in the present postal law, the only contracts the Postmaster-General has power to enter into are those for mail conveyance. All others, even for renting of premises as Post and Telegraph Offices, are, on the advice of the Crown Law Officers, made in the name of the Queen, and this was the course adopted in the case of the new pillar boxes. I cannot answer the Question so far as it concerns the Municipal Council.

- (4.) Railways, Jerilderie to Deniliquin, Jerilderie to Berrigan and Tocumwal:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet received reports from the examiners who have taken evidence *re* the proposed construction of railways from Jerilderie to Deniliquin, Jerilderie to Berrigan and Tocumwal?

(2.) If not, will he state when these reports will be furnished?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I understand they will come to hand this week.

(5.)

(5.) Rifle Range at Randwick:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what date was the new rifle range at Randwick approved of?
- (2.) When will the range be completed and ready for practice?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As soon as the necessary survey has been completed, no time will be lost in completing this work.

(6.) Randwick Toll-bar:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose to dispense with the Randwick toll-bar?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter must of necessity remain over until next Session, as specific legislation is required to deal with it. I promise the Honorable Member to bring the matter before my colleagues before then.

2. CENSUS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and for obtaining certain industrial, commercial, and other statistics, and certain particulars relating to the live stock, crops, and occupation of land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects. Question put and passed.
3. METROPOLITAN STREETS IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands, and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of improvements; to authorise the imposition of street improvement rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
4. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—Mr. Frank Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided,—and the Tellers not agreeing as to the numbers, Mr. Speaker appointed other Tellers, whose lists agreed,—

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Clubb,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Burns,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Hayes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Greene,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Street.
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Bruce Smith,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Dale,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Nobbs.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Smith then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct, use, maintain, and in certain respects control and regulate a harbour within the waters of the said Lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden; and to make, establish, maintain, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct, work, use, and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situate between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to reclaim, purchase, take, occupy, and otherwise acquire land in certain cases, and on certain terms as to acquisition, compensation, payment, rent, investiture, and otherwise; and to levy, receive, and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and for towage, and fares, freights, and other charges for the use of the said railways; and to confer and impose upon the said Corporation certain powers, rights, duties, and liabilities; and to extend the rights of owners of the foreshores of the said Lake; and for other purposes.*"

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 empower the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct, use, maintain, and in certain respects control and regulate a harbour within the waters of the said Lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden; and to make, establish, maintain, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct, work, use, and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situate between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to reclaim, purchase, take, occupy, and otherwise acquire land in certain cases, and on certain terms as to acquisition, compensation, payment, rent, investiture, and otherwise; and to levy, receive, and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and for towage, and fares, freights, and other charges for the use of the said railways; and to confer and impose upon the said Corporation certain powers, rights, duties, and liabilities; and to extend the rights of owners of the foreshores of the said Lake; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of each of the two Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committees thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd December, 1890.

5. NEW POSTAL PILLARS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents, papers, telegrams, correspondence, and minutes relating to the contract for the new postal pillars in this city.
Question put and passed.
6. BOMBO BLUE-METAL QUARRIES AT KIAMA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents in reference to the purchase of the Bombo blue metal quarries at Kiama, including a return of the price paid per ton before the purchase, and the cost per ton at the present time.
Question put and passed.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Land Company of Australasia Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited)' to divide its shares into classes, with the right to attach to such classes special privileges or priority as to the capital, redemption of capital, or dividends, and preferential, guaranteed, fixed, deferred or other dividends*,"—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, 3rd December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th December.

(2.) Wagga Wagga Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for 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, 3rd December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,

President.

WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 5. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 9. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 11. Omit "thereon" insert "therein"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 14. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 14. After "money" insert "not exceeding two thousand pounds"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 15. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 19. After "land" insert "buildings"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 19. Omit "sale"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 20. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 21. After "such" insert "buildings, yards, and"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 24. Omit "said" first occurring.
 Page 2, clause 4, line 24. Omit "said" second occurring.
 Page 2, clause 5, lines 29 to 33. Omit "The said Council may from time to time appoint officers
 " and servants, and make by-laws for the maintenance, regulation, and management of the
 " said sale-yards and premises, and of all persons buying or selling therein or resorting
 " thereto,

No penalty shall
exceed five
pounds.

"thereto, and generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act," *insert* "The Council may, from time to time, appoint officers and servants, and make by-laws for the maintenance, regulation, and management of the said buildings, yards, and premises, and for determining the fees and tolls to be paid as hereinafter provided, and the times and modes of collecting the same, and enforcing the payment thereof, and generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and such by-laws shall clearly set forth what pecuniary or other penalty or forfeiture shall be incurred by any breach thereof respectively, provided always that no such pecuniary penalty shall in any case exceed the sum of five pounds."

- Page 2, clause 5, line 35. *Omit* "Government"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *Omit* "said"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 45. *Omit* "or charges" *insert* "and tolls"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 46. *Omit* "or charges" *insert* "and tolls"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 47. *Omit* "said"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 50. *Omit* "rates and charges" *insert* "fees and tolls"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 52. *Omit* "said"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 53. *Omit* "rates and charges" *insert* "fees and tolls"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 54. *After* "any" *insert* "sale"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 54. *Omit* "or premises"
 Page 2, clause 6, lines 57 and 58. *Omit* "rates and charges" *insert* "fees and tolls"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 59. *Omit* "or premises"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 6. *Omit* "said"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 7. *Omit* "said"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 9. *After* "convictions" *omit* remainder of clause.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 19th December.

(3.) Tumut School of Arts Site Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorise the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 4, lines 15 to 43. *Omit* from "trustees" down to "also of the," both inclusive, *insert* "said Edward George Brown, William Bridle, and John Weeden, or the survivors or survivor of them, or other the trustees or trustee for the time being to be appointed in manner hereinafter provided upon the trusts, and for the intents and purposes in and by the conveyance or assurance thereof to the said Edward George Brown, William Bridle, and John Weeden expressed, save and except such provisions thereof as are inconsistent with the provisions hereinafter contained relating to the appointment of a new trustee or new trustees in case of a vacancy or vacancies occurring in the trusteeship, and upon the further trusts to permit and suffer the said land and all buildings erected, or to be erected, thereon to be used and enjoyed for the purposes of the said institution, known as or called the Tumut School of Arts: And, notwithstanding, anything contained in the conveyance or assurance to the said Edward George Brown, William Bridle, and John Weeden, of the said recently-purchased land or site, or in any other deed declaring or affecting the trusts thereof, or any rule or regulation of the said institution to the contrary, if the said Edward George Brown, William Bridle, and John Weeden, or any, or either of them, or any trustee or trustees to be appointed as hereinafter provided, shall die, or resign, become insolvent, bankrupt, or insane, or cease to reside within thirty miles of the town of Tumut for a continuous period of more than two years, then, and in any or either of such cases, it shall be lawful for the members of the said institution, by a resolution duly passed and carried by not less than three-fourths of the members of the institution, present at a meeting specially convened for the purpose in the manner provided for calling special meetings by the rules and regulations of the said institution for the time being, and confirmed by a resolution duly passed and carried by the like number of the members present at a subsequent meeting of the members of the institution to be also specially called for the purpose in manner aforesaid, and to be held not less than one calendar month from the date of holding the meeting specially convened as first abovementioned, from time to time, or at any time, to declare the seat or seats of such trustee or trustees vacant, and the same shall be vacant, provided such trustee or trustees of the said institution shall have been fully discharged and released from, or indemnified against, any and every liability which he or they may have incurred for the use or benefit of, or in any manner in respect of, the said institution, under or by reason of any mortgage, cash credit, or other bond, covenant,

“ covenant, agreement, or other undertaking of any kind whatsoever, and if the consent
 “ in writing to his or their removal from the said trust, duly signed by any such trustee
 “ or trustees, or of the executors or administrators of any deceased trustee or trustees,
 “ or of the official assignee or committee of any such insolvent, bankrupt, or insane
 “ trustee or trustees shall have been transmitted to, and received by, the Governor and
 “ Executive Council, with a copy of the decision of the special general meetings of the
 “ members of the institution, duly signed by the president of the institution for the time
 “ being, then, with the consent of the Governor and Executive Council, it shall be lawful
 “ for the members of the institution, from time to time, to elect other trustees or trustee
 “ to supply the vacancy in the trusteeship so caused; and if the Governor and Executive
 “ Council approve of the person or persons so elected, a notification to that effect, duly
 “ signed by the president of the institution for the time being, and published in the
 “ *Gazette*, shall be evidence of the”

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.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the “ Coal Mines Regulation Bill,” and that Committee being desirous to examine James Curley, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That James Curley, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the “ Coal Mines Regulation Bill,” if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for James Curley, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the “ Coal Mines Regulation Bill,” the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1890.

9. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report on British New Guinea, from 1st July, 1889, to 30th June, 1890, with appendices.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Murrurundi.

(3.) Particulars respecting Sydney Hospital Buildings.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of the average assets and liabilities and capital and profits of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies of the Colony of New South Wales, for the quarter ended 30th September, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. E. B. Price, Temporary Examiner of Public Works Proposals, in regard to proposed branch line to Ballina, in connection with the Lismore to the Tweed Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity Jurisdiction.

Ordered to be printed.

10. STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Young, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report on the Standing Orders.

Ordered to be printed.

11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—*Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-*

street :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having approved of the completion of the Hospital buildings in Macquarie-street, refers to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works the original plans and estimates for such buildings, and also the plans and estimates for the buildings on a reduced scale of two stories only, and any other question of construction arising in the course of investigation.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “ and that the Committee be requested to report forthwith.”

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Question,—

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

Question then,—That this House, having approved of the completion of the Hospital buildings in Macquarie-street, refers to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works the original plans and estimates for such buildings, and also the plans and estimates for the buildings on a reduced scale of two stories only, and any other question of construction arising in the course of investigation, and that the Committee be requested to report forthwith,—put and passed.

12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Vine Diseases Acts Continuation Bill postponed until To-morrow.
13. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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.

14. **AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL**:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the second Select Committee, to whom this Bill was referred on 14th November, 1890, for further consideration and report; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as further amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan 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 eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely:—Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Chanter, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*), Mr. McCourt, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perry, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Schey, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Sydney Smith,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eleven minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1890.

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.) Joadja Creek Railway Transfer Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the 'Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited),' or the liquidators thereof, to transfer the Joadja Creek Railway, and the rights, powers, and privileges vested in them by the 'Joadja Creek Railway Act of 1880,' to another Company, to be formed and registered in the Colony of New South Wales under 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 the same to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th December, 1890.*

- (2.) Berry Municipal District Naming Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry,"—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, 4th December, 1890.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Weir on Lachlan River at Hillston:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Has a report been received in reference to the construction of a weir on the Lachlan River, at Hillston?

(2.) Is it intended that the proposed work shall be carried out during the coming year?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Instructions were issued in June last, regarding the taking of the necessary levels for a weir at Hillston, but owing to the river being in flood during the whole period, since then it has been impossible to do anything in the matter.

(2.) Plans of a weir will be prepared, and the construction of the work put in hand as soon as circumstances will permit.

- (2.) Road from Carrathool Railway Station to Hillston:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road from Carrathool Railway Station to Hillston is in an almost impassable state during the winter months?

(2.) Has application been made, in consequence of the large amount of traffic on this road, that the classification should be raised?

(3.) Will the application be considered?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The local officer reported on 8th September, 1890, that owing to heavy traffic (bullock teams), during wet weather, this road at a place called "Devil's Den" was almost impassable, but that he had put a man on to drain water off and fill in ruts, and the road was then in fair order.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A report has been received from the local officer, but further information has been asked for from the assistant engineer, who has been requested to expedite his report.

(3.) Assessment of Churches, &c., by Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to submit this Session a Bill to relieve churches and charitable institutions from the assessment charged by the Water and Sewerage Board?

(2.) Will he, whether such Bill is brought down or not, issue instructions to postpone proceedings being taken to recover rates until such time as Parliament will have dealt with the question?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Honorable Member is evidently not aware that charitable institutions are already exempt. It is my intention to introduce into the Act which I propose to bring before the House this Session, if possible, but much more probably next Session, a clause which will charge the churches with only such water as they use instead of a rate. If they do not care to have the water laid on, they need not pay at all; if they desire to use the water, they will be charged by meter. I think that is the most equitable arrangement that can be made. With regard to question (2), I may state that I can hardly recommend the Government to interfere with the statutory duties of the Water and Sewerage Board at present.

(4.) Railway State Cars:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Upon what evidence were the state cars constructed by Mr. Midelton condemned?

(2.) Did not these cars run successfully for some months before being condemned?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the only time they were derailed was on the occasion of their being kicked into a siding, which was out of surface and untrue in gauge?

(4.) Have not bogies, almost identical with those under the state cars which have been condemned, been in use on the mountain line for nearly twenty years?

(5.) Will he state who ordered the state cars built by Mr. Midelton, and for what purpose they were ordered?

(6.) Will there be any objection to lay upon Table of the House the whole of the papers connected with Mr. Midelton's case, from the day he entered the Public Service to the date of his dismissal?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I cannot see that any practical advantage will be gained by further following up these matters, while much time is lost in making inquiries, and considerable expense would be incurred in copying and printing papers. The matters relate to occurrences of past years, and the persons principally concerned are now out of the Railway Service.

(5.) Imprisonment of Arthur Rae, Secretary of Shearers Union, Hay:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he inquired into the circumstances attending the case of Arthur Rae, Secretary of the District Shearers Union, at Hay, who has been sentenced to imprisonment for carrying out the instructions of his Union, by acquainting certain shearers of the decision of their Union to call them out during the late labour strike?

(2.) If so, will he state to Parliament whether anything can be done with a view to Rae's release?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will bring the case of Arthur Rae before the next Cabinet in a day or two.

(6.) Steamboat for Forest Department on River Murray:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a steamboat been constructed for the use of the Forest Department on the river Murray?

(2.) Where was this steam-boat constructed?

(3.) Who were the contractors for the work?

(4.) Has the contractor received payment; if so, how much?

(5.) To what Department will the amount be charged?

(6.) Is he aware that a suitable steamboat could be constructed at Moama for one-half the cost?

(7.) Has he received any reports as to the suitability or otherwise of the steam-boat named the "Merir"?

(8.) If so, will he state the nature of these reports?

(9.) Has he received any reliable information that the "Merir" is quite unsuitable for the Forest Department on the river Murray?

(10.) Will he at once order the construction of a safe and suitable steamboat for the use of the Forest Department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will be best to lay upon the Table a paper giving the answers to this question, which can be made more full. That I will do in a day or two.

(7.) Road through E. Howell's Land, North Lismore:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to send the case respecting the opening of road through E. Howell's land, North Lismore, on to the Local Land Board for inquiry into its merits?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The road referred to having been established after full inquiry and formally opened, and no objection having been lodged within the period prescribed by law, there do not appear to be any grounds for reference to the Land Board.

(8.) Public School at Bridgewater:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to re-open the school at Bridgewater, near Molong; if so, the cause of the delay, and when the school is likely to be re-opened for the convenience of children residing in the neighbourhood?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The school will be re-opened when the necessary repairs to the building have been effected by the Trustees of the property, who, it is understood, will at once take the necessary steps in the matter. (9.)

- (9.) Norah Creek Public School :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Have any steps yet been taken to remove the Norah Creek Public School to a more central and suitable site; if so, when is the alteration likely to be made?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Steps are being taken to remove the Norah Creek School to a more central and suitable site. The change will be made as soon as the new site has been conveyed to the Department.

- (10.) Land Case of *Millane v. M. Tully* :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to the verdict in the case of *Millane v. M. Tully*, recently tried in the Supreme Court?
 (2.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Spring*, as Minister for Lands, declared void the portion of *Millane's* land in dispute, and that when the Board refused to grant the voided land to *Tully*, the latter appealed to the Land Court (presided over by *Mr. Copeland*), and it was granted to him?
 (3.) Under these circumstances, as *Millane* has obtained an ejectment order against *Tully*, will the Minister for Lands consider the desirableness of granting compensation to *Tully* for the losses he has sustained in defending the action?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Originally *Mr. Secretary Spring* declared void *Millane's* application, including the portion of land in dispute, but *Mr. Secretary Copeland*, in the Appeal Court, decided that *Tully's* was the first legal application after the first conditional purchase had been cleared away by voidance. *Mr. Secretary Bruncker* stated in the Appeal Court, on the 15th October, 1888, that he had satisfied himself that the decision of *Mr. Secretary Spring* in *Millane's* case was erroneous, and therefore he should not be deprived of the land; and, under the opinion of the Attorney-General to the effect that *Tully's* application was illegal—being no application at all, as he was not a person who could legally apply for a conditional purchase—upheld *Millane's* application for the land. *Tully* was not satisfied with this decision, and continued in possession, from which *Millane* has had to oust him by proceedings in the Supreme Court, where it was decided that *Tully's* additional conditional purchase application was bad, as it was not tendered in person.

(3.) There do not appear to be any grounds for compensating *Tully* under these circumstances.

3. REPORTING PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Waddell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence that has passed between the *Hansard* Staff and the President and Speaker, in reference to the reporting of the Public Works Committee proceedings; and other matters up to present date. Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Bill postponed until Thursday next.

5. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL :—

- (1.) *Mr. See* presented a Petition from certain Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill now before the House; and praying that it may be rejected.

At the request of *Mr. See*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*. Petition received.

- (2.) *Mr. Garrard* presented a similar Petition from certain Ministers of the various Christian Churches of New South Wales. Petition received.

- (3.) *Mr. Gould* presented a similar Petition from certain Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle. Petition received.

- (4.) *Mr. Paul* presented a similar Petition from certain Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Bathurst. Petition received.

- (5.) *Mr. Bruncker* presented a Petition from certain Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Goulburn. Petition received.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Walker* 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 proposed labours, constitution, and general character of the "Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of strikes, and the Labour Question."

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

Mr. Walker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND 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 declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 4th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

8. **TYPEWRITING**:—Mr. Willis presented a Petition from certain Members of the Sydney Typewriting Association and others, in favour of the speedy passing of an Act for legalising Typewriting in this Colony for Petitions and other documents not now lawful to be typewritten; and representing that such a law would be greatly beneficial to women, typewriting being a recognised industry for the sex.
Petition received.
9. **NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act," and to authorise the reconveyance of any lands resumed thereunder to the original proprietors.
Question put and passed.
10. **VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION BILL**:—
(1.) 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 the expediency of bringing in a Bill to continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year.
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 continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a further period of one year,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. **CENSUS AND INDUSTRIAL RETURNS BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and for obtaining certain industrial, commercial, and other statistics, and certain particulars relating to the live stock, crops, and occupation of land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.
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 provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and for obtaining certain industrial, commercial, and other statistics, and certain particulars relating to the live stock, crops, and occupation of land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and for obtaining certain, industrial, commercial, and other statistics, and certain particulars relating to the live stock, crops, and occupation of land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time Monday next.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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, 5 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

13. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Probate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.
PROBATE

PROBATE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 23. Omit "prior to" insert "between the date on which the said Act came into force and"
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 41 and 42. Omit "the Primary Judge in Equity or"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 42. Omit "other"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 10. After "and" insert "also"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 10. After "expedient" insert "may appoint a"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 18. Omit "his" insert "the"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 18. After "absence" insert "of the Registrar"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 21. After "necessary" insert "may appoint a"
- Page 3. After clause 8 insert the following new clause:—
The Deputy Registrar or Deputy Curator, as the case may be, if any, may exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties by this Act conferred or imposed upon the Registrar or Curator respectively, and such other duties as may be prescribed by Rule of Court or directed by the Probate Judge. Deputies may exercise powers and perform duties of Registrar and Curator.
- Page 3. After clause 11 insert the following new clause:—
12. All applications for probate or letters of administration may be made by petition to the Judges of the Supreme Court without the necessity of application being made in open Court. Provided that notice of such intended application shall be published in the *Gazette* and in one Sydney newspaper at least fourteen days before such application is made. Applications for probate or administration may be made by petition.
- Page 3, clause 12, line 45. Add "s" to "estate"
- Page 3, clause 12, line 47. Omit "trustees"
- Page 3, clause 12, line 51. After "Judge" omit remainder of clause.
- Page 4. After clause 13 insert the following new clause:—
All such real estate as shall have been held by any testator as a trustee and shall vest in his executor by virtue of the thirteenth section of this Act shall be held by such executor subject to the trusts and equities affecting the same. Real Estate held by testator as trustee to be held by executor subject to trusts.
- Page 4, clause 14, line 10. After "real" insert "as well as personal"
- Page 4, clause 14, line 14. After "sell" insert "such real estate"
- Page 4, clause 14, line 15. Omit "such real estate" insert "the same"
- Page 4, clause 14, line 16. After "purchaser" insert "or mortgagee"
- Page 4, clause 15, line 19. After "Executor" insert "to whom probate shall have been granted"
- Page 4, clause 15, line 20. After "estate" insert "so long as it shall remain vested in him"
- Page 4, clause 16, line 24. Omit "t e" insert "his"
- Page 4, clause 16, line 25. Omit "of such person" insert "to whom probate shall have been granted"
- Page 4, clause 17, line 27. Omit "of any deceased person" insert "to whom probate shall have been granted"
- Page 4, clause 17, line 29. Omit "such person" insert "his testator"
- Page 4, clause 18, line 32. After "annexed" insert "already granted or"
- Page 4, clause 19, lines 49 and 50. Omit "and manner"
- Page 4, clause 19, line 50. Omit "set apart and"
- Page 5, clause 25. At end of clause add "Provided also that no such bond shall be required to be given by or on behalf of the Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited) or the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited), except in respect of estates exceeding twenty thousand pounds in value, in which the Court shall otherwise order."
- Page 6, clause 27, line 11. Omit "*de bonis non*"
- Page 6, clause 28, line 15. After "Curator" insert "for and on behalf of Her Majesty"
- Page 6, clause 29, line 31. Omit "on" insert "in"
- Page 6, clause 31, line 45. After "intestate" insert "as to the same"
- Page 6, clause 32, line 48. Omit "sold or mortgaged or"
- Page 6, clause 32, line 49. After "years" insert "or sold or mortgaged"
- Page 7, clause 34, line 14. After "allotted" insert "to him"
- Page 7, clause 34, line 17. After "allotted" insert "to him"
- Page 8, clause 42, line 28. Omit "wholly or partially"
- Page 8, clause 43, lines 37 and 38. Omit "six weeks" insert "three calendar months"
- Page 8, clause 43, lines 39 and 40. Omit "after a grant *durante minore etate*"
- Page 8, clause 44, lines 57 and 58. Omit "the return of the lawful executor or administrator within the jurisdiction of the said Court and"
- Page 9, clause 45, lines 2 and 3. Omit "make oath" insert "satisfy the Court by affidavit"
- Page 9, clause 45, line 6. After "chattels" insert "or real estate"
- Page 9, clause 46, lines 12 to 15. Omit "upon being satisfied that such executor or administrator *bonâ fide* intends to remain within the jurisdiction of the Court until the estate of the deceased has been duly administered"
- Page 9, clause 46. At end of clause add "and thereafter the original probate or administration shall be and remain as valid and effectual as if such special grant of administration had never been made."
- Page 9, clause 49, line 37. After "grant" insert "or restoration"
- Page 10, clause 53, line 14. After "Administration" insert "has been or"
- Page 10, clause 53, line 16. After "time" insert "and from time to time"
- Page 10, clause 53, line 21. After "accounts" omit remainder of clause, add "and the order of the Court allowing any such account shall be *primâ facie* evidence of the correctness of the same, and shall after the expiration of three years from the date of such order operate as a release to the person filing the same, excepting so far as it shall be shown by some person interested therein that an error or omission or fraudulent entry has been made in such account." Page.

- Page 10, clause 54, line 28. Omit " he " insert " such Court "
- Page 10, clause 57, line 55. Omit " clause " insert " section "
- Page 10, clause 57, line 58. Omit " the " second occurring insert " any "
- Page 11, clause 60, line 12. After " administration " insert " already granted or hereafter "
- Page 11, clause 60, line 19. After " of the " insert " Supreme "
- Page 11, clause 60, line 19. After " Court " insert " of New South Wales "
- Page 11, clause 60, line 23. After " the " insert " said "
- Page 11, clause 60, lines 23 and 24. Omit " of New South Wales in its Probate Jurisdiction "
- Page 11, clause 60, line 25. Omit " on application in that behalf "; After " executor " insert " or " administrator "
- Page 12, clause 67, lines 12 and 13. Omit " or of the successor in office of any such curator the " insert " his "
- Page 12, clause 67, lines 13 and 14. Omit " of the curator so dying, resigning, or removed "
- Page 12, clause 67, line 15. Omit " administrator of " insert " entitled to administer "
- Page 12, clause 67, line 16. After " personal " insert " estate "
- Page 12, clause 68, line 23. Omit " all "
- Page 12, clause 70, line 46. Omit " moneys " second occurring insert " fees and commission "
- Page 13, clause 71, line 5. At end of subsection (I.) add " willing and capable of acting as " aforesaid "
- Page 13, clause 71, line 31. After " otherwise " omit remainder of clause.
- Page 14, clause 75, line 20. After " died " insert " either in or "
- Page 14, clause 75, line 21. Omit " but "
- Page 14, clause 76, line 36. After " some " insert " daily "
- Page 14, clause 76, line 38. After " then " insert " also "
- Page 14, clause 77, line 46. After " reside " insert " if there shall be any such consul resident in " Sydney "
- Page 15, clause 81, line 17. Omit " within the provisions of this Act "
- Page 15, clause 82, line 24. Omit " other "
- Page 15, clause 82, line 25. Omit " papers " insert " newspapers "
- Page 15, clause 82, line 43. Before " of " insert " if any "
- Page 15, clause 83, line 45. Omit " after " insert " If at "
- Page 15, clause 83, line 47. Omit " if "
- Page 15, clause 83, line 47. Omit " be " insert " have been "
- Page 15, clause 84. Omit clause 84.
- Page 16, clause 89, line 42. After " any " insert " testator or "
- Page 16, clause 89, line 43. Before " intestate " insert " testator or "
- Page 16, clause 89, line 45. Before " intestate " insert " testator or "
- Page 16, clause 90, line 51. Omit " or them "
- Page 17, clause 92, line 8. Omit " intestate "
- Page 17, clause 92, line 9. After " estate " insert " under his control "
- Page 19. After clause 106 insert the following new clause:—

107. In all matters and proceedings under this Act every attorney, solicitor, and proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales shall have the right of audience before the Probate Judge.

- Page 19, clause 109, line 33. Omit " Government "
- Page 19, clause 109, line 35. Omit " promulgated " insert " so published "

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.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled " *An Act to enable the 'Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)' to establish a system of Water Supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,*"—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, 4th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. Omit " Police "
- Page 1, Title. Omit " s " from " Districts "
- Page 1, preamble, line 1. Omit " s " from " Districts "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 14. Omit " the amendments thereof " insert " any Acts amending the same "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 23. After " land " insert " within the District "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 26. Omit " limits of this Act " insert " District "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 28. Omit " said "
- Page 2, clause 2, line 32. Omit " Part " insert " Act "

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- Page 3, clause 3, line 31. *After* "Hill" *insert* "and to any Municipal District or Borough which
" may be established within or partly within the boundaries of the catchment area as
" defined in the First Schedule"
- Page 4, clause 3, line 4. *Omit* "said"
- Page 4, clause 3, line 5. *Omit* "them" *insert* "it"
- Page 4, clause 3, line 7. *Omit* "Government"
- Page 4, clause 3. At end of clause *add* " Provided also that nothing in this Act contained shall
" prejudice or affect the rights and privileges of any Municipal District or Borough now
" or hereafter to be established within the area described in the First Schedule hereto."
- Page 4, clause 6, line 22. *Before* "The Company" *insert* "subject to the provisions of this Act"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 8. *Omit* "affected" *insert* "effected"
- Page 5, clause 8, line 38. *Omit* "the amendments thereof" *insert* "any Acts amending the same"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 40. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 40. *Omit* "any person with"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 45. *Omit* "whom they have once agreed to supply"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 18. *After* "furnish" *insert* "water"
- Page 7, clause 20, line 44. *Omit* "Government"
- Page 8, clause 25, line 19. *Omit* "them" *insert* "it"
- Page 8, clause 27, line 28. *Omit* "Minister" *insert* "central authority"
- Page 8, clause 27, line 32. *Omit* "the Minister" *insert* "such authority"
- Page 9, clause 32, line 36. *Omit* "clauses" *insert* "sections"
- Page 9, clause 33, line 52. *Omit* "he" *insert* "it"
- Page 10, clause 35, line 22. *Omit* "their" *insert* "its"
- Page 10, clause 35, line 23. *Omit* "their" *insert* "its"
- Page 11, clause 42, line 17. *Before* "person" *insert* "any"
- Page 11, clause 42, line 20. *After* "Act" *insert* "of 1884 or any Acts amending the same"
- Page 11, clause 42, lines 24 to 26. *Omit* "to the extent aforesaid in the Company for the purposes
" mentioned, and for the estate limited in the last preceding section" *insert* "in the said
" Company for the purposes of this Act for a lease of twenty-eight years, at such rent as
" may be determined by the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the ' Crown Lands
" Act of 1884' and the Acts amending the same"
- Page 12, clause 45, line 4. *Omit* "First" *insert* "Second"
- Page 12, clause 46, line 11. *Omit* "Second" *insert* "Third"
- Page 13, clause 53, line 36. *Omit* "said"
- Page 14, clause 54, line 14. *Omit* "promoters" *insert* "Company"
- Page 17, clause 67, line 47. *Omit* "he" *insert* "it"
- Page 18, clause 68, line 24. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 18, clause 68, line 32. *Omit* "said"
- Page 18, clause 68, line 32. *Omit* "such" second occurring *insert* "the"
- Page 18, clause 70, line 53. *Omit* "said"
- Page 19, clause 70, line 1. *Omit* "said"
- Page 19, clause 70, line 5. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 19, clause 72, line 43. *Before* "Company" *omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 20, clause 75, line 29. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 20, clause 75, line 33. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 21, clause 79, line 44. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 22, clause 81, line 2. *Omit* "the"
- Page 22, clause 81, line 2. *Omit* "of" *insert* "on"
- Page 22, clause 81, line 3. *Omit* "therefrom"
- Page 23, clause 89, lines 56 and 57. *Omit* "such conduit" *insert* "the works of the Company"
- Page 23, clause 89, line 57. *After* "any" *insert* "Municipal"
- Page 24, clause 91, line 13. *Omit* "and fasten"
- Page 24, clause 94, line 40. *Omit* "one or more"
- Page 24, clause 94, line 42. *Omit* "one Justice or before"
- Page 24, clause 94, lines 42 and 43. *Omit* "As the case may require"
- Page 24, clause 94, line 46. *Omit* "one Justice or such two"
- Page 24, clause 94, line 46. *Omit* "as the case may be"
- Page 25, clause 95, line 2. *After* "Justices" *omit* remainder of clause
- Page 25, clause 96, line 8. *Omit* "any Justice or"
- Page 25, clause 97, line 38. *After* "their" *insert* "or his"
- Page 25, clause 98, line 40. *Omit* "seize and detain" *insert* "apprehend"
- Page 25, clause 98, line 41. *Omit* "have committed" *insert* "be found committing"
- Page 25, clause 98, line 43. *After* "and" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "deliver him to
" the custody of the nearest constable or police officer to be conveyed before a Justice of
" the Peace to be dealt with according to law."
- Page 25, clause 99, line 47. *Omit* "by law or"
- Page 26, clause 102, line 38. *Omit* "said"
- Page 26, clause 102, line 43. *Omit* "said"
- Page 26, clause 103, lines 49 and 50. *Omit* "the Municipal Council of Broken Hill, but in the
" event of no Council being in existence then the same to revert to"
- Page 26, clause 104, line 53. *Omit* "them" *insert* "it"
- Page 26, clause 104, line 53. *Omit* "they" *insert* "it"
- Page 26, clause 104, line 54. *After* "completed" *insert* "to the satisfaction of the central
" authority"
- Page 26, clause 104, line 54. *Omit* "projected"
- Page 26, clause 104, line 54. *After* "works" *insert* "necessary for carrying out the purposes of
" this Act."
- Page 26, clause 105, line 58. *After* "water" *insert* "nor with the right of the Governor from
" time to time to resume and dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands comprised in the
" First

" First Schedule to this Act for a common, park, or other public purpose of a like nature, subject to such Regulations as the Governor may approve."

Page 26, clause 105, line 59. *After* "Act" first occurring *insert* "nor in any way interfere with abridge or encroach upon any rights powers privileges or concessions conferred upon the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited) by the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act of 1889.'"

Page 27, Second Schedule, line 22. *Omit* "1889" *insert* "1890"

Page 27, Third Schedule, line 42. *Omit* "1889" *insert* "1890"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Greenc,	Mr. Carruthers.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Paul,
Mr. Schey,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Marked-tree Road, Gundaroo to Collector:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How long has the road from Gundaroo to Collector, known as the marked-tree Road, been under the control of road superintendents?
- (2.) How much per annum has been voted for expenditure on this road since it has been under the road superintendent?
- (3.) How much has been expended per annum, giving each year separately, on the road in question during that time?
- (4.) How has the money been expended on it—by contract, or in what way?
- (5.) What is the amount of the unexpended balance for the said time, and is it yet available for expenditure?
- (6.) Has any maintenance man been working on the road during the said term; and, if so, who was he, and what was he paid for the said work?
- (7.) Has any contract for work on this road been accepted for this year; if not, why not?
- (8.) Is it the intention of the Department to call for tenders for repairs to this road this year?
- (9.) Will the Department put on a permanent maintenance man on this road?
- (10.) Who is the maintenance man on the road Gundaroo to Gunning?
- (11.) Is there sufficient work to keep him continually going, and is he continually on it?
- (12.) Will he authorise the road superintendent to see that the maintenance man on the last-mentioned road fills up all the ruts and tracks made by heavy rains, so as to make it passable?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The above matter having been reported to the local officer, he reports as follows:—

- (1.) Since May, 1889.
- (2.) £150 voted in 1889, £147 in 1890.
- (3.) £13 12s. in 1889, £42 11s. in 1890.
- (4.) In maintenance wages.
- (5.) Unexpended balance, £240 17s., which is still available.
- (6.) George and Henry Smith have worked on this road, and have been paid £56 3s.
- (7.) Tender has been accepted and contractor written to, but has not called at local office to sign contract.
- (8.) Tenders will be called for further works this month.
- (9.) There is not sufficient traffic to warrant a man being permanently kept on this road.
- (10.) George Smith.
- (11.) Yes, in wet seasons, but not in dry; he is not continually on it, as he has also charge of the road from Gundaroo to Collector.
- (12.) Road Gunning to Gundaroo is in very good order. Maintenance man is now engaged on the Gundaroo and Collector road. He has been instructed to attend to the former at once, should any part of it become bad.

(2.)

(2.) Amendment of Diseases in Stock Acts:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that cattle from Queensland and Victoria, suffering from anthrax and pleuro-pneumonia, are constantly entering this Colony, and disseminating the disease?

(2.) Does he propose to amend the Diseases in Stock Acts, with the view of empowering the various Inspectors of Stock to order the isolation or destruction of diseased cattle when necessary?

(3.) If so, does he propose to amend the law during the present Session of Parliament?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) As regards pleuro-pneumonia, it is a fact that cattle from Queensland, affected with that disease, frequently enter this Colony. They do so also sometimes perhaps from Victoria, and would in such cases disseminate the disease. As regards anthrax, no information has been received that cattle from either of the Colonies mentioned, affected with that disease, have entered this Colony,

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It was intended, if the state of the Government business had permitted, to introduce this measure during the present Session of Parliament.

(3.) Artesian Bore, Deniliquin to Moama Road:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Have any tenders been received for boring for deep artesian water in contract No. 8 bore, Deniliquin to Moama Road?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No tenders were received for any of the contracts advertised.

(4.) Road from Rouchell to Scone through Segenhoe Estate:—*Mr. W. E. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a very large number of settlers on the Rouchell Brook, in the Upper Hunter Electorate, are compelled to go round a very long way to reach the Land Office at Scone and the town with which they do business, because there is no road from the Rouchell to Scone through the Segenhoe Estate, a freehold of 25,000 acres?

(2.) Will he open a road from Rouchell to Scone through that estate, under the provisions of the Land Act of 1889?

(3.) If not, will he state the reason for his refusal?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) I understand there is no obstruction to traffic by the route long in use through the Segenhoe Estate, which the owners have declared it to be their intention to preserve, and therefore there appears to be no necessity for opening a new road, as suggested by the Honorable Member. A letter was written to the Honorable Member on the 14th ultimo, conveying full information upon the subject.

(5.) Mudgee Railway Extension:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can the proposal to extend the Mudgee railway in any way be hastened by a deputation, or by any other steps which the residents or the Members for the district can take?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I know of no steps capable of being taken by the residents or Members for the district which can in any way hasten the settlement of this question. *Mr. Jones* (one of the temporary examiners) is now in the district, investigating the whole of the railway proposals for that and surrounding districts; and until that gentleman's report is before me, I shall not be inclined to express any opinion as to the extension of the Mudgee line.

(6.) Salaries of Members of the Land Court:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to define the status and make statutory provision for the salaries of the members of the Land Court?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject will be brought under the notice of the Government as early as possible, with the view of furnishing a definite reply to the inquiry made by the Honorable Member.

(7.) Salaries of Officers of the Legislative Council:—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, a copy of the memorandum of the Clerk of the Parliaments, in reference to increases of the salaries of certain of the officers of the Legislative Council proposed on the Estimates for 1891, and of the President's minute thereupon?

(2.) If not, will he be good enough to lay such documents upon the Table at the earliest possible date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I know of no objection, and I will lay the papers upon the Table on Monday.

(8.) Rifle Range at Randwick:—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date did he approve of the land at Randwick as the site for the new rifle range to replace the one closed at Paddington in May last?

(2.) Has the construction of this range yet been commenced?

(3.) When will it be finished and ready for rifle practice?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot state the precise date, because an officer who is now absent from the Colony on duty has the papers with him. As soon as the ground has been properly surveyed it will be cleared, and the range made and rifle butts erected. It is hoped that the work will be finished ready for rifle practice in, I think, March.

(9.)

(9.) Fees paid in the Milburn Creek, Fehon Inquiry, and Tramway Leasing Commissions:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The amount of fees paid to *Mr. Salomons*, as Special Commissioner on the inquiry respecting the Milburn Creek matter?
- (2.) The fees paid to the Commissioners on the Fehon inquiry; giving amounts paid to each, and names of such Commissioners?
- (3.) The like with regard to the inquiry on the tramway leasing?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £525.
- (2.) *C. E. R. Murray*, £315.
- (3.) *Alfred Lamb*, £157 10s.; *E. W. Knox*, £157 10s.; *C. E. Pilcher*, £315.

(10.) Rifle Range at Randwick:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
On what date was the site of the new rifle range at Randwick approved of?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have already given the best answer I can in reply to a question just asked.

(11.) Bowling Green, Victoria Park:—*Mr. Hawken* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any reply from the Trustees been received relative to the projected bowling green on Victoria Park?
- (2.) Whether the Government will take steps to prevent the formation of a bowling green on the said park, having regard to the protest made by the Municipal Council of Darlington, and for other sufficient reasons?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) No; but the Trustees have been reminded.
- (2.) The matter will be dealt with when their reply is received.

(12.) Repayment by Municipalities of cost of Water and Sewerage Works:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, early next Session, to introduce a Bill to extend the time during which municipalities may repay the cost of water and sewerage works?
- (2.) How many years is it proposed to allow for repayment?
- (3.) Are municipalities about to undertake such works justified in incurring liabilities for works as above-mentioned on the understanding that they will be enabled to avail themselves of the proposed extended time for repayment?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Sixty years.
- (3.) Yes, if they can come within the statutory requirements; but, of course, all such work would have first to be approved by the Public Works Department.

2. WATER CONSERVATION BILL:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.
Question put and passed.

3. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL:—*Mr. R. B. Wilkinson* presented a Petition from certain Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Riverina, submitting reasons for their opposition to the Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill now before the House; and praying that it may be rejected.
At the request of *Mr. Wilkinson*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*.
Petition received.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by *Mr. Sydney Smith*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

(1.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Amendment Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 70.

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 the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act," and to authorise the reconveyance of any lands resumed thereunder to the original proprietors.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th December, 1890.

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

(2.) Vine Diseases Acts Further Continuation Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 71.

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 continue the "Vine Diseases Act of 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a further period of one year.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th December, 1890.*

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

5. PROBATE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould 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.

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 that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Gould, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1890.*

6. VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That 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 Monday next.

7. 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 "for the purpose of drawing attention to the unsafe state of the postal pillar boxes now being erected in the City of Sydney."

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

Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION AMENDMENT BILL :—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 the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act," and to authorise the reconveyance of any lands resumed thereunder to the original proprietors.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act," and to authorise the reconveyance of any lands resumed thereunder to the original proprietors.

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

*And it being Six o'clock, General Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on
5th November, 1890.*

9. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Garland.	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Dale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Molesworth,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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. Brunker, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garland, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Gould, Mr. Lees, Mr. McRae, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Morton, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Schey, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) "Opera House." King-street:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the theatre known as the Opera House, and situated in King-street, is in a dangerous condition, and unsafe for purposes of public concourse?
 (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made without unnecessary delay?
 (3.) Is the said theatre licensed; if so, what is the nature of the license, the conditions under which the license was obtained, and have the conditions been complied with, and when does the license expire?
 (4.) If, on inquiry being made that the conditions upon which the license has been granted have not been fulfilled, will he cause the license to be cancelled?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It has been reported to me that this building in its present state is not quite safe, and I have given special instructions for a very minute investigation into its condition. There is a license granted to it of a temporary character, which will expire in about a month's time.

- (2.) Quarantine Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Whether the proposed removal of the Quarantine Station from Manly has yet been considered by the Government; and, if so, the decision which has been arrived at?
 (2.) If not, when will the matter be considered and decided?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question would be more pertinent if it asked me when a new site for the Quarantine Station could be fixed upon. So soon as the new site can be definitely settled, there will be no time whatever lost in removing the Quarantine Station from the present locality.

2. VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Smith then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act of 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a further period of one year.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act of 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a further period of one year,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 8th December, 1890.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Wednesday next.
 (2.) Hay and Deniliquin Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Friday, 19th December.
 (3.) Parliamentary Sessions Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Copeland, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until To-morrow.
 (4.) Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
 (5.) Tumut School of Arts Site Sale Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Wednesday next.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 3rd December, 1890, "New Postal Pillars."
- (2.) Correspondence respecting renewal by the New Zealand Government of the Mail Contract between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, from November, 1890, to November, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Inspector-General of Police on occurrences coming specially under the notice of the Police during the late strike.
- (2.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Mittagong.

Ordered to be printed.

5. METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands, and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands, and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; and for other purposes.

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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands, and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

ELECTORATE OF WEST MACQUARIE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 13th November, 1890, a.m., declaring the Seat of William Patrick Crick, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Crick, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Patrick Crick, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Grant held by Alexander Dyce:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, according to the regulation made in April, 1851, quit-rents were reduced to 2s. per 100 acres?

(2.) Was the balance of the quit-rent paid by Margaret Dyce upon receipt of her Crown grant in 1858?

(3.) Is there a large amount to pay on this grant now, when, according to the reduced scale under the regulation, the rent for the thirty-five years which have elapsed since the issue of the grant would not be more than half the sum now demanded?

(4.) In these quit-rent cases, where no application is made for a Real Property title, will the Government insist upon the collection of these rents?

(5.) If Alexander Dyce, the representative of Margaret Dyce, withdraws his application for a Real Property title, will he cease to be liable for the quit-rent due upon the grant in question?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes, but subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down in the notice of 13th May, 1851, which have not been complied with in this case.

(2.) No, but only the amount due at that date.

(3.) The Grantee not having complied with the notice of 30th July, 1849, is not entitled to any reduction of quit-rent.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No, the grant will still be liable for the quit-rent.

(2.) Recreation Reserves at Ulladulla:—Mr. Fuller, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many reserves for recreation are there in and around the town of Ulladulla?

(2.) What area do the reserves comprise, and who are the trustees of same?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Five.

(2.) 416 acres 3 roods 4 perches, viz.:—No. 79, of 19 acres, for recreation and public purposes; No. 75, of 12 acres, for recreation and access; No. 80, of 6 acres, for recreation and public purposes; No. 81, of 106 acres, for recreation and public purposes; No. , of 273 acres 3 roods 4 perches, for recreation and racecourse. Nos. 79, 75, 80, and 82 acres out of No. 81 have not been placed under trustees; 24 acres out of No. 81 have been vested in the Municipal Council for water supply, and 273 acres 3 roods 4 perches dedicated and vested in the Council for racecourse and recreation.

(3.)

- (3.) Civil Service Commission:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Lakeman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Which of the Government Departments have been inquired into and reported on by the Civil Service Commission since its appointment?
 - (2.) On what date did each of these reports respectively reach the Colonial Secretary?
 - (3.) Which of these reports have been laid before the Cabinet for consideration; and on what date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Treasury and its sub-departments, viz.:—Customs, Printing Office, Stamps Office, Shipping Office, Marine Board, Wharves and Distilleries, the Mines Department, the Post Office, Electric Telegraphs, and Money Order Office.

(2.) The reports on the Customs, Distilleries and Sugar Refineries, and Government Stores were received on 22nd May, 1888, and I may say they were in part acted upon by my honorable friend, *Mr. Burns*, when he was Colonial Treasurer. The Stamp Duties Department on 4th July, 1888; the Government Printing Office on 23rd July, 1888; the Marine Board, Shipping Masters' Office, and Public Wharves, on 11th September, 1888; the Treasury on 26th October, 1888; the Department of Mines on the 11th October, 1889; the Post Office, Electric Telegraphs, and Money Order Office, on 9th May, 1890.

(3.) It is not always the case that matters of this sort are submitted to the Cabinet, or, what is more properly, a meeting of Ministers; but the report may be sent to the Department which it affects, or it may wait for further consideration.

- (4.) Guns at Steel Point Battery:—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Secretary, as Minister for Defence, yet taken into consideration the papers in relation to the neglected guns in the battery at Steel Point, which were forwarded to him by His Excellency the late Governor, *Lord Carrington*, on 3rd April, 1889; if so, what decision has been arrived at, and on what date?

(2.) Is the Colonel *Spalding* now in command of the Military Forces of New South Wales the same officer against whom *Major-General Richardson*, in his communication to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, included in the same papers, made certain charges?

(3.) Has Colonel *Spalding* been tried by Court-martial, and acquitted of such charges, or in what other way has he been exonerated, and on what date; if not, is it with the knowledge and approval of the Colonial Secretary, as Minister in charge of military affairs, that this officer, over whom such a charge is still pending, has been placed in command of the whole of the Military Forces of New South Wales under his ministerial control?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question appears to me identical with one asked by *Mr. Creed* in the other House of Parliament a short time ago. In answering the question the Vice-President of the Executive Council stated that a paper would be laid upon the Table giving all the information which was asked for. A copy of that paper will be laid upon the Table of this House.

- (5.) Bill to Amend the Trade-marks Act:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, early next Session, to amend the law relating to Trade-marks, and to give better protection to persons who have registered such Trade-marks with the Government according to the Trade-marks Act 2S Victoria No. 9?

(2.) If so, will such Bill be upon the lines of the English Consolidated Merchandise Marks Act of 1887, at present in force in the United Kingdom and Victoria?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide such measures for the better registration of Trade-marks as will prevent the registration of colourable imitations and infringements, and to define clearly what shall, or what shall not, be registerable as a Trade-mark?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter will engage the attention of the Government after the prorogation of Parliament; but it would be very inconvenient to anticipate what the provisions of the Bill will be at so early a date as this. All information on the subject which is available will be taken into account in considering the whole question.

- (6.) Premises occupied by Water Conservation and Agricultural Scientific Departments:—*Mr. Fuller* asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) What length of lease have the premises in *Maequarie-street*—occupied (1) by the Water Conservation; (2) by the Agricultural Scientific Department—been taken on?

(2.) Who is the owner of the premises, and what rent is being paid?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) One year from the 16th September, 1890.

(2.) *John Starkey* is the owner of the premises; the rent is £750 per annum for the two houses.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day (No. 1) for the second reading of the Distress for Rent Abolition Bill postponed until after the Order of the Day (No. 5) for the second reading of the Mulgoa Irrigation Bill.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting *Barton's History of New South Wales*.

(2.) Return showing the amount of money paid to *Messrs. M'Arthur & Co.*, merchants, *York-street*, for goods supplied to the Government during the tenure of office of the present Government.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Memorandum by the Clerk of the Parliaments, and the President's minute thereon, in reference to increases of salaries of certain officers of the Legislative Council.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **HAWKESBURY RACECOURSE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bowman moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, 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 asked leave to sit again so soon as the new Member had been sworn.

Swearing in of new Members:—Mr. Speaker referred to the practice in this House of allowing the swearing in of new Members to interrupt business and that in the House of Commons, and stated his intention in future cases to put into operation the Standing Order passed by the House of Commons on 30th April, 1866, viz.,—“ That Members may take and subscribe the oath “ required by law at any time during the sitting of the House, before the Orders of the Day and “ Notices of Motions have been entered upon, or after they have been disposed of : but no debate “ or business shall be interrupted for that purpose.”

Question,—That leave be given to sit again so soon as the new Member has been sworn,—put and passed.

6. **MEMBER SWORN**:—William Patrick Crick, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.

7. **HAWKESBURY RACECOURSE BILL**:—On motion of Mr. Bowman, 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 without amendment.

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

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

8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Policies of Assurance Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

9. **MULGOA IRRIGATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, “ That” this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Plumb 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 submitted to “ a Select Committee for investigation and report.

“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Crick, Mr. Garrard, “ Mr. Lyne, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Nicoll,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. King,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Willis.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Bowman,
Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Garland.

Tellers,

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hawken.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Inglie,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Woodward,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. King,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. O. O. Dangur,
Mr. Tookey,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Plumb.

Tellers,

Mr. McRae,
Mr. FitzGerald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

On motion of Mr. Dibbs (after Debate), the report was adopted.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duplication of Southern Railway Line:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the contractors for relaying or duplicating the Southern line any responsibility beyond employing and controlling the men?
 (2.) What price per day are such contractors allowed for gangers, platelayers, and pick and shovel men?
 (3.) What is the amount per day paid by such contractors to gangers, platelayers, and pick and shovel men?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes. The conditions of the contracts shall be laid upon the Table of the House.
 (3.) The Commissioners do not deal in any way with the pay of the contractors' men.

- (2.) Gangers in Railway Service:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are there any gangers in the Railway Service in charge of extra gangs, or ballast trains, who are receiving more than 10s. per diem?
 (2.) If so, will he please give their names and where stationed, and the wages of each?
 (3.) Will he also say:—(a) What length of service each such man has; (b) have any of such men been discharged during the last two years; (c) what allowance do they receive for night expenses?

Mr. McMillan answered,—These questions deal with details of Railway management, and it is not desirable that such matters should be dealt with in this way.

- (3.) Abandoned Runs in Land Districts of Narrabri, Walgett, Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, and Coonamble:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The names and areas of the different runs which have been abandoned, and are now unoccupied, in the land districts of Narrabri, Walgett, Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, and Coonamble?
 (2.) Will he cause advertisements to be inserted in the local papers setting forth the answer to the foregoing question, and informing persons who are desirous of occupying these lands that they may be taken on a lease of twenty-one years, under the 35th section of the Lands Act?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Leasehold areas.—Narrabri: Cumble, 7,100 acres; Norfolk, 18,200 acres; Willylaw, 9,700 acres. Walgett: Nil. Gunnedah: Nil. Coonabarabran: Denobolie, 9,100 acres; Cumble, 7,100 acres; Thinawindie, 10,800 acres; Arrarowine, 47,000 acres. Coonamble: Nil. Resumed areas.—Narrabri: Coghill, 59,400 acres; Cubbo and Dunwerian, 22,200 acres; Cumble, 7,000 acres; Dinby, 10,200 acres; Tarraro, 65,006 acres; Wangen, 66,754, acres; Walgett, nil; Gunnedah, nil. Coonabarabran: Back Run, 19,280 acres; Bearbong, 20,800 acres; Bimble, 25,800 acres; Borah, 43,129 acres; Denobollic, 9,000 acres; Gibbican, 7,900 acres; Greenbar Creek, 14,655 acres; Kiambir, 13,500 acres; Portadown, 3,900 acres; Thinawindie, 10,948 acres; West Breelong, 4,070 acres. Coonamble: Back Gilgandra, 7,484 acres; Boberah or Mubi, 3,135 acres; Boranda, 5,210 acres; Tugland, 12,650 acres; Wallenamine, 15,200 acres.

(2.) The manner of dealing with these abandoned holdings is at present receiving consideration, but until they have been declared forfeited in the *Government Gazette*, as provided by the 43rd clause of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," the lands are not open to occupation license thereunder, or to scrub lease under the 35th clause.

(4.)

- (4.) Pilotage Rates, Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to a Resolution passed by this House on 21st October, 1890, affirming the necessity of considerably reducing the pilotage rates for the ports of Sydney and Newcastle?

(2.) If so, when, and to what extent?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter will be considered in connection with the financial proposals of 1891.

- (5.) Erection of Tank at Sassafras Public School:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*), asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—The cost of the carriage and the cost of erecting the tank at the Sassafras Public School?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The work was authorised at a cost not exceeding £7 10s.

- (6.) Survey of Portion No. 31, Parish of Clunes:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was an error made in the survey of portion No. 31, parish of Clunes?

(2.) Is the area less than that selected by applicant?

(3.) Is there any vacant or reserved Crown Lands adjoining the deficient area?

(4.) Will he send the case on to the Land Board, to see if the area can be made up from such lands without injury to the public interest?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—There is nothing known in this Department of any error in the survey of portion No. 31, parish of Clunes.

- (7.) Telegraph Communication with Tatham, Richmond River:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Postmaster-General,—When will arrangements for telegraphic communication with Tatham, Richmond River, be completed?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The Superintendent of Telegraphs has reported that, in his opinion, an office is not required at Tatham at present, and that the matter should be held over pending further developments; but I have no objection to a telephone or telegraph line being established on the guarantee principle, and will be glad to give an estimate of cost when it is decided which system shall be adopted.

- (8.) Mrs. M. Brackenrig, Assistant Superintendent of Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta:—Mr. Garland asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) On what date was Mrs. M. Brackenrig appointed, and by what authority, as the Assistant Superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls at Parramatta?

(2.) Was that office abolished by an order of the Governor and Executive Council; and, if so, what is the date of such order?

(3.) If such office was abolished, was Mrs. Brackenrig retired from the Public Service?

(4.) If so, on what date, and was such retirement by order of the Governor and Executive Council?

(5.) Has such retirement been notified in the terms of the 61st section of the Civil Service Act in the *Government Gazette*?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) 15th March, 1871, by the Governor and Executive Council.

(2.) No. The office was altered by the Minister to that of Matron.

(3.) Mrs. Brackenrig was retired from the Service, to take effect on 30th April last.

(4.) Answered by 2 and 3.

(5.) No. Mrs. Brackenrig having failed to furnish necessary information to enable her retirement to be formally completed.

- (9.) Rabbit Bill:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause to be placed in his proposed Rabbit Bill a clause by which non-infested or partly-infested districts be placed under the control and management of the Stock and Pastures Protection Boards, that the said Boards may treat the rabbits as other noxious animals?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—In view of the means provided by the Bill to cope with the Rabbit pest, I do not think that such an arrangement as that suggested by the Honorable Member would prove effective.

- (10.) New Postal Pillars:—Mr. Lyne asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Was the postal-pillar contract submitted to the Cabinet and the Executive Council before completion?

(2.) If so, why is there no record of such amongst the papers submitted?

(3.) If not, will he say under what section of the Post Office Act power is given to enter into such a contract?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1 and 2.) No. Being purely a Departmental matter I did not deem it necessary.

(3.) I have already explained that under our present Postal Law the only contracts the Postmaster-General is empowered to make are those for mail conveyance. All other postal contracts, such as for renting of premises, stabling of horses, letter-carriers' uniforms, furniture, date stamps, &c., have therefore to be made in the name of the Queen.

2. HAWKESBURY RACECOURSE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bowman, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Bowman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Hawkesbury Racecourse to grant leases thereof; and to enable the Members of the Hawkesbury Race Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the said Club; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and *passed*.

Ordered,

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 for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Hawkesbury Racecourse to grant leases thereof; and to enable the Members of the Hawkesbury Race Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the said Club; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1890.*

3. MULGOA IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable and authorise George Chaffey and Henry Gorman to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within and adjacent to the Police District of Penrith; to acquire lands to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*"

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 and authorise George Chaffey and Henry Gorman to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within and adjacent to the Police District of Penrith; to acquire lands to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1890.*

MULGOA IRRIGATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th December, 1890.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit clause 3, insert new clause,—*

3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or in any way interfere with the rights of the Crown to the general control of natural supplies of water; and the provisions of this Act shall be subject to the provisions of any general legislation to deal with water conservation throughout the Colony, and shall not in any way interfere with any right conferred before the passing of this Act.

Page 2, clause 4. *After line 15, insert " 'Crown Lands' means Crown Lands as defined by the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.' "*

Page 3, clause 6, line 59. *Omit "if a lesser quantity" insert "while less"*

Page 4, clause 6, line 4. *After "use" insert "Provided always that notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall not be lawful for the Promoters by any such works as aforesaid to diminish or reduce the flow of the water of either of such rivers below such works beyond such mean discharge, as the Governor shall, from time to time, prescribe by notification to be published by the Minister in the Government Gazette."*

Page 4, clause 6, line 21. *Before "To" insert "After payment of compensation as hereinafter provided"*

Page 4, clause 9, lines 46 to 48. *Omit "Such claim shall be submitted to arbitration, and the arbitration shall proceed as provided for in the 'Arbitration Act,' thirty-first Victoria, number fifteen," insert "The compensation claimed shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888 in respect of claims for compensation made thereunder; the words 'constructing authority,' mentioned in the said Act, being for this purpose read 'the Promoters' as hereby defined."*

Page 5, clause 10, line 4. *Add at end of clause "Provided nevertheless that permission be obtained from respective Municipal Councils when such streets are outside the irrigation area."*

Page 5, clause 11, line 7. *Omit "convenient" insert "possible"*

Page 7, clause 22. *Omit clause 22.*

Page 7, clause 25, line 17. *After "person" insert "wilfully and after due notice"*

Page 7, clause 25, line 18. *Omit "steam-engine boiler"*

Page 7, clause 26, line 25. *After "person" insert "wilfully"*

Page 7, clause 26, line 25. *Omit "or rendering less useful"*

Page 8, clause 30, lines 1 and 2. *Omit "from any reservoir, canal, water-course, conduit, or pipe"*

Page 8, clause 30, lines 3 to 5. *Omit "or from any pipe or channel leading to or from any such reservoir, water-course, conduit, or pipe, or from any cistern or other like place containing water belonging to the Promoters"*

Page 8, clause 36, line 49. *After "agreement" insert "and payment of compensation made and provided by this Act."*

Page 8, clause 36, lines 51 and 52. *Omit "and compensation for every such acquisition or occupation of lands shall be ascertained and carried out as hereinafter provided" insert "and in the case of Crown Lands such acquisition or occupation shall be made under and subject to the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the Amending Act of 1889"*

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Page 9, clause 37, line 5. *Add* at end of clause "but the purpose so to be expressed shall be limited to the acquisition of lands for erecting, making, laying, or constructing works, canals, aqueducts, flumes, water-courses, or other works for carrying out the objects of this Act."

Page 12, clause 52, line 48. *Omit* "mansion" *insert* "dwelling"

Page 13, clause 52, line 21. *Add* at end of clause "and that the Company shall pay to the owner of the land a fair price for any timber, clay, stone, gravel, sand, or other things taken therefrom"

Page 17, clause 73, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "exceed the proportion of one cubic foot of water per minute for each five acres" *insert* "be inconsistent with the rights conferred on the Promoters under this Act"

Page 17. *After* clause 76, *insert* new clause,—

77. In the event of any infraction by the Promoters of the proviso in sub-section 4, of section 5, in respect of the quantity of water to be taken, they shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds per day for each and every such offence, and in case of a second like offence it shall be lawful for the Governor to forfeit all rights of the Promoters or their assigns under this Act.

Page 18, first Schedule. *Add* at end of Schedule, "Fitzgerald's Estate, parishes Claremont and Melville, the property of Fitzgerald's Estate. About 1,200 acres."

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

4. TRAFFIC FROM GUYRA AND GLEN INNES TO INVERELL, &c. (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cruickshank moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all goods traffic, inwards and outwards, for the past five years from Guyra and Glen Innes to Inverell, and other places in the district to the west.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Friday next.

(2.) Contractors Lien Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 19th December.

6. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Blayney Municipal Council Enabling Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to declare valid the assessment made by the Blayney Municipal Council for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889, and to enable the said council to recover rates, 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Circular Quay Land Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 73.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to declare certain portions of land fronting the Circular Quay to be vested in the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; to provide for the dedication of such lands, or any portion thereof, to wharfage and other public purposes; and for the formation of a street in lieu of the street now known as Queen-street,"—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. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890.

(2.) Despatch respecting Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 14th October, 1890, "Complaints against Krumbach Postmaster and his Wife."

8. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Land Company of Australasia, Limited, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable the "Land Company of Australasia, Limited," to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes Russell and Macqueen, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane respectively; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use thereon; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the rivers Hunter and Page and Rouchel Brook, in the said parishes, in the counties aforesaid; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.

And

And Mr. Abigail having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Scone Advocate*, and the *Muswellbrook Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

9. **FRUIT PROTECTION BILL**:—Mr. Nobbs presented [a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to deal with Fruit Diseases, Fruit Insects, and Fruit Pests*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

10. **MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick took exception to the Bill, on the ground that the second clause contained a provision that the work should not be commenced until the persons, benefited by the line running through lands in which they are interested, should have executed conveyances to vest such lands as are necessary for the purposes of the work in the Constructing Authority, such provision not being covered by the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was in order, as the provision referred to by the Honorable Member, Mr. Crick, was only incidental to the carrying out of the work.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Want,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Young,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Nobbs,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Baraes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Lees,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lukeman,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Waddell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 To-morrow.

11. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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.

12. **VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION 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 continue the 'Vine Diseases Act of 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a further period of one year*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business be postponed until To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Mitchell,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Paul,
Mr. McCourt.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Gornly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard 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.

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Gould,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McRue,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Walker,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Paul,
Mr. Miller.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. King,
Mr. Fuller.

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 the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.

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 'Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)'* to establish a system of water supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,"—including the amendments in the Title.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1890, a.m.

15. **TUMUT SCHOOL OF ARTS SITE SALE 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 authorise the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site.*"

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Sydney, 11th December, 1890, a.m.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Law Reform:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have the Government considered what steps they will take, if any, upon the Resolutions in favour of law reform unanimously adopted by this House on the 2nd instant?

(2.) If not, when will the Government arrive at a determination on the subject?

Mr. Gould answered,—In consequence of other urgent and pressing matters that have been engaging the attention of the Government since the adoption of these Resolutions, it has not been possible to consider the matter. It will be considered at an early date.(2.) Federation Conference:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be laid forthwith upon the Table of this House, copies of all communications from the Government of New South Wales to the Governments of the other Australasian Colonies, with relation to the forthcoming Conference *re* the subject of Federation, and the replies thereto?*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I shall have no objection whatever to lay these papers upon the Table of the House.(3.) Royal Commission on working of Mines Department:—*Mr. Scaver* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When did the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Mining Department commence their work?

(2.) When did they complete such work?

(3.) When did their report reach the Colonial Secretary?

(4.) When was it laid before the Cabinet?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) On the 26th October, 1888, but their labours were interrupted in January, 1889, and were not resumed until August, 1889.

(2.) The report was adopted on the 16th September, 1889.

(3.) 11th October, 1889. This report has not been submitted to the Cabinet, but has been sent to the Minister whose Department it concerned. I stated in answer to a question the other day that it is not customary to submit matters of this kind to the Cabinet; if it were we should have very little else to do.

(4.) Copeland School of Arts:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—(1.) Did he receive letters in July and September last from *Mr. R. Oram*, of Copeland, on behalf of the Committee of the Copeland School of Arts, requesting that the site upon which the building is erected be sold, and conveyed to the Trustees?

(2.) What steps have been taken by the Department in the matter, and when will the deed be available to transfer to the Trustees of the Copeland School of Arts?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The District Surveyor has been asked to report on this application. He has been reminded, but no reply received. I communicated yesterday by wire with the District Surveyor at Maitland, and I received a telegram this evening stating that the papers are with one of the licensed surveyors at Copeland. There is some dispute with regard to the title, which has caused detention. On receipt of his report the Honorable Member shall be communicated with.(5.) Clerks in Telegraph Office, Sydney:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many permanent and temporary clerks are employed in the Sydney Head Telegraph Office, and what are their names, and their respective salaries?

(2.) Was a sum of money voted on the Estimates for 1889, and up to date, for about twenty-one additional clerks in the Telegraph Department, and have those appointments been filled?

(3.)

(3.) Were a number of increases given to some clerks in the Telegraph Office about last July; if so, out of what vote, and did such increases date back to October, 1889?

(4.) Have steps been taken to give back pay from the 1st of January, 1890, to those clerks in the account and correspondence rooms of the Telegraph Department, who are to get increases on the present Estimates; and, if so, is this back pay to be provided for out of the Supplementary Estimates?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Forty-three permanent and twenty-nine temporary clerks.

(2.) There was a sum of money placed on the Estimates for 1889 for twenty-one additional clerks. It was intended to transfer this number from those paid as operators, but as they had received increases as operators before the Estimates were passed (October, 1889), the salaries provided for them as clerks were less than they were receiving as operators. The appointments will be filled from the 1st January, 1891.

(3.) Yes. Consequent upon the retirement of the book-keeper on the 1st October, 1889. The money was paid out of the vote salaries, 1889. The salary in each instance being voted.

(4.) It has been proposed to me that the increases to such clerks should date from the 1st January, 1890, and the matter is now under consideration.

(6.) Government Employee nominated for Parliament:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it imperative that a workman in service of the Government—not being a civil servant—must resign his occupation before being nominated for a seat in this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the first place I must point out to the Honorable Member that gentlemen are not nominated to this House but are elected. I suppose the Honorable Member means whether they can be nominated for election. With regard to the legal part of it, I do not think I am called upon in any capacity to interpret the law, and any gentleman who is concerned in ascertaining whether he is eligible for election to this Assembly, or whether any occupation he may follow would interfere with him, I think ought to consult his private solicitor.

(7.) "Hansard" Staff:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were the principal and second shorthand-writers the only members of the *Hansard* staff who asked for additional remuneration?

(2.) If not, how many other shorthand-writers applied for additional salary, and with what result?

(3.) Is there any objection to tabling the whole of the applications, with minutes thereon, including the principal shorthand-writer's and the second shorthand-writer's, before the Supplementary Estimates are dealt with this Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Four. Mr. President and Mr. Speaker did not think there was any occasion to review other salaries at that time.

(3.) I will, during the afternoon, lay upon the Table a paper relating to this subject.

(8.) Defence Committee:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was any reply sent from the office of the Colonial Secretary to the letter of the President of the Defence Committee, dated 23rd September, 1887, complaining that, with two exceptions, no replies had been received to the letters and memoranda which had been forwarded to his Department?

(2.) If so, what was the date of that reply?

(3.) What caused the delay in replying to these communications?

(4.) How many complaints of delay in replying to letters have been received from this committee at the office of the Colonial Secretary since the letter referred to?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With every possible respect I must decline to answer this question. The same question was asked by Mr. J. M. Creed in the other Chamber, and answered yesterday, and I think it has been a practice, so far as I know, unknown to the English Parliament, for peers of the realm to ask questions in the House of Commons.

(9.) Dismissal and re-appointment of employee in Post Office:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a person who was formerly an employee in the Post Office was, after being suspended two or three times, dismissed, and has now been re-appointed?

(2.) Was the same person dismissed from the Naval Brigade service?

(3.) The name of the employee?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I am not aware of any case in which a person who had "been suspended two or three times and dismissed from the Post Office and the Naval Brigade" has been re-appointed to the former. The person the Honorable Member probably refers to is Mr. H. Jacob, who was suspended three times in connection with irregularities chiefly arising from intemperance, and was subsequently allowed to resign. Knowing that he was a capable officer, and being assured that he had reformed, I re-appointed him to a temporary position, and I understand that his conduct so far has justified my action. I am informed that he had to resign his position in the Naval Brigade from a similar cause.

(10.) Printing of "Protest," Mrs. Cunynghame's Case:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a paper, called a Protest, Mrs. Cunynghame's case, printed at the Government Printing Office?

(2.) On whose authority was the same printed at the Government expense?

(3.) In whose name was it lodged?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The protest was furnished by the solicitor to the Government in print, as being obviously by far the cheapest method of supplying the Committee with copies, and was not printed at the Government Printing Office, but by Mr. Maxted at his own expense.

2. METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 74.

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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.*

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

3. WATER CONSERVATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 75.

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 define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts; and in certain cases to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and floods; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.*

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

4. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situated in the parishes Russell and Macqueen, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane respectively; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use thereon; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the rivers Hunter and Page and Rouchel Brook, in the said parishes, in the counties aforesaid; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Abigail 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 authorise and enable the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited)' to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes Russell and Macqueen, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane respectively; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use thereon; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the rivers Hunter and Page and Rouchel Brook, in the said parishes, in the counties aforesaid; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*"—read a first time.

5. APPLICATIONS BY "HANSARD" STAFF FOR ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, with minutes thereon, received from the *Hansard* staff during the present year, or any previous years, asking for additional remuneration for their services.

Question put and passed.

6. RESERVES ON RUNS IN GLEN INNES, INVERELL, MOREE, AND WARIALDA LAND DISTRICTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hayes, for Mr. Cruickshank, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Reserves on Runs in Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree, and Warialda Land Districts," laid upon the Table of this House on the 23rd of September, 1890, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. ABANDONMENT OF SILK CULTURE AT ANTONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all communications presented by the Members for the District, on behalf of residents of the Tweed District, to the Government, in view of the abandonment of silk culture at Antony.

Question put and passed.

8. REMOVAL OF MR. WILLIS, M.P., FROM THE COMMISSION OF THE PEACE:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from certain Citizens and Residents of the Colony of New South Wales, submitting that to remove Mr. Willis' name from the Magisterial roll for alleged treasonable utterances contained in a letter, for the publication of which he was not responsible, or even cognisant, and with the sentiments of which he has disclaimed all sympathy, is harsh and unjust; and praying that the name of Mr. Willis may be replaced on the Magisterial roll.
Petition received.
9. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 8th October, 1890, "Working of the Bankruptcy Act."
Ordered to be printed.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the fourteenth section of the Act 11 Victoria No. 33,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) Hospital Elections Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the election of trustees, treasurers, and officers of hospitals,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

HOSPITAL ELECTIONS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 4. Omit "if demanded either then" insert "on the same day in the following week, between the hours of ten in the morning and ten in the evening."

Page 2, clause 4. Omit clause 4, insert the following new clause:—

"4. In the event of the number of persons proposed for election being greater than the number required, the Hospital Secretary shall forthwith transmit, by post or otherwise, to every contributor eligible to vote, a ballot-paper, initialled by the Secretary, containing the names of all the persons duly nominated, which ballot-papers, with the names of those persons struck out whom the persons voting desire to be struck out, shall be returned, addressed to the Secretary, in a closed envelope, containing the voter's signature inside, and endorsed "Ballot-paper"; and all such envelopes endorsed as aforesaid shall be opened by the scrutineers to be appointed at any such election meeting, or any adjournment thereof."

Page 2, clause 5, line 18. Omit "No" insert "Any"

Page 2, clause 5, line 21. Omit "unless" insert "if"

Page 2, clause 5, line 22. Omit "his or her annual" insert "to the Hospital a"

Page 2, clause 5, line 24. After "meeting" insert "or at such meeting"

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.) Medical Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a first time.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th December.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY BILL (No 2),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.*

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that during the discussion of the Estimate £85,900 under the head of Department of Mines, reference was made to the delay on the part of the Minister in bringing in a Water Conservation and Irrigation Bill, upon which the Chairman had expressed his opinion that the discussion was not in Order at this stage, inasmuch as an item "Water Conservation and Irrigation" would have to be submitted to the Committee at a later stage, when the discussion would be strictly in Order,—to which opinion exception was taken.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the discussion could properly take the wide range contended for, as the Committee had a perfect right to criticise fully the Minister's policy when considering the question of voting his salary. Mr. Speaker also stated that a similar ruling had recently been given in the House of Commons.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported another *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that his attention having been called to the posture assumed by the Honorable Member, Mr. Crick, and the Honorable Member, when requested by him to alter that posture, having claimed the right to use his own discretion, submitted the following *Point of Order*,—"That the Chairman of Committees having ruled that it is disorderly for an Honorable Member to lie or sit in a disorderly fashion in the Committee of the Whole House,"—exception was taken to that ruling, and it was referred to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that, though there was no rule having direct reference to the subject referred, he thought Honorable Members should sit in a manner which would be respectful to other Honorable Members and to the occupant of the Chair, and would leave the passages clear between the seats. Mr. Speaker added that he could not decide that any particular attitude was disorderly, that must be left to the good taste of Honorable Members.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

13. MULGOA IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

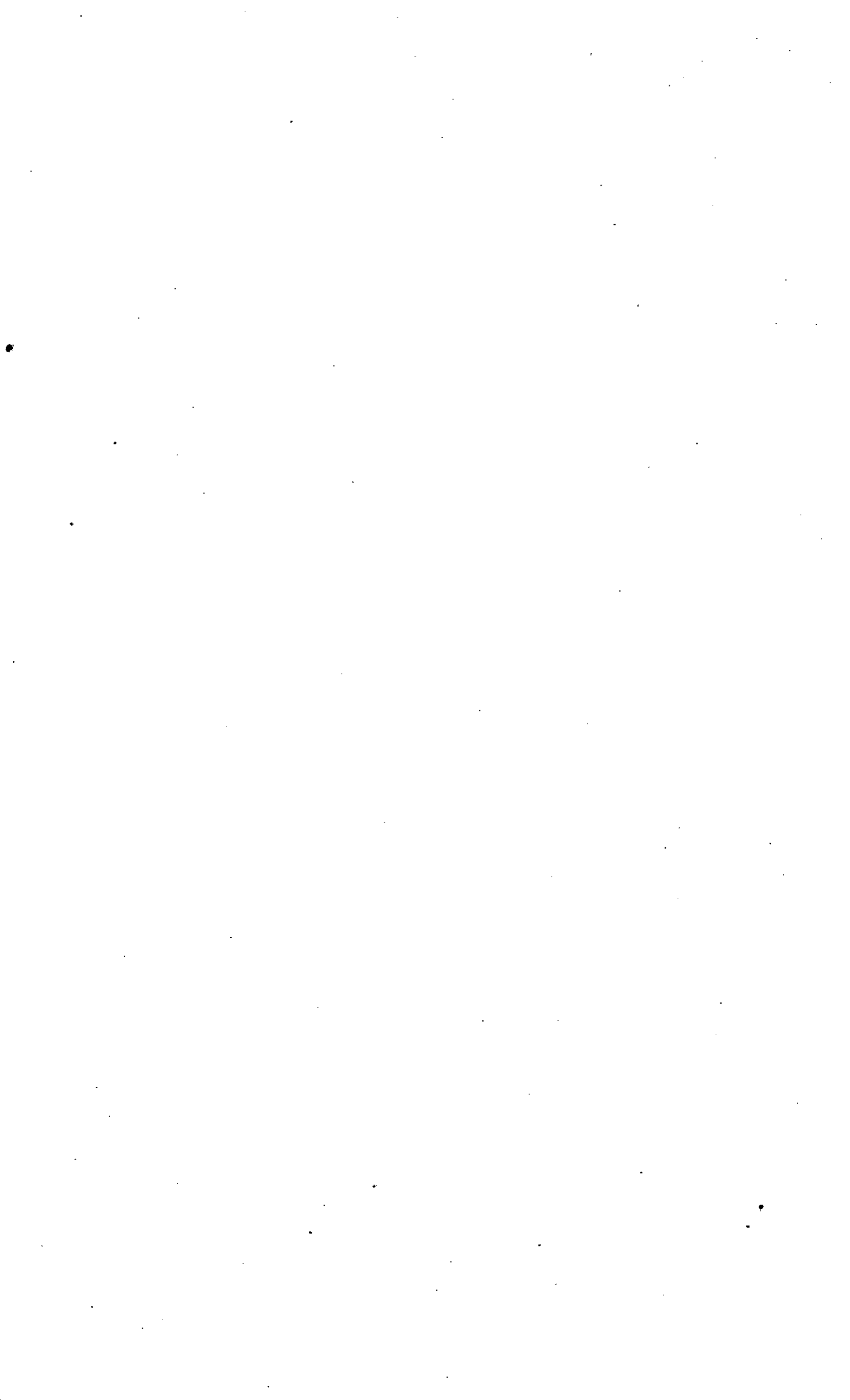
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorise George Chaffey and Henry Gorman to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within and adjacent to the Police District of Penrith; to acquire lands to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th December, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Force at Tambar Springs:—Mr. Turner asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to remove the present Police Force at Tambar Springs?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that there is no intention of withdrawing the police from this place.

- (2.) Confinees in Debtors Prison, Darlinghurst:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Do the gaol regulations allow the Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol to compel debtors to go in charge of a warder to his office in the criminal gaol whenever he has anything to communicate to them?

(2.) In case a debtor declines to go, unless compelled, do the regulations allow the Governor to have him taken from the debtors prison and locked up in the cells of the criminal gaol until the Visiting Justice pays his bi-weekly visit to the gaol?

(3.) Is it the practice to allow the Visiting Justice to sentence such debtors to twenty-four hours in the cells of the criminal gaol?

(4.) Is it a fact that such a case occurred in the debtors prison on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 8th and 9th instant?

Mr. Gould answered,—Under the gaol regulations, made pursuant to the Act 4 Vic. No. 29, debtors comprising persons confined for contempt upon civil process are classified as sixth class prisoners, and are therefore amenable to such rules as affect the discipline of the gaol. Such a case as that referred to in part 4 of the questions did occur in Darlinghurst Gaol on Tuesday and Wednesday last.

- (3.) Proposed Railway Line, Lismore to Ballina:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Price's report on the proposed railway line Lismore to Ballina, will the Minister state what period was occupied by the complete trip, Sydney to Ballina and back?

(2.) Will he state how long the inspector remained at the different places along the route on which his duties extended, viz., The Tweed, Mullumbimby, Brunswick, Byron Bay, and Ballina?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Nine days, namely, from 29th October to 7th November. Mr. Price went *via* Brisbane, and returned by steamer.

(2.) The Tweed, thirty-two hours; Mullumbimby, rode through; Brunswick, two hours; Byron Bay, sixteen hours; Ballina, twenty-four hours. Mr. Price states that as he rode slowly through the district it was unnecessary for him to remain long in one place, his chief object being to examine the country.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Electoral Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Census and Industrial Returns Bill; second reading;—until Monday next.

(3.) Rabbit Bill; second reading;—until Monday next.

(4.) Hospital Elections Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Wednesday next.

3. FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF HARDEN:—Mr. Barnes, 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 4th November, 1890; together with Appendix.

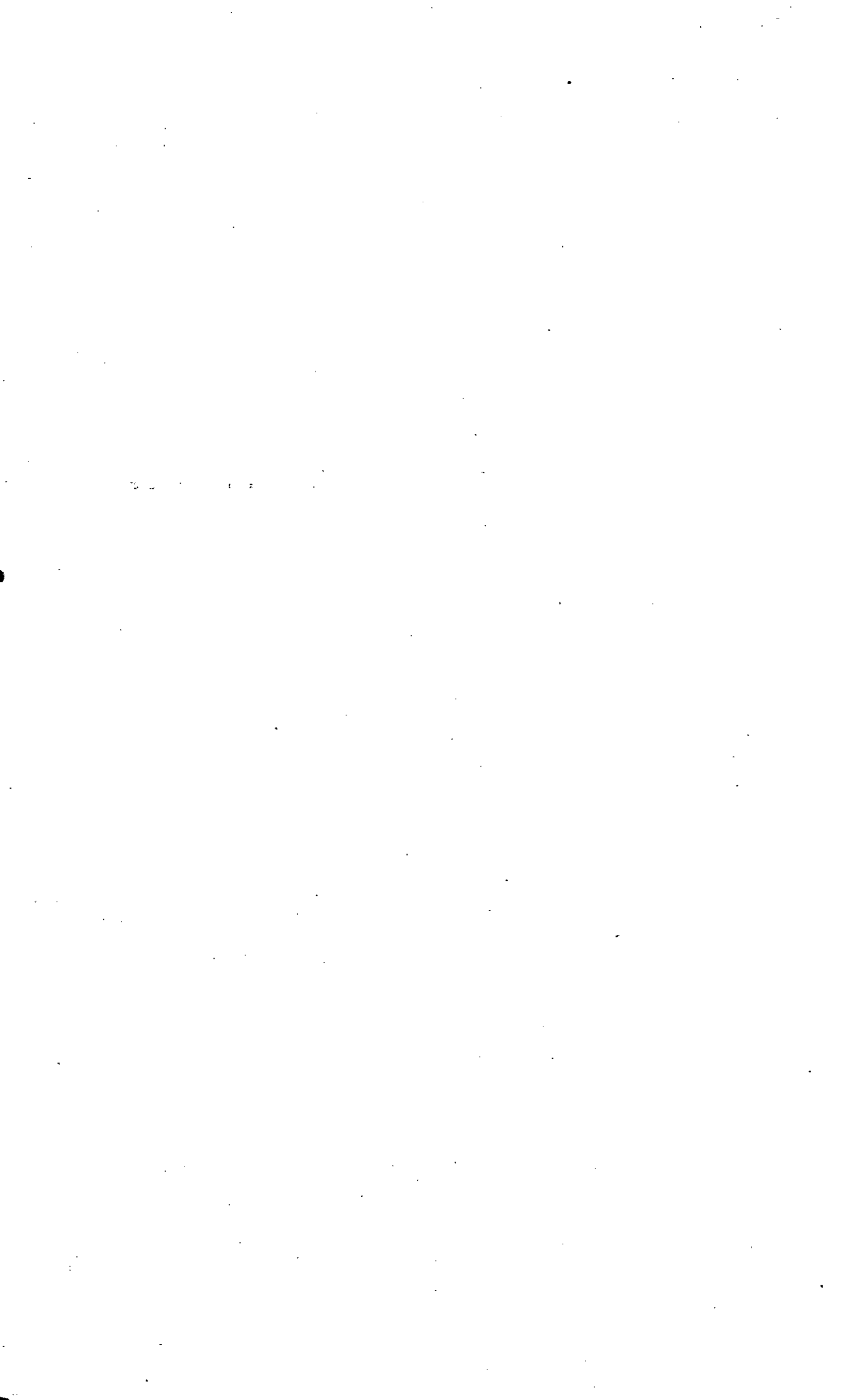
Ordered to be printed.

4. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from William J. Allen, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Paddington, submitting a Resolution, adopted at the said meeting, that the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill, being against the best interests of the community, should be withdrawn; and praying the House to give the said Resolution favourable consideration.
Petition received.
5. **METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS 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 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 Monday next.
6. **ADELAIDE JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION**:—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 7th October, 1890; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
7. **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
8. **WATER CONSERVATION BILL**:—
(1.) 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 the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.
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 define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and floods; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

And it being Six o'clock, General Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on 5th November, 1890.

9. **EIGHT-HOURS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker stated that it was laid down that in the preparation of a Bill two things were essential to be observed. 1st, that it correspond in substance to the sense or will of the House (that was, the Order of Leave) so far as the opinion of the House had been previously expressed; and 2nd, that it be drawn in proper form. If a Bill was improperly framed in either of these particulars it would not be allowed to proceed, as being against order. Consequently, it was the settled law of Parliament that whenever in the course of the proceedings on a Bill, before the second reading, notice was taken by the Speaker, or some Member, or it appeared to the House in any other manner that the Bill was drawn contrary to order, the proceedings were at once arrested, and no further step could be taken with the Bill. This Bill was beyond the Order of Leave,—(1.) Because the 3rd clause enabled contracts to be made in violation of the principles of the Bill, and was not covered by the Order of Leave. (2.) Because the 4th clause regulated the rate of wages to be paid beyond the wage for eight hours, and was not therefore in accord with the Order of Leave.
On motion of Mr. Schey, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. **NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker ruled that this Bill was beyond the Order of Leave.
On motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
11. **RAILWAY BETWEEN BLACKTOWN AND BLAYNEY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, "That, in the opinion of this House, a trial survey should be made between Blacktown and Blayney, with a view to the construction of a railway to connect between the two places."
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Dalton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
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. Barbour, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cass, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garland, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Kidd, Mr. McRae, Mr. Nobbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Willis,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at four minutes after Eight o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Royal Commission on working of Mines Department:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Seaver*, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the Royal Commission's Report upon the Department of Mines?

(2.) If he has objections, what are they?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I understand there is no objection.

- (2.) New Postal Pillars:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Will he state his reasons for completing the contract for the postal pillar-boxes without first submitting the matter to his colleagues in Cabinet?

(2.) Will he state whether any (and, if so what) alteration was made in the contract without the knowledge of the Crown Solicitor, and of which the Crown Solicitor subsequently complained?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I have already stated, in reply to a Question on 10th instant, that my reason for not submitting the matter to my colleagues was that I deemed it a purely departmental one.

(2.) So much has been insinuated in regard to the alteration made in the contract agreement, as drawn by the Crown Solicitor, that I take this opportunity to clearly explain the full circumstances. The original offer of the contractor was made in August, 1889. It was not until 17th December, 1889, that the Crown Solicitor was asked to prepare the necessary agreement, and on the 27th February, 1890, he submitted it for execution. This agreement provided that 200 or more should be the number of boxes that contractor should be required to supply, also that the Government should only have the use of three of the eight compartments in the upper portion of the box, intended for electric purposes, &c., and that the contractor should have the right of selling keys to the public for the use of police and fire-alarm conveniences. At this stage I was able to secure from the contractor better terms, and it became necessary, therefore, to modify the agreement as prepared by the Crown Solicitor, so as to embrace these better terms, viz., the number of boxes to be supplied was reduced from 200 to 100, or any greater number. The Government secured the use of five instead of three of the compartments in the upper portion, and was thus able to double the size of the police and fire-alarm compartments, and the right of the contractor to sell keys to the public was cancelled, and the whole control of this element was secured for the Government. On the contractor consenting to these important modifications of the original agreement, he urged that as he had lost much time since this matter had been before the Department permission should be given him to get the alterations embodying what I have said, and which were carefully settled in the Post Office Department, on the document itself as prepared by the Crown Solicitor, engrossed by his (the contractor's) solicitor. He represented that the engagements of the Crown Solicitor would not permit of his giving early attention to this matter. I saw no reason against complying with this request, and the document was therefore promptly engrossed and executed. It is in the main exactly what the Crown Solicitor prepared, and the alterations made obviously in no way impaired the value of the Crown Solicitor's work in this matter—in fact, he admits as much in his letter from which I quote, "Of course it may be that no difficulty will be occasioned by the alterations * * * ;" and indeed, subsequently, the Crown Solicitor registered the document, when it was said that the only objection of the Crown Solicitor was that the Post Office Department had not allowed him to have the document engrossed in the usual way.

(3.)

- (3.) Boatmen of the Marine Board:—Mr. Orser asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the boatmen of the Marine Board are kept in employment on Sundays?
 - (2.) If so, for whose pleasure or convenience?
 - (3.) Do these men receive overtime?
 - (4.) Is it on public or private business they are kept?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) A small portion of the Marine Board boatmen are kept on duty on Sundays at all the stations along the coast for any employment that may be required of them.
- (2.) For the convenience of the public.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) On public business.

- (4.) Removal of Omnibus Stand from Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) By whose authority has the 'bus stand been removed from the Railway Station at Redfern?
- (2.) What are the reasons alleged for such removal?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the area within the Redfern Station available for vehicles has become so limited, and it will be shortly further curtailed by additional station accommodation, that it was impossible to permit the buses to continue to stand in the enclosure, but they are allowed to set down passengers at the station.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker 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 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1888'; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses, and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected, or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects,"—through its remaining stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

3. METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street in the said city; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1890.*

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Rabbit Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
5. WATER CONSERVATION BILL:—On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill, was discharged.
6. FISHERIES AND OYSTER FISHERIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—postponed until Friday next.
7. PRIVILEGE:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, "That" it be an instruction to Mr. Speaker to require of the Member for West Macquarie, William Patrick Crick, Esquire, to state whether at a public meeting at Lambton, on Saturday, the 13th instant, he employed language denouncing the Parliament as "rotten and corrupt," or whether he is prepared to deny that he ever used such language.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that as this matter had not suddenly arisen, it was not entitled to be taken without notice as privilege.

Mr. Speaker decided that this was the first opportunity the House had of dealing with the language referred to in the motion, and that it was properly taken without notice.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick 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 "in the opinion of this House, it is the clear duty of the Government to at once appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the charges of corruption and bribery in reference to the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill."

Question

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, 68.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Plumb,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. King,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Vivian.
Mr. Hurley,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Paul.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Creer.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—That it be an instruction to Mr. Speaker to require of the Member for West Macquarie, William Patrick Crick, Esquire, to state whether at a public meeting at Lambton, on Saturday, the 13th instant, he employed language denouncing the Parliament as "rotten and corrupt," or whether he is prepared to deny that he ever used such language.

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. King,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Plumb,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Street,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Carruthers.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Howe.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then asked the Honorable Member, Mr. Crick, whether he had used the words attributed to him.

Whereupon Mr. Crick read to the House the words which were used by him on the occasion referred to, but denied that he had used the specific language denouncing the Parliament, as quoted in the Resolution just adopted by the House.

8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Census and Industrial Returns Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1890.

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.) Tumut School of Arts Site Sale Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 76.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the sale of the site of the Tumut School of Arts, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site,*"—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, 15th December, 1890.

- (2.) Probate Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Probate and Letters of Administration and to the succession to Real Estate in cases of Intestacy, and for the preservation and management of the estates of deceased persons,*"—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, 15th December, 1890.

- (3.) Vine Diseases Acts Further Continuation Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act of 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a further period of one year,*"—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, 15th December, 1890.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pastoral Leaseholders in Casino District:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—What pastoral leaseholders in the Casino District have applied for occupation licenses of leasehold areas? Mr. Brunker answered,—

Name of Applicant.	Leasehold Area.
Commercial Banking Company	Bungawalbyn.
Ebenezer Vickery	Camira.
Commercial Banking Company	Casino.
Harry Smith	Cheviot Hills North and Callanyn.
Merton Smith	Cheviot Hills South and Fairfield South.
Henry Barnes	Dyraaba.
Henry Flesher Smith	Etterick Forest.
Clarence Smith, George Smith, and John Hynes ...	Fairfield.
Thomas Hawkins Smith	Gordon Brook.
Thomas Hopkins, Merrick Hill	Head of Richmond.
Elizabeth Martha Gore	Koreelah.
Henry Flesher Smith	Kyogle.
Alexander Stewart	Millera.
John Farley	Rivertree, East.
Harry Avery Smith	Rocky River.
Charles Edwards	Roseberry.
Henry Barnes, Charles Edwards, and Charles Augustus Bruxner	Runnemedede.
Charles Augustus Bruxner	Sandilands.
Henry Barnes	Tabulam.
Bank of New South Wales	Tooloom and Woodenbong.
Wellington Cochrane Bundock	Wiangerie.
G. R. Griffiths, William Fanning, and Frederick Fanning	Woorooloolgan.
Edward David Stewart Ogilvie and W. Ogilvie ...	Yugilbar.

- (2.) Royal Commission on working of Mines Department:—Mr. Seaver asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House, to-morrow evening, the Report of the Royal Commission on the Department of Mines?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I shall be in a position to give the Honorable Member a reply to-morrow.

- (3.) Bridge over Parramatta River, at Rydalmere:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause a bridge to be erected over the Parramatta River, at Rydalmere?

(2.) If so, is such bridge to be erected to be connected with the Rosehill railway line?

(3.) Will he take every precaution that there shall be no obstruction (either more or less) to the traffic of the shipping interests on that river to the Queen's Wharf, within the Borough of Parramatta?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague is now inquiring into this matter. The question of the preservation of the navigation of the river will, of course, be fully considered in any decision which he may come to.

- (4.) Confinees in Debtors Prison, Darlinghurst:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is there anything in the Supreme Court "Regulations for the control and management of prisoners for debt," or in the Gaol Regulations, to prevent a confinee in the Debtors Prison at Darlinghurst being attended at his own expense by his own medical practitioner?

(2.) How many months have elapsed since the posts and gate have been put up for the extension of the exercise yard of the Debtors Prison?

(3.) Are not a few sheets of iron all that are necessary to complete the work?

(4.) Why has the work not been finished, so as to give the debtors the advantage of the increased space?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) In the Gaol Regulations, made under 4 Victoria No. 29, debtors are classified as sixth class prisoners, and, consequently, are under the care of the Visiting Surgeon. There are no instructions in the Supreme Court Regulations directing that a sixth class prisoner shall be entitled to be attended by his own medical attendant.

(2, 3, and 4.) Two months ago. The work could not be completed in consequence of the Labour Vote (against which this work would form a charge) having become exhausted.

3. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Abigail, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Segenhoe Estate Irrigation 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. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Turner, Mr. Copland, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Lakeman presented a Petition from Alexander Pentleton Stewart, Thomas Robertson, and William Travis, all of Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Hay Athenæum to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Hay; and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage.

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

5. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Crick presented three similar Petitions from certain Residents of George's Plains, Rockley, Esrom, Dunkeld, Perth, &c., in the Electoral District of West Macquarie, submitting reasons for the Petitioners' opposition to the Sunday Laws Amendment Bill; and praying the House to withhold its assent to the said Bill, and to any other measure the effect of which would be to further legalise Sunday labour.
Petitions received.
6. **POST OFFICE CARVINGS**:—Mr. Hawken moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the decorations known as the Post Office carvings should remain until the authority of Parliament be obtained for the removal of the same.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scaver,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Lyne,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Wheeler,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Gariand,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Colls,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Crick.

Tellers,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY MAURICE BUSH, DISTRICT URANA**:—Mr. Hayes 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 made by one Maurice Bush, District Urana, C.P. 89-25.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Gormly, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Chanter, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY ANNIE NASH O'BRIEN, AT COROWA**:—Mr. Hayes, 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 made by Annie Nash O'Brien at Corowa, C.P. 85-14, of 715½ acres.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Paul, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **CHARGES OF BRIBERY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PASSING OF THE BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the charges of bribery and corruption that have been made in connection with the passing of the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill through Parliament.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Garrard pointed out that the House had, last night, on a motion of *Privilege*, decided an amendment which was substantially the same as the motion now submitted, and he requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether this motion was not out of Order under the rule which prevented the same question being twice offered in the same Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker explained that the first Standing Order of this House provided that in all cases not specially provided for thereafter, or by Sessional or other Orders, resort should be had to the rules, forms, and usages of the Imperial Parliament, which should be followed so far as the same could be applied to the proceedings of this House, and there being no Sessional or other Order of this House on the subject, he had looked at the rules and practice of the House of Commons, under which authority he ruled this motion out of Order, the same question having been decided last night.

10. MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE:—Mr. Crick proceeding to move the motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—
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. Brunner, Mr. Cass, Mr. Collins, Mr. Crick, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Gould, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*), Mr. Jones, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Paul, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at seventeen minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Bruce Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Additional Estimates for 1891:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1891.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th December, 1890.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

- (2.) Further Supplementary Estimates for 1890:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 80.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1890.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th December, 1890.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

- (3.) Loan Estimate for 1891:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 81.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1891, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th December, 1890.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the 'Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)' to establish a system of Water Supply within the District of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,*"—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 December, 1890.*

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Volunteer Artillery :—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the evidence and report of the inquiry into the conduct of certain members of Nos. 4 and 8 batteries of Volunteer Artillery who have been suspended in consequence, as it is alleged, of their having hooted at certain free labourers at Circular Quay on or about the 29th September last?

(2.) Were there members of any other battery or batteries other than those of Nos. 4 and 8 present on that occasion; if so, by what means was the conduct of the members of Nos. 4 and 8 distinguished from that of the others?

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

(2.) Mounted Infantry :—Mr. Vivian asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government propose to raise another Mounted Infantry regiment in addition to those already existing; if so, why?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think I can give an answer to this Question until the return of the General commanding the Military Forces, which will be in about a fortnight.

(3.) Contracts for Locomotives :—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was he correctly reported in the daily papers, which attributed to him a statement in the course of a reply to a deputation from the Trades and Labour Council, to the effect that he (Mr. McMillan) did not know how many locomotives had been contracted for by the Railway Commissioners with firms not established in this Colony?

(2.) Has he previously informed Parliament that fifty engines, at £3,650 each, have been ordered from Messrs. Beyer & Peacock; twenty from Messrs. Dübs & Co., at £2,000 each; and twelve from the Baldwin Co., at £3,557 each?

(3.) Is the total price of these engines as follows :—Beyer, Peacock, & Co., £182,500; Dübs & Co., £40,000; Baldwin & Co., £42,684; giving a grand total of eighty-two locomotives at a total price of £265,184?

(4.) Will he take steps to ensure that no such expenditure of public money shall be permitted in future on the part of the Railway Commissioners without the sanction of Parliament?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—My honorable colleague has desired me to say that he is administering an Act of Parliament, and is responsible to Parliament for his administration.

(4.) Royal Commission on Works of Defence :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the appointment of the Royal Commission to inquire as to the construction of works for defence been published in the *Government Gazette*?

(2.) If so, on what date?

(3.) If not, what is the reason that the appointment of this Commission was not gazetted?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No; it is not customary to do so.

(5.) Steel Point Battery :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the papers in relation to the Steel Point Battery, promised by the Premier, be laid upon the Table?

(2.) What is the reason of the delay in his fulfilling this promise?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question was asked by Mr. J. M. Creed in the Legislative Council, and he was told that a statement would be laid upon the Table, giving the required information. That statement will be laid upon the Table of this House.

(6.) Defence Committee :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was any reply sent to the letter from the President of the Defence Committee to the Principal Under Secretary, dated 23rd September, 1887?

(2.) If so, on what date?

(3.) Were the replies to other previous communications asked for in that letter sent as requested?

(4.) If so, on what dates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must decline to give an answer to this question.

(7.) Rifle Range at Randwick :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—As the officer in whose possession the papers relating to the new rifle range have been, has returned to Sydney, will he please to say on what date did he approve of the land at Randwick as the site for the new rifle range to replace the one closed at Paddington?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have already informed Parliament that the ground is being prepared for the new rifle range, and I stated the time when it is calculated the rifle butts will be erected, and be ready for use. I cannot see what other information I can give that will be of use.

(8.) Colonial Architect's Department :—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any officers of the Colonial Architect's Department been suspended as a consequence of the faults in construction of any of the works erected for the defence of the Colony?

(2.) If so, what are their names; and on what date were they suspended?

(3.) When will their cases be dealt with?

(4.) Have they received any pay during such suspension?

(5.) Is the decision in their case depending on the tenor of the Report of the Royal Commission now inquiring into the construction of the Defence Works?

(6.) If so, when will such report be made?

(7.) If it is not made before the prorogation of Parliament, will he, on its receipt, have it printed and distributed to Members of Parliament as early in recess as is practicable?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Edwin Colley and H. H. Purkis, on 26th June, 1890.
- (3.) As soon as the report of the Royal Commission shall have been received, which, I am informed, will be in the course of a few days.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) In the course of a few days.
- (7.) It is necessary I should see the report before I can make any promise regarding it.

(9.) Tidal Waters closed against Net Fishing:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any of the tidal waters been continuously closed for a longer time than that provided for by the Fisheries Act; if so, what waters have been so closed, and what are the dates of closing in each case?
- (2.) Have any fishermen been fined, and their nets confiscated for fishing in those waters which have been closed for a longer period than that provided for by law; if so, what are their names, the amount of the fine in each case, and the value of the nets or fishing plant so confiscated?
- (3.) Are the fishermen who have been fined illegally entitled to have their fines remitted and their nets or the value of them restored; if so, is it the intention of the Government to make such restitution?

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

(10.) Free Passes to men employed on Kiama to Nowra Railway Extension:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that free railway passes have been given to men employed by the railway contractor on the Kiama to Nowra railway extension, in order that they may proceed to some place this side of Bourke, and engage on railway works there at 1s. per day extra wages?
- (2.) Has it come to his knowledge that these men left the work at Kiama in consequence of the inducement held out to them that they would receive free railway passes and the extra pay?
- (3.) If such be the case, will he take steps to have free passes stopped under such circumstances?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Railway Commissioners are not aware of passes having been given under such circumstances, but inquiry will be made, and the result communicated to the Honorable Member.

(11.) Overhead Bridge at Honeysuckle Point Railway Station:—Mr. Curley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it intended at an early date to erect an overhead bridge at the Honeysuckle Point Railway Station?
- (2.) When are the proposed new station buildings to be commenced at Hamilton?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague is informed that it is intended to erect an overbridge at the Honeysuckle Point Railway Station, but owing to the number of other important and more pressing works requiring attention the matter has been held over, but will not be lost sight of.
- (2.) Tenders will shortly be invited for this work.

(12.) General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the claims of persons having an estate or interest in the lands resumed under the conditions of the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act yet been settled; if not, when will a settlement take place?
- (2.) Can he state what the cost of resumption is likely to be?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Some of the claims are settled. The settlement of the remainder will take place as soon as the claimants agree to accept the offers made, or, failing this, the Court shall have decided.
- (2.) This cannot be stated at present.

(13.) The Agent-General:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to displace the Agent-General, and appoint another person to that office; and, if so, when will the change be made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This is a curious illustration of a curious fact—that Members of this House know more about the proceedings of Government than the Government themselves. The position of Agent-General has never once engaged the attention of the Administration. No change whatever is contemplated, and there is not the slightest foundation for any statement of the kind.

(14.) Yugilbah Pastoral Holding:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the decision of the Land Court, delivered on the 28th November last, that the owners of Yugilbah Pastoral Holding had violated the provisions of the 9th section of the Land Act, 1880, will he take steps to prosecute the said owners, with a view of forfeiting their pastoral holding?

Mr. Brunner answered,—A case having been stated for the Supreme Court in the matter of Walsh's conditional purchase, to which I presume the Honorable Member refers, no consideration can be given to this case until the decision of the Court has been received. The papers have not yet been received from the Land Court.

(15.) Reports of Royal Commission on Treasury and Mines Departments:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When will the Reports of the Royal Commission on the Treasury and Mines Departments be laid upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) Will the Reports be accompanied with evidence?
- (3.) Is it usual to lay such Reports upon the Table without the evidence?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Cabinet will have to decide whether these Reports can be laid upon the Table apart from the evidence. We will come to a decision to-morrow.

(16.) Mines Department :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) What alterations have been made in the administration of the Mines Department during the years 1889 and 1890?
- (2.) Were any of the changes made at the instance of the Royal Commission?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(17.) Application to mine on Water Reserve, County of Gough:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that two men of the name of Murphy and Grover made application for permission, under section 28 of the Mining Act, 1874, to mine for tin on a portion of water reserve No. 763, county of Gough, parish of Stonehenge, and that such application was made in accordance with the conditions of the Act on the 1st of April?
- (2.) Is it a fact that no other application was made by any other party until the 26th of May, eight weeks after?
- (3.) Has he, notwithstanding the Mining Act and its conditions having been fully complied with by the said Murphy and Grover, refused their application, and granted permission to another party whose application was made eight weeks after?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; the application was received on the 3rd April, 1890.

(2.) No; an application was received from J. H. Berger on the 18th April, 1890, but was refused for informality.

(3.) Murphy and Grover's application was refused, because the evidence taken by the Warden showed that on the 22nd March Berger and Michael Murphy discovered tin on the land; that on the 29th March Berger went into Glen Innes to procure mineral licenses for himself and partners, and while he was absent Edward Murphy and Grover took possession of the land. It was subsequently discovered that the land was within a reserve, hence the applications under the 28th section. If the application of Edward Murphy and Grover had been granted the prospectors, Berger and Michael Murphy, would have been deprived of the fruits of their discovery. It is the practice of the Department, as far as practicable, to discourage attempts on technical grounds to deprive prospectors of the fruits of their discoveries. No permission has been granted to any other party, but a beforehand notice was given to Berger and party as to refusal of the applications.

4. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lakeman 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 Hay Athenæum to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*"—read a first time.

5. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL:—On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Order of the Day for the adoption of the report on this Bill was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

6. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Tidal Waters closed against Net Fishing.

(2.) Report of the Chief Medical Inspector on Epidemic of Influenza in New South Wales during 1890.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Katoomba, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 7th November, 1890, "Recreation Reserve, Parish of Willoughby."

(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 Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public and Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(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, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

By-laws of the Hurstville Free Public Library.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Teralba, county of Northumberland, for a general Cemetery at Teralba.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 13th May, 1890, "Locking of Darling River."

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Correspondence respecting Brushgrove and Maclean Roads.

Mr.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 13th November, 1890, "Late Fire in Pitt-street."
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on 3rd September, 1890, "Case of Gibbs, tried at Police-court, Queanbeyan.

7. PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MURRAY, AT TOCUMWAL:—MR. Bruce Smith (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the papers, &c., relating to the construction of a Bridge over the Murray River, at Tocumwal, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th October last, be now returned to the custody of the Department of Public Works.
Question put and passed.

8. 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 showing the urgent necessity for the Government "to take immediate steps to investigate the charge of corruption in connection with the Broken "Hill Water Supply Bill."

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

Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—MR. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to empower the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct, use, maintain, and in certain respects control and regulate a harbour within the waters of the said Lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden; and to make, establish, maintain, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct, work, use, and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situate between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to reclaim, purchase, take, occupy, and otherwise acquire land in certain cases, and on certain terms as to acquisition, compensation, payment, rent, investiture, and otherwise; and to levy, receive, and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and for towage, and fares, freights, and other charges for the use of the said railways; and to confer and impose upon the said Corporation certain powers, rights, duties, and liabilities; and to extend the rights of owners of the foreshores of the Lake; 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, 17th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 5, line 48. *After "Windang" insert "Gooseberry, Hooka"*
Page 4, clause 9, line 49. *After "not" insert "being differential and not"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 41. *Omit "200" insert "100"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 42. *Omit "200" insert "100"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 42. *Omit "400" insert "200"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 43. *Omit "400" insert "200"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 43. *Omit "600" insert "300"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 44. *Omit "600" insert "300"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 44. *Omit "800" insert "400"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 45. *Omit "200" first occurring insert "100"*
Page 19, schedule B, line 45. *Omit "200" second occurring insert "100"*

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.) Katoomba Lighting Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct Gas-works and Electric-works, or either of them, within the Town and District of Katoomba,*"—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 December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

KATOOMBA

KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, lines 8 to 10. *Omit* "And whereas proceedings are being taken in order that the said township and district may be constituted a Municipality under the name of the Municipal District of Katoomba."

Page 2, clause 1, line 1. *Omit* "if any"

Page 3, clause 2, line 1. *Omit* "if any"

Page 3, clause 2, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "and until the proclamation of the said Municipal District."

Page 3, clause 2, line 8. *Omit* "if any"

Page 4, clause 13, line 58. *Omit* "suburbs" *insert* "district"

Page 5, clause 13, line 14. *Omit* "if any"

Page 5, clause 13, line 33. *Omit* "if any"

Page 10, clause 32, line 30. *After* "may" *insert* "at"

Page 11. *After* clause 35 *insert* the following new clause:—

Right to assign.

36. It shall be lawful for the said Promoters, their executors and administrators, at any time, by any deed or instrument in writing, to assign, and transfer, all the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and advantages conferred upon them by this Act, to any person or persons, or to any duly incorporated company, and upon any such transfer or assignment being signed or executed, the person or persons, or duly incorporated company, in whose favour such transfer or assignment is made, shall then stand in the place of the said Promoters, their executors, and administrators, and shall have all the rights, powers, benefits, privileges, and advantages conferred upon the said Promoters by this Act.

Page 11, clause 36, line 9. *Omit* "if any"

Page 11, clause 36, line 15. *Omit* "year" *insert* "two years"

Page 11, clause 39, line 39. *Omit* "1889" *insert* "1890"

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.

10. MEETING ON FRIDAY NEXT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House meet at Two o'clock p.m. on Friday next; that General Business take precedence of Government Business until half-past Six o'clock; and that General Orders of the Day take precedence of Motions; and that after half-past six o'clock Government Business be proceeded with. Question put and passed.
11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McMillan 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 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 1891 and for the year 1890 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. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
12. RABBIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1890, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

The House adjourned at nine minutes before Nine o'clock a.m. until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Amendment of Friendly Societies Act:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session a measure for the amendment of the Friendly Societies Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government is very sensible that this Act ought to be amended, and at the opening of this Session it was the intention to introduce a Bill for that purpose. Therefore we are sure to introduce a Bill next Session if we live so long.

- (2.) Late Fire in Pitt-street:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Leas, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will he lay the papers upon the Table of the House, as ordered by Resolution, *re* Coronal Inquiry into cause of the late fire in Pitt-street?

Mr. Gould answered,—The papers referred to were laid upon the Table last night.

- (3.) Bourke Relief Fund:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a return been received by the Government, showing expenditure of the money granted by the Government, and that subscribed towards the Bourke Relief Fund during the recent floods; and, if so, will he have the same laid upon the Table of the House?

(2.) If no such return has been furnished, will he call upon the Mayor of Bourke for such a return?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no such return, but there is no objection to have one prepared and laid before Parliament.

- (4.) Survey of Portion No. 31, Parish of Clunes, County of Rous:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he peruse the papers, Ms. 90-13,464, 19th November, 1890?

(2.) Was an error made in the survey of portion No. 31, parish of Clunes, county Rous?

(3.) Is the area less than that selected by applicant?

(4.) Is there any vacant or reserved Crown lands adjoining the deficient area?

(5.) Will he send the case on to the Land Board, to see if the area can be made up from such lands without injury to the public interest?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I have perused papers, Misc. 90-13,464, respecting conditional purchase 82-373, Lismore.

(2.) It appears so.

(3.) Yes, by about 11 acres.

(4.) Yes, reserve 759 for public purposes, notified 20th June, 1881, adjoins this portion.

(5.) As the application was for "measured portion" 31 of 400 acres, it would not be legal to grant in satisfaction thereof any land included within the adjoining reserve, which was not open to conditional purchase at date of the application, and, therefore, it would not appear advisable to send the case to the Land Board as requested.

- (5.) Public Health Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill next Session dealing with the question of public health?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no hesitation in saying that a Bill making general provision for the preservation of public health shall be prepared next Session.

(6.)

- (6.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Are the surveys and plans of the railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes in anything like an advanced state of preparation; if so, will he state when tenders are likely to be invited for the construction of this line, or within what period will tenders be invited?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There are five surveyors engaged on this survey. The field-work will be finished about the end of January, and it is anticipated the tenders will be invited for the work some time in March next.

- (7.) Post and Telegraph Office, Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new post and telegraph office at Cargo; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?
(2.) When is the new telephone office likely to be opened at Cumnock?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Nothing has been finally decided, but the Postal Inspector has advised that the business does not warrant the cost of a complete new building, and the Postmaster has been instructed to procure some offers for repairing the present one. When these are to hand, matters will be finally decided.

(2.) In a few days.

- (8.) Agricultural Society's Grounds, Moore Park:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he ascertain from the Inspector-General of Police the class of people who generally congregate at the pony and trotting race meetings held at the Agricultural Society's grounds at Moore Park?

(2.) Is it true that boys from 8 years of age and upwards are also at these meetings in large numbers, and put 1s. bets on the totalisators?

(3.) If these things are true to any great extent, will he endeavour to put a stop to these gatherings, by asking his honorable colleague, the Minister for Agriculture, to decline to give the Agricultural Society any subsidy or other assistance until they terminate their agreement with the Driving Park Club, and stop these races?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that many respectable people frequent the race meetings referred to, but as a charge for admission cannot be enforced, other undesirable classes attend—women of ill-fame and members of the criminal class. Children of 8 years of age and upwards go also, and are seen to put money on the totalisators.

(3.) The matter will receive attention.

- (9.) Refrigerating Trucks:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Are any refrigerating trucks for the conveyance of perishable farm and dairy produce in course of construction?
(2.) If so, on what date will such trucks be ready for use, and how many will be available?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No. 106 additional louvered trucks are, however, being built for the purpose, and some of them will be delivered shortly. Eleven refrigerating trucks are under construction for the carriage of dead meat.

- (10.) Potts' Hill Water Supply:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in the acceptance of tenders for iron pipes in the matter of the Potts' Hill Water Supply Duplication Service?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There are many intricate questions involved in connection with this contract, and before coming to a decision I have been compelled to seek further information. When this is before me I will lose no time in finally determining the matter. I may inform the Honorable Member that the whole of the wrought iron part of the work, valued at something like £50,000, has already been contracted for.

- (11.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he read a Petition, recently forwarded by Mr. Copeland to the Honorable the Premier, from the residents of Tingha, and also a Petition presented by Mr. Copeland to Parliament, praying that, on submitting the proposed railway from Glen Innes to Inverell to the Public Works Committee, he would also submit the alternative line from Guyra to Inverell, so that the Public Works Committee could have both proposals before them, with power to recommend which of the two lines they thought most in the interest of the country?

(2.) Will he consider the desirableness of giving effect to the prayers of these Petitions?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; the petitions referred to have been read and fully considered.

(2.) There is no power under the Public Works Act to admit of alternative proposals being submitted for the consideration of the Public Works Committee. I may refer the Honorable Member to the two very lengthy debates which took place in the House on resolutions proposed by the Honorable Member, Mr. Waddell, when I fully explained my views as to the Parliamentary Standing Committee considering two proposals for the same railway.

- (12.) Labourers at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
Is it a fact that the labourers at Darling Harbour have had their hours increased per day, and their pay decreased by 2s., or any other amount per day?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners have not reduced the pay of their regular staff at Darling Harbour or elsewhere, nor have they increased their hours.

(13.)

(13.) Report of Officer Commanding Naval Forces :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he, as Minister for Defence, yet taken into consideration the report of the Officer Commanding the Naval Forces, made in January, 1890?
- (2.) If so, what action has he taken on that report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The questions involved in the report of the Officer commanding the Naval Forces will receive attention during the coming recess.

(14.) Rifle Ammunition :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What steps has he, as Minister for Defence, taken to avoid a repetition of the mismanagement or neglect of duty by "the testing officers in England," which led to the supply of upwards of 3,000,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, at a cost to this Colony of £14,000, lately condemned?
- (2.) Why was the report of Captain Cuthill, Inspector of Musketry, of March, 1888, then forwarded to him, left unacted on until May, 1890?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, as a consequence of such inaction, the Military Authorities have for many months been left with only 1,000,000 rounds of rifle cartridge for use in the defence of the Colony, and that the estimated expenditure for rifle practice it is estimated would be 1,750,000 rounds for the year 1890?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Colonel Commanding the Forces, in the absence of the Major-General Commanding :—Of the 3,000,000 of solid case cartridges 1,500,000 rounds have been proved equal to service requirements. The report was withdrawn to enable further tests to be applied to the 3,000,000 solid case cartridges. On the 1st January last, in addition to the solid case cartridges, there were 1,640,000 rounds of rolled case cartridges in store, thus making over 3,000,000 rounds of rifle ammunition up to proof in the Colony on that date. In November last, a further 1,000,000 rounds arrived in the Colony, and 1,000,000 more were advised as shipped in England for New South Wales early in the same month.

(15.) Colonel Roberts :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has Colonel Roberts recently occupied any official position in England on behalf of this Government; if so, what?
- (2.) What are his duties in connection with such position?
- (3.) What remuneration does he receive?
- (4.) By whom was he recommended, by what Minister approved, and by whom appointed to such position, and on what date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Colonel Commanding the Military Forces, in the absence of the Major-General :—

- (1.) Advantage was taken of Colonel Roberts proceeding to England, on leave, to authorise him to consult the best authorities there on military subjects.
- (2.) To attend experimental practices of either guns, torpedoes, and position finders; to report progress of supply of new type guns for batteries; to report on trials of new field-guns; and generally, after consultation with heads of departments in England, to bring to the notice of the Colonial Government any military information of value to the Colonial Forces.
- (3.) None; but is allowed travelling expenses when on duty.
- (4.) By the Major-General Commanding and the Commanding Engineer, approved by the Colonial Secretary, on 2nd April, 1890.

(16.) Chinese Immigration to South Australia :—*Mr. Traill* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he observed the reported action of the South Australian Government in providing that a steamer may carry one Chinaman for every 50 tons?
- (2.) Is this in accordance with the agreement as to anti-Chinese legislation arrived at at a conference between representatives of the several Australian Governments?
- (3.) Will he take steps to invite the attention of the South Australian Government to this departure from a general intercolonial understanding, and to its possible danger?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have observed that in the South Australian Parliament an amendment has been insisted upon reducing the tonnage of a ship bringing Chinese to that Colony from one Chinese to 500 tons to one Chinese to 50 tons. That is not in accordance with the model Bill agreed upon at the Conference.

(17.) Deportation of Paupers and Liberated Criminals to Australian Colonies :—*Mr. Traill* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the project of *Mr. Booth* (commonly called General Booth), of the Salvation Army, to deport large numbers of paupers and liberated criminals to the Australian Colonies come under his notice?
- (2.) Will he give the matter his attention, with a view to initiating steps for concerted action on the part of the several Australian Governments to discountenance this movement?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have noticed, as most persons have, the statement in the papers of the course pursued by General Booth; but I have no official information on the subject. Certainly I will give the matter my earnest attention. I am, individually, as I think Honorable Members know, entirely opposed to the characters which are contemplated by General Booth's movement coming to this Colony. In the removal of population from one country to another, emigration, or immigration as it is called, it is always the object of an old country to get rid of their least valuable population, and it is the object of a young country to get the best; and as I entirely subscribe to that doctrine I should be adverse—and the Government of which I am a member would be adverse—to affording any facilities for the introduction to this Colony of dependent and destitute persons.

2. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION CONVENTION (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the event of any vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise in the representation of the Colony in the National Convention, to be held in Sydney in March next, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, is hereby empowered to appoint a member of the Legislative Council or Assembly, as the case may be, to any such vacancy.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting its concurrence. Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day adopted the following Resolutions, viz.:—

“ (1.) That, in the event of any vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise in the representation of the Colony in the National Convention, to be held in Sydney in March next, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, is hereby empowered to appoint a member of the Legislative Council or Assembly, as the case may be, to any such vacancy.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Legislative Council requesting its concurrence.”—

transmits the same to the Legislative Council accordingly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1890.*

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McMillan 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 authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,” 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.
4. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Hay Athenæum 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. Carruthers, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Perry, Mr. Curley, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover. Question put and passed.
5. ADELAIDE JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O’Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “ Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition,” brought up on the 12th of December, 1890, be now adopted. Question put and passed.
6. MR. J. B. CASEY:—Mr. Morton presented a Petition from John Bartholomew Casey, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., Kempsey, stating the various public offices filled by him, and the duties which he performed from time to time until his removal from the Public Service on the 1st July, 1883; and praying that his case may be examined and weighed, and that justice and consideration may be meted out to him. Petition received.
7. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Dalton, 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 26th August, 1890; together with Appendices. Ordered to be printed.
8. RYAN’S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly, 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 further consideration and Report this subject was referred back on 18th November, 1890; together with Appendices. Ordered to be printed.
9. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Sydney Branch of Royal Mint. Ordered to be printed.
10. MARRICKVILLE TO BURWOOD ROAD RAILWAY 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1890.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. **ERECTION OF BRIDGES OVER MIHI AND DANGAR CREEKS:**—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the correspondence, &c., relating to "Mihi and Dangar Creeks," laid upon the Table of this House on the 22nd October, 1890, be returned to the custody of the Department of Public Works.
Question put and passed.
12. **HUNTER RIVER FLOODS:**—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the report of Mr. G. E. Gordon, C.E., on "Hunter River Floods," together with the plans connected therewith, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 14th August, 1890, be returned to the custody of the Department of Public Works.
Question put and passed.
13. **RABBIT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wynan Brown,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Paul,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Cass.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Frank Smith,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Howe,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Chauter,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Perry,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barnes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alison,
Mr. Lakeman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883'; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law 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 repeal the 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883'; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th December, 1890.

14. **CENSUS AND INDUSTRIAL RETURNS 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 at a later hour of the day.

15. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given.

Point of Order.—The Chairman explained that a Vote of £18,350 was before the Committee, when a motion was made to reduce an item of £1,500 for compensation to H. Baylis, P.M., Wagga Wagga, by £500, which motion was negatived by the Committee on Division, by Ayes 16, Noes 39; a proposal was then submitted to reduce the same item by £400, which the Chairman refused to accept, as not being a substantial reduction on the previous proposal,—and the Committee dissenting, the subject was referred to the House.

Mr. Speaker said that it was more a matter of opinion than of order, but being referred, he must decide it. In his opinion the proposed reduction was substantial.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1890 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1888 and Previous Years.

- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,604 12s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1888 and previous years."

Services of 1889.

- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £114,777 13s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1889."

Services of 1890.

- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £261,717 13s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1890."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1891.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, a sum not exceeding £989, 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.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,210, for Executive Council, for the year 1891.
 (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,995, for Legislative Council, for the year 1891.
 (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,922, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1891.
 (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,092, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1891.
 (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,985, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1891.
 (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,380, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1891.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,935, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1891.
 (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,722, for Department of Audit, for the year 1891.
 (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,219, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1891.
 (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,762, for Forests, for the year 1891.
 (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1891.
 (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,490, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1891.
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,319, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—General Staff, for the year 1891.

(20.)

- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,333, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Military Instructors, for the year 1891.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,736, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Artillery Force, for the year 1891.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,758, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Commanding Engineer, for the year 1891.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,034, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Submarine Miners, for the year 1891.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,657, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Medical Staff Corps, for the year 1891.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120,445, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Volunteer Force, for the year 1891.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,482, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1891.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,814, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1891.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £920, for Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1891.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1891.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Torpedo Defence, for the year 1891.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £303,584, for Police, for the year 1891.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £94,463, for Lunacy, for the year 1891.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,710, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1891.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Medical Board, for the year 1891.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,570, for Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1891.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,810, for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1891.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,751, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1891.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, for Immigration, for the year 1891.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £865, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1891.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62,100, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1891.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,892, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1891.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,080, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1891.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,570, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1891.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,845, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1891.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1891.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,263, for Government Domains, for the year 1891.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,150, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1891.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,100, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1891.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £121,998, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,860, for the Department of the Treasury, for the year 1891.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,875, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1891.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,194, for Customs Department, for the year 1891.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1891.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1891.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,500, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1891.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £116,654, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1891.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,306, for Board of Health, for the year 1891.

- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1891.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,347, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1891.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,970, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1891.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,172, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1891.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1891.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,515, for Public Wharves, for the year 1891.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £138,325, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,977,909, for Railways and Tramways, Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1891.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Railways and Tramways—Miscellaneous, for the year 1891.

No. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,759, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1891.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,070, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1891.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,512, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1891.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,625, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1891.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70,459, for Department of Lands, for the year 1891.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, for Minor Roads, for the year 1891.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,265, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1891.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,630, for Land Court, for the year 1891.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,159, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £223,361, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1891.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,419, for Triangulation Survey of the Colony, for the year 1891.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,714, for Special Service—Detailed Survey of City and Suburbs for continuation of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes, for the year 1891.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,125, for Department of Public Works—Establishment, for the year 1891.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,563, for Dock Establishment, for the year 1891.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,496, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply, for the year 1891.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £118,645, for Dredge Service, for the year 1891.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £106,130, for Architect, for the year 1891.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £665,000, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1891.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,200, for Sewerage, for the year 1891.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,850, for Military Works, for the year 1891.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,927, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1891.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,510, for Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1891.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,066, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,758, for Department of Justice, for the year 1891.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,729, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the year 1891.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,647, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1891.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, for Divorce Court, for the year 1891.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,600, for Department of Curator, for the year 1891.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,688, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1891.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,690, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1891.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,092, for District Courts, for the year 1891.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,570, for Coroners, for the year 1891.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £89,034, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1891.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,644, for Prisons, for the year 1891.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,015, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1891.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,635, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1891.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,698, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £692,290, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1891.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,779, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1891.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,890, for Observatory, for the year 1891.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,651, for Museum, for the year 1891.
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,658, for Free Public Library, for the year 1891.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,290, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1891.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,742, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1891.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85,900, for Department of Mines, for the year 1891.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,385, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1891.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,920, for Imported Stock, for the year 1891.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,765, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1891.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1891.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,760, for Water Conservation and Irrigation, for the year 1891.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,900, for Agricultural Department, for the year 1891.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,000, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £455,594, for Post Office, for the year 1891.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,076, for Money Order and Savings Bank Branch, for the year 1891.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £187,649, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1891.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,642, for Telephones, for the year 1891.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,922, for Electric Lights, for the year 1891.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,772, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1891.

FURTHER

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1890.

Services of 1890.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £206,500 to defray further Supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1890."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1891.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, for Legislative Council, for the year 1891.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,074, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1891.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,150, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1891.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,350, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1891.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £95, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1891.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £567 17s. 4d., for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1891.

X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Department of Mines, for the year 1891.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Agricultural Department, for the year 1891.

LOAN ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES FOR 1891.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £32,852, for Miscellaneous Services; being £3,000, towards erection of 12 Cottages, Newington Asylum; £5,174, for purchase of land, Regent-street, for Police purposes; £1,500, for erection of Submarine Mining Establishment; £2,020, for purchase of land for Police purposes at Kogarah, Rockdale, Tumut, and Fig-tree; £6,000, towards erection of Northern Fire Brigade Station, George-street, Sydney; and £15,158, for purchase of land, Goulburn, for Lunatic Asylum.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for new Steamer for Pilot Service.

No. IV.—RAILWAYS.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,527,550, for Railways; being £2,550, for erection of new Workshops, Eveleigh Station; £25,000, for duplicating Railway Lines—Hurstville and George's River, Sutherland and Waterfall—further sum; £150,000, for Additional Rolling Stock—existing lines; £250,000, for Additions, Alterations, and Improvements to Roads, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes, including purchase of land required for extending works; £100,000, to Improve Grades and Curves, and Construction of Deviation to avoid Lapstone Zig Zag; £250,000, for completing Suburban Line widening, Redfern to Flemington; and £500,000, for completion of duplication of Illawarra Line to Waterfall, North Coast Line—Teralba to Adamstown, Main Southern Line—Granville to Picton, and continuation of same towards Goulburn; also duplication of line—Ryde to Hornsby; and £250,000, for Rolling Stock necessary for the equipment of new lines—viz., Culcairn to Corowa, Kiama to Nowra, Lismore to the Tweed, Cootamundra to Temora, and Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Tramways; being £25,000, for Additions, Alterations, and Improvements to Workshops, Buildings, and Waiting-rooms, and for other purposes for extending Works; and £75,000, for Additional Rolling Stock and to meet Expenses of Experiments in connection with Electric Trams.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £33,000, for Miscellaneous Services; being £25,000, towards acquisition of land for Public Parks in various parts of the Colony; and £8,000, towards purchase of sites for Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices.

No. VII.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £606,825, for Railway Construction Branch; being £124,575, towards the construction of a line of Railway from Cootamundra to Temora; £127,000, towards the construction of a line of Railway from St. Leonards to Milson's Point; £90,250, towards the construction of a line of Railway from Marrickville to Burwood Road; £35,000, to complete the Railway from Sydney to Wollongong and Kiama; £30,000, for Railway Trial Surveys; and £200,000, for purchase of Railway Stores—To provide for the purchase of Stores for Railway Construction Services, the value to be replaced as the cost of specific consumption is ascertained; the whole amount to be carried to a Trust Fund, and to be re-issued from time to time as the said Store Vote is credited from the Votes for the specific services on account of which the stores are respectively issued.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £509,000, for Harbours and Rivers Branch; being £50,000, for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum; £100,000, towards Richmond River Improvements; £100,000, towards Clarence River Improvements; £50,000, for Newcastle Harbour Improvements—further sum; £10,000, for Tweed River Improvements; £15,000, for Trial Bay Harbour Works—further sum; £5,000, for Lake Macquarie Harbour Works—further sum; £50,000, for Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum; £18,000, for Long Cove Reclamation and Dredging; £18,000, for Cook's River and Shea's Creek Reclamation and Dredging—further sum, including cost of resumption of land; £1,000, for Snail's Bay Reclamation—further sum; £18,000, for Appliances for Reclaiming land by Sand-pump Dredges—further sum; £18,500, for new Dredge for Clarence River; £10,000, for Dredge Plant, Sydney Harbour—further sum; £5,500, towards construction of Jetties at foot of Erskine-street; £5,000, for Coff's Harbour Jetty—further sum; £1,500, for Moama Wharf—further sum; £10,000, on account of Reclamation of Careening Cove and Neutral Bay, North Shore, including construction of necessary sea-walls and purchase of land; £5,000, towards improving the Entrance to the Bellinger River, including cost of necessary plant; and £18,500, for erection of Light-house, Point Perpendicular, Jervis Bay.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £232,700, for Government Architect's Branch; being £23,000, towards completion of the following buildings, viz.:—Court-house and Public Offices, Bourke; Court-house, Hay; Grafton Gaol; St. Albans Court-house and Lock-up; and new Central Police Court, Sydney; £25,000, for permanent additions to the undermentioned buildings:—Moree Lock-up; Milparinka Court-house and Warden's Quarters; Supreme Court Buildings, Sydney; Deniliquin Court-house; Nyngan Court-house; Parramatta Gaol—Criminal Lunatic Wing; Broken Hill Court-house and Lock-up—further sum; Silvertown Gaol; and Liverpool Court and Watch House; £45,000, towards the erection of the undermentioned buildings, viz.:—Macksville Court-house, &c.; Nowra Court-house; site for Greta Court-house; Redfern Court-house and site; West Maitland Court-house and site; Watch-house, Clarence-street, Sydney; Michelago Court-house; land for Court-house, Dubbo; Lock-ups at Sofala, Penrith, South Grafton, Tinonee, Minmi, Regent-street (Sydney), Rockdale, Kogarah, Singleton (and site), Brushgrove, Tamworth, Kelso, Rylstone (site for), and Broadwater. £5,000 for additions to the undermentioned buildings:—Bourke new Police Buildings, Murrumburrah Police Buildings, Newcastle Police Buildings, and Wee Waa Police Station; £20,000 towards the erection of the undermentioned buildings:—Quarters for Sub-Inspector, Argyle-street, Sydney; Fernmount Police Quarters and Lock-up; Broken Hill Police Buildings; Tocumwall Police Buildings, &c.; Sergeant's Quarters, Penrith; Corowa Police Barracks, &c.; Bourke Police Officers' Quarters; Tarago Police Quarters and Lock-up; Alma, South Broken Hill, Police Barracks; Peak Hill Police Buildings; Barraba Police Buildings; Hillgrove Police Buildings; Port Macquarie Police Station; and Emmaville Police Station—further sum; £3,000 to complete the undermentioned Buildings, viz.:—Mittagong, Hunter's Hill, Moss Vale, Temora, Wollongong, and Picton Post and Telegraph Offices; £15,000 towards the erection of the undermentioned Buildings, viz.:—West Maitland Post Office, site for, additional; Wollombi, Harden, Adamstown, Homebush, Braidwood, Enmore, Burwood, Newtown, Rockdale, St. Peters, and Lake Cudgellico Post and Telegraph Offices; £10,000 for Purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph Offices; £10,000 for Hospitals for Insane—Branch Hospital, Parramatta—Ward for Epileptic Patients; Residence for Assistant-Superintendent, Parramatta; and New Wing, Gladesville—further sum; £7,000 for General Post Office—additional works; £10,000 for Benevolent Asylums—Additions; £3,500 for Coast Hospital, additions—further sum; £3,000 for University—additions to the Engineering Department; £1,200 for Parramatta Industrial School Wall; £12,000 for Government Printing Office—Additional Story; £12,000 for Stamp Office and site; £10,000 for Goulburn Gaol—erection of Additions, to contain 111 cells; £4,000 for Broken Hill Mining Office—erection of; £5,000 for Morgue, George-street North, Sydney—erection of; and £7,000 for Admiral's Residence—Additions and alterations.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £92,256, for Bridges Branch; being for erection of bridges at the undermentioned sites:—Bullock Island; Johnston's Creek; Castlereagh River, at Mundooran; Wilson's River, at Ballingarra, road Rolland's Plains to Ballingarra; Wilson's River, at Telegraph Point; Morton's Creek, road Becchwood to Ennis; M'Intyre River, at Inverell; Ollera, Modern, and Limestone Creeks, road Guyra to Tingha; George's River, at Liverpool; Stone-quarry Creek, at Picton; Cunningham's, near Bombala; Paroo River, at Wanaaring; Hunter River, at Jerry's Plains; approach bridge and embankment, Boggabri Bridge; Coltstream River; and approaches to Redbournebury Bridge.

(145.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £22,515, for Roads; being £14,515, for wood-blocking Oxford-street along tram-line, conditionally on £4,187 being paid by the Municipal Council of Paddington; and £8,000 for wood-blocking Cook's River Road from Alice-street to St. Peters, conditionally on £1,500 being paid by the Municipal Council of Newtown.

(146.)

(146.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £586,648, for Sewerage Branch; being £6,000, for extension of Waverley to Woollahra and Randwick—further sum; £15,000, for Darling Point sewers—further sum; £10,000, for Potts' Point and Elizabeth Bay sewers, East and West sides—further sum; £313,592, for completion of Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme (Schedule B of Act 54 Vic. No. 17); £18,500, for Iron Cove Creek Stormwater Channel; for stormwater channels draining into Long Cove Creek—1. £16,500 for draining parts of Leichhardt; 2. £4,000, for Leichhardt Branch; 3. £4,000 for Ashfield Branch; £8,500 for Johnston's Creek Stormwater Channel; £15,500, for stormwater channel from Munnis-street, Newtown, through Macdonaldtown Park to Shea's Creek; £8,500, for Macdonaldtown Park Stormwater Sewer, from Swanston-street to Ashmore-street, thence from Ashmore-street to Macdonald-street; £2,630, for stormwater channel from Eveleigh Railway Siding to Stormwater Channel, Alexandria Park; £2,185, for stormwater channel from Buckland-street to Southern Boundary Alexandria Park; £1,350, for stormwater channel from Orphan School Creek through University Reserve to dam in St. Paul's College Reserve; £1,500, for Pymont Bridge Road Stormwater Channel—further sum; £4,666, for Beattie-street to White Bay Stormwater Channel, Balmain; £3,000, for Rose Bay Side Drainage Stormwater Channel; £15,000, for minor stormwater sewers, Western Drainage, draining parts of Burwood, Concord, and Ashfield; £8,800, for minor stormwater sewers, Northern Drainage, draining parts of Petersham, Leichhardt, and Ashfield; £8,400, for Double Bay Creek Channel from Main Bondi Sewer to Double Bay; £15,000, for stormwater channel from Botany Road to old bed of Shea's Creek; £18,500, for stormwater channel from a point south of Buckland-street along course of Shea's Creek to Botany Road; £14,500, for stormwater channel along Dowling-street, from Baptist-street to Young-street, and thence to a point south of Buckland-street; £19,000, for Homebush Creek Stormwater Sewer, to drain parts of Burwood, Strathfield, and Concord; £11,500, for Iron Cove Channel, Eastern Branch, to drain parts of Burwood and Ashfield; £10,700, for Stormwater Sewer, Rookwood, draining from the Necropolis; £19,000, for Coltage Creek, Newcastle, Stormwater Sewer; £7,825, for Ironbark Creek, Plattsburg, Stormwater Sewer, outlet end; and £3,000, for Wallsend Stormwater Channel to its junction with Ironbark Creek.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £832,111, for Water Supply and Sewerage; being £205,000 for Extension of Water Reticulation, Sydney and Suburbs; £260,000, for construction of new Sewers, Ventilating-shafts, &c., Sydney and Suburbs; £35,000, for Stores—Advance Account; £5,000, for Contractor's Advance Account (Sewerage); £50,000, for erection of new Offices, including fittings and purchase of site; £150,000, towards reticulation of Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme (Schedule A of Act 54 Vic. No. 17); and £127,111, for Sewerage Works—being amount of balance and interest at the debit of the Municipal Council of Sydney Sewerage Account in the Union Bank—the Sewerage Works having been transferred to the Water and Sewerage Board.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £58,000, for Military Works Branch; being £25,000, for Magazines at Newington; £20,000 for Headquarters, Military Offices—Building and Site; £8,000, for Naval Magazines at Spectacle Island; and £5,000, for Military Magazines at Goat Island.

NO. IX.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £44,000, for Technical Education; being £19,000, for Erection of Technological Museum, Sydney; £5,000, for Site for Technological Museum, Sydney; and £20,000, for Erection of Technical Colleges and Technological Museums at Bathurst, Broken Hill, Maitland West, and Newcastle.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £29,000, for High Schools, being £19,000, for Buildings—Girl's High School, Sydney; and £10,000, for Buildings, High Schools, Maitland.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Purchase of Additional Areas to Existing Public School Grounds.

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Erection of Quarantine Station for Imported Stock.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Agricultural Department—Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £150,000 for Water Conservation and Irrigation—For Surveys, gauging of Rivers, and construction of various Works in connection with Water Conservation and Distribution, for Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining Industries, and for domestic use, and for the resumption of land in connection therewith.

NO. XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,000, for Electric Telegraphs—For construction and extension of Telegraph Lines generally.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1891, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,038,800, for repayment of loans; being £225,500, to meet 5 per cent. Debentures, falling due in 1891, viz.:—£25,000—In January—Railway and Public Works, 22 Vict., No. 22; £200,500—In July—Public Works, 19 Vict., Nos. 38 and 40, £6,700; to pay off Debentures, 22 Vict. Nos. 5 and 26, £700; Railways and Public Works, 22 Vict., No. 22, £23,700; Railways

Railways and Public Works, 24 Vict., No. 24, £113,900; Immigration, 24 Vict., No. 26, £55,500. £31,000, to meet Water Supply and Sewerage 6 per cent. Debentures; £20,000, due 1st January, 1891.—City of Sydney Sewerage Works; £2,000, 2nd May, 1891—Municipal Council, Darlington—Sewerage Works; £3,000, 2nd July, 1891—Municipal Council, Darlington—Sewerage Works; £1,782,300, to meet 5 per cent. Debentures, falling due in January, 1892—Railways and Public Works, 25 Vict., No. 19.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

16. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1891, the sum of £7,337,533 17s. 4d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1890, and previous years, the sum of £585,599 18s. 8d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £7,021,757 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 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, for the Repayment of Loans, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

17. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3 and 4), 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 1891, and for the year 1890 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 1891, and for the year 1890 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

18. **LOAN BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise 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 now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

19. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

20. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Frank Smith, 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. Smith, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct, use, maintain, and in certain respects control and regulate a harbour within the waters of the said Lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden; and to make, establish, maintain, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct, work, use, and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situate between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to reclaim, purchase, take, occupy, and otherwise acquire land in certain cases, and on certain terms as to acquisition, compensation, payment, rent, investiture, and otherwise; and to levy, receive, and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and for towage, and fares, freights, and other charges for the use of the said railways; and to confer and impose upon the said Corporation certain powers, rights, duties, and liabilities; and to extend the rights of owners of the foreshores of the said Lake; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th December, 1890, a.m.

21. **KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hurley, 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. Hurley, 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 Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct Gas-works and Electric-works, or either of them, within the town and district of Katoomba.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890, a.m.*
22. **HOSPITAL ELECTIONS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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. Lee, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the election of Trustees, Treasurers, and Officers of Hospitals.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890, a.m.*
23. **POSTPONEMENTS:—**
- (1.) The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 4, 5, and 6 postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.
- (2.) The Order of the Day No. 7 of General Business postponed until To-morrow.
- The House adjourned, at four minutes after Four o'clock a.m., until *Two o'clock* p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1890.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Southern Breakwater at the Richmond Heads:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that unless the southern breakwater at the Richmond Heads be commenced without delay, there is great danger of the present north training-wall being rendered useless, through a fresh channel forming to the southward, which may happen at any moment?

(2.) In view of the foregoing, will he give instructions that this work be commenced as soon as possible?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works said in their report, "The Committee are of opinion, from the evidence before them, that the first work undertaken should be the "Northern breakwater." All arrangements are being made without loss of time to prepare for starting this work, and tenders will shortly be invited for the steamer required for carrying the stone down the river from the quarry.

(2.) Maps of Snow Leases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have maps of the snow leases been issued to the Local Land Offices?

(2.) If not, will he have these maps printed and issued without delay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes, and lithographs are for sale at the Albury and Cooma Land Agents' Offices.

(3.) Decisions in Land Court Appeal Cases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any record of the decisions in Land Court appeal cases been printed in pamphlet form?

(2.) If not, will he take into consideration the desirableness of having such a work printed for the guidance of all interested in land matters?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Part 1 of cases determined by the Land Court up to 31st May last has been printed, and can be obtained at the Government Printing Office. Other parts will be printed as prepared.

(4.) Cases of Broderick and Carroll, Selectors, Queanbeyan District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he arrived at a final decision with regard to the cases of Broderick and Carroll, two selectors in the Queanbeyan district, who were led into the error of taking up the wrong land through a mistake in the parish map?

(2.) If so, will he state what the final decision is?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No; but I will inform the Honorable Member so soon as a decision is arrived at.

(5.) Greta Colliery:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Curley, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

(1.) Is he aware that no code of signalling exists at the Greta Colliery between the banksmen and engine-driver?

(2.) Will he draw the Inspector of Collieries attention to this matter, with a view of preventing accidents?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes. No such signalling is provided for in the Act.

(2.) The Inspectors state that no such signals are in use at any colliery in the district, and it is thought the use of such signals might lead to confusion and prove a source of danger.

(6.)

(6.) Copeland School of Arts :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the Department be prepared to complete the sale of the Copeland School of Arts?
- (2.) Is he aware that the site is held as a business area by the trustees of the School of Arts, and that the license expires on the 31st instant, and, if not renewed, the allotment will become abandoned?
- (3.) Is he aware that there is no dispute with regard to the title?
- (4.) Is he aware that the site was pointed out to a Government officer over four months since, and that no answer has been received to the letters sent by Mr. R. Oram, the honorary secretary?
- (5.) Will he expedite the matter, so as to complete purchase before 31st instant?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The land is about to be reserved from sale for the purpose referred to, and the Mines Department has been this day asked to withdraw it from occupation under the Mining Act, pending further consideration of the question.

(7.) Recreation Reserve, Bombala :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to recommend a grant of £200 to fence and improve the reserve for public recreation, town of Bombala, as promised Mr. Dawson some time since?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Honorable Member was informed by letter that the vote for 1890 for the improvement of reserves for public recreation had been expended, but that the application presented by him would be noted for consideration in connection with the proposed vote for 1891. The papers do not disclose that any promise was made to the Honorable Member.

(8.) Marble Statues in Centennial Park :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that a number of valuable marble statues have been wantonly and seriously destroyed in the Centennial Park?
- (2.) Does the Government intend to appoint a Trust for the better management of the Centennial Park?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am aware that one or two of these garden figures have been defaced by some wanton person, but so far as I am aware, on the last occasion when information was given to me—which was not long ago—the damage done was not very serious. The Government have not in contemplation the appointment of a Trust.

(9.) Regulation No. 50, Crown Lands Act, 1889 :—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Lands,—If it is his intention to alter Regulation No. 50, Crown Lands Act, 1889, in such a way that the written permission of any officer of a company or corporation will enable the owner of any land under mortgage to such company or corporation to take up an additional conditional purchase under clause 20?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It has not been intimated to me that any inconvenience has arisen in the working of this regulation. If any modification in the direction of improvement is suggested, it will receive full consideration.

(10.) Appointment of Mr. F. B. Hales, P.M. for Bombala and Eden :—Mr. Miller asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. F. B. Hales was appointed some time since as P.M. for Bombala and Eden Districts?
- (2.) Has he regularly visited the Courts in the latter district, and fixed rules for working the Courts?
- (3.) Is it a fact that he has, without any reason being assigned, or without being consulted in the matter, had notice that he was not required to adjudicate in the district of Eden?
- (4.) Has he any objection to lay all papers relating to the matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes; Mr. Hales was appointed as Police Magistrate for Bombala and Eden some time since, and has regularly visited the Courts in the latter district, but on consideration by the Department it was thought advisable, in view of the greater facilities for travelling between Bega and Eden as compared with those between Bombala and Eden, and also in view of the representations of a considerable number of the residents of the district, to revert to the practice which formerly obtained.

2. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That Saturday next be a Sitting Day of this House; that the House meet at eleven o'clock a.m.; and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Question put and passed.

3. CHARGES AGAINST MAIL-GUARD D. MURDOCH (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all the papers connected with the charges made against Mail-guard D. Murdoch, and his dismissal from the Public Service.
Question put and passed.

4. MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE HOSPITAL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee on "Management of the Orange Hospital" have leave to make a Special Report.
Question put and passed.

5. REMOVAL OF MR. THOMAS MIDDLETON FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers connected with Mr. Thomas Middleton's case, from the day he entered the public service to the date of his removal therefrom; such papers to include all official documents connected with Mr. Middleton's suspension, or suspensions, from office, and his final dismissal from the service.
Question put and passed.

6. CENSUS AND INDUSTRIAL RETURNS 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 make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and for obtaining certain Industrial, Commercial, and other Statistics, and certain particulars relating to the Live Stock, Crops, and Occupation of Land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.*"

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 provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and for obtaining certain Industrial, Commercial and other Statistics, and certain particulars relating to the Live Stock, Crops, and Occupation of Land in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1890.*

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business postponed until after Order No. 4.
8. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT EXTENSION BILL:—On motion of Mr. Edmunds, the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill was discharged.
9. DISTRESS FOR RENT BILL:—On motion of Mr. Walker, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. CONVEYANCE OF MAILS TO AND FROM GENERAL POST OFFICE, SYDNEY:—Mr. William Stephen, 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, 1890; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
11. PAPERS:—
Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Further Correspondence, &c., "*History of New South Wales from the Records.*"
(2.) Documents relating to the International Customs Tariff Conference, held at Brussels.
(3.) Conditions, Specifications, &c., of the Contracts for relaying and duplicating the Southern Line of Railway.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulation No. 274 under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, substituted for Regulation bearing the same number at present in force under the said Act.
(2.) Regulation No. 61 under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, substituted for Regulation bearing the same number at present in force under the said Act.
(3.) Return of unsurveyed land in the Condobolin Land District.
Ordered to be printed.
12. MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE HOSPITAL:—Mr. Walker, as Chairman, brought up a Special Report from the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st October, 1890.
Ordered to be printed.
13. HAY ATHENAEUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Perry, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th December, 1890; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Perry then moved, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.
14. SOLICITORS RIGHT OF AUDIENCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having being read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
On motion of Mr. Slattery, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. LAND COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA 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 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. Garrard, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited)' to divide its shares into classes, with the right to attach to such classes special privileges or priority as to the capital, redemption of capital, or dividends, and preferential, guaranteed, fixed, deferred, or other dividends.*"

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 authorise the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited)' to divide its shares into classes, with the right to attach to such classes special privileges or priority as to the capital, redemption of capital, or dividends, and preferential, guaranteed, fixed, deferred, or other dividends,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1890.

16. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Mulgoa Irrigation Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 83.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorise George Chaffey and Henry Gorman to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within and adjacent to the Police District of Penrith; to acquire lands to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890.

(2.) Hawkesbury Racecourse Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 84.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Hawkesbury Racecourse to grant leases thereof; and to enable the Members of the Hawkesbury Race Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the said Club; 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890.

17. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION CONVENTION :—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 18th December, 1890, in reference to the Australasian Federation Convention, concurs in the Resolution of the Assembly on this subject.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

18. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—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 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. Gormly, 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 authorise the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890.

19. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION 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 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.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

20. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of 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.

Mr. Vivian moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."

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

Debate continued.

And it being half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Resolution of the House, adopted on 17th December, 1890.

21. PAPER:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. T. Scarr, Temporary Examiner of Public Works Proposals, in regard to the proposed railway from Galong to Burrowa.
Ordered to be printed.

22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Railway from Cobar to Cockburn*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Extension of Kiama to Nowra Railway into Town of Nowra*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of extending the Kiama to Nowra Railway from the present proposed terminus, across the Shoalhaven River, into the town of Nowra.

Question put and passed.

23. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise 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 authorise 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, 19th December, 1890.*

24. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. McMillan, passed.

Mr. McMillan 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 1891, and for the year 1890 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 1891, and for the year 1890 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1890.*

25. **LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McMillan, “That’ this Bill be now read a third time,”—
 Upon which Mr. Dibbs had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 1.”
 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.
 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 Clause 1,—put and passed.
 On motion of Mr. McMillan, 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,—

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

26. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) **Census and Industrial Returns Bill:—**

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and for obtaining certain Industrial, Commercial, and other Statistics, and certain particulars relating to the Live Stock, Crops, and Occupation of Land in and for the said Colony, and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 19th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

(2.) **Loan Bill:—**

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise 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, 20th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

27. **MOORE STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL (changed from) METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands, and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street, in the said city; and for other purposes,*”—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, 20th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVEET,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1. Title, line 2. Omit “street improvements” insert “the improvement of Moore-street”
 Page 1. Title, line 4. Omit “s” in “improvements”
 Page 1. Title, line 5. Omit “s” in “improvements”
 Page 1. Title, lines 5 to 10. Omit from “to authorise” to “said city”, both inclusive, insert “and the exchange and sale of superfluous lands in connection with the said improvement”
 Page 1, clause 1, line 5. Omit “Metropolitan” insert “Moore”
 Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit “s” in “improvements”
 Page 1, clause 2, lines 9, 10, and 11. Omit Interpretation of “Authorised Street Improvement”
 Page 2, clause 2, line 1. Omit “Street” insert “The”

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- Page 2, clause 2, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "within the boundaries of the City of Sydney"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "any public way, as defined in the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879'" *insert* "Moore-street, in the city of Sydney"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 6 to 9. *Omit* from "or for closing" down to "includes a," both inclusive. *insert* "including the"
- Page 2. *After* clause 2, *insert* the following new clause :—
 "3. The Council is hereby authorised to purchase or resume all lands and do all acts necessary ^{Authority to} _{acquire lands.} for the purpose of widening Moore-street to a total width not exceeding one hundred feet, and "otherwise carrying out the said improvement."
- Page 2, clauses 3, 4, and 5. *Omit* clauses 3, 4, and 5.
- Page 2, clause 6, lines 35 and 36. *Omit* "any authorised street" *insert* "such"
- Page 2, clause 6, lines 39 and 40. *Omit* "as soon as practicable after the approval of such improvement"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *Omit* "and locality"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 43. *Omit* "rateable" *insert* "liable"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 48. *Omit* "state the estimated" *insert* "give a detailed estimate of the"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 49. *Omit* "any" *insert* "the"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 53. *After* "years" *insert* "nor to be less than fifty years."
- Page 2, clause 6. At end of clause *add* "Provided that any owner may within such period make "any repayment for which he is liable with interest at four pounds per centum per annum "to the date of repayment."
- Page 3, clause 7, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "any such authorised" *insert* "such"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 10. *Before* "one-fourth" *insert* "not less than"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 22. *Omit* "authorised" *insert* "said"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 33. *Omit* "the authorised" *insert* "such"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 41. *Omit* "an" *insert* "the"
- Page 3, clause 9, lines 42 and 43. *Omit* "the public way which is, or is to be, the subject of the "authorised improvement" *insert* "Moore-street as authorised to be widened by this "Act"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 50. *After* "assessors" *insert* "to be appointed by such Judge"
- Page 4, clause 10. *Omit* "clause 10"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 11. *Omit* "any"
- Page 4, clause 13, line 27. *After* "land" *insert* "or the estate or interest therein"
- Page 6, clause 24, lines 42 and 43. *Omit* "or in case it shall be expedient to sell any public way "or any part thereof"
- Page 7, clause 26, lines 30 and 31. *Omit* "any authorised street" *insert* "the"
- Page 7, clause 27, line 53. *After* "Act" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 8, clause 30. *Omit* clause 30.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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 authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out street improvements within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands, and to raise money for carrying out such improvements; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvements; to authorise the imposition of Street Improvement Rates; to exchange or sell any portion of a public way and certain superfluous lands in the said city; to make special provision in respect of a projected improvement of Moore-street, in the said city; and for other purposes,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

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 Sydney, 20th December, 1890, a.m.

28. RABBIT 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 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883'; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other 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, 20th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
 President.
 RABBIT

RABBIT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th December, 1890.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 14, line 49. Omit "said" insert "Crown Lands"
 Page 5, clause 14, line 4. After "upon" insert "or adjoining"
 Page 5, clause 15, line 25. Omit "fence" insert "rabbit-proofing"
 Page 7, clause 20. At end of clause add "no contribution shall be payable in any case where the
 " Board shall be of opinion that a boundary fence has been made rabbit-proof not *bona*
 " *fide* for the purpose of destroying or excluding rabbits."
 Page 10, clause 40, line 3. Omit "keeps" insert "has."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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. Brunker, 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 repeal the 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883'; to extend the jurisdictions of the Land Court and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1890, a.m.

29. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the year 1891, and for the year 1890 and previous years,*—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 20th December, 1890.

JOHN HAY,
President.

30. APPROPRIATION AND LOAN BILLS:—Mr. McMillan moved, That Mr. Speaker be authorised to present the Appropriation and Loan Bills to the Lieutenant-Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent, without delay.

Question put and passed.

31. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting removal of Mr. William Nicholas Willis, M.P., from the Commission of the Peace.

Ordered to be printed.

32. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Two o'clock a.m., until *Eleven o'clock a.m.* This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1890.

There being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Morton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Torpy, and Mr. Wright,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, }
to wit.

(L.S.)

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor
Administering
the Government.

Proclamation by His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales, to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the third day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROLOGUED 20 DECEMBER, 1890.)

QUESTION:—

1. MR. SEAYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Has an inquiry been made into recent cases of deaths under chloroform at Prince Alfred Hospital?
 - (2.) If such inquiry has been made, when will the papers be laid upon the Table of this House?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Bill; second reading.
4. Imprisonment for Debt Amendment Bill; resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr Gould, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Water Conservation Bill; second reading.
6. Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill; second reading.
7. Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
8. Railway Employees Provident and Pension Fund Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to facilitate the establishment of a Provident and Pension Fund for the relief and support in sickness, on retirement, and other contingencies of persons employed at weekly or daily wages on the New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways, and of their families; to authorize contributions by such persons and by the Railway Commissioners; to protect the interests of persons entitled to the benefits of the said Fund; to regulate the administration of the Fund; to make certain provisions affecting liabilities of, and contributions to, the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to allow contributions to the Fund to stand instead of the life insurance required by the sixty-fourth section of the "Government Railways Act of 1888"; to make further provision in connection with the said Fund; and for other purposes.
9. Necropolis (Additional Areas) Bill; second reading.
10. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. District Government Bill; second reading.
12. Level Crossings on Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conveyance of Mails to and from General Post Office, Sydney," brought up on 19th December, 1890, be now adopted.
2. MR. WILLIS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges of corruption or bribery against Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of the Legislative Council in connection with the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Want, Mr. Vivian, Mr. Kidd, and the Mover.
3. MR. TRAILL to move, That, in the event of any Member desiring to dissent from a ruling by the Speaker, it shall be competent for such Member to give notice forthwith of his intention to move that such ruling be dissented from, and such motion shall be considered to be, and shall be, dealt with as Business of the House.

4. **MR. THOMPSON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of passengers carried between Sydney and Newcastle and Newcastle and Sydney between the 1st May, 1889, and 30th April, 1890, distinguishing between first and second class passengers on the railway line.
 - (2.) The amounts received for the carriage of such passengers respectively.
 - (3.) The quantities of goods carried between the same termini, and number of trucks used.
 - (4.) The amounts received for such carriage.
 - (5.) The cost of carrying such passengers and goods respectively.
 - (6.) The profit or the loss on such carriage of passengers and goods respectively.
 - (7.) The like information in all respects as to carriage of goods and passengers between Newcastle and Wallangarra.
 - (8.) Sectional Returns on the same points on all carriage of passengers and goods between Sydney and Wallangarra.
5. **MR. CRICK** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is essential to the efficacy of Parliamentary Government that all charges of corruption or bribery against the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council should be disproved, or the guilty discovered and punished.
 - (2.) That your Excellency's advisers should guard the honor and good name of Parliament.
 - (3.) That charges of bribery and corruption having been made, both in the Press and by Members of this House, against Members of the Legislative Assembly, and your Excellency's advisers having refused to take the necessary steps to vindicate the good name of Parliament, have forfeited the confidence of this House.
 - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. **MR. CRICK** to move, That this House disapproves of the action of the Postmaster-General in deciding on a site for the Post Office at Randwick against the reports of the responsible officers of his department and the wishes of the inhabitants at Randwick.
7. **MR. CRICK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all future locomotives, cars, rolling stock, &c., required for the railways of this Colony should be manufactured in the Colony.
8. **MR. GAVAN** to move, That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling that the motion of the Honorable Member, Mr. Waddell, as follows, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the charges of bribery and corruption that have been made in connection with the passing of the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill through Parliament" was out of order, because the House decided as follows on the Motion of Privilege submitted by Sir Henry Parkes, on the 15th instant, on which an amendment was moved by Mr. Crick, "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 'in the opinion of this House it is the clear duty of the Government to at once appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the charge of corruption and bribery in reference to the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill.' Question put,— 'That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Ayes, 63; Noes, 16. And so it was resolved in the affirmative."
9. **MR. HURLEY** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should provide a sum of not less than £10,000 towards the establishment of a nursery for the supplying of trees, shrubs, &c., for various parts of the Colony; and, also, a model fruit orchard, in order that the capabilities of the country could be the better demonstrated, thus creating an incentive to fruit culture.
 - (2.) That the site for such nursery and orchard be selected on the Blue Mountains, on the Western line of railway, at an altitude of not less than 3,000 feet above sea level.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
10. **MR. WALL** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be surveyed, and submitted to the Public Works Committee, to connect Mudgee with Coonamble and Walgett.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
11. **MR. HAWKEN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, as the Resolutions passed with regard to Federation have not received the concurrence of the Upper Chamber, steps should be taken by the Government to provide that the Delegates may have power to act at the projected Conference under the same exact Commission.
12. **MR. GAVAN** to move,—
- (1.) That the proposed railway, Bega to Eden, authorised by the Act 48 Vic. No. 26, but which work was not commenced previous to the passing of the Public Works Act 51 Vic. No. 37, should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That the same course of procedure be applied to all other works similarly circumstanced to the above.
13. **MR. LYNE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that such an arrangement be made between this Colony and the neighbouring Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, as will allow the waters of the River Murray to be conserved, and utilized for irrigation and other purposes to a larger extent than at present.
14. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that the branch of the Royal Mint which Her Majesty has been pleased to establish in this Colony should, with the utmost possible expedition, receive unassayed silver, or silver in bars, or ingots, which might be exchanged for the current silver coin of the Realm.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

15. MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway Act should be so amended as to limit the power of the Railway Commissioners to duplicate railway lines.
16. MR. BALL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Calaghan's Conditional Purchases, Braidwood and Queanbeyan," brought up on 30th October, 1890, be now adopted.
17. MR. BALL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's Additional Conditional Purchases," brought up on 6th November, 1890, be now adopted.
18. MR. VIVIAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Government should take such early steps as will secure an adequate representation of the products of this Colony at the International (Chicago) Exhibition to be held in 1892.
19. MR. CASS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway from Dubbo right into the town of Coonamble should be constructed forthwith.
20. MR. CASS to move,—
 - (1.) That the present mode of appointing persons to the Commission of the Peace is diametrically opposed to the best interests of the country.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
21. MR. CASS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, &c., having reference to the appointment of Mr. Joseph Nelson to the Commission of the Peace.
22. MR. JONES 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 attending the conditional purchase made by one George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai, on the 22nd day of August, 1878, of 640 acres, parish of Mooney Mooney, county of Harden.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ball, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
23. MR. DICKENS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of H. C. Armstrong for compensation by reason of losses sustained by him through his removal from land at the Circular Quay, leased to him by the late Commissioner for Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Playfair, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wyman Brown, and the Mover.
24. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. E. K. Crace to Crown Lands adjoining Gungahleen Estate," brought up on 14th October, 1890, be now adopted.
25. MR. MCFARLANE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a high-level bridge be constructed over Swan Creek, Clarence River.
26. MR. CRUICKSHANK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure of all moneys during the last ten years under the Diseases in Sheep Act.
27. MR. EWING to move, That the report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase of Zachary Benn," brought up on 30th July, 1889, be now adopted.
28. MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, including all letters, documents, minutes, papers, and correspondence whatsoever, to inquire into and report upon the causes of the suspension of Michael McNamee from, and his subsequent re-appointment to, the position of letter-carrier in the service of the General Post Office.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Turner, Mr. Colls, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Perry, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
29. MR. HOWE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta, brought up on 23rd September, 1890, be now adopted.
30. MR. WADDELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the recent inquiry into the charges made against the Acting Gaoler at Cobar of ill-treating prisoners.
31. MR. WALKER to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to establish a National Bank.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
32. DR. ROSS 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 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. Brunker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Ball, Mr. Walker, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
33. MR. HUTCHISON (*Glen Innes*) to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at an early date submit the Glen Innes—Inverell railway proposal to the Public Works Committee, for investigation and report.
34. MR. CRUICKSHANK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the existing land law which allows the owner of a number of conditional purchases to increase each of such purchases to the maximum area, by taking additional conditional purchases and conditional leases without further conditions of residence, is opposed to the best interests of settlement, and should forthwith be repealed.

35. MR. CRICK to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Manning, Chairman of Licensing Bench at Ryde," brought up on the 14th October, 1890, be now adopted.
36. MR. WILLIS to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the stability and general business of any Company registered under the Companies Act of 1874, trading as a savings or deposit bank.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
37. MR. WILLIS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Companies Act of 1874 should be amended in such a manner as to compel any registered company trading as a deposit bank to give the Government some approved security for all moneys deposited in such bank.
38. MR. MCFARLANE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on Tobacco should be abolished.
39. MR. WILLIS to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when this Colony should have a voice in the election of its Governors.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
40. MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a trial survey should be made, with a view to the construction of a line of railway between Liverpool and Mulgoa.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hay Athenæum Trustees Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Contractors Lien Bill ; second reading.
3. Medical Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
4. Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Acts Further Amendment Bill ; resumption of adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) second reading.
6. Metropolitan Municipalities Cattle and Sheep Driving Bill ; second reading.
7. Import Duties on Agricultural Produce ; resumption of adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. McFarlane,—
 " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in order to develop the agricultural resources of the country, and to enable our farmers to successfully compete with producers elsewhere, it is expedient that import duties be placed upon agricultural produce, as follows:—Maize, wheat, oats, barley, and rye, sixpence per bushel ; beans and peas, fourpence per bushel ; hay, chaff, and potatoes, ten shillings per ton ; flour and meal, twenty shillings per ton ; bananas, sixpence per bunch.
 " (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
8. Ministerial Election Bill ; second reading.
9. Fruit Protection Bill ; second reading.
10. Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
11. Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
12. Policies of Assurance Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
13. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; second reading.
14. Bank Holidays Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
15. Parliamentary Sessions Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Copeland, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
16. Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
17. Payment of Money under Orders of Judges Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
18. Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill (No. 2) (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
19. Legal Practitioners Bill ; second reading.
20. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
21. Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
22. Sunday Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
23. Agricultural Society of New South Wales Lease Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
24. Power of Mortgagees of Chattels Restriction Bill ; second reading.
25. Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
26. Contractors Debts Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Contractors Debts Act of 1879.
27. Bondsmen and Sureties Liabilities Bill ; second reading.
28. Reduction of Cost of Litigation Bill ; third reading.
29. Hay and Deniliquin Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—
 Upon which Mr. Vivian had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 20 December, 1890.

F. W. WEBB,
 Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1890.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	63	34	1	103
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq., Speaker (<i>elected Speaker,</i> <i>22 October, 1890</i>)	23	20	.....	43
Abbott, William Edward, Esq.	43	16	.....	59
A'Beckett, William Channing, Esq.	21	36	2	62
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	17	17	1	35
Alison, William, Esq.	31	22	.....	53
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	55	20	.....	75
Ball, Edward Joseph, Esq.	60	47	1	117
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	60	23	6	89
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	77	53	5	135
Black, Reginald James, Esq.	36	22	.....	58
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	38	35	1	74
Brown, Alexander, Esq.	40	19	.....	59
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	44	34	.....	78
Brown, Wymon, Esq.	46	36	.....	82
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq.	102	105	13	220
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	14	1	.....	15
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	89	58	5	152
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq.	88	66	3	167
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	31	58	5	94
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	30	49	2	81
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	15	1	1	17
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	36	24	.....	60
Clubb, George, Esq.	66	33	1	100
Collins, Charles, Esq. (<i>from 31 July, 1890</i>)	31	54	2	87
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	41	35	.....	76
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq.	63	20	1	84
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	39	21	1	61
Copland, David, Esq.	46	36	.....	82
Creer, Joseph, Esq.	53	38	5	96
Crick, William Patrick, Esq. (<i>expelled, 13 November, 1890; re-elected</i> <i>6 December, 1890</i>)	67	26	7	100
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	59	57	4	120
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	86	65	2	153
Curley, James, Esq.	93	58	6	157
Dale, David, Esq.	72	44	.....	116
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	31	24	1	56
Dangar, Otho Orde, Esq.	44	85	5	134
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq. (<i>to 3 July, 1890</i>)	3	.....	.....	3
Davis, William Walter, Esq.	14	21	.....	35
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	81	67	6	154
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	52	51	4	107
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	43	29	2	74
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	51	27	.....	81
Edmunds, Walter, Esq.	50	18	.....	68
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	51	54	.....	105
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	85	82	3	170
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	31	24	.....	55
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	12	18	.....	30
Fletcher, James, Esq.	33	63	4	100
Fulter, George Warburton, Esq.	68	49	.....	117
Garland, Charles Launcelot, Esq.	78	65	4	147
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	73	60	7	130
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.	9	2	.....	11
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	45	29	2	76
Goodchap, Charles Augustus, Esq.	22	27	1	50
Gormly, James, Esq.	55	71	3	129
Gough, John George, Esq.	22	1	.....	23
Gould, The Hon. Albert John, Esq.	96	91	12	203
Greene, George Henry, Esq.	45	54	.....	99
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	43	36	1	80
Hawken, Nicholas, Esq.	92	70	3	165

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq. (<i>resigned 26 June; re-elected 10 July, 1890</i>)	65	57	3	125
Hayes, James, Esq.	32	33	.....	65
Haynes, John, Esq.	60	51	3	114
Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	32	22	.....	54
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	54	35	3	92
Howe, James Peter, Esq.	64	35	3	102
Hurley, John, Esq. (<i>resigned 3 July, 1890; re-elected 26 July, 1890</i>)	33	45	2	80
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Canterbury</i>)	95	60	1	165
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Glen Innes</i>)	54	20	3	77
Inglis, James, Esq.	41	16	1	58
Jones, Travers, Esq.	56	40	2	98
Kidd, John, Esq.	52	53	1	106
King, Robert John, Esq.	56	47	.....	103
Lakeinan, Allen, Esq.	37	38	.....	75
Lamb, Alfred, Esq. (<i>to 15 October, 1890</i>)	20	4	1	25
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	71	69	1	140
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	71	47	3	121
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	25	32	1	58
Lyne, William John, Esq.	22	26	3	51
MacKinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	11	4	.....	15
Martin, James, Esq.	29	8	1	38
McCourt, William, Esq.	66	70	3	139
McFarlane, John, Esq.	46	34	2	82
McMillan, The Hon. William, Esq.	100	98	10	208
McRae, Myles, Esq.	55	38	2	95
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committee</i>)	70	.....	10	80
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	80	75	3	158
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq.	40	32	.....	72
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	75	42	5	122
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	50	43	4	97
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq.	55	48	1	104
Nobbs, John, Esq.	67	40	1	108
O'Connor, The Hon. Daniel, Esq.	62	65	6	133
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	80	50	9	139
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	32	14	1	47
Paul, William Henry, Esq.	82	63	3	148
Perry, John, Esq.	61	46	4	111
Playfair, Thomas, Esq.	49	39	.....	88
Plumb, John, Esq.	87	79	6	172
Reid, George Houston, Esq.	20	9	.....	29
Ritchie, Robert Adam, Esq.	54	40	.....	94
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	53	20	1	74
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	13	9	.....	27
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	55	79	8	142
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	84	77	5	166
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockarage, Esq.	16	26	1	43
See, John, Esq.	33	36	1	70
Shepherd, John, Esq.	39	37	1	77
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	43	27	.....	70
Smith, The Hon. Bruce, Esq.	97	56	9	162
Smith, Frank James, Esq.	53	41	1	95
Smith, The Hon. Sydney, Esq.	102	80	12	194
Stephen, William, Esq.	58	14	3	75
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	108	78	11	197
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	39	14	.....	53
Street, John Rendell, Esq.	19	.....	.....	19
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq. (<i>from 25 October, 1890</i>)	7	.....	1	8
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	32	8	1	41
Teede, Cecil Bedford, Esq. (<i>from 16 August, 1890</i>)	24	6	.....	30
Teede, William, junr., Esq. (<i>to 5 August, 1890</i>)	28	14	2	44
Thompson, Richard Windoyer, Esq.	18	15	2	35
Tonkin, James Ebenezzer, Esq.	89	48	1	138
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq.	34	12	1	47
Torpy, James, Esq.	63	42	5	110
Trull, William Henry, Esq.	48	57	1	106
Turner, Edwin Woodward, Esq.	35	22	.....	57
Vivian, Walter Hussey, Esq.	73	38	1	112
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	78	60	3	141
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	70	52	5	127
Wall, William Chaudos, Esq.	48	18	2	68
Want, John Henry, Esq.	24	8	.....	32
Wheeler, John, Esq.	75	37	.....	112
Wilkinson, John, Esq.	9	9	1	19
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	35	32	.....	67
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	75	46	8	129
Wilshire, James Thompson, Esq.	40	12	4	56
Woodward, Francis, Esq.	45	35	1	81
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	50	48	1	99
Young, James Henry, Esq. (<i>resigned position of Speaker, 22 October, 1890</i>)	21	7	28

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Sydney, 20th December, 1890.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1890.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	23					
On Public Bill	...	...	...	...	1					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	19					
					43					
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Passed last Session (Assent reported)	...	...	...	...	2					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	30					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	60					
					92					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	3					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	7					
					10	...	...	...	...	102
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Passed last Session (Assent reported)	...	...	...	...	1					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	14					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	14					
					29					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	5					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	0					
					5	...	...	...	...	34
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	300					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	28					
					328					
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	113					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	110					
					223					
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	909 h. 21 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107 h. 13 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 h. 7 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	1					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	17					
					18					
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	1,328					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	6,590					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	5,091					
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	1,907					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	0					
					14,916					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	133
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	95					
By Command	...	...	...	...	410					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	63					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	6					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	28					
					602					
Ordered to be Printed	522					
Not ordered to be Printed	80					
					602					

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