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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 JULY, 1908.

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 thirtieth day of June, 1908.

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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON,
"TO WIT. } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most
"(L.S.) } Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South
"HARRY H. RAWSON, }
"Governor. } Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fourteenth day of July, proximo: Now, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the twenty-first day of July now next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-first day of July next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative 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 Sydney, this thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"JAMES ASHTON.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. VACANT SEAT—ELECTORATE OF ST. GEORGE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 53rd section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of St. George, in the room of the Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, resigned; and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate indorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of William Taylor, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
3. MEMBER SWORN:—William Taylor, Esquire, was introduced, and, 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 St. George.
4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.) Industrial Disputes Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards and appoint a Court; to prohibit lockouts and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th April, 1908.

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(2.) Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th April, 1908.

5. 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 Mr. Wade, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Public Instruction Act, 1880, and the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. *Pro forma* BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL :—Mr. Wade presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—and moved *pro forma*, That this Bill be read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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,—

1. It affords me sincere pleasure to again call you together for the discharge of your high and responsible duties.

2. Notwithstanding the recent decline in values of some of our chief products, and the prevalence for some months of drought conditions over a portion of the State, I am, nevertheless, able to express my satisfaction that the prosperous conditions which have prevailed in New South Wales for some years in large measure continue. Recent rains have materially bettered the outlook in districts where anxiety existed; and the prospects of a generally favourable season, coupled with the facts that an improvement in prices is again apparent, and that the manufacturing industries of the State are in a sound and prosperous condition, may be regarded as happy assurances for the future.

3. The circumstance that the United States Government has accepted the invitation of the Commonwealth Parliament to allow its fleet to visit Australian waters must be accepted as a gratifying indication of the relations existing between the people of America and those of the British Empire. The presence, in friendly association with His Majesty's ships of war, of a fleet of battleships representing the great Republic, and the advent amongst us, as honored guests, of officers and men of the United States Navy will, I have no doubt, tend to further strengthen the ties of friendship already so firmly established between the two peoples. Arrangements are in progress to appropriately receive and entertain the visitors, who will be the guests of the Commonwealth, the State, and the citizens of Sydney, during their stay in New South Wales. In order to adequately mark an event of such far-reaching importance, you will be asked to suspend your deliberations for such time as may be deemed necessary.

4. During the recess, the Premiers of the States met in Conference in Melbourne, and dealt with many matters, outside the sphere of the Federal Authority, of common interest to the whole of the States. The opportunity was availed of to meet the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and discuss questions of moment arising between the Federal and State Governments. A gratifying feature of the proceedings, a report of which will be laid before you, was the harmony of feeling and practical unanimity of the States' representatives on the various important questions discussed.

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5. The rapid growth of the City of Sydney and its environs has compelled attention to the necessity for improving the means of street transit and railway and tramway communication within the Metropolitan area, as well as to the need for a more expeditious means of communication than already exists between the northern and southern shores of the harbour. For the purpose of exhaustively inquiring into these important questions, and also reporting generally upon the subject of city improvement, Royal Commissions have been appointed, and are now engaged upon their tasks.

6. The rights guaranteed to New South Wales under the Federal Constitution with respect to the Capital Site are, through circumstances over which this State has had no control, still withheld; but the hope is entertained that, in view of the assurances given, a final settlement of the question will be arrived at during the next ensuing Session of the Commonwealth Parliament.

7. In pursuance of the authority given by Parliament, a separate Department of Agriculture has been established. A great deal of work has been done in the direction of reorganising and strengthening the Department in its scientific and experimental branches, with a view to providing improved facilities for educating and advising all classes of primary producers.

8. To provide facilities for special scientific research, and the more effective control of the various agencies connected therewith, a Bureau of Microbiology is being established, and a competent director has been appointed.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the receipts from Revenue during the financial year just closed have been most satisfactory, and that the great business undertakings of the State have produced results of a very gratifying character. The railways, notwithstanding large reductions in rates and fares, have yielded a substantial surplus; but it is recognised by my Advisers that the growing demands, arising from increasing traffic, have made indispensably necessary a considerable expenditure for the purpose of providing additional rolling stock.

10. Proposals for the rearrangement of the financial relations between the States and Commonwealth Governments have given Ministers much concern. It is felt that the issues involved are of overwhelming importance, and that the adoption of any scheme that would deprive the States of what they regard as their fair proportion of revenue from duties of Customs and Excise, or restrict their financial independence must be productive of grave embarrassment. The hope may, however, be entertained that the Governments of the States will yet, by negotiation with the Federal Authorities, devise a scheme which will be found mutually satisfactory.

11. Estimates of requirements for the various services of the State for the present financial year are being prepared; and care is being exercised to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

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

12. The subject of Closer Settlement, to which my Advisers attach the highest importance, continues to receive earnest attention. Since the passing of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act of 1907, Boards, constituted under that Act, have been engaged in making inquiries into and reporting upon estates suitable for the purposes of settlement. As a result of the work of these Boards, Ministers will be in a position early in the Session to submit proposals for the acquisition of large areas of land in various parts of the State adapted for subdivision into small holdings.

13. A Bill proposing a number of necessary amendments in the law relating to Crown lands will also be submitted, in which provision will be made for the conversion of certain forms of leasehold tenure into freeholds.

14. You will be invited to pass a Bill providing for the constitution of a Commission to exercise certain powers in connection with the administration of the Lands Department.

15. A policy of Public Works, commensurate with the needs and financial resources of the State, will be pursued. Railway, irrigation, water conservation, and other proposals devised to give effect to such policy will be submitted to you.

16. To give effect to the agreement arrived at between Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales, you will be asked to pass a Bill providing for the conservation and more effective utilisation and control of the waters of the Murray River.

17. The Pure Foods Bill, introduced in a former Session, and framed for the purpose of furnishing more effectual checks against the adulteration of articles of human consumption, will be proceeded with.

18. As the complement of laws already upon the Statute Book providing for Old-age and Invalid Pensions, a Bill will be submitted which makes provision for the subvention of Friendly Societies' funds upon a well considered basis.

19. In the interests of a large and increasing number of young persons employed in manufacturing establishments, it is deemed right that no further delay should take place in passing a Minimum Wage Bill into law. A measure having this object in view will be again submitted.

20. A Workmen's Compensation Bill, based upon principles the soundness of which has been tested by experience, will be placed before you.

21. The present law relating to the control of Fire Brigades is in an unsatisfactory condition, and a Bill providing for the more efficient control of the various Fire Brigades of the State will be proposed.

22. Amongst other measures, you will be invited to deal with a Bill for securing more effectually the attendance of children at school; a Bill for the purpose of correcting certain defects discovered in the working of the Local Government Act; an Amending Fisheries Bill; a Libel Law Amendment Bill; a Public Service Appeal Bill; and measures involving questions of social reform.

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23. I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties, with the earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, your deliberations may tend to further promote the welfare and add to the happiness of all classes of the people.

Mr. Taylor then moved, and Mr. Downes seconded the motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech which His Excellency the Governor has addressed to both Houses of Parliament on opening this Session of the Parliament of the State of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Ball, Mr. Brown, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State.

Mr. Taylor then moved, and Mr. Downes 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.

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand as paragraph 3:—

“ At the same time we wish to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your present Advisers in their relations with the Commonwealth has brought ridicule upon the State, and that such conduct, and also their actions in making unwarranted and unnecessary appointments to the Upper House, merit the condemnation of this House.”

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Arthur Griffith 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock. Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY, 1908.

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

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. Taylor, 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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

" We, His 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

" 2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

" 3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—

" At the same time we wish to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your present Advisers, in their relations with the Commonwealth, has brought ridicule upon the State, and that such conduct, and also their actions in making unwarranted and unnecessary appointments to the Upper House, merit the condemnation of this House."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. Mercer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Beeby,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brown,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. James,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Donaldson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Price,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Debate continued.

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Mr. Lonsdale 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.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 JULY, 1908.

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

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed,—

Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire,
John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire,
Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire,
Owen Gilbert, Esquire, and
Robert Scobie, Esquire,—

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, 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 the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, I do hereby appoint—

“ Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,
“ Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire,
“ Daniel Levy, Esquire,
“ Robert Davidson, Esquire,
“ Donald Macdonell, Esquire,

Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire,
Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire,
John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, and
William Arthur Holman, 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 twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
“ and eight.

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,
“ Speaker.”

3. 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. Taylor, 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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight
“ Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New
“ South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ We, His 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

“ 2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

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" 3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3:—

" At the same time we wish to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your present Advisers, in their relations with the Commonwealth, has brought ridicule upon the State, and that such conduct, and also their actions in making unwarranted and unnecessary appointments to the Upper House, merit the condemnation of this House."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 JULY, 1908.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th Section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—

(a) £1,000 from Vote, "State Children Relief Department," to Vote "Stores Supply and Tender Board."

(b) £3,000 from Vote, "Exchange on Remittances," to Vote, "Sydney Harbour Trust."

(c) £10,000 from Vote, "Local Government—Contingencies," to the following Votes, viz. :—£1,650 to Vote, "Stores Supply and Tender Board—Contingencies"; £1,280 to Vote, "Land and Income Tax—Contingencies"; £4,300 to Vote, "Miscellaneous (Navigation)"; £2,370 to Vote, "Commission on Payments in England by Government Financial Agents"; £400 to Vote, "Commission on Payments in Sydney by the Government Banking Institutions."

£10,000 from Vote, "Public Works and Services," to Vote, "Lands Department—Contingencies." £2,350 from Vote, "Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the State," to the following Votes, viz. :—£1,000 to Vote, "Gratuities to Officers on Retirement"; £1,000 to Vote, "Western Land Board—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote, "Institutions for the Insane generally—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote, "Department of Fisheries—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote "Government Domain (Outer)—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote, "Rewards for Apprehension of Offenders"; £100 to Vote, "Lands Department—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote, "In Aid of Educational Institutions for Maintenance Purposes."

£8,340 from Vote, "Darling Harbour Resumptions, Interest on Compensation Money," to the following Votes, viz. :—£3,600 to Vote, "Department of Intelligence and Bureau of Statistics—Contingencies"; £180 to Vote, "Insurance, Shipping Charges, &c., on English Shipments"; £1,160 to Vote, "To pay Interest on uninvested Cash Balances at Credit of the various Trust and other Accounts in Temporary Possession of the Government"; £1,190 to Vote, "Towards the Maintenance, Improvement, or the Compensation for Improvements, Fencing, Clearing, &c., Public Parks, Recreation Grounds, &c., &c."; £1,900 to Vote, "Lands Department—Contingencies"; £310 to Vote, "Pastures Protection Act."

£1,350 from Vote, "Military Contingents to South Africa—to meet Claims of Returned Soldiers," to Vote, "Agent-General for New South Wales—Contingencies."

£500 from Vote, "Exchange on Remittances," £950 from Vote, "Interest on Advances by Banks in London," and £850 from Vote, "Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint," to Vote, "Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage."

(d) £100 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies," to Vote, "District Court—Contingencies."

(e) £1,000 from Vote, "Prisons—Contingencies," to Vote "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services, to meet the Legal Expenses (with the exception of verdicts in cases against the Crown, and costs in connection therewith) of all Departments of the State in matters placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor."

(f) £75 from Vote, "Prothonotary and Registrar in Divorce—Contingencies," to Vote, "Probates and Intestate Estates Office—Contingencies."

(g) £30 from Vote, "To pay Officers of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement, a lump sum in lieu of such leave," to Vote, "Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-inspectors under the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905."

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- (h) £75 from Vote, "Sheriff's—Contingencies," to Vote, "Probates and Intestate Estates—Contingencies."
 (i) £175 from Vote, "To provide for new provisions which may be created after the Estimates have been passed by Parliament," to Vote, "Judges—Contingencies."
 (j) £750 from Vote, "Sheriff's—Contingencies," to Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies."
 (k) £600 from Vote, "Prisons—Contingencies," to Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies."
 (l) £1,000 from Vote, "Government Asylums for the Infirm—Contingencies," to Vote, "Stores Supply and Tender Board," to meet expenses in connection with the Supply of Stores to 30th June.
 (m) £75 from Vote, "Fisheries Department," to Vote, "Stores Supply and Tender Board."
 (n) £200 from Vote, "Lunacy Department—Salaries," to Vote, "Lunatic Patients."
 (o) £60 from Vote, "Police—Contingencies," to Vote, "Rewards for the Apprehension of Offenders."
 (p) £100 from Vote, "Department of Mines—Contingencies," to Vote, "Stores Supply and Tender Board."
 (q) £300 from Vote, "Export and Cold Storage—Contingencies," to Vote, "Stock and Brands—Contingencies."
 (r) £500 from Vote, "Agriculture—Contingencies," to Vote, "Vine Diseases Act—Miscellaneous Services."

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" 3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—

" At the same time we wish to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your present Advisers, in their relations with the Commonwealth, has brought ridicule upon the State, and that such conduct, and also their actions in making unwarranted and unnecessary appointments to the Upper House, merit the condemnation of this House."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Ball 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.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY, 1908.

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

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. Taylor, 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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, His 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—

"At the same time we wish to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your present Advisers, in their relations with the Commonwealth, has brought ridicule upon the State, and that such conduct, and also their actions in making unwarranted and unnecessary appointments to the Upper House, merit the condemnation of this House."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Meagher moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words—
"And we regret to inform Your Excellency that, though specifically brought under the notice of Your Advisers, full citizen rights are still denied to the Public Servants of the State in being precluded from taking part in fair and legitimate public discussion on laws and matters affecting the social fabric of which they are units.

"And we further regret that no provision has been made for an amendment of the Railway Act establishing an independent tribunal for the hearing of appeals of railway and tramway employees.

"And we desire further to inform Your Excellency that the present method of collecting revenue on the Government Tramways is crude and cumbersome, and that the present system of espionage is unsatisfactory and a menace to the welfare of all conductors employed in the tramway service."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added to the amendment be so added.

Debate continued.

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Question put,—That the words proposed to be added to the amendment be so added.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Dacey,	

Noes, 47.

Mr. Cohen,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hunt,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Waddell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Moore,	Sir James Graham.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. John Miller,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Meehan moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words—"And we further wish to inform Your Excellency that the actions of your Advisers are responsible for the precipitation and continuance of the present industrial crisis."

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added to the amendment be so added.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Mercer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. McGarry,	

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Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Collins,
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Mr. James,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Fleming,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Wood,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Morton,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Thomas,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Mercer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Dooley.
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Page,	

Noes, 48.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. James,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Levy,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Nobbs,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. W. Millard.
Sir James Graham,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Thomas,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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Mr. Wade informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at half-past Four o'clock p.m., To-morrow at the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 1908, A.M.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

4. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

5. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Waddell moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," be passed through all its stages in one day, and that the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, be received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Nielsen, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, and moved, That the report be now received.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,349,942, being £1,873,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, and September, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1909, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1908, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1908-1909; and

£1,000,307 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—

Premier and Attorney-General—American Fleet Reception—Expenses, £10,000.

Secretary for Public Works—Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £11,500; Harbours and Rivers, £13,220; Public Buildings, £20,000; Dredge Service, £45,000; Public Pounds, £400; Local Government (Endowments, Grants, &c.), £127,324; and

In

29th July, 1908.

In anticipation of Loan Votes—

Railways and Tramways—Railway Rolling Stock to meet additional traffic requirements, £200,000; Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, and for other purposes, £200,000; Additions to Tramway Lines, Stations, Buildings, and for other purposes, £50,000; Sydney Harbour Trust—New Berthing Accommodation, Jetties, Sheds, Roads, and Approaches, Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port, £55,000; Secretary for Public Works—Railways—Manilla to Barraba, £12,880; Belmore to Chapel-road, £14,183; Mudgee to Dunedoo, £40,000; Sewerage Construction—Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally, £10,000; Stanmore-road Stormwater Channel, £300; Newcastle Sewerage, £10,000; Parramatta Sewerage, £9,000; Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—generally £9,500; Water Supplies—Country Towns Water Supplies, £25,000; Miscellaneous—New Public Abattoir at Homebush Point, £30,000; New street, George-street to Regent-street, £10,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes, £42,000; Sewerage Construction and Ventilation of Sewers Generally, Land, Buildings, &c., and for other purposes, £55,000; and £476,635 payable out of the Public Works Fund, in anticipation of Votes for the following Services, viz. :—

Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Resumed Properties Branch—Erection of Shops, George-street, £7,000; Erection of Houses, Upper Fort street, £250; Sydney Harbour Trust—Rat-proof Walling, Darling Harbour and Blackwattle Bay, £15,000; Secretary for Public Works—Roads, £10,000; Bridges, £10,000; Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £250; Public Watering Places, Artesian Bores, Water Conservation, Water Supplies, and Drainage, £8,825; Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, £166,000; Harbours and Rivers, £26,310; Public Buildings, £118,000; Sewerage of Government Institutions, £5,000; Grant under section 5 of Public Works Fund Act to Shires and Municipalities, being part (third instalment) of £150,000 promised for first three years' operation of Local Government Act, £20,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; Renewal of Water Mains and Sewers, Plant and Buildings, &c., and for Renewal of Works Generally; also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery worn out or dismantled, £20,000; Public Instruction—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, &c., £55,000; Technical Education—Sites and Buildings, £13,000; Miscellaneous Services—Equipment and Works, £2,000.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

Resolution read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Waddell moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

7. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Question put, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan, Mr. Nielsen, and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1908–1909, the sum of £3,349,942 be granted, viz., £2,873,307 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and £476,635 out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the resolution be agreed to.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for ; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.* ”—and moved that the Bill be read a first time.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for ; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for ; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Meehan and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.* ”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.* ”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 30th July, 1908, a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before 6 o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 1908.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Assembly proceeded to the State Governor's Offices, 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 :—

State Government House, Sydney.

To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members
of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

I beg to thank you for your Address, and to express my gratification on receiving the assurance of your unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

I have every confidence that, under Divine Providence, your zealous labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community.

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

30th July, 1908.

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

- (1.) Width of Tires Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the width of the tires of vehicles and traction engines, and the weight of such vehicles and engines and of their loads ; to regulate the use of such vehicles and engines on public roads, and their construction if so used ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (2.) Scaffolding and Lifts (Amending) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902 ; and for purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

30th July, 1908.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Commissions charged to Applicants for Loans from Government Savings Bank :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that commissions have been charged to applicants for loans from the Government Savings Bank?

(2.) Was the Bank called into existence primarily to relieve the poorer class of settler upon the land?

(3.) Will he ascertain if any complaint has been made, by a constituent of the Bank, that a Member of this House has demanded a commission of 2 per cent. plus £1 1s. for procuring a loan?

(4.) If so, by which Member was the demand made?

(5.) Will he ascertain if the statement made by the Honorable Member for Sturt, as reported in *Hansard* of the 6th April last, viz., that he proposed charging a commission of 1 per cent. to parties seeking loans from the Government Savings Bank through his agency, is accurate?

(6.) Will he bring in, at the earliest possible moment, a Bill to protect the interests of intending applicants to the State Bank?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3, 4, and 5.) I am informed by the Saving Bank Commissioners that, in connection with an application for an advance which was lodged by the Honorable Member for Sturt, the settler concerned subsequently wrote to the bank stating that he had received an account from a local firm, acting as agents for the Member referred to, claiming the sum of £22 12s., which represented 2 per cent. on the amount of the advance made by the Bank, together with a fee of £1 1s. for filling up the application form. I desire to add that since these Questions were placed on the Business Paper, the Honorable Member has assured me that in no case did he demand from any person for whom he acted more than 1 per cent.

(6.) I think the matter may be safely left in the hands of the Commissioners who have full power under the Act to manage and administer the affairs of the Bank.

(2.) Amending Land Bill :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In the Amending Land Bill which he proposes to submit to Parliament during the present Session, will provision be made to place the Crown tenant on an equal footing with the private tenant as regards qualification when applying for a conditional purchase lease?

(2.) Will he also provide that the holder of land in private townships shall be placed on an equality as regards qualification when applying for conditional purchase lease as the holder of land within proclaimed townships?

(3.) Will he also provide that holders of special leases used in a *bona fide* manner as areas upon which the holders maintain their homes may be converted into conditional purchase leases?

Mr. Moore answered,—These matters are receiving consideration.

(3.) Road between Coramba and Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it proposed to complete the road between Coramba and Dorrigo?

(2.) Is it a fact that the non-completion of this road prevents settlers from Dorrigo and the country to the west from reaching the Clarence and Richmond Rivers by a short route?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) So soon as the branch roads which are necessary to allow the settlers access to and from their holdings are sufficiently advanced.

(2.) I am informed that the Coramba-Dorrigo road will, when complete, provide the most direct route to the Clarence and Richmond from the new areas now being settled in the vicinity and west of Dorrigo; but at present these areas are but partially settled, and traffic in the direction indicated is of very limited extent.

(4.) Pensions granted under Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many pensions have been granted under the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Up to the 22nd instant, 1,901 pensions were granted.

(5.) Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company :—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of citizens of Sydney have been recently victimised in connection with a certain Company known as the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company?

(2.) Will he inquire into the matter with a view to seeing whether the people guilty of this fraud can be brought to punishment?

(3.) Will he take steps to prevent the repetition of such frauds in this State at the hands of peripatetic swindlers?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) Following reply given by me to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for Ashfield on this subject on 28th November last, I caused inquiry to be made into the matter, and it was then reported to me that, so far as could be ascertained, no breach of the criminal law had taken place. I will, however, cause further inquiry to be made into the matter.

(6.) Poor Prisoners Defence Act :—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many prisoners have applied for legal aid under the Poor Prisoners Defence Act, 1907?

(2.) How many of such applications have been granted?

(3.) What means are adopted to enable poor prisoners to know that such an Act exists?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Sixteen.

(2.) Ten.

(3.) No special action is taken to bring the provisions of the Act under the notice of accused persons. A circular letter has, however, been addressed to all Benches of Magistrates throughout the State, directing their attention to section 2 of the Act. Forms of certificate under the section, for signature by the presiding Justice, have also been supplied.

(7.) Fox Pest :—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in many parts of the State an alarming increase in the fox pest is taking place, and will he consider the advisableness of introducing special legislation to deal with it?

(2.) Until such legislation is brought in and passed will he issue special instructions to the Pastures Protection Boards to the effect that it is advisable that a uniform bonus be paid in all stock districts where foxes exist, such bonus to be sufficiently high to ensure a maximum of effort towards the destruction of this pest?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes. Provision already exists in the Pastures Protection Act for dealing with the matter.

(2.) The matter of the payment of a bonus is entirely in the hands of the Pastures Protection Boards. The attention of the boards is being drawn to the advisability of paying a uniform bonus.

(8.) Sworn Valuers :—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no sworn valuers are now being appointed?

(2.) Is it a fact that those who had been appointed prior to the time when such appointments were stopped have an undue business advantage over other equally reliable and competent men who are carrying on similar businesses?

(3.) Will he so amend the law and the system of appointment so that appointments will be based upon competence, and that all who can pass a qualifying examination be eligible for appointment?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am unable to say.

(3.) The question of amending the law relating to the appointment of sworn valuers is at present under consideration.

(9.) Rabbit Pest :—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that very little practical result is attending the efforts of the Pastures Protection Boards in the direction of the destruction of rabbits?

(2.) Will he consider the advisableness of amending the law in the direction of (a) doing away with the greater part of the taxation now levied upon the owners of land and stock under the Pastures Protection Act, as no benefit accrues to them as a return for such taxation; (b) doing away with the system of rabbit inspection now in vogue and inaugurating a system of voluntary inspection by local committees of landholders and stockowners?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The Annual Reports received from the various Pastures Protection Boards throughout the State show that active operations for the destruction and suppression of rabbits are being carried on by the Boards, and that in only nineteen out of the sixty-six Pastures Protection Districts are rabbits reported to be increasing, as against thirty districts so reported last year. In thirty-seven districts the rabbits are stated to be decreasing; in seven districts they appear stationary, while three districts still remain uninfested.

(2.) The present system as provided by the Pastures Protection Act for the suppression and destruction of rabbits and noxious animals is the outcome of many years' experience, and has been necessitated by the failure of landholders and stockowners to take active measures in this connection. A Bill to amend the Act is now under consideration.

(10.) G. and C. Hoskins, Eskbank Ironworks :—*Mr. John Storey*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount has been paid to Messrs. G. & C. Hoskins for railway materials supplied to the Commissioners for Railways since the Eskbank Ironworks were taken over by that firm?

(2.) Have Messrs. G. & C. Hoskins, since taking control of the works, carried out the terms of their contract as to the quantity of material to be supplied?

(3.) Have Messrs. G. & C. Hoskins, since the closing down of the mills at Eskbank, obtained any suspension of their contract or any privileges thereunder from the Railway Commissioners?

(4.) What quantity of railway material, which could be manufactured at Eskbank, has been imported or ordered outside the State during the last twelve months?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information will take some little time to prepare and should be moved for in the usual way in the form of a return.(11.) Walter Nixon, J.P. :—*Mr. Hollis*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that one Walter Nixon, J.P., of Vittoria, near Blayney, was instructed before the new list of Justices of the Peace was issued, not to perform any further duties; if so, what was the reason for these instructions?

(2.) Was similar notice given to other Justices in other parts of the State?

(3.) Why was not the said Walter Nixon placed on the new list in view of his long services at Vittoria?

(4.) Is he aware that no Justice of the Peace is now resident at Vittoria?

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- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) It has been discovered that Mr. Nixon, although appointed to the Commission of the Peace on 19th November, 1900, did not take the oaths of office until 19th February, 1901. As he was appointed during the reign of Queen Victoria and was not sworn in her reign, but in the reign of King Edward VII, the oaths were invalid. There is a heavy penalty involved should a Justice not properly sworn act as a Justice of the Peace.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Mr. Nixon was reappointed to the Commission of the Peace on the 29th July instant, with others who, for various reasons, it has been necessary to reappoint.
 - (4.) No.
- (12.) Special Officers employed by Tramway Department :—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many special officers have been employed by the Tramway Department during the last twelve months?
 - (2.) What was the greatest number employed at any one time?
 - (3.) How many reports adverse to tramway officials have been furnished by special officers during the last twelve months?
 - (4.) How many tramway officials have been (a) dismissed; (b) punished in any way owing to reports of these officers?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that six special constables have been employed during the last twelve months.
 - (2.) Not more than two at one time.
 - (3.) Seventy-three instances of irregularities were disclosed by the reports.
 - (4.) (a) Eighteen; (b) forty-six, including the eighteen men dismissed.
- (13.) Scheme of Irrigation in Bathurst District :—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the scheme for irrigating lands in the Bathurst district?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt this scheme, and, if so, does the Government propose to resume the land before the works are started or after they are completed?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) An investigation is being made of head waters of the Macquarie River, but as the matter is in a preliminary stage only, I am unable to say if, in the event of the works being carried out, lands which would benefit thereby would be resumed prior to the works being started or not.
- (14.) Hopkins Leases, Carcoar :—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the great demand for lands at the recent ballot for portion of the Hopkins leases at Carcoar, will the Government endeavour to arrange with any of the large leaseholders in that district to surrender their leases, in order that further lands may be made available for settlement?
- Mr. Moore answered,—The matter is now receiving attention.
- (15.) Barren Jack Reservoir :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What quantity of water per second is flowing at the site of the Barren Jack Dam?
 - (2.) Is the small stream of water, the combined contributions of the Cotter, Goodradigbee, Umeralla, Bredbo, Queanbeyan, Molonglo, and Yass Rivers, with various other smaller streams, as shown by the photographs in the Report of the Public Works Department, expected to fill the Barren Jack Reservoir with water equal in quantity to that of Port Jackson, and what time will it take to accomplish this?
 - (3.) What is the water condition of the rivers as enumerated above?
 - (4.) What is the rate per second of the flow of water in the Murrumbidgee above the Cotter junction?
 - (5.) What is the distance from Coolamon, the source of the Murrumbidgee, to Barren Jack, and what is the extent of its catchment area?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) 3,150 cubic feet per second. 33,381,000,000 cubic feet will fill the reservoir.
 - (2.) Yes. In an average year, four months; even allowing for withdrawals required for irrigation and riparian rights during that period.
 - (3.) The discharge of these rivers is given in answer to Question No. 1.
 - (4.) Not known in the Department.
 - (5.) From the source of the Murrumbidgee to the dam site is about 460 miles by river. Coolamon is a town 20 miles north of the Murrumbidgee, at a point 230 miles distant from, and down-stream of the dam site. The catchment area of the Murrumbidgee and tributaries above the Barren Jack dam site is 5,000 square miles.
- (16.) Old-age Pensions :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that old-age pensioners have frequently been kept out of their pension payments until the sixth of the month, thus causing considerable inconvenience and, in some cases, positive distress amongst the old people?
 - (2.) Will he see that in future the payments are made with the same promptitude as is observed in the payment of other State pensions?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to pensioners in the Metropolitan District, of whom there are upwards of 5,000. It has not been found practicable, without great confusion and crowding, to pay the whole of this number on the first day of the month, although I am informed that the great bulk are paid within the first two or three days. For some years it has been

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been the custom to issue a card to each pensioner fixing a date within the first week of the month on which the pensioner should call at the Bank for payment. This system has been found to work well, and to meet the convenience of pensioners as a whole. The requirements of any pensioner who desires, as a matter of urgency, to receive his pension on the first of the month can be met upon representations being made to the Registrar, Central Board for Old-age Pensions.

- (17.) Tram from Wallsend to West Wallsend :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Charlton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of the tramline from Wallsend to West Wallsend ?

Mr. Lee answered,—The survey of the line will be finished in a few weeks and tenders will be invited as soon as possible.

- (18.) Clearing Streets in Crown Subdivisions :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Charlton*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take action with a view of having the streets in all Crown subdivisions cleared before submitting the land for sale, and thus act in conformity with the provisions of the Local Government Act as applying to privately-owned land ?

Mr. Moore answered,—Such action will be taken in all cases where it is deemed advisable.

- (19.) Sale of Town and Suburban Lots at Bowra :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When is it proposed that the sale of town and suburban lots in the village of Bowra shall take place ?

(2.) Will he have the matter expedited, in order to satisfy a local demand for residential purposes ?

Mr. Moore answered,—The matter is being expedited, and the sale will probably take place in October.

- (20.) Railway from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What stage has been reached in regard to the proposed railway from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo ?

(2.) What is the length and the estimated cost of the line ?

(3.) When does he propose to ask the Railway Commissioners to report upon the line ?

(4.) Will the matter be so expedited that the line may be submitted to Parliament during the present Session for reference to the Public Works Committee ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The estimate for the line from Coramba to Dorrigo will shortly be completed. The survey has been finished.

(2.) The length of the line is 38 miles.

(3.) As soon as the estimated cost is completed.

(4.) Yes.

- (21.) Appointment of Sworn Valuers :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the decision of his immediate predecessors in office with regard to the appointment of sworn valuers with a view to some appointments being made in country districts where necessary, and where capable men can be found ?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given by me to a similar Question asked by him on this subject on the 5th November last. Pending amendment of the law, I do not think that any further appointments should be made.

- (22.) Experimental Farm at Dorrigo :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) In view of the report by the Director of Agriculture after his visit to Dorrigo some time ago, is it the intention of the Government to establish an Experimental Farm at Dorrigo ?

(2.) If so, when will steps be taken to carry out the proposal ?

Mr. Perry answered,—The existing establishments will be brought thoroughly up to date before further experimental farms are established, and the claims of the Dorrigo will not be overlooked when new sites are being selected.

- (23.) Absentee-tax :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many large and valuable estates in New South Wales are held by individuals or syndicates who reside beyond the State ?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of legislating with a view to imposing a tax on all absentee owners who derive incomes from lands, mines, or any other form of property within this State ?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given by me to similar Questions asked by him on this subject on the 31st October last.

- (24.) Special Grants to Shires :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. G. A. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The amount of special grants made to each Shire in the State from the Consolidated Revenue Fund ?

(2.) The number of such special grants, if greater than one, made to each Shire ?

(3.) The Parliamentary Electorate in which each Shire receiving special grant is situated ?

Mr. Lee answered,—No objection, if moved for in the ordinary way.

- (25.) *Mr. Palmer*, Official Assignee :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Are Messrs. Lawson and Wilkes, clerks, employed by *Mr. W. H. Palmer*, Official Assignee ?

(2.) Do the names "Lawson, Wilkes, and Company," or "Lawson and Company," appear in accounts filed by *Mr. Palmer*, in the Bankruptcy Court ?

(3.) Do such accounts show that Messrs. Lawson, Wilkes, and Company were allowed 10 per cent. commission on debts collected ?

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- (4.) Were any such debts paid in at the Official Assignee's Office?
- (5.) Who audits the accounts filed by the Official Assignee?
- (6.) Is there any record in the Bankruptcy Court to show the amount of remuneration received by Mr. Palmer in estates which are released under section 35?
- (7.) Is Mr. Palmer entitled to be paid a higher remuneration than is allowed by the Bankruptcy Act of 1898?
- (8.) Should all moneys received by Mr. Palmer, whether it be for remuneration or any other purpose, be paid into Court?
- (9.) Are all such moneys paid into court?
- (10.) Is Mr. Palmer frequently appointed liquidator of companies wound up in the Equity Court?
- (11.) What remuneration does he receive in connection with this work?
- (12.) Is Mr. Palmer also an auditor for the Bank of New South Wales?
- (13.) Will he consider whether it is desirable that an Official Assignee should be closely identified with an institution whose interests might clash with his duty as Official Assignee?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The name of Lawson and Company appears.
- (3.) The accounts show the amounts collected and the amount of commission paid. I believe the commission works out at 10 per cent.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) Certain accounts by the Registrar in Bankruptcy, others by the Audit Inspectors.
- (6.) This remuneration is generally a matter of arrangement between the Official Assignee and the Bankrupt. There is no record in the Bankruptcy Court to show the amount, except in cases (which are rare) where the Official Assignee and the Bankrupt are unable to agree as to the amount and the matter is referred to the Registrar. I understand that the amount is usually 5 per cent. on the amount paid to creditors.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) All moneys received by the Official Assignee in respect of bankrupt estates, other than remuneration in respect of estates released under section 35 of the Act, should be paid to the Registrar.
- (9.) Yes.
- (10.) The rule of practice followed by the Judges in Bankruptcy is, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, to appoint Official Assignees in rotation to be official liquidators of such Companies.
- (11.) This is fixed by the Master in Equity in each case.
- (12.) I understand he is.
- (13.) This is a matter of opinion. It may, however, be pointed out that, if an Official Assignee should not be identified with an institution as an auditor, because its interests presumably as a possible creditor might clash with his duty as Official Assignee, it seems to follow that he should not hold shares in any public company.

- (26.) Canceled Improvement Leases :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
What area of the total acreage comprising the cancelled leases has been thrown open for occupation to date, and in what districts are they located; also, in what position in regard to being thrown open is the balance?

Mr. Moore answered,—170,384 acres have been made available for settlement in the Land Districts of Warren, Dubbo, Coonamble, Nyngun, Warialda, Condoblin, Armidale, Hay, Narrabri, and Walgett. 35,000 acres in Land District of Dubbo are ready for gazettal. 54,839½ acres have been surveyed and the plans are being dealt with in the District Survey Offices. 250,519 acres are being surveyed. 15,105 acres are being designed for settlement. 36,244 acres are held over pending reports by the Closer Settlement Advisory Boards. 38,463 acres awaiting final decision by Parliament.

- (27.) Educational Facilities, Towac, Orange District :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What steps, if any, are being taken to provide educational facilities for children resident at Towac, in the Orange district; is he aware of the fact that until recently a school was open at this place, but that it was closed; also, that frequent application to have the building reopened has been made and refused?
- (2.) Is he aware that, even under the Departmental proposal to establish a van service, through medium of which children will be taken to the Canoblas School, several of the pupils would be compelled to walk 2 miles across the mountain to meet the coach, and return the same distance in the evening?
- (3.) Cannot some more reasonable scheme be devised so that these children may be afforded opportunities of taking advantage of the State's educational system?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) This school was closed in October, 1903, owing to insufficient attendance. Upon application being made for the reopening, it was decided that as the children (fifteen) concerned lived from 2½ to 4 miles from the Public School at Canoblas, where eight of them are in attendance, the residents should be granted an allowance at the increased rate of 6d. per child per day for the conveyance of the children to Canoblas. The residents, however, desire a fixed allowance of £2 10s. per week, which is against the regulations.

(2.) If that be the case, it is presumed that these children would have the same distance to travel to attend school at Towac as they have to reach the coach, but further inquiries on the point will be instituted.

(3.) A report will be obtained.

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(28.) Amendment of Savings Bank Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Will he introduce a Bill this Session to amend the Savings Bank Act, providing for the increase from £2,000 to, say, £5,000 of the amount which the Bank may lend on mortgage?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank advise me that in their opinion it would be highly inexpedient to increase the limit of loans from the Advance Department of the Bank from £2,000 to £5,000. It has been found that the lower sum is amply sufficient for the purposes of the Act, viz., the assistance of the smaller class of settler. To increase the limit might lead to the disposal of available funds among farmers and others quite able to finance otherwise, and to the exclusion of those not so fortunately situated. Besides, power has been given to the Savings Bank Department to make advances up to £25,000 on estates of inheritance in fee simple and application can be made there by those whose requirements exceed the Advance Department maximum.

(29.) Fruit Fly Pests :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is he aware that a statement has been published broadcast in the New Zealand papers to the effect, that, in the Sydney fruit shops and markets, maggoty fruit is so commonly sold that one is never safe in eating anything without the closest examination; that the whole State seems infested with the fruit fly—the fly is so established as to be beyond control?

(2.) Is this statement enormously exaggerated; and, if so, will he take steps to have it denied and disproved?

(3.) What steps are being taken to cope with the ravages of the fruit fly in this State?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) Yes. I have instructed the Inspectors to make a rigid inspection of all orchards, with a view of ascertaining which are free from infection. Owing to the increased attention given by the orchardists, a number have been found to be quite clean, and I hope to be able to get this pest under. Representations have already been made to the authorities in New Zealand in the matter.

(3.) Inspectors have been stationed in different parts of the State, whose duty is to examine orchards, the fruit on the wharves, and in shops, and if any are found infected with the fruit fly, a notice is served to compel the destruction of all infected fruit. In cases where orchards are practically abandoned, the trees are uprooted and destroyed.

(30.) Company to develop the Fishing Industry :—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that a Company, to develop the Fishing Industry, is being promoted by the Chairman of the Fisheries Board?

(2.) Will he consider whether it is advisable that the promotion of such Companies should be undertaken by officers of that Board?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This matter is at present engaging the attention of the Government.

(31.) Amendment of Civil Service Act Amendment Act :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,— Referring to the proposal to amend section 55 of the Civil Service Act Amendment Act of 1886, will he give his attention to cases in which the retired officer has largely overpaid, by periodical instalments, the full amount of his abatement and obligation, and make provision for them in the proposed Amending Bill, the introduction of which was promised by him to a deputation of old retired officers some few weeks since?

Mr. Lee answered,—Consideration has been given to this matter; but the position is surrounded by difficulties. It is quite distinct from the question of amending section 2 of the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1899.

(32.) Working of Dredges on Yamba Channel :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What number of full days work have dredges worked on Yamba channel during the past three years; and at what actual cost?

Mr. Lee answered,—Dredges worked 272 days during three years ending 30th June, 1908, at a total cost of £7,089.

(33.) Coal and Coke used in Government Departments :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The amount of coal and coke used on the railways, tramways, and other State Departments during the year 1907?

(2.) The cost per ton for round coal?

(3.) The cost per ton for small coal, also for unscreened coal and coke?

(4.) The names and localities of the mines and places from which the above mineral is supplied?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There will be no objection to the return, if moved for in the usual way.

(34.) Edward Watson's Special Lease :—Mr. Collins, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the date of Edward Watson's special lease application 06-19, Bellingen?

(2.) When was it dealt with by the Local Land Board?

(3.) Did the Local Land Board recommend the granting of the lease, and, if so, for what period, and at what annual rental?

(4.) Was any appeal lodged, or any reference made by the Minister to the Land Appeal Court?

(5.) Was the application approved, or refused, and when?

(6.) If the application was refused, what were the grounds of such refusal?

(7.) Did these grounds exist when the application was being dealt with by the Local Land Board, and is it a fact that the action was taken because the district surveyor thought the rental fixed at too low a rate?

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Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) 7th September, 1906.
- (2.) 12th and 13th December, 1906.
- (3.) Yes, for a period of ten years at an annual rental of £2.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The application was refused on 20th March, 1907, and deposit, &c., refunded on 23rd March, 1907.
- (6.) The application was refused on the report of the district surveyor, who recommended that about 1,500 acres of the Bellingen population area, including the land applied for by E. Watson, be designed and disposed of as conditional purchase leases. The granting of the special lease would have interfered with design for settlement.
- (7.) The district surveyor's report above referred to, which was dated 30th November, 1906, is anterior to the Board's report. It is not, therefore, a fact that the action was taken because the district surveyor considered the rental as being too low.

(35.) Royal Commission on Forestry :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Royal Commission on Forestry only spent a very limited time in the Port Stephens and Manning Districts?
- (2.) Did the members of such Commission visit, inspect, and report upon the extensive forest reserves in the counties of Durham, Gloucester, Hawes, and Macquarie in the limited time devoted to such visit?
- (3.) Has his attention been called to the fact that his Departmental officers and survey staff, with the assistance of local forestry experts, devoted some years to an exhaustive inquiry and inspection of such forest lands, and, as a result, decided upon (a) the lands not suitable for forestry; (b) the areas which should be opened up for settlement; (c) the designs for the subdivision of such areas; if so, why have those recommendations not been carried out?
- (4.) Will he give effect to the recommendations of his responsible officers and surveyors?
- (5.) Will he be good enough to arrange for the taking of evidence by the Royal Commission on Forestry at the following places, viz.:—Booral, Bullahdelah, Nahiab, Bungwahl, Tinonce, Taree, Krumbach, Gloucester, and Wingham, and see that sufficient notice is given to enable persons working in the brushes and forests to make the necessary arrangements for giving evidence?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Royal Commission on Forestry were engaged in their inquiries in the Port Stephens and Manning Districts from the 15th to 29th October, 1907, inclusive, with the exception of two days spent in going to and returning from Beechwood, where evidence was taken by them.
- (2.) I am informed that the Commission visited the counties of Gloucester, Hawes, and Macquarie, and inspected the forest reserves in those counties, as far as the limited time at their disposal would permit. It is their intention to visit and inspect the forest reserves in the county of Durham early next month. The result of the whole of the Commission's inspections will be dealt with in their Final Report.
- (3.) These forest reserves have formed the subject of investigation by Departmental officers and local forestry boards, and the recommendations have been given effect to in a large number of cases; but in some cases, owing to strong conflict of opinion, it was deemed advisable to stay action pending receipt of the Royal Commission's Report.
- (4.) I will decide each case on my own judgment.
- (5.) I am informed that the Commission took evidence at ten different centres in the Port Stephens and Manning Districts, including Bullahdelah, Bungwahl, and Taree, and examined, in all, fifty-nine witnesses. Taking into consideration the limited time at their disposal they do not deem it advisable to again visit these districts.

(36.) Reserves in Gloucester Electorate :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of railway reserves on the line of the trial surveys in the counties of Durham, Gloucester, and Macquarie which are not now necessary?
- (2.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that such unnecessary reserves are only breeding grounds for dingoes and vermin?
- (3.) Will he have such unnecessary reserves opened up for settlement?
- (4.) Will he open up the unnecessary railway reserves around Wingham for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—These reserves are being reviewed, and such as are not required will be made available for settlement.

(37.) Road from the Comboyne to Manning River :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the settlers on the Comboyne have no roads suitable for traffic between Comboyne, Koppin Yarrat, Lansdowne, and the Manning River?
- (2.) In the interests of closer settlement, will he be good enough to make provision for the construction of this road from the Comboyne to the Manning River, to enable the selectors to work their farms?
- (3.) In view of the urgency of this matter, will he kindly expedite the carrying out of the necessary works?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) It has been ascertained from the Works Department that, although the Comboyne settlers have no access by constructed road *via* Koppin Yarratt, Lansdowne, and the Manning River, a good trafficable road exists between Comboyne and Camden Haven, and it is understood that a route *via* Killabakh has been, or is being, constructed by the Manning Shire.
- (2.) A proposal to make further Comboyne lands available for selection is being dealt with, and an estimate is being obtained from the district works officer of the cost of constructing a road of access *via* Koppin Yarratt, with a view to deciding whether cost of same shall be provided out of the Votes for roads of access to Crown and closer settlement lands.
- (3.) The Works Department has been asked to expedite the report from the district works officer.

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(38.) Closer Settlement in Gloucester, Port Stephens, and Manning River Districts :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he be good enough to expedite the opening up of the lands for closer settlement in the Gloucester, Port Stephens, and Manning River Districts.
- (2.) What is the total area of land which it is proposed to make available in the counties of Gloucester, Hawes, and Macquarie in the interests of closer settlement.

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Classification is proceeding as fast as field officers can inspect the country.
- (2.) 83,100 acres; a schedule will be furnished to the Honorable Member, giving particulars of this area.

(39.) North Coast Railway :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will tenders be called for section 2 of the North Coast Railway between Taree and Gloucester?
- (2.) Similar information with regard to section 3, Gloucester to Dungog?
- (3.) Will he be good enough to take steps to expedite the calling of the tenders?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Tenders for the steel bridge over the Manning River were invited yesterday, and tenders for the balance of the steel bridges on this section should be called in about a fortnight. Tenders for the construction of the line will be invited at the earliest possible time.
- (2.) It is expected that tenders will be invited for this section early in 1909.
- (3.) Every effort is being made to hasten on the work, so that tenders can be invited for these sections.

(40.) Gloucester Shire :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has representation been made that the classification of the Gloucester Shire is too low to admit of that Shire efficiently carrying out its work?
- (2.) Has his attention been called to the facts (a) that there is a large area of Crown lands and reserves within the Shire boundaries; (b) that the extent of roads and culverts is largely in excess of the calculations of the Department when fixing the basis of the Government subsidy; (c) that the revenue estimated by the Government has not been realised by this Shire; (d) that two floods have occurred during this year, which have injured a considerable extent of the roads and the culverts?
- (3.) Will he be good enough to either bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act with a view to the alteration of the classification of this Shire, or make provision for a special grant to enable this Shire to carry on the necessary works?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) (a) Yes; (b) such a statement has been made, but is not admitted as being correct; (c) yes, but the shortage has been made good by a grant from the Government; (d) two floods did occur, and a special grant was made to the Council towards the cost of repairing damage.
- (3.) No, because the position of Gloucester in common, with all other Shires, will be considered when reclassification occurs at the end of next year.

(41.) Classified and Unclassified Teachers :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many unclassified unmarried teachers are in charge of schools where residences are available within a distance of two miles?
- (2.) How many classified married teachers are in charge of schools where no residence is available within two miles.

Mr. Hogue answered,—A return will be prepared of such cases as early as practicable, and the Honorable Member will be informed.

(42.) Court-house and Police Station, Merriwa :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have repairs to the Merriwa Court-house and Police Station yet been effected?
- (2.) When is it proposed to carry out the promised additions to these buildings, costing, approximately, £773?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Not yet.
- (2.) The sum of £800 to cover both repairs and additions has been placed on Draft Estimates 1908-9, and the preparation of plans and specifications are well in hand.

(43.) Muswellbrook-Merriwa Railway :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Muswellbrook-Merriwa Railway proposal yet been submitted to the Public Works Committee?
- (2.) If not, will it be submitted at as early a date as possible?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) This proposal has not yet been submitted to the Public Works Committee, but was considered by that body when dealing with the proposal from Singleton to Cassilis with a branch from Denman to Muswellbrook in 1904, and the conclusion arrived at by the Committee was that this extension was not justified.
- (2.) Will be considered when Cabinet deals with its railway policy for this Session.

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- (44.) Amendment of Public Instruction Act :—Mr. Mercer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that under the Public Instruction Act compulsory attendance at school is required of children up to the age of 14 years, will he make representation to the Chief Commissioner of Railways to have the age limit of children travelling at school fares on the trams and railways extended to 14 years?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I desire to point out to the Honorable Member that on the tramways school pupils are allowed to travel at children's rates up to 18. On the railways children generally are allowed to travel at half rates up to 14 years of age, while they are allowed to take out season tickets at quarter rates up to 18 years of age. I assume the Honorable Member has no wish to limit the privileges to children of 14 years and under.

- (45.) School Maps supplied by William John Banks :—Mr. James, for Mr. Robson, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence between the Department of Public Instruction and William John Banks, relating to the supply of school maps?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I have no objection to do so.

- (46.) Sunday-trading in Metropolitan Police District :—Mr. James, for Mr. Robson, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many convictions have been recorded in the Metropolitan Police District for Sunday-trading within the last twelve months?
- (2.) What were the minimum and maximum fines imposed in respect of any such convictions?
- (3.) What were the localities in respect of which such convictions were made, and were any such convictions in respect of shop premises at Manly, Bondi, Coogee, or the Circular Quay, Sydney.

Mr. Lee answered,—The information asked for would take some time to prepare. It should be moved for in the form of a return.

- (47.) Cost of Survey of Railway, Tenterfield to Casino under Shay System :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the last survey for a railway line from Tenterfield to Casino under the Shay system authorised by the Honorable C. A. Lee, and made by Messrs. Lawson and O'Grady?
- (2.) Was the survey completed?
- (3.) Was the last 20 miles at the Casino end surveyed?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) £1,624.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Only so far as required, and some portions of this length did not require alteration.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation and Forms under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Pastures Protection (Amendment) Act, 1906.
 - (2.) Regulations and Certificates under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
 - (3.) Proclamations and Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.
 - (4.) Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting increase of salary to Mr. W. H. Potts, Principal, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, the appointment of Mr. E. Harris, First Clerk, Department of Agriculture, increase of salary to Mr. E. A. C. Wainwright, Clerk in Charge of Records, Department of Agriculture, and increase of salary to Mr. C. T. Musson, Science Master, Hawkesbury Agricultural College.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1907.
 - (2.) Report of the Superintendent of the Carpenterian Reformatory for 1907.
 - (3.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1907.
 - (4.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes, at Benleigh, Ettrock, Glebe (Infants'), Snarebrook, Cattai, Monkerai, George's Plains, Glebe, Llangothlin.
 - (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting adjustment of Salaries of Lecturers at the Sydney Training College for Teachers.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Oakes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Resolutions and Proceedings of the Conference between the Commonwealth and State Premiers and Ministers held at Melbourne, April-May, 1908.
- (2.) Report on Prisons for 1907.
- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. Lachlan Wentworth Broughton, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Cootamundra.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. Horace Frederick Roberts to position of Police Magistrate, Coonamble.
- (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. John Laynton Shropshire to position of Police Magistrate, Bourke.
- (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. John Jamieson to position of Police Magistrate, Moree.
- (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. George Jarrett, Government Interpreter and Translator of Foreign Correspondence.
- (8.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. H. G. Shaw to position of Police Magistrate, Bega.

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- (9.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding appointment of Mr. C. J. B. Helm to position of Police Magistrate, Cooma.
- (10.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. Hugh Malone to position of Police Magistrate, Moruya.
- (11.) Rules under the District Courts (Amendment) Act, 1905.
- (12.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.
- (13.) Amended Regulation No. 75, under the Prisons Act, 1899.
- (14.) Additional and Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (15.) Additional Regulation under the Justices (Fees) Act, 1904.
- (16.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. R. M. Gibson to the position of Police Magistrate, Wyalong.
- (17.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotion of Mr. H. E. Moore, Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office.
- (18.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotion of Mr. Frederick Burne, Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., Inverell.
- (19.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for 1907.
- (2.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for 1907.
- (3.) Report of First Quinquennial Valuation of the Friendly Societies of New South Wales, as at 31st December, 1904.
- (4.) Additional Regulation under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902
- (5.) Regulation No. 43, under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
- (6.) Minute respecting promotions of Officers in the Office of the Inspector-General of Police.
- (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increase of salary to Mr. R. L. Taylor, Clerk Fisheries Department.
- (8.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increase of salary to Mr. M. V. Murphy, Officer-in-Charge, Norfolk Island Affairs.
- (9.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increase of salary to Miss Florence Stuart Wearne, Shorthand-writer and Typist, Department of Public Health.
- (10.) Report of the Royal Commission on Earth Subsidence at Newcastle ; together with Plans.
- (11.) Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (12.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increase of salary to Mr. John Henry Mayes, Examiner, Charting Branch, Department of Mines. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Timber and Quarry Regulations Nos. 4 and 13, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 49, 75, 76, 148, and 356, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (3.) Amended Regulation No. 46, and Amended Form No. 25, under the Pastures Protection Acts, 1902-1906.
- (4.) Amended Regulation No. 215, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (5.) Amended Regulation No. 18, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 35, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 236, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (8.) Amended Form No. 90, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (9.) Amended Form No. 2, under the Public Roads Act, 1902.
- (10.) Additional Regulation No. 43c, and Additional Forms Nos. 71 and 72, under the Pastures Protection Acts.
- (11.) Amended Regulation No. 262A, and Amended Form No. 91, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (12.) Amended Regulation No. 215, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (13.) Papers setting forth the reason for departure from the ordinary procedure laid down in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in connection with the appointment of Mr. Harold George Barrie, Cadet Draftsman, Local Land Board Office, Armidale, to the position of Surveyor, Department of Lands.
- (14.) Reasons for granting sick leave of absence to Mr. Albert Joseph, Draftsman, Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, Department of Lands.
- (15.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for 1907.
- (16.) Notice of intention to declare that additional conditional purchase 04-10, Land District of Goulburn, county of Leichhardt, parish of Dinoa, portion 1, and conditional lease 04-8, county of Leichhardt, parish of Dinoa, portion 30, and parish of Tooloon, portions 23, 34, and 39, applied for by Annie McMahon, shall cease to be voidable.
- (17.) Notice of intention to declare that auction purchases of allotments 1 to 19, section 54, town of Byron Bay, sold by auction at Byron Bay on the 18th February, 1908, shall cease to be voidable.
- (18.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued from the 8th April to the 21st July, 1908.
- (19.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (20.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (21.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Cobargo.

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(23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Cemetery at Killabakh.

(24.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18, of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply for Railway Purposes at Meranburn.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the deviation of the Great Western Railway at the Zigzag.

(3.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Hartley Vale.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Rappville.

(5.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Uardry.

(6.) Additional Regulation No. 141, under the Explosives Act, 1905.

(7.) Special Regulations under the Explosives Act, 1905.

(8.) Substituted Regulation No. 5, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.

(9.) Rules and Regulations under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, in respect of the Public Wharves at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga.

(10.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1907, to 31st March, 1908.

(11.) Minute notifying a departure from Public Service Regulation No. 149 in the case of the promotion of Mr. R. S. B. Atwill, Clerk in the Treasury.

(12.) Abstract of the Balance Sheet of the Savings Bank of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1907.

(13.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for 1907; together with Appendices.

(14.) Report of the Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the Capital Account of the Water Supply and Sewerage under the jurisdiction of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board; together with Appendices.

(15.) Amended Regulation No. 120, under the Explosives Act, 1905.

(16.) Statement respecting Pension Payments, &c., for the year 1907-8, required by section 48 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900.

(17.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Supply of Water to the Town of Wellington.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Railway from Goondah Platform, in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction and establishment of an Experimental Farm at Yanco.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Quarrying and Road Purposes, Manly.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for certain improvements to the Gwydir River District, and the Conservation of Water in connection therewith.

(7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction and erection of a Fire Brigade Station at Darlinghurst.

(8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.

(9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction and establishment of a Police Paddock at Ungarie.

(10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Reservoir for Water Supply Purposes, Gundagai to Tumut Railway.

(11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Belmore to Chapel-road Railway.

(12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Drildool Bore.

(13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.

(14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals.

(15.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Moama, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(16.) By-laws regulating Sewerage of the Municipality of Lismore, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(17.) Regulations under the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902.

(18.) By-laws of the Nergo Bore Water Trust, under section 35 of the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(19.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water (Camden) Act, 1898.

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- (20.) Amended By-law of the Municipality of Hay, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (21.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increased salary to Mr. W. F. Burrow, Testing Engineer, Government Testing Office, Lithgow.
- (22.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increased salary to Mr. E. M. de Burgh, Principal Assistant Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply, and Drainage, Department of Public Works.
- (23.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotions of Messrs. R. T. McKay, F. M. Smith, and C. R. Cunningham, Second-class Assistant Engineers, Department of Public Works.
- (24.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding inquiry under section 58 of the Public Service Act, 1902, into certain charges made against Mr. T. Raw, Second-class Assistant Engineer, Department of Public Works, together with copy of the Evidence taken at such Inquiry, and a further Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the reduction of status and salary of the officer mentioned.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the erection of a Fire Brigade Station at Neutral Bay.
- (26.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. C. Paul, on probation, as Surveyor, Department of Public Works.
- (27.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. William Corin, M.I.C.E., M.I.E.E., M.A.I.E.E., as Electrical Engineer, Department of Public Works.
- (28.) Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reason for departure from the ordinary procedure laid down in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in regard to the salary of Mr. L. A. B. Wade, Principal Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply, and Drainage, Department of Public Works. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS 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 towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th July, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1908.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—*Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 23rd July, 1908, 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 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

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

By Mr. Waddell,—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund and Public Works Fund Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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By Mr. Wood,—

- (2.) Theatres and Public Halls Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st July, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (3.) Subventions to Friendly Societies Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 payments in subvention of Friendly Societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st July, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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(4.) Fire Brigades Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 the prevention and extinguishing of fires; for the protection of life and property from fire; to constitute a Fire Brigades Board, and define its powers and duties; to provide that certain damage to property shall be damage by fire within the meaning of any fire insurance policy; to repeal the Fire Brigades Act, 1902, and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the City of Sydney Improvement Act, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st July, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

By Mr. Wade,—

(5.) Pure Food Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st July, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(6.) Contagious Diseases Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 11.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 prevention and cure of certain contagious diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st July, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Wharfs at Woolloomooloo Bay—Sydney Domain :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the amount that has been expended to date on the erection of wharfs at Woolloomooloo Bay?
- (2.) What amount has been expended in forming roads and approaches to these wharfs?
- (3.) What was the total revenue from the wharfs at Woolloomooloo Bay for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1908?
- (4.) What was the total tonnage of vessels berthing at wharfs at Woolloomooloo Bay for the year ended 30th June, 1907?
- (5.) What is the approximate amount of cargo discharged by each line of vessels at these wharfs?
- (6.) What is the amount of accommodation available for wharfage on the west side of Woolloomooloo Bay?
- (7.) What amount is received annually by the Government by way of rent for boat sheds, &c., in the bay?
- (8.) What is the cost of forming the road to the new baths along the lower face of the rocks, in the bay?
- (9.) What amount is spent annually in the maintenance of the Sydney Domain?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will take some time to prepare, and its production should be moved for in the usual way, in the form of a return.

(2.) Survey of Additional Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that higher survey fees are charged for the survey of additional conditional purchases which do not adjoin the original holding than for those which do?
- (2.) Are additional conditional purchases, separated only by a road from the original conditional purchase, charged survey fees at the higher rate?
- (3.) Was the accepted interpretation of the Acts passed before 1903 that such additional conditional purchases were considered as adjoining?
- (4.) If so, were such additional conditional purchases charged special survey fees under such Acts?

(5.)

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(5.) Is it a fact that in several cases which the Honorable Member for Yass has brought under the notice of the Department land was taken up as additional conditional purchases which was actually adjoining, and when being surveyed a road was surveyed between the original and the additional conditional purchase, and the selector was charged a survey fee as if the land was not adjoining?

(6.) Will he see that such practices are discontinued forthwith?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) I will look into the matter.

(3.) Court-house and Police Station, Wingham :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be invited for the construction of the Wingham Court-house and Police Station?

(2.) Will he be good enough to expedite the calling for and acceptance of such tenders?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the effect of the construction of the North Coast Railway on the development of the Manning District and the growth of Wingham, and make provision for buildings to meet the growing requirements of the town of Wingham and the increase in legal business?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The preparation of plans is temporarily delayed awaiting the decision of the Police Department relative to certain proposals made by a local committee.

(2.) No time will be lost when definite instructions are obtained.

(3.) It is understood that the Police Department is aware of the circumstances.

(4.) Roads in Upper Manning District :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large area of Crown land has been selected in the Comboyne, Killabakh, and other portions of the Upper Manning District?

(2.) Has his attention been called to the fact that there is a considerable area of forest reserves in this district from which the Crown derives a large revenue?

(3.) Will he be good enough, in view of the foregoing, to place the settlers and timber-getters in a position to profitably work their holdings by opening up and constructing the road, Comboyne, Killabakh to Wingham, out of the vote for closer settlement purposes?

(4.) Will he take steps to expedite the carrying out of the necessary works?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The votes of the Lands Department for construction of closer settlement roads are only drawn upon for the purpose of opening up roads to Crown lands difficult of access. A report is being obtained from the district surveyor as to whether the construction of the road referred to would be likely to aid in the disposal of unselected Crown lands, so that it may be decided whether the Department should contribute towards the cost of same out of the votes for closer settlement roads.

(4.) The district surveyor has been requested to expedite transmission of his report.

(5.) Public School at Croki :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Public School at Croki is very old, and is at present in a dilapidated and insanitary condition, and is detrimental to the health of the children who attend it?

(2.) Will he be good enough to take the necessary steps for the erection of a new school at Croki, Manning River?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The school building is old, but it is not dilapidated or insanitary, nor is it detrimental to the health of the pupils attending school.

(2.) In the circumstances, it is not thought necessary at present to erect a new public school.

(6.) Remuneration to Returning Officers :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he yet taken steps to fulfil his promise of 9th April, for extra remuneration for returning officers in which he states :—“I have fixed the scale of increased allowance, which will be retrospective, and as soon as Parliament gets into recess, and I have the opportunity of making the regulations which I deem necessary to provide for this matter, both in the future and now, the amounts will be paid”?

(2.) Have the amounts been paid?

(3.) If not, will he inform the House when they will be?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The necessary vouchers for payment have already been sent out.

(3.) The vouchers are being paid as soon as presented.

(7.) Cost of Flotation of Loan :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In regard to the loan of £3,000,000, floated on 14th March last,—

(1.) What was the amount paid to (a) underwriters; (b) brokers for underwriters; (c) ordinary brokerage; (d) bank commissions?

(2.) Who were the underwriters?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The amounts paid were—for underwriting, 1 per cent.; brokers for underwriters, $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.; ordinary brokerage, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; and bank commission, $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

(2.) This information has not yet been received.

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(8.) Land available for Conditional Purchase in Gosford District :—Mr. Charlton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was an area of about 80,000 acres of land in the Gosford District made available for conditional purchase, about six years ago, at 10s. per acre?

(2.) What is the total number of acres selected out of that area to 30th June, 1908?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) An area of 80,000 acres, extending from 3 to 20 miles north-westerly from Gosford, was set apart for original conditional purchase at 10s. per acre, or conditional lease, on the 7th March, 1906.

(2.) About 6,400 acres.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land for Railway Purposes, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Traffic at the Zig-zag.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land for Railway Purposes, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the maintenance of Traffic at Wahroonga.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land for Railway Purposes, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Station Yard at Ravensworth.

(4.) Regulations, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, to be observed on the occasions of the arrival and departure of the American Fleet.

(5.) Statement of the transactions of the State Debt Commissioners for the year 1907–8.

(6.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

(7.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th June, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotion of Mr. S. B. Gunn to the position of Relieving Clerk of Petty Sessions.

(2.) Twenty-seventh General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Original Conditional Purchase 07–100, Land District of Grafton, being portion 199, parish of Bagawa, county of Fitzroy, applied for by Amos Zaide Walters, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Bellevue Hill Tramway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Walcha-road Well.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Currumbah Bore.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to John Norton, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, on account of urgent private business in Great Britain.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. G. A. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "Four" and inserting the word "Two"—instead thereof.

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Levy,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Broughton,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Price,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Booby,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Kelly,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question put and passed.

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7. PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT MADE BY MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK, M.P. :—Mr. McGowen drew the attention of the House to a certain statement made in a speech delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.P., at Rockdale on 19th May, 1908, and published as a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 20th May, 1908, a copy of which newspaper he laid upon the Table, and requested that the paragraph be read by the Clerk.

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

“ Addressing a meeting at Rockdale last evening in support of the candidature of the selected Liberal candidate, Mr. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., levelled an astounding accusation at certain unnamed members of the State Parliamentary Labour Party.

“ Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the people had not yet been blessed in New South Wales with a Labour Government. Queensland had had them, and did they find an old-age pension on its Statute-book? We in New South Wales have had that beneficent measure here for many years. The Labour Party had been said to be in existence for the purification of political life. He recollected Mr. E. W. O’Sullivan stating upon one occasion :—‘ The Labour Party came into public life to purify—they had only petrified it.’ Regarding the land scandals, some members of the Labour Party had actually assisted that particular Ministry in handing over thousands of acres of their good land for these unimproved leases. All the time the Labour Party had stood behind them calling black white, and white no colour at all. There were members cognisant of what was going on in the Lands Department, and he could mention the names of some members of that party who had accepted bribes from the land agents.”

Mr. Speaker then asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if the report of the portion of his speech, as read by the Clerk, was correct.

Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that the report was substantially correct, except in certain particulars which he pointed out; he then explained at length what he referred to, and concluded by stating that he adhered to his statements in every particular.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then withdrew from the Chamber.

Whereupon, Mr. McGowen moved, That this House is of opinion that the statements by the Honorable Member for Orange (Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick) in an address delivered at Rockdale on the 19th May, 1908, and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, on the 20th May last, were absolutely unwarranted and a gross libel upon the Members of this House. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Nielsen,	Tellers,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. O’Sullivan,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Meehan,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. James,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Broughton,
Colonel Rylie,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gilbert,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Robson,	Tellers,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Fleming,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - (2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.

Question put and passed.

9. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Cann, Mr. Cohen, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Arthur Griffith, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, 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, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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10. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Holman, Mr. Collins, Mr. Levy, 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 the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
11. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Oakes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Levien, 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.
Question put and passed.
12. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Oakes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Robson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Estell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Charlton, Mr. McLaurin, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means), which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers or abstracts thereof to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.
13. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Colonel Ryrie moved, pursuant to Notice, That John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. James,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Nobbs,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Colonel Ryrie,	
Mr. McCoy,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Grabame,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Neehan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Page.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Peters.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Cohen made his acknowledgments to the House.

1. GUN LICENSE BILL:—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Gun License Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Debate ensued.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
15. ACCOUNTANTS BILL:—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Accountants Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Mr. Cann moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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16. PURE FOOD BILL :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same ; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health ; for the prevention of deception and fraud ; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
17. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the prevention and cure of certain contagious diseases ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
18. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL :—Mr. Lee (*by consent*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the width of the tires of vehicles and traction engines, and the weight of such vehicles and engines and of their loads ; to regulate the use of such vehicles and engines on public roads and their construction if so used ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
19. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) BILL :—Mr. Lee (*by consent*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902 ; and for purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
20. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1908.

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 the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Moore,—

(1.) Conversion of Tenures Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, 1880, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 5th August, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

By Mr. Wade,—

(2.) Police Offences (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 5th August, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mileage and Earnings of Government Trams:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many miles of tramways were open in the City and Suburbs of Sydney in 1899?
- (2.) How many miles of Government tramways were open in New South Wales in 1906, not counting 26 miles of tramways in Newcastle and Broken Hill?
- (3.) What were the earnings of the Sydney and Suburban trams in 1899 and in 1906 respectively, and what were the earnings of the Newcastle and Broken Hill lines in 1906?
- (4.) What was the total sum earned by the trams of New South Wales last year?
- (5.) What was the interest (or profit) paid by the New South Wales trams in 1899, in 1906, and in 1907 respectively?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

- (1.) 54½ miles were open in 1899.
- (2.) 103½ miles.
- (3.) Sydney and Suburban, 1899 year, £324,101; 1906 year, £795,228; Newcastle and Broken Hill, 1906 year, £56,255.
- (4.) £1,011,994.
- (5.) £4 0s. 1d., £5 1s. 7d., and £4 18s. 8d. per cent. respectively.

(2.) North Logan Estate, near Cowra:—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the matter of resuming the North Logan Estate, near Cowra, been under the consideration of the Department?
- (2.) Has any report been obtained on the desirableness of resuming this property from the officers of the Department?
- (3.) Have the Advisory Board considered this matter; and, if so, have they reported, and to what effect?
- (4.) Has any decision been arrived at by him?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Central-western Advisory Board furnished a report.
- (3 and 4.) The Advisory Board recommended that 15,902 acres be acquired for closer settlement, and such area has been covered by proclamations of intended acquisition (*vide Gazette* of 20th May, 1908).

(3.) James Dunshea, Barren Jack Reservoir:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named James Dunshea has been sacked from the works connected with Barren Jack Reservoir?
- (2.) Does he know that he was told that he was being sacked because he was a union agitator?
- (3.) Will he see that men are not victimised on Government works because of their political or industrial principles?
- (4.) Will he cause Dunshea to be reinstated at once if he has been sacked for these reasons?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The officer-in-charge is responsible for the employment and discharge of workmen, and I have, therefore, no information regarding James Dunshea; but I have asked for full particulars.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No notice is taken on works under this Department of any man's "political or industrial principles." All that is required is that he does his work properly.
- (4.) See No. 1.

(4.) Tramway to Cremorne:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did he, some time ago, promise to extend a tramway to Cremorne; and, if so, what steps have been taken to facilitate the work?

Mr. Lee answered,—The question of making Cremorne a desirable point to intercept a portion of the traffic, and thus ease the congestion on Mosman Bay tram service, was promised. It has since been investigated, and will be submitted for Cabinet consideration when the tramway policy is being dealt with.

(5.) Theatrical Licenses:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a theatrical license issued to any person, or persons, on or about 8th July, 1908, authorising such persons to give a public entertainment in an unlicensed building known as the Town Hall, Sydney, on the 9th July, 1908?
- (2.) Did the person, or persons, applying for such license supply plans of the buildings, showing positions of exit doors, fire plugs, &c., and state the number of seats in each section of the auditorium in conformity with regulations for issue of theatrical licenses?
- (3.) Before such theatrical license was granted, did the Government Architect inspect the building and state how many persons could be safely and conveniently seated in the same, and certify that the seats were securely fixed and numbered consecutively, and that the plans showing escape doors were exhibited in the vestibules and in each section of the building, in accordance with the regulations?
- (4.) Under which section of the Public Entertainment Act is he authorised to grant a personal theatrical license to any person, or persons, to give a public entertainment within the corporate boundaries of the City of Sydney in an unlicensed building, garden, or place?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There was no necessity, as the hall was previously licensed and the necessary records made. The conditions were unaltered.
- (3.) See No. 2.
- (4.) Section 3 provides "The Colonial Secretary may by writing authorise or license any place as a "place wherein any public entertainment may be acted, represented, performed, or exhibited."

(6.) Electrical Service of City and Suburbs:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many power-houses have been erected by the Government in connection with the electrical service of the City and Suburbs, and where are they situated?
- (2.) What is the annual cost of producing electricity for use of traction, for use of lighting, and for any other purpose?

Mr.

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Mr. Waddell answered,—There are three power-houses within the area vested in the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, situated at Napoleon-street, Circular Quay, and Cowper Wharf. Electricity is generated at these stations for the lighting of the wharfs at Woolloomooloo Bay, Circular Quay, and Darling Harbour. The cost of production is, approximately, £3,034 per annum. The Railway Department has one power-house, which is situated at Ultimo, and the cost of producing power for traction, lighting, and all other purposes for the financial year ended 30th June last was £56,304. Two temporary power-houses were erected for the illumination of the City during the inauguration of the Commonwealth, one in the Botanical Gardens, and the other at Chancery-square. The former was dismantled when the festivities were over, and the latter was used in connection with the lighting of Government buildings. Arrangements were subsequently made with the City Council to supply the Departments, other than the Harbour Trust and the Railway Department, with electric light from the Council's plant, and the building in Chancery-square was then dismantled. There is a partially-erected building in Lower George street which was originally intended for a power-house, but before it could be completed the arrangements with the City Council previously referred to were made, and the building is now about to be completed and used as the Permanent Mines Museum and Laboratories.

(7.) Commonwealth Seat of Government and Capital Site :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

(1.) At the inauguration of Federation, was there an understanding that the Federal Seat of Government should be centred in Melbourne not longer than seven years?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of that understanding?

(3.) Does the State Government propose to take any early steps to approach the Federal Authorities with a view to the seat of the Commonwealth Government being in Sydney for the future and until the question of site be settled?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) Not as far as I am aware.

(3.) The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth has stated that the subject will be one of the first to be taken in hand when the Federal Session commences next month, and I am hopeful that, at a very early date, a site will have been selected acceptable to New South Wales and the Federation. For the present, therefore, it would not be desirable to take any further action that might complicate the situation.

(8.) Land drawn at Ballot by a Swede in Lockhart District :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated in the Press, that a Swede, who came to Australia with his parents when but an infant, was recently deprived of a block of land drawn by him at ballot, in the Lockhart District, because he could not produce naturalisation papers, whilst an unnaturalised Chinese was permitted to secure and hold same?

(2.) Will he be good enough to explain the circumstances of this case?

Mr. Moore answered,—I am not aware that such is a fact, but will have inquiry made and communicate result to the Honorable Member.

(9.) Shipping Accidents and Wrecks between Wollongong and South Head :—Mr. Page asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of accidents that have occurred to vessels between Wollongong and South Head, Port Jackson, during the past ten years?

(2.) The number of vessels that have become complete wrecks between Wollongong and South Head during the past ten years?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There have been sixteen accidents to shipping between Wollongong and South Head during the past ten years, and of this number eleven resulted in the vessel concerned becoming a complete wreck.

(10.) Path through Gap Park, Watson's Bay :—Colonel Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the construction of the tramway through Gap Park, Watson's Bay, destroyed the main path through the Park?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to the likelihood of great crowds flocking there on the occasion of the arrival of the U.S.A. Fleet, and that such a path will then be much needed?

(3.) Will he consider the advisableness of granting the Vaucluse Council some assistance towards remaking it?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The construction of the tramway through Gap Park has destroyed one of the paths, but the work has been carried out with the entire concurrence of the Vaucluse Council.

(2.) It is anticipated there will be large gatherings at this and other points of vantage.

(3.) Any damage occasioned by the construction of the tramway, other than necessary for the actual works, will be made good, and to expedite this, in view of the answer to Question No. 2, the officer-in-charge has been instructed to make such repairs as may be needed at once.

(11.) Amending Land Bill :—Mr. McFarlane, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In the Amended Land Bill which he proposes to introduce this Session, will he consider the advisableness of having a clause inserted providing for homestead selectors and settlement lessees being permitted to live in the nearest adjacent town to their holdings, in order to enable them to educate their families in a satisfactory manner, and to enjoy the other comforts which town life may afford them?

(2.) Is this provided for under the conditional purchase lease tenure passed in 1905?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The matter is now under consideration.

(2.) Yes.

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- (12.) Manning River Bar :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the condition of the Bar at the entrance to the Manning River?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the farmers are unable to send butter and other produce to the Sydney markets in consequence of the condition of the bar?
 - (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to have the bar harbour dredge "Antleon" sent on at once to improve the entrance to the Manning River?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The bar is at present in a somewhat better condition than usual, the depth reported on 1st August being 9 feet at low water. The inner crossing has, however, shoaled, the depth being only 5 feet 8 inches, and this obstruction hampers the shipping.
 - (3.) Instructions have already been given for the "Antleon" to proceed to the Manning to give relief, but owing to the heavy weather on the coast, she has so far been unable to enter the river. The dredge "Dorus" has also been recommissioned, and will complete the work to be started by the "Antleon."
- (13.) Boolambayte and Violet Hill Schools :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the children at Boolambayte and Violet Hill schools are unable to obtain instruction in consequence of there being no teachers at such schools?
 - (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to have teachers appointed at once to such schools?
 - (3.) Are the schools in the country districts being neglected, and for what reason?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1 and 2.) A teacher will be appointed to the Boolambayte School at an early date. The Violet Hill School, when last in operation, had an attendance below eight scholars, and its continuance as a full-time provisional school was, therefore, not warranted.
- (3.) The country schools are not neglected.

- (14.) Sweeps in City and Suburbs :—Mr. Price asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of sweeps ranging from one shilling upwards are being conducted in the City and Suburbs?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the police are unable to deal with such sweeps under the existing Acts?
- (3.) Is it a fact that women and children have taken tickets and been awarded prizes in such shilling and other sweeps?
- (4.) Will he be good enough to introduce legislation to cope with the matter?

Mr. Wade answered,—It is proposed to introduce legislation to deal with this matter during the present Session.

- (15.) Improvement Lease on Coppymurrumbilla Station, Warialda :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the successful applicant for a forfeited improvement lease on Coppymurrumbilla Station, Warialda Land District, has been warned by the owners of that station (Messrs. Brown) that if possession is taken of the settlement lease made available by the Lands Department legal action will be taken against him for trespass?
- (2.) What action does the Government propose to take to protect the successful applicant against such prosecution if proceeded with?

Mr. Moore answered,—In continuation of the reply given by me to the Honorable Member yesterday on the subject, I might say that the Government is prepared to support, as it may be advised, the successful applicant against any proceedings by way of trespass which may be instituted by the former improvement lessee, in respect of the land allotted under settlement lease.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reason for departure from the prescribed scale of increments provided for in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in regard to the salary of Mr. William Hutchinson, Chief Engineer for Railway and Tramway Construction, Department of Public Works.

- (2.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Warren, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1907.
- (2.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Servants Registry Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Broughton, "That the Accountants Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption";—postponed, until Tuesday, 8th September.

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6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members Sworn* :—Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire, Robert Davidson, Esquire, John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, and William Arthur Holman, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
7. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution ; to regulate the keeping of opium ; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
8. CONVERSION OF TENURES BILL :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, 1880, into certain other tenures ; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. SUBVENTIONS TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL :—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise payments in subvention of Friendly Societies in certain cases ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL :—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings ; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures ; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
11. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, 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 the prevention and extinguishing of fires ; for the protection of life and property from fire ; to constitute a Fire Brigades Board, and define its powers and duties ; to provide that certain damage to property shall be damage by fire within the meaning of any fire insurance policy ; to repeal the Fire Brigades Act, 1902, and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the City of Sydney Improvement Act, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. PURE FOOD BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day, having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same ; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health ; for the prevention of deception and fraud ; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same ; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health ; for the prevention of deception and fraud ; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same ; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health ; for the prevention of deception and fraud ; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
13. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 prevention and cure of certain contagious diseases ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the prevention and cure of certain contagious diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the prevention and cure of certain contagious diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL :—

- (1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the width of the tires of vehicles and traction engines, and the weight of such vehicles and engines and of their loads; to regulate the use of such vehicles and engines on public roads, and their construction if so used; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the width of the tires of vehicles and traction engines, and the weight of such vehicles and engines and of their loads; to regulate the use of such vehicles and engines on public roads, and their construction if so used; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the width of the tires of vehicles and traction engines, and the weight of such vehicles and engines and of their loads; to regulate the use of such vehicles and engines on public roads, and their construction if so used; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

15. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) BILL :—

- (1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for purposes incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tomorrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1908.

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 Public Seal of the State, dated 5th day of August, 1908, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering John Jacob Cohen, 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, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ *By His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, 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 His Majesty the King, 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 Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“ HARRY H. RAWSON,
“ Governor.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*
“ W. H. WOOD.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway from Kiama to Jamberoo:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has any report yet been obtained on the proposal to connect Jamberoo with Kiama by railway?
(2.) If not, when will an officer be sent to examine the proposal?
Mr. Lec answered,—An officer has not yet been available, owing to more pressing work; but the exploration will be made within the next two or three weeks.
- (2.) Coal Mine in the South Maitland District to supply State Requirements:—Mr. Charlton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will the Government consider the advisability of establishing a coal mine in the South Maitland district to supply State requirements?
Mr. Moore answered,—The Government have no intention of taking any such step at present.
- (3.) Refreshments for Police while on Duty:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the police, when on duty, or in uniform, are permitted to enter hotels for refreshments; and, if so, why?
(2.) Is it a fact that the privilege of obtaining tea and temperance refreshments is not, in like manner, conceded; and, if so, why?

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(3.) Is it a fact that the Inspector-General of Police has, on the recommendation of certain officers, refused to sanction a privilege of procuring tea, or like refreshments, at their various stations to police on late night duty; and, if so, where and why?

(4.) Will he, to encourage temperance in the police force, reconsider his decision in this matter, and make provision, in all stations asking the privilege, for the procuring of tea, coffee, or other like refreshments, by police on night duty?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Police cannot be permitted to leave their beats for the purpose of procuring refreshments at police stations.

(3.) Yes. If police were permitted to leave their beats for such purposes, difficulties would arise that would tend to lessen efficiency of supervision of beats.

(4.) As it is not a fact that police are permitted to enter hotels, their temperance will not be affected by continuance of the present practice.

(4.) Closing of Shops on Sundays :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, while the closing of shops on Sundays is strictly enforced in a greater portion of the City, Suburbs, and country districts, in some portions the law in regard to same is permitted to be defied; and, if so, by what authority is this defiance permitted, and in what districts?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Smithers, a Stipendiary Magistrate, in fining a shopkeeper named Chingos for selling lollies on Sunday, refused to take notice of the statement of the Inspector of Police that there had been thirty previous convictions against him for Sunday-trading, described the offence as the most harmless one he knew, and inflicted a fine of only 1s., without costs?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Smithers further stated that the law was put in force in one part of the City and not in another, and that there was no justice or equity in that at all?

(4.) Is it a fact that on the 19th July, at Darlinghurst, during election time, no notice was taken by the police of the opening of shops?

(5.) Will he take steps either to amend the law to permit of all shopkeepers having equal privileges in regard to the sale of refreshments; or rigidly enforce it, as in the case of the Liquor and other Acts in which Sunday-trading is prohibited?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The practice in this matter remains the same as when I informed the Honorable Member on 7th November, in answer to his Question of that date, viz. :—"It has been the practice for some years to allow places for the sale of fruit and temperance drinks to remain open on Sundays to meet the necessities of the travelling public, and those visiting places of public resort on that day, such as Circular Quay, Domain, Botanic Gardens, parks, and sea-side resorts."

(2 and 3.) A fine of 1s., without costs, was imposed by Mr. Smithers in the case referred to. The Magistrate was aware that Chingos had been previously convicted on many occasions. The amount of the penalty imposed was a matter within his discretion. Mr. Smithers reports that the remarks made by him in connection with this case were distorted in the published accounts. He states that he did not mention the words "justice or equity," but remarked that he always fined a nominal amount for selling refreshments on Sunday, as there were so many shops allowed to remain open on that day.

(4.) An election does not under the law affect the opening or closing of ordinary shops. Hotels and licensed premises under the Liquor Act are closed.

(5.) There is no present intention to disturb the existing practice.

(5.) Hours of Service of Patrolling Police :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any representations been made to his Department on the subject of reducing the weekly service of patrolling police in City and Suburbs and in the larger towns of the State from seven to six days; if not, will he accord the matter his consideration, and submit the subject to the Inspector-General of Police?

(2.) What are the aggregate hours each week put in by constables in City and Suburbs and those larger towns where constant police patrol work is done?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) No. The matter has been dealt with by the Inspector-General, and I shall presently lay upon the Table a report from that officer in the form of a return.

(2.) This is shown in the report.

(6.) Government Savings Bank—Political Interference :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the late President of the Government Savings Bank complained in the public Press of political interference by a Member of the Federal Parliament?

(2.) Will he explain what ground, if any, there was for the complaint mentioned?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have no knowledge of the matter referred to, but upon making inquiry of the Commissioners, I am informed that the late President in an interview with a representative of a newspaper did make reference to a letter which had been received from a Member of the Federal Parliament respecting a charge made for the issue of a new pass-book in place of one which had been lost. In regard to this matter, I would remind the Honorable Member that under the provisions of the Government Savings Bank Act the Commissioners have full power and authority to administer, govern, and manage the affairs of the Bank.

(7.) Boatmen's Condemned Cottages, Newcastle :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What does he propose doing in regard to the four boatmen's cottages, Newcastle, recently condemned by the district works officer as unfit for habitation?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The question of making provision on the forthcoming Estimates for the erection of new cottages is now under consideration.

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(8.) Local Government Ordinances—Procedure in Municipal Councils :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, under the Local Government Ordinances, no provisions are made for taking a vote on division in the Committees of Councils; if so, for what reason?

(2.) Is it a fact that ordinances are largely made to follow Parliamentary procedure; and, if so, will the Local Government Department, for the following of the same procedure in regard to votes in Committees of Parliament in Municipal Councils, frame an ordinance for that purpose?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Clause 61 of Ordinance No. 1 provides that the procedure in Committee of the Whole is to be governed by the same provisions as the procedure in ordinary Council meeting. In ordinary Council meeting divisions may be taken—see clauses 44 and 45 of Ordinance No. 1. All other Committees of the Council are free to settle their procedure for themselves—see clause 67 of Ordinance No. 1.

(2.) Parliamentary procedure was not taken as the model in drafting the ordinance. I do not at present see the necessity for the change proposed.

(9.) Local Government Ordinances—Record of Divisions :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, under the Local Government Ordinances, no vote can be taken in Council, unless two aldermen stand up and claim a division; and, if so, for what special reason has this restriction been placed upon the individual alderman to record his opinion by vote?

(2.) Is it a fact that although several Municipalities have asked for a modification of this ordinance, in their cases the Local Government Department declines to do so?

(3.) Has this ordinance any significance other than that in Parliamentary procedure, no division is recorded unless with two tellers on either side?

(4.) Is it a fact that there is only one Municipal Council in the State numbering more than twelve aldermen; and that in the Senate of the Commonwealth, numbering thirty-six, only one teller is called?

(5.) Will he again consider the advisableness of so altering this ordinance, that every alderman shall have the individual right to record his vote?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No. Clause 44 of Ordinance No. 1 provides the method of determining questions. A vote may be taken on the voices, or by show of hands; and, if two aldermen call for a division, by division. The provisions on this subject are thoroughly elastic.

(2.) Many suggestions were made by Councils for provisions to be included in this ordinance before it was made. They were all fully considered. None have been received asking for alterations since it was made.

(3 and 4.) The ordinance does not require the appointment of two tellers.

(5.) I will give consideration to any suggestions which I may receive.

(10.) Tenders for Police Station, Honeysuckle Point :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will fresh tenders be called for the erection of the Police Station, Honeysuckle Point?

Mr. Lee answered,—Tenders will be invited in *Gazette* of 12th instant.

(11.) Concessions on Tramways to Members of the Defence Forces :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that members of the Defence Forces in the Metropolitan area are allowed to travel at half-rates by tram to and from rifle ranges?

(2.) If so, will he see that the same privilege is allowed members of the Defence Forces in the Newcastle district?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is so.

(2.) This matter is now under the consideration of the Commissioners. The Honorable Member will be advised as soon as a decision is arrived at.

(12.) Financial Relations between Commonwealth and States :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Agent-General, Mr. T. A. Coghlan, furnish the Government with reports and advice on the financial relations of Commonwealth and States?

(2.) Is it a fact that these reports are not obtainable by Honorable Members?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to the Agent-General's memorandum, dated 28th March, 1906, on the transference of the State debts to the Commonwealth. At Mr. Coghlan's desire, publicity was not at that time given to the document, but copies were forwarded, confidentially, to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, and the Premiers and Treasurers of the other States. Subsequently the memorandum was given to the Press. It seems rather late in the day to lay the document upon the Table, but I shall be pleased to supply a copy to any Honorable Member who applies to me for one.

(13.) Lease of Unused Roads by Shire Councils :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of Shire Councils desire to be empowered to lease unused roads?

(2.) Has he any objection to such power being granted; if so, what is the nature of it?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This question is under consideration of the Lands and Works Departments in connection with the proposed Local Government Act Amending Bill.

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- (14.) Police Quarters at Harwood Island, Clarence River :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps are being taken to have police quarters constructed at Harwood Island, Clarence River?
Mr. Lee answered,—Steps are now being taken to complete the purchase of the site, and the preparation of plans and specification for the building will be at once proceeded with.
- (15.) Closer Settlement—Bridge at Lilydale, Upper Clarence :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that there is a large area of Crown lands on the Upper Clarence suitable for closer settlement?
(2.) Is that settlement blocked for want of a bridge at Lilydale?
(3.) If so, will he take the necessary steps to have a bridge constructed?
Mr. Lee answered,—There is a large area of vacant Crown land on the Upper Clarence. A considerable proportion, however, is inferior and it is questionable whether the expenditure involved in improving the means of access to it is warranted. Full particulars of the area available, cost of opening up, &c., are being obtained and will be submitted at an early date, when consideration will be given to the whole question, including that of the necessity for a bridge at Lilydale.
- (16.) Land-tax Revenue, Hurstville, Canterbury, Enfield, and Bankstown Municipalities :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What, approximately, was the land-tax revenue collected for the year prior to the passing of the Local Government Act of 1906 for each of the Municipalities—Hurstville, Canterbury, Enfield, and Bankstown?
Mr. Waddell answered,—The Taxation Commissioners inform me that, owing to the operation of exemptions and deductions, it is not possible to calculate what amount of land-tax was collected from any one Municipality in any year.
- (17.) Tram System in the Newcastle District :—Mr. Eldon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners had under consideration the necessity of establishing the electric-tram system in Newcastle and district?
(2.) If so, will he state when the system is likely to be installed?
Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the general question of the electrification of the Newcastle tramways has been considered, but want of funds has delayed action. It cannot be said at present when the matter can be taken up.
- (18.) Interference in State Matters by Federal Members :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the railway station-master at Wagga some time since received instructions to take up another station, but that, owing to the intervention of a Federal Minister, this officer was allowed to remain at Wagga, whilst two other similar officers were transferred, though unwilling to be removed?
(2.) Is it a fact that a considerable amount of interference in State matters by Federal Members takes place, and that in some of the offices of State an undue importance is attached to their representations?
Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed it is not a fact.
(2.) I am not aware that such is the case.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway, Cowra, via Canowindra, to Gregra*) :—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Cowra, *via* Canowindra, to Gregra.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. PAPERS :—
Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Inspector-General of Police regarding Weekly Services of Police.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, Early Closing Acts, and Shearers Accommodation Act, &c., during 1907.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.
6. CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PROVIDENT FUND (SYDNEY) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the amalgamation of the Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund into one Fund, called 'The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney), and to provide for the administration of such*"

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such Fund, and for payment of contributions thereto, and to vest the property thereof in a Board of Directors to be incorporated hereby; 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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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

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

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members Sworn*:—Daniel Levy, Esquire, Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, and Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Newcastle, Mr. Gilbert, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The urgent necessity on the part of the Government for a thorough inquiry into the wholesale condemnation by the Central South African authorities of New South Wales sleepers shipped to the Transvaal under cover of a certificate issued by our Forestry Department.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Gilbert moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Meehan.

Tellers,

Mr. Horne,
Mr. Charlton.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wood,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Tellers,
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Brown,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. Morton.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto,”—which was read a first time.

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

10. SUBVENTIONS TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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 payments in subvention of Friendly Societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 payments in subvention of Friendly Societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wood, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wood then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise payments in subvention of Friendly Societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

11. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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 licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Wood then moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put,—and Division called for—but there not being 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*.

Resolution read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wood then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wood moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Road, Coramba to Dorrigo :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was it first proposed to construct the main road from Coramba to Dorrigo?
- (2.) By which Minister was the proposal made, and what were the conditions?
- (3.) Was any objection offered to the construction of the road by any person, and, if so, who made such objection?
- (4.) Has the Member for Raleigh, or any other person, ever suggested that the road should not be completed?
- (5.) Is it a fact that several proposals were made by local associations through the Member for Raleigh, and endorsed by him, as early as 1901 and 1902, for the construction of a road between Dorrigo and Coramba, or Coff's Harbour?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) A road to give access to the Dorrigo lands, from Coff's Harbour, has been under consideration since 1892, but the provision of funds for the construction of the first section of the main road, Coramba to Dorrigo, as now known, was approved by the then Minister, the Honorable E. W. O'Sullivan, in May, 1904. No conditions were imposed.

- (3.) Cannot find any record.
- (4.) There is no record.
- (5.) Yes.

(2.) Myall Creek, Gobbagombalin, and Marrar Estates :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of resumption of the Myall Creek Estate, including surveys, advertising, roads, &c.?
- (2.) How many blocks remained unsold?
- (3.) Are any of the purchasers in arrears with regard to payments, and, if so, what is the total amount of such arrears?
- (4.) How many applications (if any) have been made by purchasers for increased areas?
- (5.) The same information with regard to Gobbagombalin and Marrar?

Mr Moore answered,—

(1.) (a) Myall Creek.—Purchase price (including £7,095 balances paid into Treasury by Vendors upon conditional purchases and conditional leases), £138,866 0s. 2d.; expenses (surveys, advertising, &c.), £2,126 15s. 3d.; total cost of resumption, £140,992 15s. 5d. Expenditure on roads to 30th June, 1908 (not included in above), £1,749; (b) Gobbagombalin.—Purchase price (including £729 9s. 3d. balances paid into Treasury by Vendors upon conditional purchases), £207,560; expenses (surveys, advertising, &c.), £1,666; total cost of resumption, £209,226. Amount authorised for road expenditure (not included in above), £924; (c) Marrar.—Purchase price, £68,777; expenses (surveys, advertising, &c.), £693 7s. 10d.; total, £69,470 7s. 10d. Amount authorised for road expenditure (not included in above), £350.

- (2.) All blocks on the three Estates have been disposed of, with the exception of one portion on Myall Creek, now reserved but to be set apart shortly.
- (3.) The arrears of payments are :—Myall Creek, £2,453 14s. 4d.; Gobbagombalin, £7,430 16s. 6d.; Marrar, £3,067 10s. 5d. About two-thirds of the above amounts are only a few days overdue.
- (4.) Twelve applications on Myall Creek, of which six were granted and three refused; the remaining three are for the portion referred to in reply to No. 2, and are to be reported upon by the Land Board. No applications in respect of Gobbagombalin. One on Marrar—refused.
- (5.) Replied to by Nos. 1 to 4.

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- (3.) Locomotive Engines :—Mr. Hunt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the imported locomotive engines proved superior to those supplied by the Clyde Engineering Company, constructed under the same specifications?
 - (2.) What is the cost, covering all charges, of each class of the imported engines?
 - (3.) Has the Clyde Engineering Company delivered their engines so far up to contract date; and how do they compare, in service, with the imported engines of the same class for reliability under full load and cost of maintenance?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (4.) Mr. Edward Macfarlane, late Under Secretary for Lands :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did Mr. Edward Macfarlane voluntarily resign his position of Under Secretary for Lands, or was he dealt with under provisions of the Act No. 31, 1902, section 56?
 - (2.) If retired from the Service under the said Act, what charges, if any, were made against Mr. Macfarlane?
 - (3.) Did the Public Service Board hold an inquiry as provided in section 57 of the Public Service Act?
 - (4.) If so, under what sub-section of section 56?
 - (5.) What was the finding of the Board in the charges?
 - (6.) Did the Board recommend full payment of salary and retiring allowances?
 - (7.) What charge, if any, did the Board find substantiated, and of such importance to justify Mr. Macfarlane's removal from the Service?
- Mr. Moore answered,—Mr. Macfarlane was granted twelve months' leave of absence from the 3rd July, 1907, on the understanding that at the expiration of such leave he should retire from the position of Under Secretary for Lands, but that the question of finding him another position would be considered. The Government being unable to find him any other position in the Public Service, he was retired under section 65 of the Public Service Act, 1902, which preserved to him the same rights as he would have been entitled to if his services had been dispensed with under section 71 of the Act.
- (5.) Land for Settlement in Moree District :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When does he expect the forfeited improvement leases on Bogamildi Holding, already surveyed, to be available?
 - (2.) When will the surveys be completed on the following holdings, Moree District :—Burrendoon, Meroe, Collymingle, Collybidgelah?
 - (3.) What is the proposed form of settlement on each run, and when is it expected these lands will become available?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1 and 2.) I cannot definitely answer these Questions at present, the necessary information not yet having been received from the district surveyor.
 - (3.) On Bogamildi an area of about 11,000 acres will probably be set apart for present holders, and six blocks, covering an area of about 24,000 acres, for original settlement lease. It is proposed to make the lands on the other holdings referred to available for original settlement lease. I cannot definitely say when the lands will be made available, the necessary information not yet having been received from the district surveyor.
- (6.) Crown Lands on Texas and Mandoe Holdings, County Arawatta :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When will the Crown lands on Texas Holding, county Arawatta, which were surveyed some months ago into settlement lease farms, be made available for settlement?
 - (2.) When does he expect the Crown lands on Mandoe Holding, county Arawatta, to be surveyed into blocks for settlement; and what form of settlement is proposed?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) It is impossible to say owing to the fact that the surveyor has not yet transmitted all plans; inquiry is being made, and the matter will be expedited as much as possible.
 - (2.) In October. The plans are expected next week, when the form of settlement will be decided.
- (7.) North Shore Gas Company :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has an application been recently lodged by the North Shore Gas Company for the purchase or lease of the rescission of reservation of land between their works and High-street, Neutral Bay?
 - (2.) What are the frontages and depth of this land, and what previous applications had been made in regard to the purchase of this land?
 - (3.) What were the various valuations fixed for this rescission at the different applications?
 - (4.) When was the sale of this land last refused, and for what reason?
 - (5.) Has it been represented to him that the works of the North Shore Gas Company have a deterrent effect on property at Neutral Bay; and, if so, will he dedicate the land referred to for public purposes?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Application to purchase was lodged on 26th July, 1907. No application to lease the land has been received.
 - (2 and 3.) The North Shore Gas Company's application embraced 170 ft. x 100 ft. Land valued at £525. Application refused. Henry Deane's application embraced 230 ft. x 100 ft. Land valued at £700. Application lapsed. F. S. Young's application embraced 60 ft. x 100 ft. Land valued at £200. Application refused.

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(4.) The North Shore Gas Company's and F. S. Young's applications were refused on 24th February, 1908, and 22nd May, 1908, respectively, as it was deemed inadvisable in the public interest to alienate the land.

(5.) No such representation appears to have been made, but the question of dedicating the land is under consideration.

(8.) Barren Jack Reservoir:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the answers to Mr. Broughton's Question, No. 15, of Thursday, 30th July, how is it the source of the Murrumbidgee, Coolaman Plain, from which its waters concentrate at the Gulf and flow down at right angles at the foot of the range nearly to the junction of the Goodradigbee, which river is about 20 miles from Barren Jack, is 460 miles, and the distance from Coolaman, also the source of the Goodradigbee, to Barren Jack is distant 230 miles?

(2.) Is the bed of the Murrumbidgee a tortuous one; is the length of the Goodradigbee 75 miles, and is it a fact that it has its origin at Coolaman Plain?

(3.) About what size stream would 3,150 cubic feet of water present?

(4.) What are the water conditions of the rivers named in the Questions referred to?

(5.) Will he ascertain what is the quantity of water per second flowing in the Murrumbidgee above the junction of the Cotter and the Goodradigbee?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The Question was read to refer to the town of Coolamon, between Junee and Narrandera. The distance from Barren Jack to Coolaman Plain is about 45 miles.

(2.) (a) Yes; (b) yes, approximately; (c) yes.

(3.) Can be easily ascertained by calculation.

(4.) Not sufficiently definite to provide an answer.

(5.) This information will be obtained when required.

(9.) Irrigation in Australia:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to ideas contained in Mr. Coghlan's paper upon the possibilities of irrigation in Australia, read at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute on 13th May, and does he endorse in particular Mr. Coghlan's statement that we could irrigate by water gravitation 51,000,000 acres?

(2.) Is he aware that the Nile irrigates only 6,250,000 acres, and its discharge at Assouan is eleven times greater than the Murray at Morgan?

(3.) At the same meeting, did he note the Honorable George Riddoch's announcement of the baneful effects to the taxpayer of irrigation and over-production at Mildura and Renmark?

(4.) Did he notice the advice of Lord Jersey and others to consider fully the expenditure upon irrigation, before entering upon it too extensively?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) (a) Yes; (b) Mr. Coghlan did not state that we could irrigate 51,000,000 acres, but he said that in the Murray Basin, in New South Wales, alone, there are 43,500,000 acres fit for irrigation. These figures agree with those given by the Interstate Royal Commission on the Murray River.

(2.) I am aware that the area under irrigation on the Nile is not more than 6,250,000 acres, but it is contemplated to construct dams on the Upper Nile, and impound water that will irrigate a large additional area.

(3.) Mr. Riddoch, M.L.C., is reported to have advised caution and not to rush too hastily into irrigation.

(4.) No. Lord Jersey said that irrigation works in properly-chosen places must prove in the long run as useful and beneficial to Australia as to India and Egypt, and he was confident that the Government was pursuing the right course in conserving water.

(10.) Vacluse Estate:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will the Government, in commemoration of, and taking into consideration the national importance of the visit of the American Fleet, consider the advisability of taking steps to resume the Vacluse Estate and call it Columbia Park, as a permanent memorial of the visit of the American warships to our shores?

(2.) Will the Government arrange with the owners of the Vacluse Estate to throw open the foreshores between Steel Point and Bottle and Glass, for the use of the public on the day of the arrival of the American Fleet?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The matter will be considered.

(2.) I am in communication with the owners on the subject.

(11.) Clerkship of Correspondence and Records, Treasury:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When the Clerkship of Correspondence, &c, Treasury, was last filled, was the salary reduced from £425 per annum to £350 simply to preserve the seniority rights of officers passed over advisedly?

(2.) Was the officer appointed to the position selected as the best man qualified to fill it?

(3.) Is promotion in the Civil Service usually on the lines followed in this case?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the answers given to similar Questions asked by him on the 21st August, 1906. The salary of the officer alluded to was, subsequently, on his appealing against his grading under section 19 of the Act, increased by the Public Service Board to £390 per annum, dating back to 1st January, 1906?

(12.) Decisions under the Vagrancy Act:—Mr. Meagher asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that conflicting decisions have been given by different Magistrates respecting the provisions of section 8 of the Vagrancy Act?

(2.) If so, will he introduce an Amending Bill at an early date?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Police Offences (Amendment) Bill introduced by me last week deals with this matter.

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- (13.) Theatrical License of the Town Hall :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was a personal revocable theatrical license issued to a person, or persons, to give a public entertainment in the Town Hall, Sydney, on 9th July, 1908; if so, why was such license granted instead of a license to the place, as provided by the Public Entertainments Act?
 - (2.) Was the Town Hall previously licensed as a place in which theatrical performances and exhibitions of horsemanship may be acted, represented, or performed for gain; if so, why was it necessary to issue a personal revocable theatrical license?
 - (3.) When the license was issued to the Town Hall, did the Government Architect certify that all the provisions for public safety had been observed in accordance with the regulations as approved by the Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette*, and does the building comply in all respects with such regulations?
 - (4.) Is there any building within the Metropolis which has been duly licensed as a place in which stage plays may be lawfully acted, represented, or performed for gain, and what is the form in which the building or place is authorised or licensed?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) There is no license under the Statute known as a "personal revocable license."
 - (2.) The previous license for the Town Hall was issued in 1906.
 - (3.) See answer to the Honorable Member's Question 5, section 2, of 5th August, 1908.
 - (4.) The license is that required by Statute, and is held for the buildings within the Metropolis requiring such a license under that Act.
- (14.) Labourers in Government Survey Camps :—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the wages paid to labourers in Government survey camps are 35s. per week, and that 11s. per week is deducted for keep?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the hours of labour are extremely long?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, and consider a proposal to pay the men involved 1s. per hour, and regulate the hours of employment?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) The labourers employed by the surveyors of this Department are paid at rates varying from 5s. to 6s. per diem for a week of seven days, from which, under agreement, a deduction is made of about 10s. or 11s. per week for rations. They do not lose pay through inclement weather or other causes, when not working.
 - (2.) It is believed that the men do not have to work extremely long hours.
 - (3.) It is not considered desirable to make a general rate of pay at 1s. per hour. Owing to the peculiar nature of a surveyor's duties, it is not practicable to regulate the hours of employment.
- (15.) High Price of Articles of Human Consumption :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that meat, butter, and like articles of human consumption have lately reached an abnormally high price?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that beef is being sold wholesale in England as cheap, if not cheaper, than in Sydney?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to whether this is due to the existence of produce or other rings for purposes of their own profit as against the consumer?
 - (4.) Will he consider whether the people of the State should have the benefit of the cheapness of its own production?
 - (5.) Has he power to impose an export duty on articles for human consumption, the product of the State; and, if so, will he take steps to do so?
 - (6.) Will he also take steps to inquire as to the cause of the very exceptional rise in the price of butter, and whether this is due to a ring of produce merchants or exporters in the city?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes, in some places.
 - (2.) I cannot say.
 - (3, 4, and 6.) Inquiries are being made for the purpose of ascertaining the causes of increase in the price of food, including butter.
 - (5.) This is a matter for the Commonwealth.
- (16.) Public Service Appeals :—Mr. Broughton asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he seen a letter appearing in the morning newspapers of 24th ultimo, headed "Seniority in the Civil Service"?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a public officer has no right of appeal under the circumstances detailed in that letter?
 - (3.) If the answer to (2) be "Yes," will he endeavour to give the Public Service Appeal Bill an earlier place on the programme for the Session than it has at present?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Under section 19 of the Public Service Act, any officer dissatisfied with any decision of the Board, either particular or general, in regard to grade affecting him, or to the classification of the work performed by or assigned to him, may forward notice of appeal. Under the circumstances mentioned in the letter referred to, an officer would have no right of appeal, but it would be open to him to lay any representations he might wish to make before the Board.
 - (3.) The request will be considered.
- (17.) Parish Maps of the State :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was application some time ago lodged by a Member of this House for a free copy of the map of every parish in this State, and was this application granted or refused?
 - (2.) If so, will he be good enough to furnish the name of the Member who lodged it?
- Mr. Moore answered,—No such application has been lodged with this Department.

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(18.) Claims of Retired Civil Servants :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—In regard to the claims of a number of retired Civil Servants in whose interests a deputation waited upon him some two months ago, will he be good enough to say whether he has yet arrived at any decision?

Mr. Wade answered,—The question of introducing amended legislation regarding this matter is now under consideration.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—Mr. Dooley presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Blackheath, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill. Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Memorandum by the Agent-General on the transference of the State Debts to the Commonwealth.
 - (2.) Minute respecting the non-collection of the License Fee provided for in section 156 of the Navigation Act, 1901, for Ballast Lighters.
 - (3.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (4.) Return respecting Locomotives imported and locally made during the last two years.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Tank at Beaconsfield.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Sewerage of the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Servants Registry Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th September.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The “Unsatisfactory Administration of the Invalidity Pensions Act.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. GUN LICENSE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Broughton, “That the Gun License Bill, which was introduced in the “Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the “Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Taylor,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Price,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Downes.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tourist Roads and Buildings in Kosciusko District:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The total cost of tourist roads constructed in the Kosciusko District to date?
- (2.) The cost of buildings erected for tourists in the same locality?
- (3.) The total expenditure on tourist roads throughout the State to date?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) £28,253 19s. 11d.
- (2.) £20,318 9s. 6d.
- (3.) £12,573 19s. 11d.

(2.) Stock Routes and Reserves and Camping and Water Reserves:—*Mr. Fleming*, for Mr. Barton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area from travelling stock routes and reserves, camping and water reserves has been taken during each year of 1905, 1906, and 1907?
- (2.) What area is at present proposed to abstract from this class of reserves?
- (3.) In what way are the interests of the public guarded against the alienation of these reserves from the purposes they were intended for?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) 1905—193,815 acres; 1906—213,775 acres; 1907—227,121 acres.
- (2.) This cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy.
- (3.) The fullest inquiry is made before revocation of any such reserves.

(3.) Forest Reserves:—*Mr. Fleming*, for Mr. Barton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area was taken from forest reserves each year in 1905, 1906, and 1907?
- (2.) What area is the Department proposing to take from the forest reserves in the near future, as recommended by the Forestry Boards?
- (3.) When appointing local Forestry Boards, did the Forestry Department have the right to appoint any members of the Boards?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Areas of forest reserves have been revoked as follows:—1st January to 30th June, 1905, 43,969 acres; 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906, 268,695 acres; 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, 528,637 acres; 1st July, 1907, to 31st December, 1907, 142,912 acres. During such periods 790,771 acres were notified as forest reserves.
- (2.) It is impossible to state, as so many of the proposals are still under consideration, or held over pending the Royal Commission's Report.
- (3.) No.

(4.) Amendment of Coal Mines Regulation Act:—*Mr. Charlton* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the decision of the High Court, in the case *Watson v. Broughall*, will he take action to amend general rule 1, section 47, of the Coal Mines Regulation Act during the present Session?

Mr. Wood answered,—It has already been decided to introduce an amendment of the general rule referred to during the present Session, if the state of public business will permit.

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- (5.) Amendment of Miners' Accident Relief Act:—*Mr. Charlton*, for *Mr. Edden*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he inform this House when he is likely to introduce an Amending Miners' Accident Relief Bill, to remedy defects in the present Miners' Accident Relief Act pointed out to him by the deputation that waited on him some time back?

Mr. Wood answered,—A draft Bill has already been before the Department for some time. This covers the amendments referred to, and will be introduced during the Session.

- (6.) Road, Bargo to Thirlmere:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is the road from Bargo to Thirlmere under his control?
 - (2.) In what state of repair is this road?
 - (3.) Has the road been repaired with sandstone, and have the repairs been effectual; if not, will he see that it will be repaired with blue metal and clay?
 - (4.) If the road is under his control will he see that immediate attention is given to this matter, and provide about £300 for its repair?
 - (5.) If the road is not under his control will he have the attention of the local Shire Council drawn to the necessity for its repair?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) I cannot say.
 - (3.) Prior to transfer to Shire Council, I understand the road was repaired with ironstone gravel.
 - (4.) It is not under Government control.
 - (5.) It is not my province to direct the attention of Shire Councils to the state of their roads.
- (7.) Dismissal of Tramway Conductors:—*Mr. Dacey*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) On what date did the Royal Commission to inquire into the Tramway System, presided over by *Mr. Blackett*, present its report for recommendation?
 - (2.) Since that date, what steps have been taken to give effect to that recommendation?
 - (3.) Since that date, how many tramway conductors have been dismissed from the Service for dishonesty, upon the report of special officers?
 - (4.) During the same period, how many tramway conductors have been dismissed from the Service for dishonesty, upon the report of the uniformed inspectors?
 - (5.) In how many cases have tramway conductors so reported against by special officers, appealed to the Appeals Board, and the charge against them been dismissed by the Appeals Board, in the same period?
 - (6.) In how many cases have tramway conductors, reported against by special officers, appealed to the Commissioners, or to the Chief Commissioner, and the charge against them been dismissed, during the same period?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information should be moved for in the form of a return.

- (8.) Railway, West Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico:—*Mr. G. A. Jones*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he authorised a trial survey of the proposed extension of the railway from West Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico?
 - (2.) If so, will he bring the matter before the Cabinet, with a view to having the line submitted to the Public Works Committee at an early date?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that there are thousands of acres of land that could be put to profitable use, and which is valuable for agriculture, awaiting the extension of this line?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A survey was made from West Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico in 1899, which passed about 10 miles to the north-east of Ungarie. In view, however, of the strong representations recently made to me I have authorised the exploration of a route *via* Ungarie, but no officer has yet been available for the purpose.
 - (2.) Will be dealt with when the railway policy is being considered by Cabinet.
 - (3.) Full inquiries will be made before the line is decided upon.
- (9.) Reception to United States Fleet—Country Cadets:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Premier,—Regarding the statement that the country cadets cannot be invited to Sydney to take part in the reception to the United States Fleet, on account of the difficulty of housing them, will he send circulars to a number of well-to-do families of Sydney and suburbs, asking them to provide lodgings for these cadets so as to enable them to attend the reception?

Mr. Wade answered,—The question of housing is not the most serious. The transit presents far greater difficulties. I am informed the Victorian Government have found it impracticable to provide for the transit of the cadets to Melbourne, although the distances to be covered are much shorter.

- (10.) Improvement Leases in Warialda District:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Improvement Leases 271 and 1,684, parishes Coolanga and Cook, county Stapylton, Warialda Land District, include part of Travelling Stock Reserve 21,007 within their external boundaries, and that parts of the said travelling stock reserve are fenced off by a wire-netting fence, without proper provision being made for the use of said reserve by *bona fide* travelling stock, by the erection of gates and proper indication of the reserve by notices?
 - (2.) Will he cause an immediate inspection to be made with a view to ascertaining the position of the fence, and, if necessary, compelling the lessees to make this travelling stock reserve available for the purpose for which it was notified?
 - (3.) Have the lessees incurred any penalty by thus depriving the travelling public of their rights?

(4.)

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(4.) Who are the lessees, and how much longer have the leases to run before the land included therein can be made available for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—I am unable to fully answer the Honorable Member's Questions without obtaining a report from the district surveyor, which will be called for at once.

(11.) Amendment of Civil Service Act Amendment Act :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,—Referring to the answer given to Mr. O'Sullivan's Question on 30th July, 1908, as to an amendment of the Civil Service Act Amendment Act of 1886, will he, apart from this, give his consideration to any particular case where a retired officer was not duly notified, giving the option of paying the amount of his abatement within a period of three years, and where said officer has some time since overpaid the amount of abatement referred to?

Mr. Wade answered,—The question must be dealt with as a whole.

(12.) Public School at Keepit :—Mr. G. A. Jones, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have tenders been called for a new school at Keepit?

(2.) If so, have any been accepted, and when will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The Department called for tenders for the work, but none were received in response to the advertisements. Subsequently two tenders were submitted, but they were considerably higher than the Departmental estimate. The local inspector has, therefore, been asked to furnish a report in regard to the matter.

(13.) Stonemasons' Phthisis :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

(1.) In regard to the extensive public works now going on, and which must always be in operation, necessitating cutting in Sydney sandstone, is it a fact that the men who do this work invariably live but ten or fifteen years, and at the end suffer cruel, protracted, and distressing deaths, due to crystals which accumulate in their lungs?

(2.) If so, will he appoint a medical practitioner and an engineer, as Commissioners to inquire into the matter, and to endeavour to devise some scheme by which this state of things may be remedied?

(3.) Will he have a report furnished of the number of men who, having worked on this class of public work, are now suffering or dying from stonemason's disease, and when list is furnished, will he grant those ailing Government medical aid without removing them from their homes, unless they be in the early stages of disease?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has informed me that all workmen continually exposed to breathe an atmosphere which is loaded with sharp dust, and who neglect simple precautions, are more liable than others to suffer from bronchitis, pneumonia, and the disease known as fibroid phthisis. But those who cut Sydney sandstone are not known to be especially liable. "Stonemasons' phthisis" is the name which has been given to the disease during a hundred years past. The remedies to be applied by way of prevention are (a) free ventilation; (b) sprinkling the work with water; (c) respirators to be worn by the workmen. Of 1,620 deaths ascribed to consumption which occurred in the Metropolitan District during the four years 1903-6, each of which was individually inquired into by the Medical Officer of Health, in forty the patients were said to have been employed at one time or another in cutting or excavating sandstone; but some of these would have suffered if in any other occupation, and the duration of such employment in any case was not ascertained.

(3.) I will cause inquiries to be made.

(14.) Extension of Early Closing Act :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Premier,—Will he pass a short measure this Session to make the Early Closing Act operative in shire urban areas, the same as in municipal areas?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Requests for the extension of the Early Closing Act to shire areas and to portions of areas have been received, and are under consideration. Information is being obtained as to the desirability of making the proposed extension.

(15.) Payment of State Employees for Public Holidays :—Mr. Grahame asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will all State employees be paid for the two public holidays proclaimed during the present month?

(2.) If not, will employees be allowed to work on such days?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No, unless they are permanent officers.

(2.) If a majority of hands employed are anxious to work there will be no objection.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Electric Tramway, The Spit to Manly*) :—

Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Electric Tramway from The Spit to Manly.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Public Service Board for the year 1907.

(2.) Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (3.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the protection of certain birds known as homing pigeons during their flights as bearers of messages from geographical point to point, or while under training, and at other times.
- Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the protection of certain birds known as 'homing pigeons' during their flights as bearers of messages from geographical point to point, or while under training, and at other times,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Alexandria, Mr. Dacey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for granting an additional day's leave per month to members of the Police Force who are stationed in large towns."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Dacey moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Cann called attention to a Notice of Motion, given this evening by the Honorable Member for Redfern, Mr. McGowen, for to-morrow, the debate on which was being anticipated by that now proceeding. He, therefore, submitted that this debate was out of order.

Mr. Speaker supported the point of order taken, and ruled the debate out of order.

6. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Land Board Sittings :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Peters, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the short notice given of Land Board sittings, persons having business before the Boards are greatly inconvenienced?

(2.) Would he direct that, as far as practicable, Land Board dates should be decided upon for the year, or a reasonably lengthy period, just as other legal tribunals arrange their circuits, so that applicants may know the date upon which their cases can be heard, and consequently be able to lodge all applications or notices at the correct time?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) No such complaints have been received. The regulations provide that 14 days' notice, as far as possible, shall be given, but it is sometimes found a convenience by parties interested to accept shorter notice.

(2.) This is impracticable, as it is frequently necessary to arrange for special Board sittings, in order that there may be no delay in considering applications for land made available from time to time.

(2.) Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Peters, asked the Premier,—Is it the intention of the Government, either this Session or next, to introduce a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, in order that the nomadic voter may be given a voice in the affairs of the country, and to enable electors generally to more easily record their votes?

Mr. Wood answered,—It is not the present intention of the Government to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act in this direction.

(3.) Northern Advisory Board—Tarriaro and Killarney Estates :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Tarriaro Estate, in the Narrabri District, which was referred to the Northern Advisory Board with the view to resumption, was extensively advertised both by the owner and the Intelligence Department for the purposes of subdivision, and that after frustrating the intention of the Closer Settlement Act by transferring to different members of his family, the land was withdrawn from sale by the owner?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to avoid a repetition of this in regard to the Killarney Estate, which also has been referred to the Advisory Board, and have same gazetted under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act, pending inquiry by the said Board?

(3.) When does he propose appointing a successor to Mr. Wetherspoon on the Northern Advisory Board?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) 10,000 acres of Tarriaro were advertised by the owners for sale at Narrabri, on 13th July, 1908, and the Intelligence Department intimated by circulars that the usual arrangements for reduced railway fares would be made for intending purchasers desiring to inspect. Subsequently the owner's agent informed the Intelligence Department that the sale had been postponed. It has since been ascertained that the estate has been partitioned among members of the owner's family, but pending receipt of the Advisory Board's report, it cannot be stated whether these dispositions would operate to defeat the purposes of the Closer Settlement Act.

(2.) Killarney Estate has not yet been reported upon by the Advisory Board and, in the meantime, no such action as the Honorable Member suggests can be taken.

(3.) The matter is under consideration.

(4.)

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- (4.) Hours and Pay of Municipal Employees :—Mr. Mercer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that several Municipalities work their employees, in connection with gasworks, electric lighting, and other municipal industries, more than eight hours per working day?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there are Municipal Councils which pay less than 7s. per day for labour upon road-making and other works?
 - (3.) Will he give the House an assurance that where financial aid is given to Municipal Councils, it shall be given only on condition that the working day and the minimum wage shall be those recognised by union workers in the industries concerned?
 - (4.) Will he take steps to incorporate such regulations in the amending Bill which he proposes to submit this Session?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware.

(3 and 4.) I am unable to control Councils in the direction indicated.

- (5.) Amendment of Local Government Act :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Premier,—Will he consider the necessity for amending, during the present Session, the Local Government Act of 1906, so as to abolish the provision in section 55, requiring a statutory declaration by the occupier in a Municipality before he can exercise the franchise?

Mr. Lee answered,—It is proposed to amend the Act, but the details have not yet been settled.

- (6.) Private Slaughterhouses in Metropolitan Area :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many private slaughterhouses are there in the Metropolitan area, and where are they situated?
 - (2.) Is regular Government inspection made of these places?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

(2.) Yes.

- (7.) Cancelled Improvement Leases on Strathbogie and Rockey Creek :—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area is comprised in the cancelled improvement leases, situated on Strathbogie and Rockey Creek?

(2.) When is it proposed to make these lands available for settlement, and under what form of tenure?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) 15,015 acres, of which 5,950 acres are now being designed for settlement; the balance of the area is in a mining reserve.

(2.) The work is in the initial stage, and it is thought the land cannot be made available until about the end of the year; probably two-thirds of the area will be made available for originals, the balance for additional.

- (8.) Electric System of Tramways at Newcastle :—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Tramway Department propose to send obsolete engines to Newcastle to provide for the working of the electric system of tramways at Newcastle?

(2.) If so, before these engines are sent, will he see that proper provision is made for the growing need of this important district?

Mr. Waddell answered,—When the conversion of the Newcastle lines to electric traction is determined none but effective engines will be supplied.

2. LEASE CONVERSION AND LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.

3. MORTLAKE TRAMWAY BOILER EXPLOSION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Evidence and Report of the Special Board appointed to inquire into the Mortlake Tramway Boiler Explosion.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Gun License Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th September.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Tycannah Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(2.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Moomin Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(3.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Careunga Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(4.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Tulloona Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of Private Licensed Slaughtering Premises in the Metropolitan District.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation No. 97, and Amended Form No. 25, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(2.) Papers setting forth the reason for departure from the ordinary procedure laid down in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in connection with the granting of increased salary to Mr. Arthur John Hare, Senior Inspector, Department of Lands.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Armidale, Mr. Lonsdale, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The urgent need for an immediate survey of the line of railway from the present survey to Dorrigo, on to Guy Fawkes." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Lonsdale moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. SUBVENTIONS TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood 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. Wood, Mr. Deputy-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. Wood, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on the next day of sitting.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 1st September.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday, the 1st September*, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other moneys for the financial year ended 30th June, 1908, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land-slip on Como-Mortdale Deviation:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a land-slip recently occurred through the batter being insufficient in one of the cuttings on the Como-Mortdale deviation?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am informed that it is not a fact that a land-slip occurred in one of the cuttings on the Como-Mortdale deviation through the batter being insufficient. On the 2nd August some of the filling to one of the gangways used during construction fell out, and at another spot a small quantity of shale slid off a greasy back in the natural formation.

- (2.) Locomotives built by Clyde Engineering Company:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several of the locomotives built for our railways by the Clyde Engineering Company were fitted with pistons too large for their cylinders; was one of the cylinders split through its piston being too large?

(2.) Did several of the pistons have to be taken out and turned down?

(3.) Did the Clyde Engineering Company replace the split cylinder at their own expense, or did the Railway Department have to pay for it being replaced?

(4.) Were the pistons which were found to be too large for their cylinders made according to the specifications given to the Clyde Engineering Company?

(5.) Were the cylinders according to specifications?

(6.) If the pistons were too large for their cylinders, who is responsible for the error?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am informed that:—

(1.) In three engines the piston heads were too tight for the cylinders; one of the cylinders split through this cause after a few weeks' work.

(2.) The piston heads in three engines were taken out and eased.

(3.) The Clyde Engineering Company replaced the cracked cylinder at their expense.

(4.) The pistons in question were larger than the drawing.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The Clyde Engineering Company is responsible for the error.

- (3.) Increased Pay to Police Force:—Mr. Broughton asked the Premier,—

(1.) In view of the movement to show public approval of the manner in which the police performed their duty during the late tramway strike, and at ordinary times, was it the intention of Sir Hector Carruthers, when head of the Government, to increase the pay of the lower ranks of the Police Service by 1s. per day without any restriction, and that he allowed the Inspector-General of Police to reduce it to 6d. per day?

(2.) Did the late Premier, when speaking in the country previous to the last General Elections, state that, in view of the increased cost of living and the satisfactory manner in which the police had always performed their duty, he was going to increase the police pay, and why was the Inspector-General of Police permitted to restrict it to members of the Force of over seven years' service, and prevent men under seven years' service from participating in it?

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(3.) Will he give instructions that in future all officers up to the necessary rank receive the pay in accordance with the intentions of the late Premier?

(4.) Is it a fact that when a constable has completed seven years' service, and is reported for a petty breach of Service Regulations and departmentally fined, he is further deprived of participating in this rise of 6d. per day?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No, it was not. The increase of 6d. per diem to the police was made by the Government solely upon the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Police, and of his own initiative. Neither Sir Hector Carruthers nor any other member of the Government ever suggested the increase.

(2.) The late Premier did say at Wagga Wagga, in his address to the electors on the 26th August, 1907, that he was going to increase the police pay, but that was after the Inspector-General had made his recommendation, dated 21st August, 1907, and which was carried out upon the lines recommended by Mr. Garvin.

(3.) All police receive the pay in terms with the recommendation and approval of the late Premier.

(4.) Police, upon completion of seven years' service, get the increase, unless their conduct has not been satisfactory, when the increase is deferred for a time.

(4.) Protection of Native Animals and Birds:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Premier,—Will he take necessary steps to secure the most stringent enforcement of the laws which exist for the protection of certain of our indigenous birds and animals; and, if needful, introduce still more drastic legislation to meet the case of birds which are wantonly destroyed for the purpose of supplying the demands of the millinery market?

Mr. Lee answered,—The whole matter is at present under consideration.

(5.) Public School at Collarenebri:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he accept a tender for the erection of a new school building at Collarenebri, without delay, in order that the building may be completed before the hot weather sets in?

Mr. Perry answered,—Tenders have been received, based upon plans and specifications specially adapted to meet requirements of the climate of the district, the whole of the school accommodation being on the upper floor, and the lower floor being reserved for shelter purposes. The acceptance of a tender will be decided with the least possible delay.

(6.) Stock Trucks—Coal Skips:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Carmichael, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many stock trucks were constructed during 1906 and 1907?

(2.) How many coal skips were constructed during the same period?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am informed that:—

(1.) Fifty-one four-wheeled sheep vans were constructed in 1906, and 17 in 1907. Twenty-nine four-wheeled cattle vans were built in 1906 and 69 in 1907. At present 500 stock trucks are under construction.

(2.) It is assumed coal hoppers are referred to. None were constructed in 1906, 200 in 1907. Out of a contract let in August, 1907, for 200, 136 have been delivered to date. It may be stated that the great majority of the coal trucks are owned by coal companies, and many new waggons have been added by them during the past two years.

(7.) Locomotive Engines:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Carmichael, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are worn-out locomotives disposed of by auction or by tender?

(2.) If by tender, who is the present contractor, and at what price per ton?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am informed that:—

(1.) Worn-out locomotives beyond further service are sold by public tender. In some cases locomotives suitable for light work, but not profitable for the heavier railway service have been sold on satisfactory offers being made.

(2.) The highest and successful tenderers for the last purchase of worn-out locomotives were Messrs. Noyes Brothers, at schedule rates, a lump sum for each item being quoted. The total amount of the contract was £5,711 15s. 1d.

(8.) Myall Creek, Gobbagombalin, and Marrar Estates:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Were Myall Creek, Gobbagombalin and Marrar Estates paid for by debentures or by cash?

(2.) If by debentures, what is the respective currency of such debentures, the rate of interest payable thereon, and the respective amounts of debentures?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Myall Creek was paid for by cash, £671, and by debentures of £100 each. Gobbagombalin and Marrar were paid for by cash.

(2.) The Myall Creek debentures mature on 1st April, 1915. The rate of interest is 4 per cent., payable half-yearly. The total amount of the debentures is £131,100.

3. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Gillies* presented a Petition from Richard Daniel Barry praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901.

And *Mr. Gillies* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Cessnock Express*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.

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4. PAPER:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reason for departure from the prescribed scale of increments provided for in the Public Service Regulation No. 149, in regard to the salary of Mr. Lionel Cohen, Assistant in the Chemical Laboratory, Department of Agriculture.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Church of England Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 6th October.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for King, Mr. Broughton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The urgent necessity of early legislation to minimise the smoke nuisance in the City of Sydney."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Broughton 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. Briner, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Downes, Mr. Edden, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lee, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Moore, Mr. Morton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Price,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Carriage of Starving Stock :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on the 2nd August last, James Pratley, of George's Plains, applied to the Railway Commissioners for the use of five trucks for the carriage of starving stock to Forbes, and received a reply that the trucks were not available, and would not be, until the 12th October?

(2.) Is it a fact that at the same time empty trucks were proceeding west through George's Plains to Forbes?

(3.) Will the Commissioners take steps to allow empty trucks proceeding to Western centres to pick up stock from intermediate stations?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) There is no record of such an order being tendered by Mr. Pratley.

(2.) Three trucks of cattle were loaded at Forbes, on the 4th and 5th August. Two of the empty trucks, to meet order were worked from Harden, while the other was sent from the Penrith district.

(3.) Where possible, and where delays will not be caused to orders already accepted, empty live-stock trucks travelling in the manner indicated are utilised between intermediate stations.

(2.) Working of the Inebriates Act :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has any provision been made by the Government for the reception of chronic drunkards, committed under the third section of the Inebriates Act?

(2.) If so, on what date was such provision first made use of, what is its character, and where is such place situated?

(3.) How many inebriates have been committed since the date of opening?

(4.) How many have been discharged?

(5.) For how many inebriates of each sex has accommodation been provided?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 12th August, 1907. Part of Darlinghurst Gaol, and also Shaftesbury Institution, South Head.

(3.) Thirty-four.

(4.) Four.

(5.) Darlinghurst—22 males, 12 females. Shaftesbury—24 females.

(3.) Extension of Tramway from Willoughby to Chatswood :—Mr. Davidson, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the extension of the tramway line from Willoughby to Chatswood has lately been opened?

(2.) Will he be good enough to ascertain from the Commissioners for Railways the reason for allowing passengers, who hitherto have not utilised the tramway line, to have the benefit of the extension from Willoughby to Chatswood free of cost?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners, in reply to requests from various petitioners, declined to extend the present section from Ridge-street to Ernest-street as far as French's-road or Slade-street, on the grounds of economy and the poor return of interest on the North Shore lines?

(4.) Will he also ascertain the distance from Milson's Point to Slade-street, and the distance from Slade-street to Chatswood, and is it a fact that the fare is the same from Milson's Point to Slade-street as it is from Milson's Point to Chatswood?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am informed that a local fare of one penny is charged.
- (3.) The Commissioners did not accede to the request for the extension of the local sections, but agreed to consider the matter when the new line from Miller-street to Crow's Nest, *via* Lane Cove road, is opened.
- (4.) The distance from Milson's Point to Slade-street is 2 miles 31 chains, and from Slade-street to Chatswood 2 miles 52 chains. While there are four local one-penny sections between Chatswood and Milson's Point, the through-fare for the entire distance is threepence, and the same through fare applies as from the third or fourth sections.

(4.) Special Duty by Police during Fleet week:—Mr. G. A. Jones, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many members of the Police Force were employed on special duty during Fleet week?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on review day police were on special duty from 9 a.m. till 11 p.m. with only a slight break in the afternoon, and with no provisions or facilities for obtaining meals; if not, what time were they so employed?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, in the cases of the military, the men were instructed, and went to review provided with meals?
- (4.) Is it a fact that on other days of the Fleet week the police were long hours on duty?
- (5.) Have they been offered holidays in lieu of monetary pay for the arduous duties performed, and will the Inspector-General of Police consider the expediency of giving a substantial monetary reward as in the case of private companies to compensate them for the extra duties performed?

Mr. Wood answered,—About 700 police were employed. Police performed extra duty on review and other days, as required by the Department. I cannot say whether the military were provided with meals or not. The Police Department, however, does not provide meals for the police. The police have not been offered holidays in lieu of monetary pay for extra work, because they are expected to perform extra duty when the exigencies of the Service demand it. Police have never been paid for overtime duty, but they are generally allowed time off. The Inspector-General notified the Metropolitan Superintendent, prior to the arrival of the Fleet, that he would allow all police employed upon duty during the Fleet week two (2) extra days' leave upon full pay.

(5.) Merriwee Estate, Condobolin:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to having the Merriwee Estate at Condobolin resumed for closer settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—A report concerning this estate was obtained from the district surveyor in 1907; the papers have been referred to the Central-Western Advisory Board.

(6.) Footboards of Trams:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is there any regulation prohibiting the general public from travelling on the footboard of the tramways?
- (2.) If so, will he instruct the Commissioners for Railways to have the same enforced?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed there is a general by-law preventing persons from riding upon any portion of car not intended for the conveyance of passengers.
- (2.) Efforts are made to stop irregular riding where it can reasonably be done.

(7.) Closer Settlement on the Upper Hunter:—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the Northern Advisory Board, appointed under the Closer Settlement Act, yet instituted inquiries as to the suitability of various estates on the Upper Hunter for resumption under the Act?
- (2.) If not, when will such inquiry be made?

Mr. Moore answered,—The Northern Advisory Board has already inspected several estates on the Upper Hunter, and further inspections will be made in due course.

(8.) Appointment of Additional Surveyors to Grafton Land District:—Mr. Hindmarsh asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the additional surveyors and staff been appointed to the Grafton Land District; if not, when may it be expected that they will be appointed?

Mr. Moore answered,—The office staff have been strengthened by the addition of two draftsmen and two clerks, also a relieving draftsman. The field staff requires to be still further increased. Every effort is being made to obtain the services of suitable men, but the exceptional difficulties of survey work in parts of the district make it unattractive even at large increases in the usual scale of fees.

(9.) Employment of Immigrants:—Mr. Charlton asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that several who heard Sir Hector Carruthers lecturing in Glasgow upon the wealth and possibilities of New South Wales were induced to emigrate to this State?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on arrival in Sydney they inquired at the Intelligence Bureau on two occasions, and also visited Newcastle district, with a view of obtaining employment, without success?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there are a large number of unemployed in this State; if so, will he take immediate action to give full publicity to same in Great Britain, with a view of giving the fullest information to intending emigrants?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Not that my Honorable Colleague is aware.
- (2.) The officers of the Intelligence Department have not been advised by any new arrivals that they were induced to emigrate to New South Wales by the remarks of Sir Hector Carruthers.
- (3.) The Agent-General for New South Wales is advised week by week by the conditions existing in this State, and no assistance or encouragement is given to other than agriculturists or domestic servants. The whole of these persons are readily placed in employment immediately after arrival.

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(10.) Local Government Rates on Public Buildings and Railway Property:—*Mr. Davidson*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under the Shires Act rates may be charged upon public buildings, such as prisons, court-houses, schools, and other Government institutions?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that railway buildings, land, and other railway property, are exempt?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Railway Department not only derives revenue from goods and coaching traffic, but also from rents charged for houses and lands vested in the Railway Department?

(4.) Is it a fact that the cost of making and maintaining roads near and leading to the railway stations and goods yards is heavier on the Shires than outlying roads in consequence of the concentration of heavy traffic?

(5.) In view of the pressing financial necessities of the various Shires and Municipalities, will he be good enough to amend the Shires Act so as to bring the railway properties within the scope of the Local Government Act for rating purposes?

(6.) Pending the amendment of the Local Government Act in the desired direction, will he arrange for a subsidy to be paid to the Shires and Municipalities equivalent to the amount of rates which such councils would be entitled to?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) This is a question for the Railway Commissioners to answer.

(4.) I am unable to say.

(5.) The Local Government Act, 1906, already provides that land vested in the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and used for any purposes except railway purposes, is ratable.

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(11.) Railway Transport Rates for Settlers in New South Wales:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners made any arrangement to transport, at reduced rates, goods and plant of residents of other States purchasing land in New South Wales; if so, what is the nature of such arrangement?

(2.) Have any residents of this State asked for similar concessions; if so, how many received same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that, on clear evidence being given, persons from beyond the State, who have been induced by the Agent-General or the Director of the Intelligence Department to take up land and settle in New South Wales, are allowed half-fares for themselves, and half-rates for their belongings.

(2.) Similar reductions are made to successful applicants for land under the Closer Settlement Act.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of part of the Peel River Estate for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Cranky Rock and Tenandra portions of the Sunny Ridge Estate for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

(3.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Droubalgie Estate for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

(4.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Walla Walla Estate for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(6.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

(7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a General Cemetery at Cadia.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Substituted Regulation No. 13, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.

(2.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, for the control of traffic in Port Jackson on the 22nd August, 1908, on the occasion of the Regatta.

(3.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, on the occasion of the Pyrotechnic Display on the 22nd August, 1908.

(4.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, repealing the Regulations made for the Regatta on the 22nd August, 1908.

(5.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Beecroft.

(6.) Minute of the Colonial Treasurer respecting the promotion of *Mr. Edward Hungerford*, Accountant, Stores Supply and Tender Board.

(7.) Statement of Banks Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1908.

(8.) Statement of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation declaring village lands at Adelong to be private lands within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

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- (2.) Proclamation declaring village lands at Adelong to be private lands within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (3.) Proclamation declaring a certain work to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (4.) Proclamation declaring Silica to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Gillies 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 State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901,*"—read a first time.
4. COAL AND COKE USED BY THE RAILWAYS, TRAMWAYS, AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The amount of coal and coke used on the Railways, Tramways, and other State Departments during the year 1907.
- (2.) The cost per ton for round coal.
- (3.) The cost per ton for small coal, also for unscreened coal and coke.
- (4.) The names and localities of the mines and places from which the above mineral was supplied.
- Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Homing Pigeons Protection Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd September.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Robert Jones, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The action of the Department in the matter of notifying residents of thirty years' standing to cease their occupancy of blocks on Travelling Stock and Camping Reserve, parish Piambong, county Wellington."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Jones moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
7. SUBVENTIONS TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wood, *passed*.
- Mr. Wood then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise payments in subvention of friendly societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 authorise payments in subvention of friendly societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd September, 1908.
8. PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd September, 1908.
- F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- Bill, on motion of Sir James Graham, read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October.

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9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PEEL RIVER OR GOONOO GOONOO ESTATE:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 100,000 acres, more or less, of private land situate near Tamworth, being the portion of the Peel River or Goonoo Goonoo Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 20th March, 1908, together with any improvements thereon.
Debate ensued.

Disorder: The Honorable Member for The Darling, Mr. Meehan, having repeatedly disregarded directions and warnings from the Chair to desist from disorderly interjections, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the acting Serjeant-at-Arms.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered,—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Village at Ulong Creek and Brookana, Eastern Dorrigo:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was any request ever submitted with a view to the establishment of a Government village or township at Ulong Creek, Eastern Dorrigo?
 (2.) Is it proposed to establish a village in this locality, or is it proposed that Brookana shall serve the whole of Eastern Dorrigo?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes, by the Eastern Dorrigo Settlers' Progress Association.
 (2.) Further consideration of the matter awaits receipt of a reply from the progress association regarding the position desired for the proposed village, in view of the fact that the site of the proposed railway station at Ulong Creek is situated some distance to the north of the site applied for as a village.

- (2.) Extra Pay to the Police:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has it been decided to pay police a sum of five shillings for each day they were engaged on duty at the late tramway strike?
 (2.) Is the ordinary pay of police seven shillings, or more, per day of eight hours?
 (3.) Were some of these police engaged fourteen, fifteen, and even sixteen hours on some of the strike days, besides having to walk long distances to their homes?
 (4.) Is it the custom of the Government Service to pay more than ordinary wages for overtime?
 (5.) Does he consider that five shillings is a reasonable remuneration for the additional eight hours worked by these men, whose ordinary pay for eight hours is eight shillings?
 (6.) Will he see that the police receive not less than their ordinary pay for each hour of overtime they were on duty during the strike?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Police have already been paid five shillings per diem extra for each day they were employed on duty during the tramway strike.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Many of them did duty for twelve and fourteen hours.
 (4, 5, and 6.) Police have never been paid for overtime, but are, as a rule, allowed time off in the Metropolitan District. The ordinary work of police consists of eight hours' duty per diem, but in circumstances require it they are expected to do more.

- (3.) Remuneration to Country Police:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What remuneration do the country police receive for acting in the following capacities:—(a) Inspector under the Early Closing Act; (b) Inspector under Explosives Act; (c) Inspector under Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act; (d) Inspector under the Shearers' Accommodation Act; (e) Lands Bailiff and Collector of Electoral Rolls; (f) Collector of Agriculture and Pastoral Statistics; (g) Mining Registrar, Warden's Clerk, and Deputy Electoral Registrar; (h) Appointments under the Liquor Act?

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Mr. Wood answered,—(a, b, c, and d) Nil; (e) Collectors of Electoral Rolls receive allowance at the following rates, viz.:—Mounted Police absent for a complete day and night, 1s. per diem in addition to the ordinary travelling allowance, i.e., sergeants, 7s.; other police, 6s. Police in large country towns (mounted and foot), when not absent for the night, but engaged the whole day, 2s. per diem.; when engaged for half-day only, 1s.; (f) nil; (g) Mining Registrars, £5 to £20 per annum; Warden's Clerks, £5 to £20 per annum; Deputy Electoral Registrars, £2 to £3 per annum; (h) nil, with the exception of at Newcastle and Broken Hill, where the police receive from £5 to £7 10s. per annum.

(4.) Locomotive Engines:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that the New South Wales Railway Commissioners have placed orders for nearly 100 locomotives in England?
- (2.) Were tenders called in New South Wales for the construction of the locomotives?
- (3.) What reasons induced the railway authorities to send the orders to firms outside of New South Wales?
- (4.) Were local firms given an opportunity of competing; if not, will he take steps to see that this course is adopted in the future?
- (5.) Has he any objection to place the whole of the papers before Parliament?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Orders were placed in England for the supply of seventy-five locomotives.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The urgent necessity for obtaining locomotives in the shortest possible time to meet the great growth of business on the railways.
- (4.) Local firms were not in a position to compete in regard to time limit, but at the present time negotiations are proceeding with the object of placing a further order for the manufacture of locomotives locally, and the Commissioners have also arranged to have additional locomotives made at Eveleigh.
- (5.) The papers would only indicate what has already been stated in respect to the Questions.

(5.) Dredge Service:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to a reply received by the Member for Belmore, to the effect that it is difficult to give a general reply beforehand to the claims of those dredgemen and officers who seek retirement and compensation, will he be good enough to have a special inquiry made into the matter, so that these men may have a definite pronouncement on the subject?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes; the matter is already the subject of inquiry, and will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(6.) Sydney Harbour Trust—Sydney Ferries Company:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some officers of the Sydney Harbour Trust are granted free passes by the Sydney Ferries Company's steamers; if so, what are the names of such officers, and for what special purposes are the passes supplied?
- (2.) Did the Trust lately grant a lease, without competition, to the Sydney Ferries Company of Prince's Stairs, Circular Quay, at the low rental of £250 per annum; and what is the estimated expenditure by the Trust in improvements there?
- (3.) Has the manager of the Sydney Ferries Company written to the Harbour Trust Commissioners, congratulating their officers on their efficient conduct of the traffic during Fleet week; and is it a fact that at some wharves, notably that carrying Mosman and Neutral Bay traffic at Circular Quay, the company was unable to cope with the ferry traffic?
- (4.) What steps did the Harbour Trust or Navigation Board take to prevent overcrowding of ferry traffic?
- (5.) Is it a fact that other than ferry traffic was run from Neutral Bay and Mosman jetties, Circular Quay, at any time during Fleet week?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

- (1.) The President and the Engineer-in-Chief of the Sydney Harbour Trust hold free passes over the company's services.
- (2.) In reply to the Honorable Member's Question of the 31st March last, I stated that such lease had been granted and gave the reasons therefor. The estimated expenditure by the Trust in improvements at Prince's Stairs is £626 16s. 1d.
- (3.) (a) Yes; (b) the Commissioners are not aware that the company was unable to cope with the traffic at Circular Quay in connection with its services to Mosman and Neutral Bay during Fleet week.
- (4.) All the surveyors and inspectors of the Department of Navigation were on duty, and took every precaution to prevent overcrowding.
- (5.) In order to efficiently handle the enormous ferry and excursion traffic between the 20th and 27th ultimo, the Commissioners found it necessary to relax the regulations to some extent. The Watson's Bay Company, the Port Jackson Company, and the Sydney Ferries (Limited) were allowed to run certain special trips from Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 jetties, Circular Quay, and the Balmain Ferry Company was permitted to run excursion boats from a portion of the Orient Company's old wharf.

(7.) Colley Creek Land Resumption:—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he anticipate being able to submit to this House the Colley Creek resumption proposals?

Mr. Moore answered,—Pending receipt of the advisory board's final report, no decision can be arrived at.

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- (8.) Mulgunnia Improvement Leases:—*Mr. Hollis*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Mulgunnia Gold Reserve, recently made available for improvement leases, comprises some country which would be readily taken up on some permanent tenure in much smaller areas than is provided for in the subdivision for improvement leases?
 - (2.) Will he reconsider the subdivision with a view to make the land available in smaller areas?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The Local Land Board, after inquiry, reported that the country is generally very hilly, stony, and steep, and is not adapted for settlement. The Mines Department objects to the cancellation of the gold-field reserve from conditional sale, but offers no objection to improvement lease.
- (2.) The matter is being considered.

- (9.) Locomotive Engines:—*Mr. Beeby* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many locomotives have been ordered during the past twelve months?
- (2.) On what dates were they ordered?
- (3.) How many of each class was ordered, and what price is being paid for the engines of each class?
- (4.) What is the total cost of one of the "T," "P," and "S" engines purchased from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, and Company during the last twelve months when the engine is taken over by the Railway Department?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the Locomotive Department has lately been so short of suburban engines that as many as ten heavy tender engines have been employed of an evening running suburban trains?
- (6.) Did many of these tender engines have to run tender first?
- (7.) Is it a fact that running tender first, except at slow speeds, is highly dangerous?
- (8.) Is it a fact that a large number of antiquated locomotives are employed on our railways, and that these engines should and could be replaced by up-to-date engines of double their capacity?
- (9.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Lucy*, who was specially engaged to take charge of Eveleigh workshops, and who was personally superintending the building of the new engines being constructed there, has been removed from the workshops and given a position in which he has no longer any control over the building of the new locomotives?
- (10.) If so, why was *Mr. Lucy* removed from the position he formerly held in the workshops?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There is no objection to furnish the information; but it should be moved for as a return.

- (10.) Narrabri—Moree and Moree—Inverell Railways:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What were respectively the earnings, the interest, and working expenses, and profit or loss on the Narrabri—Moree railway for the years ending 30th June, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1908?
- (2.) Similar information for the same periods on the Moree—Inverell section?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information would be too voluminous to give as a reply to a question. There is no objection to it if moved for as a return.

- (11.) Railway Facilities for Hurstville:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did a deputation from the Hurstville Municipal Council wait upon the Chief Railway Commissioner lately with regard to improved railway facilities, and is it a fact that there is a general demand from the more distant suburban areas for better train service and cheaper rates?
- (2.) If so, will he, as Minister for Railways, give consideration to the policy of special concessions, by way of cheaper rates and quicker trains, to these distant, elevated, and healthy suburbs in order that people may be induced to leave crowded areas for healthier homes?
- (3.) Is this policy not generally followed in the older countries of Europe and America?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a deputation did recently wait upon the Chief Commissioner with regard to railway improvements. It is a fact that there is a general demand for better train service and cheaper rates, but the demand is not novel.
- (2.) The Chief Commissioner is in sympathy with the question of cheap rates and quick trains for distant suburbs, but the accommodation and fares must be guided by the requirements and due consideration must be given to the interests of the community generally. It would not be equitable to give special concessions in regard to cheap rates and quick trains to suburbs which would involve a heavy loss, so that the concessions, while benefiting one locality, would inflict a tax upon the rest of the community.
- (3.) Business considerations generally govern the policy followed in Europe and America. In this State national considerations are probably more recognised in regard to railway matters than would be the case in other parts of the world.

- (12.) Amendment of the Divorce Laws:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the remarks of *Mr. Justice Simpson* (as reported in the *Herald* of 2nd September) in regard to that portion of the Divorce law of this State, which permits a "short cut" to divorce, by obtaining in the first instance a decree for the restitution of conjugal rights?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the learned Judge has several times thrown out a suggestion that the law should be altered in this respect?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisableness of adopting the learned Judge's suggestion?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I understand that reference has previously been made by the Judge to this matter.
- (3.) Yes.

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(13.) Clerkship of Correspondence and Records, Treasury :—*Mr. G. A. Jones*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Referring to the answer to a previous Question, that when the position of Clerk of Correspondence, &c., Treasury, was last filled, it was reduced in salary from £425 to £350, is it a fact that the appointee was selected for special fitness, not seniority?

(2.) Does this case illustrate the lines upon which promotion is conducted in the Civil Service?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am unable to add anything to the replies already given to Questions asked by the Honorable Member on this subject.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Statement furnished by the Public Service Board respecting Retiring Gratuities to Dredge Service Employees.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Forms Nos. 4, 4A, and 4B, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(2.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3 UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Unclaimed Moneys Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, *Mr. Parkes*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity of the Government causing to be completed the Royal Commission Inquiry into the Estate of the late S. M. Swift, now standing partly completed by *Mr. A. Brierly*."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—*Mr. Morton*, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PEEL RIVER OR GOONOO GOONOO ESTATE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Moore*, "That, pursuant to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 100,000 acres, more or less, of private land situate near Tamworth, being the portion of the Peel River or Goonoo Goonoo Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 20th March, 1908, together with any improvements thereon,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Davidson,

Mr. James,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Horne,
Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Moxham,

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. W. Millard,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Gillies.

Tellers,

Mr. Levien,
Mr. Ball.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. John Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Treflé,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at eleven minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public Service Appeals :—Mr. Broughton asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Referring to Mr. Broughton's Question of 11th August, No. 16, respecting Public Service Appeals, did the reduction made in the salary of the position in question affect its grading?
 - (2.) Does section 19 of the Public Service Act, which provides that under certain circumstances an officer may lodge an appeal, also direct that the Board shall consider the appeal?
 - (3.) What particular feature of this case placed it outside the category of cases in which the Board must hear an appeal if lodged?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 3.) In the absence of more definite particulars of the case to which reference is made, I am unable to furnish the Honorable Member with the information he desires. In any case, Questions involving an expression of opinion regarding the interpretation of a Statute do not come within the scope of those to which a Minister usually replies.

(2.) Yes.

- (2.) Assisted Immigration :—Mr. Parkes, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has he seen the statement accredited to Sir Hector Carruthers that "Until Parliament sees its way to vote a much larger sum for assisted immigration, the immigration policy of this State will not be a success"?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Queensland Government has devoted £50,000 for immigration purposes?
- (3.) Is it a fact that nominated passages can be obtained to Queensland for £4 for an adult male and £2 for an adult female?
- (4.) Is it a fact that any accredited immigrant who deposits £50 at the Queensland Agent-General's office in London can obtain a passage to Queensland for £5?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the Queensland Government has passed legislation by which free grants of 100 acres of land can be obtained?
- (6.) Is it a fact that there is a great and increasing demand for labour in the country districts; if so, will he consider the advisability of increasing the vote for assisted immigration on this year's Estimates to, at least, £50,000?
- (7.) Will he be prepared to reduce the scale for assisted passages to that current in Queensland?
- (8.) Will he allow assisted passages to any intending immigrants in the United Kingdom or India who can deposit a certain sum—say, £50 or £100?
- (9.) Is there an urgent demand for workers in the dairying or other farming industries; if so, will he allow assisted passages to lads between the ages of 16 and 20 years, who bind themselves to go on farms?
- (10.) Will he consider the desirability of establishing an Immigrants Home, such as exists at present in Queensland, where immigrants can be sent for a few days until they obtain employment?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) A newspaper report, attributing a statement of this character to Sir Joseph Carruthers, has come under my notice.
- (2.) I understand that a sum of £50,000 was set apart for immigration purposes by the Queensland Parliament in respect of the year 1907-8.
- (3, 4, and 5.) I understand so.
- (6 to 10.) I am informed that a steady demand for farm hands still exists. Some of these matters have already been dealt with; others are now under consideration.

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(3.) **Gratuity and Leave of Absence to Warders**:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What leave of absence, on full pay, is allowed to warders for services rendered during twenty to thirty years' and upwards of continuous service?
- (2.) Are warders debarred from the extended leave mentioned in the Public Service Act, General Division, page 18, paragraph 53; if so, why?
- (3.) What gratuity is allowed to warders on retiring after twenty to thirty years' and upwards of continuous service?
- (4.) Why is warders' extended leave of absence regulated by the Head of the Prisons Department, notwithstanding the provisions of the Public Service Act, as laid down in General Division, page 18, paragraph 53?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Six months retiring leave, in addition to ordinary leave.
- (2 and 4.) I cannot find in the Public Service Act any such provision as that stated by the Honorable Member. Warders are subject to regulations under the Prisons Act, and the Public Service Act applies to them only so far as salary and allowances are concerned.
- (3.) Nothing beyond retiring leave, excepting in the cases of those who availed themselves of the opportunity afforded of contributing to the Superannuation Fund.

(4.) **Working of the Inebriates Act**:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What is, approximately, the superficial area of the portion of Darlinghurst Gaol set apart for the reception of chronic drunkards committed under the Inebriates Act?
- (2.) The same information in reference to the Shaftesbury Institution, near South Head?
- (3.) Is it a fact that returns made show that in a recent year there were upwards of 1,100 inebriates in the Metropolitan District who had rendered themselves by repeated convictions subject to the third clause of the Inebriates Act; if so, what action does the Government intend to take to meet the necessity of dealing with this class of persons?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Nearly an acre.
- (2.) 11 acres 1 rood 21 perches.
- (3.) I am not aware of any such return having been prepared. The question of establishing another institution for the treatment of male inebriates is at present under consideration. I may add that as this method of treatment is experimental progress must be gradual, but the success so far achieved now justifies the system being extended on a larger scale.

(5.) **Extra Duty by Police during Visit of United States Fleet**:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the police paid any allowance for the overtime they worked, or was any monetary allowance made to them for their extra duties during the visit of the United States fleet?
- (2.) Did the officers of police, as well as the men, work on an average over fourteen hours every day during Fleet week?
- (3.) Are the officers to receive any extra leave, or be compensated in any way for their extra duties?

Mr. Wood answered,—No one in the Police Force has been paid any allowance for extra duty performed during the visit of the American Fleet. Two (2) extra days' leave upon full pay has been granted all police performing duty during the visit of the Fleet.

(6.) **Extra Duty by Tramway Employees during Visit of United States Fleet**:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the tramway employees been granted two days' leave and one day's extra pay for their special services during the Fleet week?
- (2.) Do they also receive payment for all overtime worked during that week?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

- (1.) Tramway men connected with the running service have been granted two days' holidays, and one day's extra pay as stated.
- (2.) Yes.

(7.) **Closing of Shops on Sunday**:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Under whose authority are the shops in certain localities permitted to open for the sale of fruit and temperance drinks on Sundays?
- (2.) Will he see that this practice is abolished, or that it is extended to all shops in the Metropolitan area?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the replies given to his Questions of 7th November and 6th August last. He asked for and received replies to similar Questions to those now asked.

(8.) **Fees to Miners' Accident Relief Board**:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What fees have been paid to the members of the Miners' Accident Relief Board since the inception of the Act?
- (2.) Do members of that Board receive fees other than for attending meetings?
- (3.) What is the total amount paid to members during last financial year, and to whom paid?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) To 30th June, 1908, £215 5s.
- (2.) The Chairman receives fees for attendance at the Department in pursuance of his duties.
- (3.) From 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908, *Mr. W. Bower*, £2 2s. board fees, £1 1s. travelling expenses; the Chairman, £115 10s. board fees, £38 17s. travelling expenses; total, £157 10s.

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- (9.) Railway Transport Rates for Settlers in New South Wales:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In reference to the concessions granted by the Railway Commissioners to persons induced by the Director of Agriculture to take up land and settle in New South Wales, is it a fact that the concession of half-fares and freights has been granted to transferees of closer settlement blocks coming from other States and refused to transferees of closer settlement blocks living in New South Wales?
 - (2.) If this is a fact, what reason is advanced for such differential treatment?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) It is a fact that transferees of closer settlement blocks coming from other States are granted half-fares and half-rates for their belongings; each case is considered on its merits. The concession is only granted to residents of New South Wales on first taking over land from the Government under the Closer Settlement Act.
 - (2.) The difference in treatment is accorded with a view to inducing additional settlement in New South Wales.
- (10.) Promotions in the Public Service:—Mr. Parkes asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he noticed a letter which has recently appeared in the daily Press headed "The Sacredness of Seniority in the Civil Service"?
 - (2.) Is the case set out in that letter, as illustrating the manner in which the Civil Service is being administered, authentic?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given by me on the 11th ultimo to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for King on this subject; and also to my answer to a further Question on to-day's Business Paper regarding the matter.
- (11.) Electrician, Public Works Department:—Mr. Hollis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is no practical electrician directing the electrical wiremen (eight or nine men) employed by the Public Works Department?
 - (2.) Is Mr. Golding (Foreman Plumber, Government Architect's Yard), the officer-in-charge, immediately supervising the wiremen, from whom they receive their instructions?
 - (3.) What are Mr. Golding's qualifications, from an electrical point of view—(a) does he possess either a theoretical or practical knowledge of electrical wiring; (b) has he ever been employed at the trade?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the leading wireman, formerly in charge of the work of wiring the Registrar-General's Office, applied for an increase of 1s. per day over the ordinary journeyman's wage of 9s. (the rate he was then receiving); and that he (G. R. W. Thaler) left the service because he refused to take the responsibility of bossing the job for the same money as the ordinary hands were receiving?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that it is the usual practice of the trade to pay the working foreman (or leading hand) a higher wage than the men working under him?
 - (6.) Will he give instructions that a practical working electrician be appointed to directly supervise the electrical workers employed by the Department?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Golding sees that the instructions, as received from the electrical engineer, are carried out.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) He has sufficient practical knowledge.
 - (4.) Yes. The reason for leaving the service is not known.
 - (5.) It is generally the practice.
 - (6.) An electrical engineer of high qualifications is responsible for the electrical work carried out in the Government Architect's Branch.
- (12.) Locomotive Engines:—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Locomotive Department has lately been so short of suburban engines that as many as ten heavy tender engines have been employed of an evening running suburban trains?
 - (2.) Did many of these tender engines have to run tender first?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that running tender first, except at slow speeds, is highly dangerous?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that a large number of antiquated locomotives are employed on our railways, and that these engines should and could be replaced by up-to-date engines of double their capacity?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Lucy, who was specially engaged to take charge of Eveleigh workshops, and who was personally superintending the building of the new engines being constructed there, has been removed from the workshops and given a position in which he has no longer any control over the building of the new locomotives?
 - (6.) If so, why was Mr. Lucy removed from the position he formerly held in the workshops?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed it was a fact during the late exceedingly heavy traffic.
 - (2.) Yes, in one direction.
 - (3.) Not with bogie tenders.
 - (4.) There are very few engines that are not useful and required to meet existing conditions of road and traffic. We require light engines for several services.
 - (5.) Mr. Lucy was not specially engaged to take charge of the Eveleigh workshops.
 - (6.) Mr. Lucy was first given an opportunity of studying and making himself acquainted with the workshops. When that was done he took up the running branch, to enable him to study that branch, with the expectation of improving it and effecting economy.

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2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INEBRIATES ACT:—Mr. David Storey presented a Petition from W. J. Green, Grand Chief Templar, and G. House, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge Executive of New South Wales of the International Order of Good Templars, representing that great misery and distress exists as a consequence of the inadequate use made by the executive authorities of the provisions of the Inebriates Act; that Petitioners believe that were inebriates confined under conditions which would ensure the employment of the able-bodied, it would result in great advantage to the State, benefit to themselves, as well as relief to those connected with them; and praying that provision be quickly made for the use of the institution partly established on Rabbit and Milson Islands, in the Hawkesbury River; and that provision be made in portion of the existing Benevolent Asylums for the reception of decrepit and destitute inebriates.

Petition received.

At the request of Mr. Storey, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk.

3. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Auburn, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that, should it become law, it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill.

Petition received.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Totalizator Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. McNeill,

Mr. Peters,
Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Trofé,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. E. M. Clark,

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Scobie.
Tellers,
Mr. Fleming,
Colonel Onslow.

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Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. McCoy.
Tellers,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Grahame.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Great Northern Coal Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Collins, Mr. Estell, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McLaurin, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Unclaimed Moneys Bill postponed until Tuesday, 3rd November.

7. MINIMUM WAGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hogue, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Notification cancelling Regulation No. 88 under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and Pastures Protection (Amendment) Act, 1906, and issuing an Amended Regulation in lieu thereof.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Clarence, Mr. McFarlane, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity of taking steps to give relief to Conditional Purchasers and Conditional Lessees respecting the payment of survey fees."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. McFarlane moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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10. ACCOUNTANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Broughton, "That the Accountants Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Servants Registry Bill postponed until Tuesday, 6th October.
12. GUN LICENSE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Broughton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Nielsen submitted that, as the Bill imposed a license fee for carrying fire-arms, which was in the nature of a tax, it should have been recommended by a Message and brought in through Committee of the Whole; and, further, that by placing restrictions upon traders in fire-arms, the Bill interfered with trade, and for that reason also should have been brought in through Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker said that a license fee was not a tax, persons incurring it doing so voluntarily,—he, therefore, overruled the first point taken; but with regard to the second objection, the Bill appeared to him to be an interference with trade, and not having been brought in through Committee of the Whole, was out of order.
On motion of Mr. Broughton, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Application for Oyster Leases, Clarence River:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was an application for an oyster lease near the Oyster Channel, Clarence River, lodged within the last twelve months by a man named Barclay; if so, what was the date of his application?
 - (2.) Did a man named Johnston subsequently apply to lease the same area, and was he informed that it could not be granted to him because Barclay was a prior applicant?
 - (3.) Ultimately did a man named Taylor obtain 600 yards of the area in question, and did Johnston obtain 100 yards, while Barclay obtained none?
 - (4.) On what grounds were the above allotments arrived at?
 - (5.) How many leases have been granted to this William Taylor in the Clarence district during the past two years?
 - (6.) Who is Mr. Taylor, and where does he reside, and what is his occupation?
 - (7.) How is it that Mr. Taylor is able to secure oyster leases which have been discovered and applied for by others before Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes, for an area of 300 yards. Application dated 24th and received on 27th July, 1908.
 - (2.) No. Messrs. Johnston applied for another area.
 - (3.) Frederick Taylor lodged an application on the 15th July, 1908, for 300 yards, which was the ground referred to in Question No. 1. Messrs. J. and W. Johnston did not apply for this area but for 300 yards adjoining, which application was refused.
 - (4.) Priority of application.
 - (5.) No leases have yet been granted to either Frederick or William Taylor.
 - (6.) Mr. Frederick Taylor's address is 289, Nelson-street, Annandale, and he is described as a storeman.
 - (7.) This is not the case.
- (2.) Resumption of Tivoli Beach, Rose Bay:—Mr. Hollis, for Mr. Carmichael, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Mayor of Woollahra recently offered the Government to find half the amount of £3,500 asked by the owner for a water frontage block known as Tivoli Beach at Rose Bay, which the local progress committee urged to be resumed for a park?
 - (2.) What was the reason the Government refused to make the resumption on these terms?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that this land was subsequently sold at public auction for £4,500?
 - (4.) Was the land offered to the late Government three years ago for £2,500?
 - (5.) Did the then Minister for Lands recommend its resumption?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) No such offer was received by the Government. The Mayor of Woollahra did intimate, verbally, to a Member of the Ministry that a proposal was coming before the Woollahra Council for that body to resume portion of the land known as Tivoli Beach, and the question was asked whether, in the event of the Council agreeing to acquire the land for £3,500, the Government would pay half the cost. Under all the circumstances, the Government did not see fit to entertain the proposal. I am informed that a proposal submitted in the Council subsequently to acquire the land was defeated.

(3.) I have no official information on this subject.

(4 and 5.) Not that I am aware of.

(3.)

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(3.) Rent of Sydney Harbour Trust Tenements, Miller's Point:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners have served tenants in Merriman-street, Miller's Point, with notices that, from 31st August, their rents will be raised from 12s. to 13s. 6d. per week?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the tenants referred to are mostly coal lumpers, and, owing to the nature of the work, have to occupy the houses in the locality indicated?
- (3.) Is it a fact that for months past many of these coal lumpers, owing to their uncertain work, have not made a living?
- (4.) Will he have an inquiry made into this matter?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

- (1.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners recently expended a large sum of money in remodelling eleven houses in Merriman-street, and, upon completion of the work, the rents were increased—in some cases by 6d., and in other cases by 1s. 6d., per week—to what the Commissioners consider to be the fair rental value of the respective premises.
- (2.) Some of the tenants are coal lumpers.
- (3.) The Commissioners are not aware.
- (4.) In view of the statements of the Commissioners, no inquiry appears to be necessary.

(4.) Trafficking in Settlement Leases:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many applicants were there for each of the three settlement leases thrown open some little time since in county Benarba, near Moree; and what were the areas respectively of such leases, the rentals, and who were the successful applicants?
- (2.) In the case of the original lessee of one of these blocks, John William Mell, was it known to the local Board that he had been previously engaged in speculative trafficking in Crown blocks under different forms of tenure; and, if so known to them that this was the case, will he call upon the Board for an explanation as to why such settlement lease was granted to Mell?
- (3.) Is it a fact that in this case the Board, dealing with the application of Mell for permission to transfer, recorded it as their opinion that "The lessee is not a *bona fide* settler, compelled to "sell under adverse circumstances, but a mere trafficker in Crown land—that he had made a "deliberate attempt to trump up such a case as would induce the Minister to consent to the sale, and so "enable him (the lessee) to thereby obtain the sum of £3,100"?
- (4.) In how many cases that have come before him since he took office as Minister for Lands, have these applications on the part of settlement lessees to sell and transfer been reported in favour of by the Local Land Boards?
- (5.) Will he take into consideration (a) the advisability of adopting some such scheme as that propounded by the Moree Local Land Board (when dealing with the Wilson to Cameron transfer), with the object of preventing the wholesale traffic which now takes place in connection with leases; and (b) the necessity for amending the law, so that more stringent residential and other conditions may be imposed on lessees?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) If, as indicated by Question 2, the three settlement leases referred to are those within the same settlement lease area as the farm applied for by Mell, viz., No. 688, available 21st April, 1904, there was only one applicant in each case, and in each instance the application was not made until the land had been open for varying periods, viz., one month, three months, and twelve months.
- (2.) Mell's application showed that he had held and disposed of, ten years before, a conditional purchase and conditional lease, aggregating 1,267 acres. This did not disqualify him as an applicant. He had also held a settlement lease, which he sold, but, as it was shown he was compelled, by necessitous circumstances, to do so, he was granted permission, under section 40, to again select.
- (3.) Yes, substantially so.
- (4.) In twenty-nine cases the Board's reports were favourable to transfer.
- (5.) The question of amending the law in respect of transfers of settlement leases had been under consideration previously to the views of the Moree Land Board being expressed, and the amending Land Bill contains a provision dealing with the subject.

(5.) Qualifications for Employment in Tramway Service:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the maximum limit of age for employment in the tramway service as conductors and drivers?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, during the late tramway strike, men exceeding such age limit were employed, and still continue to be; and, if so, will the Railway Commissioners consider the advisability of extending the concession to others seeking similar employment?
- (3.) Was the educational, medical, and eyesight test in like cases dispensed with, and will the Commissioners also modify these tests generally?
- (4.) Was the custom of demanding references as to character from successful applicants for tramway employment dispensed with in like manner to those men taking on work during the late strike; if so, why, and will such rule continue?
- (5.) Have any efforts been made since to inquire into the good character of men appointed during the strike; will those having a bad or dishonest record be dismissed, and in some way compensated for the assistance rendered?
- (6.) How many men of good character who took part in the late strike are still seeking reappointment, and are their applications being dealt with without prejudice to their actions?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Thirty years.
- (2.) To meet exceptional circumstances, men were employed over the limit. It is not considered desirable to alter the regulations as a general principle.

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- (3.) The usual tests were not dispensed with. It is not proposed to make any modification.
 (4 and 5.) References were required from all candidates.
 (6.) Seventeen men, twelve boys. Yes. There are others who have been promised reconsideration within a certain time, or informed they would not be re-employed.
- (6.) Field of Mars Cemetery :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) When was the Field of Mars Cemetery site proclaimed, and what was the area?
 (2.) Have trustees been appointed; and, if not, will steps be taken to do so?
 (3.) Is it a fact that at the time of setting aside this area it was reported that the cemetery accommodation in the Northern Suburbs was becoming very limited; and, if so, will he now inquire with a view to providing for the immediate use of the Field of Mars Cemetery?
 (4.) Has his Department at any time determined favourable distances and means of connection with the cemetery; and, if so, what were they?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
 (1.) A site of 145 acres 3 roods was dedicated 9th July, 1902.
 (2.) Trustees have not been appointed. Any appointment at present would be premature—as until facilities for access have been provided, steps cannot be taken to bring the site into use.
 (3 and 4.) Yes. A proposal to erect a bridge over the Lane Cove River at the end of Fuller's-road is receiving the consideration of the Lands and Public Works Departments.
- (7.) Tramway Connection between Field of Mars Cemetery and Northern Suburbs :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any railway or tramway Schemes been proposed by the Department for the connection of the Field of Mars Cemetery with the Northern Suburbs; if so, what were they, the proposed cost, and when reported upon?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—The following schemes have been under consideration :—Willoughby terminus, *via* Victoria-avenue and Fuller's-road, 3 miles 72 chains, single track, including loops. Estimated cost, £20,268, exclusive of land, rolling stock, power and feeder cables. Gore Hill terminus, *via* Lane Cove road and Fuller's-road, 5 miles, single track, including loops, exclusive of land, rolling stock, power, and feeders. The estimated cost is £27,337. A sum of £8,700 has to be added to each of the above estimates for the bridge over Lane Cove River at Jenkins' orchard. These proposals were reported upon about October, 1906.
- (8.) Condemnation of Railway Sleepers by Transvaal Authorities :—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he yet determined what course he will adopt to cause a thorough inquiry into the wholesale condemnation of New South Wales sleepers by the Transvaal authorities?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—The Government has decided on a course of action, but as the arrangements are not yet complete, I am unable to afford any further information on the subject at present.
- (9.) Wharfage and Harbour Improvements, Newcastle :—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When does he propose to proceed with the erection of sufficient wharfage accommodation on the western side of the Inner Basin, Newcastle, to accommodate the *McMyler* hoists?
 (2.) Will he give the House an opportunity, during the present Session, of considering proposals to refer to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,—(a) the extension of the northern breakwater, Newcastle; (b) the recently designed scheme for harbour improvements, Newcastle?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—Both these questions are engaging my close attention, and will be considered in connection with the general Public Works policy this Session.
- (10.) Railway Facilities for distant Suburbs :—*Mr. Parkes* asked The Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) With regard to the Questions asked by by the Honorable Member for Canterbury on the 3rd instant, having reference to railway facilities and concessions to distant suburbs, and to which he answered "The Chief Commissioner is in sympathy, &c."—were not the Questions directed to him for his own opinion as the responsible Minister, and not to the Chief Commissioner?
 (2.) Was it the intention of the Act which established the Railway Commissioners, that the responsible Government should retain responsibility on all questions of policy?
 (3.) Will he, as Minister for Railways, give his consideration to the wisdom of granting special cheap rates and quicker service to suburbs distant from the city centre?
 (4.) In regard to his third reply, *viz.*,—"Business considerations generally govern the policy followed in Europe and America,"—is that policy not one uniformly for inducement to people to make healthy and spacious homes in several suburban areas by first providing railways, and subsequently by cheap facilities and conveniences?
 (5.) Are we not behind the times in this respect?
 (6.) On the Sydney-Belmore line—how many trains ran to and fro weekly about September, 1905; what were the total receipts from that line during September, 1905; how many trains run to and fro weekly at the present day between Sydney and Belmore; what were the total receipts from all sources on that line during July, 1908; what number of season tickets were in issue in September, 1905; what number of season tickets were in issue in August this year?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—(1, 2, and 3.) The Railways Act provides that the Chief Commissioner shall make by-laws for fixing the amount of fares for passengers, such by-laws being subject to the approval of the Governor and the Executive Council. The matter of train services, as a rule, would be a question of railway management, and not one of policy, with which the Government should act outside the Railways Act.
 (4 and 5.) It is not considered that the New South Wales Railways are behind the times in regard to suburban facilities.
 (6.) On the Sydney-Belmore line :—Number of trains to and fro weekly—September, 1905, 200; September, 1908, 340. Total receipts—September, 1905, £796 1s. 3d.; July, 1908, £2,068 12s. 1d. Number of season tickets in issue—September, 1905, 356; July, 1908, 1,281.

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(11.) **Balloting for Conditional Purchases, &c.**—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Amendment Act, No. 42, 1905, section 14, a person holding a residential allotment of 27 perches in a town as proclaimed in *Government Gazette* under Act 20 Victoria No. 2, entitled an Act for regulating the Police in certain towns, and being the successful balloter for conditional purchase lease lands is debarred or disqualified from holding same because the said allotment of 27 perches is not within the boundaries of any town or suburban land as defined in the Principal Acts, interpretation of which term (Principal Acts) is the Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895, together with the Acts read, construed with, or amending the same?

Mr. Moore answered,—As an authoritative decision on the point has not been given, I am not prepared to answer this Question. It will be a matter for the Local Land Board to determine.

(12.) **Amending Miners' Accident Relief Bill** :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he decided to introduce an amending Miners' Accident Relief Bill to meet the wishes of the miners' deputation that waited on him regarding this matter some time ago?

Mr. Wood answered,—A reply to a similar Question was given on the 12th August, 1908, to which I must refer the Honorable Member.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Substituted Regulation No. 22, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.

(2.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for Quarter ended 31st December, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Copy of Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for departure from the ordinary procedure laid down in Regulation No. 149, in connection with the granting of increased salary to Messrs. J. B. Dinclow, Draftsman, Metropolitan Local Land Board Office, and C. A. W. Fowler, Draftsman, Charting Branch, Head Office, Department of Lands.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Revised Rules and Regulations of the Goulburn Fire Brigade Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Gundagai to Tumut Railway.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply at Cessnock.

(4.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipal District of Bathurst, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(5.) Copy of Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth reasons for the departure from the prescribed scale of increments provided in Regulation No. 149, in connection with the appointment of Mr. Alfred Brooks to the position of Inspecting Engineer, Dredge Service, Public Works Department.

(6.) Copy of Minute by the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for the departure from the prescribed scale of increments provided in Regulation No. 149 in regard to the salaries of the undermentioned officers of the Public Works Department, namely,—Mr. H. H. Dare, First-class Assistant Engineer; Mr. J. J. C. Bradfield, Mr. R. S. Littlejohn, Mr. J. Elder, Mr. J. W. Roberts, Mr. P. E. L. Hayley, Mr. E. E. R. Rutledge, Mr. R. Y. Smith, Engineering Draftsmen; Mr. J. Marshall, Chief Survey Draftsman; Mr. G. J. Beckett, Mr. D. R. Alderton, Mr. C. Little, Mr. J. E. Slade, Mr. R. Thomson, Mr. A. E. Graeme, Mr. J. S. Robyns, Mr. W. G. Wilson, Survey Draftsmen; Mr. H. Borradaile, Clerk; Mr. A. W. G. Schey, Cadet (Engineering).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Accountants Bill postponed until Tuesday, 15th September.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Redfern, Mr. McGowen, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for the immediate amendment of the Industrial Disputes Act."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. McGowen moved, That this House do now adjourn

Point of Order :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick pointed out that this debate would anticipate the debate on a motion standing in his name on to-day's Business Paper and submitted that it was, therefore, out of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection taken was fatal.

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5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—SUNNY RIDGE ESTATE, NEAR COWRA:—Mr. Moore moved pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 12,033 acres, more or less, of private land situate near Cowra, being the portions of Sunny Ridge Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 20th March, 1908, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £4 1s. 6d. per acre.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—WALLA WALLA ESTATE, NEAR CULCAIRN:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 50,180 acres, more or less, of private land situate near Culcairn, being the Walla Walla Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 8th July, 1908, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £5 per acre.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—DROUBALGIE ESTATE, NEAR FORBES:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 8,392 acres 2 roods 4 perches, more or less, of private land situate near Forbes, being the Droubalgie Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 8th July, 1908, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £5 5s. per acre.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ball moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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No. 18.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Scrub Leases, Lake Cowal :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with Scrub Leases Nos. 59 and 98, Lake Cowal?

Mr. Moore answered,—The copying of the papers for the purpose of laying them upon the Table of this House would be expensive, but I shall be glad to afford the Honorable Member an opportunity of perusing the whole of the papers.

- (2.) Crown Lands for Settlement, Condobolin and Wyalong Districts :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What area of Crown lands are available in the Condobolin and Wyalong Land Districts for settlement for agricultural and grazing purposes?

Mr. Moore answered,—There are practically no available Crown lands in the Condobolin and Wyalong Land Districts, which may be classed as purely agricultural. In the Condobolin Land District there are, approximately, 7,000 acres of Crown lands available for settlement which are suitable for mixed farming, and 139,000 acres for grazing; and in the Wyalong Land District 360 acres suitable for mixed farming, and 16,500 acres for grazing.

- (3.) Hornsby to Milson's Point Railway :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount of increase of capital cost on the Hornsby to Milson's Point Railway for the year 1907, and how was this increase made up?

(2.) Is it a fact that the losses on this line were diminished year by year, uninterruptedly, until that of 1906?

(3.) Is it a fact that, from a loss of £1,798 in 1906, it has for the first time risen in 1907, and to what amount?

(4.) What have been the increased earnings and working expenses for 1907 respectively, and to what causes is it due that the large increase of working expenses have resulted for so small an amount of increased earnings?

(5.) Have any special concessions or reductions been granted on this line to account for such discrepancy?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that :—

(1.) £57,713, due to the increased rolling-stock equipment required to work the traffic.

(2.) No.

(3.) No. The loss increased from £10,720 in 1899 to £14,309 in 1901.

(4.) The earnings increased by £1,602, and the working expenses by £4,984; due, principally, to relaying and increased train mileage.

(5.) No.

- (4.) Decisions of Special Licensing Courts :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Meehan, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Special Licensing Courts, dealing with petitions under section 65 of the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, have adopted the practice of pronouncing their decisions in open Court before making any recommendation to the Governor, as required by that section?

(2.) If so, will he give instructions that such practice be discontinued, and the provisions of the section followed?

Mr. Wade answered,—I understand that the practice referred to is followed; but I do not see any particular objection to it. I may point out that it is the ordinary Licensing Court, not a Special Court, which inquires into petitions of the nature in question.

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(5.) Railway, Condobolin to Menindie, and Broken Hill:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any decision been come to respecting the route for the construction of a line of railway from Condobolin to Menindie and Broken Hill?

(2.) If so, will he submit the resolution to the House this Session, to enable the Public Works Committee to take evidence?

Mr. Lee answered,—No decision has been arrived at.

(6.) Claims of Retired Civil Servants:—*Mr. Fleming*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Having regard to the recent decision in the case of *Macharg v. The Crown*, by the Federal High Court, will he now arrange to satisfy the claims of those retired civil servants whose claims against the Crown are affected by this judgment?

Mr. Wade answered,—The question of applying for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the High Court in this case is under consideration. I may mention that Mr. Macharg entered the Service as a temporary officer in September, 1868, and retired in 1872. He rejoined the Service eleven years later, and after serving a further period of a little over thirteen years, was retired in September, 1896. A pension was allowed him in respect of the whole of his service from 1883, and also on part of that prior to 1872. He claimed (1) that he was entitled to a pension in respect of service designated "temporary"; and also (2) that a broken part of a year, as well as completed years, should be counted in the computation of the pension. Judge Murray decided in Mr. Macharg's favour, and as the decision was against a settled practice of over twenty years' standing, and if applied to other cases, entailed large additional expense upon the Crown, the Crown appealed to the Full Court. That Court decided that no point of law was involved, and that no appeal would lie. The Crown then appealed to the High Court, where Mr. Macharg abandoned his claim that a broken part of a year should count. The practice of the Crown with regard to the exclusion of service designated "temporary" was based upon an opinion given by Mr. Attorney-General Barton, in 1893, and which the Crown has always considered represented the intention of the Legislature.

(7.) Working of Inebriates Act:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Referring to the reply to Mr. O'Sullivan's Question of 8th September that the area set apart in Darlinghurst Gaol for inebriates is nearly an acre, how much less than an acre is the area so set apart?

(2.) What is the area of the whole of Darlinghurst Gaol?

(3.) How many prisoners, excluding those committed as inebriates, are confined there, distinguishing males from females?

(4.) Referring to the reply that the area set apart for inebriates at the Shaftesbury Institution is 11 acres 1 rood and 21 perches, how much of this is at present utilised for the control of these subjects?

(5.) What means are made use of to prevent such subjects from absconding?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) The answer was approximate, but if the Honorable Member wishes it I will have measurements made in detail of all the floor space.

(2.) Ground area, 5 acres 3 roods 3 perches.

(3.) 336 males, 31 females.

(4.) It is only necessary at present to utilise the eastern portion, some 8 acres in all, on which are the buildings and various gardens.

(5.) Proper supervision. I may add that the system has proved so successful that there are now four vacancies for male inebriates, but there is a difficulty in finding persons in the Metropolitan area who are eligible to fill the vacancies.

(8.) Decision of Public Service Board respecting Harbour Employees, Newcastle:—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Premier,—With regard to the interviews recently afforded by the Public Service Board to pilots, boatmen, dredge employees, and others at Newcastle, will he say when the Board's decisions on the various matters brought forward will be made available?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Public Service Board have informed me that some of these matters have already been disposed of. The remaining cases will be dealt with as soon as possible.

(9.) Technical College, Newcastle:—*Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Technical College buildings, Newcastle, are totally inadequate for present purposes, and will allow of no extension in the work of technical training?

(2.) If so, will he at once proceed with alterations and additions as provided for on sketch plans recently submitted to him by the Public Works Department?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The need for further accommodation to extend the work of technical education at Newcastle is recognised by the Department. The matter must, however, await the passing of the Estimates.

(10.) Closer Settlement, North-western District:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When is the Northern Advisory Board to resume its inquiries into the various Closer Settlement proposals in the North-western District?

(2.) Can he say when the Board proposes going to Narrabri to inquire into the proposed resumption of Killarney?

Mr. Moore answered,—I have referred the Honorable Member's Questions to the Advisory Board for consideration.

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(11.) Attendants, Hospitals for the Insane:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that attendants at the Hospitals for the Insane do not participate in the holidays granted to public servants?

Mr. Wood answered,—Attendants in Hospitals for the Insane are required to be on duty on public holidays because of the extra entertainments and amusements provided for patients on those days. They are, however, granted three weeks' annual leave, and a day and a-half every week.

(12.) Minimum Wage of Railway Employees:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that labourers are employed by the Railway Commissioners at the rate of 6s. 6d. per day?

(2.) In view of the long-established policy of the Government in favour of the minimum wage of 7s. for Government contracts, and the recent increase in the price of necessaries, will he confer with the Chief Commissioner with a view of obtaining a minimum wage of 7s. for all railway employees?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The policy of the Chief Commissioner is to pay wages equal to those prevailing in outside employment, and, in addition to the wages paid, railway employees have privileges which are not conceded in private employment. In addition, in many cases railway employees have opportunities of employment which do not exist in private establishments. The wages in the railway service are based on a liberal scale, as there are at present only 122 labourers receiving less than 7s. out of a total of 3,990, who are receiving from 7s. to 8s. 6d. per day. Those getting under 7s. per day are gradually increased to that rate.

(13.) Libraries in Country Schools:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In how many schools in the country districts have libraries been established?

(2.) What is the average number of volumes in each library?

(3.) What funds were expended upon the purchase of books for this purpose last year?

(4.) By whom are the books in such libraries selected?

(5.) Is the money necessary for this purpose obtained from any other source than money appropriated by Parliament for the Education Vote?

(6.) Are any steps taken to see that elementary text-books on applied science, appropriate to the industries of the districts in which such schools are situated, are included in such libraries?

(7.) What system, if any, is in existence to encourage the study by the pupils of the books contained in them?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) In about 1,200 schools.

(2.) The average is probably about 120 volumes per library.

(3.) Local contributions only were expended. The total amount is not known.

(4.) Generally by the teachers, the advice of the local inspector being available, if desired.

(5.) The funds are raised locally, as already stated, and there is no Government subsidy.

(6.) Such matters are left to the discretion of the teachers. The main purpose of the libraries is, however, to foster among children a love of reading, by providing them with wholesome literature of kinds suited to their different ages.

(7.) This work is voluntary on the part of the teachers, but they are expected, when undertaking it, they will encourage their pupils to make the best possible use of the books.

(14.) Amending Public Service Bill:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Meehan*, asked the Premier,—Will he amend the Public Service Act so as to embody a provision similar to that in the Commonwealth Act, that all persons over 21 years of age in the General Division of the Service for three years, shall receive a minimum salary of £110 per annum?

Mr. Wade answered,—The proposal will involve a large increase of expenditure. In view of the large shrinkage in revenue to be returned to the States by the Commonwealth, as announced by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, I hesitate to make any promise.

(15.) School Buildings, Forbes, Parkes, and Peak Hill:—*Mr. Lynch* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for new school building at Forbes?

(2.) When will tenders be called for new buildings at Parkes?

(3.) When will tenders be called for new buildings at Peak Hill?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Tenders will shortly be invited.

(2.) Tenders for the work have been invited, receivable up to 19th October proximo.

(3.) Sketch plans and estimate of cost will shortly be completed.

(16.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. McGowen* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Have the contributions made to the Superannuation Fund of New South Wales by officers transferred from the State to the Federal Service been retained by the New South Wales Government?

(2.) If so, have applications been repeatedly made by such officials for the repayment of the money retained?

(3.) What is the reason that the State Government continues to retain such moneys?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Applications have been made, but it has been held that transfer to the Federal Service does not constitute "retirement" within the meaning of the Public Service Act. Under these circumstances, therefore, such officers are not at present entitled to refunds.

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(17.) Clerkship of Correspondence and Records, Treasury:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Referring to *Mr. Dacey's* previous Questions, respecting Clerkship of Correspondence and Records, Treasury, how many other positions are there in the Treasury the salaries of which have been reduced to preserve the seniority right of officers, passed over advisedly, when such positions were being filled?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am not aware of any.

(18.) Arrest by Police of Men from Foreign Warships:—Colonel *Onslow* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have the police any authority, either by Common Law or Statute, to arrest seamen or marines of foreign warships in the ports of New South Wales for absentsing themselves from their ships?

(2.) Is there any treaty obligation rendering it incumbent upon the New South Wales Government to cause such seamen or marines to be arrested for leaving their ships?

(3.) Have any such seamen or marines been arrested by the police for so absentsing themselves from their ships in Sydney during the past month?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Questions involving an opinion upon a matter of law do not come within the scope of those to which a Minister usually replies.

(2 and 3.) No arrests have been made.

(19.) Claims of Retired Civil Servants:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Premier,—

(1.) How many cases are affected by the decision of the High Court of Australia in the matter of *Williams* against *Macharg*—claim for increase of pension?

(2.) In view of this decision, will he see that claim for increase is properly considered in the case of *Henry Stone*, retired civil servant, of Orange?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given by me to Question by the Honorable Member for Middle Harbour regarding this matter on to-day's Business Paper.

(20.) Business of the House:—*Mr. Beeby* asked the Premier,—In view of the waste of time which takes place on Private Members' night, will he give the House an opportunity of discussing an amendment of the Standing Orders to dispense with unnecessary formalities in the introduction of legislation, and to provide that a measure introduced by a Member shall be dealt with in all its stages without the present method of "placing" Business?

Mr. Wade answered,—Whilst I regret that the time set apart for Private Member's Business has been unfruitful, there are many obvious and weighty objections to the House sanctioning any rule whereby the right to full discussion of any legislative proposal at all stages may be curtailed. Whether that right is insisted upon must depend upon the good sense of Parliament from time to time.

(21.) Establishment of Public Pound, Currabubula:—*Mr. David Storey*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the matter, the subject of letters from the Peel Shire Council and the Honorable Member for Tamworth, with reference to the establishment of a public pound at Currabubula, be decided?

(2.) Will he urge the Lands Department to take action in having this matter settled without delay?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) On receipt of the decision of the Lands Department as to the granting of Crown land as a site for the pound. It is understood the Lands Department have referred the matter to the district surveyor for report.

(2.) The Lands Department will be communicated with.

(22.) Public School at Redhead:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Can he state when the promised school at Redhead, in the Kahibah, will be commenced?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The preparations in connection with the building having now been completed; a teacher will be appointed during the coming week.

(23.) Public School, Newcastle South:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Can he state when the new buildings at the Newcastle South Public School will be proceeded with?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Tenders for the work have been invited, receivable up to 19th October proximo.

2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—*Mr. David Storey*, as Chairman, brought up,—

(1.) First Report from the Public Accounts Committee; together with Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

(2.) Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee; together with Minutes of Evidence. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MINIMUM WAGE BILL:—*Mr. Hogue* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

4. PAPER:—*Mr. Moore* laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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5. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) 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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary-Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Cabmen's Grievances :—*Mr. G. A. Jones*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some 500 cabmen engaged in Sydney hire their vehicles from a few proprietors, who charge extortionate rents?
 (2.) Will he make some provision to give these men the right to bring their grievance in this respect before the Industrial Court or an Industrial Board?

Mr. Wade answered—

- (1.) I am not aware.
 (2.) The matter will be considered in the light of further information.

- (2.) Working of Inebriates Act :—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What number of convictions for offences, of which drunkenness was a part, have taken place in the case of the most frequently convicted of the thirty-four inebriates referred to in the answer to Mr. O'Sullivan's Question of 2nd September respecting the working of the Inebriates Act?
 (2.) The same information in reference to the least frequently convicted of these thirty-four inebriates?
 (3.) The sex of the inebriates in regard to whom the above information is asked?
 (4.) Under what circumstances were the four inebriates discharged, released; and after how long confinement?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) 235 convictions, of which drunkenness was a part.
 (2.) Seven.
 (3.) Male.
 (4.) (1st.) Died—five months; (2nd.) Sent to hospital for insane—six months; (3rd.) Term completed, and sent to reception house—twelve months; (4th.) Term completed, and found employment in the country—twelve months. I may add that since replying to the Honorable Member's Question of the 2nd September last, one more inebriate (male) has been discharged, his period of detention (12 months) having expired.

- (3.) Tunnel Connection between Sydney and North Sydney :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Premier,— Will he instruct the Agent-General to immediately inquire if representations are now being made to British investors in London favourable to the possibilities of a tunnel connection between Sydney and North Sydney, and, to protect such investors, will he also instruct him to warn them of the embryo prospects of the scheme until the Royal Commission now sitting and Parliament have dealt with the subject of a bridge or tunnel connection?

Mr. Wade answered,—Any person who at the present time invests his money in any scheme for connecting Sydney and North Sydney, whether the scheme is a bridge or tunnel, does so at his own risk, as the Royal Commission has not yet completed its inquiries.

- (4.) Tunnel Connection between Sydney and North Sydney :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Department of Public Works informed as to all large works and undertakings; and, if so, is it a fact that the construction of the latest tunnel at Rotherhithe, London, cost without approaches nearly £1,100,000, and with approaches £2,000,000, and that the total width of same was only 24 feet, including footways?

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(2.) Will he instruct a practical non-theoretical officer of the Department to inquire into and report upon the length of tunnelling graded from the northern and southern shores of the harbour, the greatest width to be obtained, and the number of tunnels similar to that at Rotherhithe necessary to carry railway, tramway, vehicular (rapid and slow), and pedestrian traffic, with the cost based upon the facts of the cost of the tunnel referred to, and place it as evidence before the Royal Commission now sitting on the subject of a connection between Sydney and North Sydney?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes, and information regarding the tunnel at Rotherhithe has been placed before the Royal Commission. The width is, however, 25 feet 5 inches, including footways.

(2.) I have already arranged for information as to the construction and cost of Rotherhithe and other tunnels recently constructed, to be forwarded by the Agent-General. When this is to hand it will be placed before the Royal Commission upon communication between Sydney and North Sydney.

(5.) Allowances to Inspector General of Police :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Inspector-General of Police is allowed £2 2s. per day travelling allowance for purposes of inspection, and that, prior to his late unfortunate accident, he was in the habit of utilising Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays for that purpose?

(2.) Is it a fact that he has a free pass on rail and tram, and why would such allowance be necessary?

(3.) What compensation was paid him by the Railway Commissioners in connection with his late accident?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) No, this is not so. When the Inspector-General is in the country on official duty he is allowed £1 1s. per diem. He visits country stations at week ends when he thinks it desirable to do so, leaving Sydney on Friday nights, and returning on Sunday mornings at 6:30 o'clock.

(2.) He has a railway pass.

(3.) This is a matter which has no relation to the Inspector-General of Police in his official capacity. I can give no information.

(6.) Degrees conferred by Dental Board :—Mr. James, for Mr. Cohen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Dental Board is purporting to confer the degree of "Licentiate of Dental Surgery," with the right to affix the letters L.D.S. to the name of the holder of such degree?

(2.) Does the Dentists Act, 1900, under which the Dental Board was constituted, authorise the granting of degrees by the Board?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Sydney University, under statutory authority, confers degrees in dental surgery?

(4.) Was it one of the principal objects of the Legislature in passing the Dentists Act, 1900, to prevent the public being imposed upon by so-called degrees conferred by unauthorised persons and associations here and abroad?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1, 2, and 4.) The Registrar of the Dental Board states that it is not a fact that the Board is purporting to confer such degree. A regulation of the Board states:—"Students who have passed the Dental Board examination, and paid, in addition to the £5 5s. examination fee, a fee of £1 1s., shall be granted a license to practice, printed on parchment, and be permitted to use the letters "L.D.S. in describing themselves." This matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(3.) Yes.

(7.) Payment of State Employees for Public Holidays :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were any of the temporary employees of the Public Works Department paid for the two holidays during the visit of the American Fleet?

(2.) If so, will he see that the same consideration is extended to the temporary employees in Newcastle?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(8.) Sewage Farm, Rockdale :—Mr. Taylor asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is any information available as to when the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the question of the abolition of the sewage farm at Rockdale, will be presented to Parliament?

(2.) Will he represent to the Committee the importance of expediting the Report on this work, with a view to its being proceeded with this Session?

Mr. Wade answered,—It is expected that the Report will be presented to Parliament this week.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McLaurin, for Mr. Morton, the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

3. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that, should it become law, it would tend to increase rather than diminish gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. E. M. Clark—From Robt. H. Waugh, M.A., Convener of the Committee on Religion and Public Morals of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Robson—From Herbert Priestly, President, and Chas. Lane, General Secretary, of the Baptist Union of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

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4. **CASE OF ELIZABETH AGNES DOYLE**:—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, presented a Petition from Elizabeth Agnes Doyle, of Bingara, representing that in 1887 Petitioner was declared a lunatic and confined in Gladesville Asylum for a period of fifteen months; that Petitioner was at the time quite sane and despite many requests for medical examination such requests were never granted; that as a result of such confinement Petitioner sustained great loss through her deceased husband's property being badly administered in the office of the Master-in-Lunacy and otherwise; that all Petitioner's efforts to obtain redress have failed; and praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into her case.
Petition received.
5. **PASTURES PROTECTION ACTS**:—*Mr. Fallick* presented a Petition from certain stockowners, graziers, and farmers of Singleton, representing that many of the provisions of the Pastures Protection Act and Acts amending the same operate as a hardship upon stockowners, graziers, and settlers; that the position of stock inspector is not required, as the officer in charge of police with his staff are capable of performing the duties of stock inspector; that the benefits derived are not commensurate with the fees, duties, and taxes paid annually under the provisions of the Acts; that the Acts should be repealed, or the administration placed under the Shire Councils; and praying that the Acts be repealed or so amended that the duties of the Board be entrusted to Shire Councils, and those of the stock inspectors transferred to the police; that the fees, taxes, and charges be reduced; and that instructions and directions be circulated in some suitable form among stockowners explaining the symptoms of ordinary diseases among stock, and the remedies to be used.
Petition received.
6. **GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL**:—*Mr. James* presented a Petition from the Hetton Coal Company, Limited, praying for permission to appear by Solicitor or Counsel, and to adduce evidence with power to examine and cross-examine witnesses before the Select Committee, to which has been referred for consideration and report the Great Northern Coal Company's Railway Bill.
Petition received.
7. **PAPERS**:—*Mr. Lee* laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Euraba Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
(2.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Bulycroi Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Port Kembla Water Supply.
(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for an Experimental Farm at Yanco.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**—*Member Sworn*:—*Donald Macdonell*, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—
(1.) *Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Deniliquin, *Mr. Peters*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for legislation in the direction of regulating and controlling the keeping of Servants Registry Offices."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Peters moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Mr. Speaker drew attention to the Order of the Day fixed for Tuesday, 6th October, for the second reading of the Servants Registry Bill, the debate on which would be anticipated by the debate on this motion, which he must, therefore, rule out of order.
(2.) *Mr. Broughton* moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.
Question put and negatived.
10. **WATER SUPPLY FOR THE CITY OF BROKEN HILL**:—*Mr. Cann* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it is urgently necessary that the Government should devise and construct an adequate water supply for domestic and industrial purposes for the City of Broken Hill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Mr. Wade* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Resumptions of Lavender Bay Foreshores:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the estimated value of land and buildings, including the frontage to Lavender Bay, resumed for railway purposes on the Hornsby-Milson's Point Line, and not in use for actual railway purposes?

(2.) What is the total frontage of land to the waters of Lavender Bay, and is it a fact that since the construction of this line in 1890, with heavy gales, a depth of nearly 20 feet of the whole frontage has been washed into the Bay, and likely to continue further with like successive gales; if this is not a fact, will the Commissioners say if there is any loss of land in the direction indicated?

(3.) Will the Commissioners consider the expediency of constructing a wall along this frontage for the purpose of protection, and, if necessary, wharfage use?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

(1.) The estimated value is £18,000.

(2 and 3.) The total frontage is 1,100 yards; but about 220 yards are occupied by baths and boat-builders' premises. No such damage as stated having taken place, there is no necessity on the part of the Railway Department to construct a retaining-wall for protection, and it would be useless as wharfage, there being no means of access.

- (2.) Public School, Dorrigo:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the public school building at Dorrigo is only 35 feet in length, 17 ft. 6 in. in breadth, with 10 feet walls?

(2.) Is it a fact that the enrolment of pupils is over 100, and that the average attendance is between eighty and ninety?

(3.) Is it a fact that there is no residence, although the teacher in charge is a married man?

(4.) Is it a fact that Dorrigo is a fast-growing town, and that there is every probability of the enrolment at this school numbering at least 200 within the next twelve months?

(5.) Is it a fact that there is no assistant teacher in this school, and that the teacher in charge has to deal with an average of between eighty and ninety pupils daily without any assistance?

(6.) Will he take immediate steps to have a suitable building for school purposes erected as early as possible, and will he see that provision is made to cope with the very probably increased attendance during the next few years?

(7.) Will he also take steps to have a teacher's residence erected?

(8.) Will he also see that steps are taken to provide an assistant teacher in this school?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The June quarterly enrolment was 105, with an average weekly enrolment of 89.5; and average attendance, 57.8.

(3.) No residence is attached to the school, but the teacher receives an allowance to pay for rent of a house, as in many other similar cases.

(4.) I am unable at present to give an estimate in regard to this matter.

(5.) An assistant teacher has been appointed. I may also state that a head teacher of higher attainments was recently placed in charge.

(6 and 7.) The local inspector has been instructed to visit the locality shortly, and furnish a report on this matter.

(8.) Answered by No. 5.

(3.)

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- (3.) North Sydney Tramways:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What number of passengers was carried on the North Shore trams for the year ending 30th June last; what was the increase on the previous year; and, approximately, the numbers carried to and from the different points of ferry traffic?
 - (2.) Has there been any additional capital cost on this line during the year; and, if so, for what purpose and to what amount?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the return for this year on these lines shows a profit between revenue and working expenses of nearly £12,000, as against £200 only for the year ended 30th June, 1907?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that, taking into consideration last year's reported loss, the gain on this service for the present year has been greater than on any other line, including the City and Suburban service?
 - (5.) Will the Railway Commissioners consider the expediency of remitting the charge of 3d. for a section, or part of it, to Ridge-street, now made to passengers using the last penny night boat from Circular Quay to Milson's Point, or extend the service, as on the City and Suburban lines, to an all-night one?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the Ernest-street and Waters-road sections are very short ones, what are their lengths, and will the Commissioners extend them?
 - (7.) Has the question of further relieving the eastern traffic by extending a line to Cremorne been considered by the Commissioners, and with what result?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) 10,992,974 passengers. Increase over previous year, 910,846. There are no returns available showing the numbers of passengers carried to and from the different points of the ferry traffic, and it would take some time to prepare the information, even approximately.
 - (2.) Yes; £20,292 during the year as under:—New car-shed, feeders, &c., £8,083; additional power equipment, rolling-stock, &c., £22,209; total, £30,292; less amount written off cable conduit, machinery, &c., £10,000; total, £20,292.
 - (3 and 4.) No; in actual working the results do not show such a large difference in profit between the two years; in 1907 capital was written down by £20,000 on account of the old cable conduit and machinery, whereas in 1908 only £10,000 was written off.
 - (5 and 6.) The whole question of fares for North Sydney lines is under consideration. The length of section from Ernest-street to Ridge-street is 71 chains, and from Waters-road to Ridge-street is 1 mile 10 chains.
 - (7.) Yes. A report on the matter has been made to the Honorable the Minister for Public Works.
- (4.) Science Qualifications of Teachers:—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many gentlemen possessing the degree of Bachelor of Science, are at present in his Department?
 - (2.) How many have obtained their degree within Australia?
 - (3.) Is there any other form of diploma or certificate granted by any other examining body, indicating the possession of qualifications for the teaching of physical science, recognised by the Department?
 - (4.) If so, how many gentlemen holding such qualifications, are in the service of the Department?
 - (5.) Apart from gentlemen holding such qualifications, what system exists in the Department for training teachers in this subject?
 - (6.) In how many public schools are lessons on the subject given?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Nine.
 - (2.) Nine.
 - (3.) Degrees of Science granted by any recognised British or Colonial University and the Sydney Technical College "pass" certificates are accepted. Teachers not possessing these qualifications are required to pass the departmental examinations in either science or domestic hygiene to obtain third or second-class teachers' certificates, while for the higher classifications of 1B or 1A, science of a more advanced kind is prescribed as one of the elective groups of subjects.
 - (4.) 180 teachers hold certificates from either the University or Technical College, but a very large number of others have qualified in one or more branches of science by private study, and have given evidence of their qualification by examination.
 - (5.) (a) Provision is made for one and two year courses of study for all students in the Training College; (b) Technical College classes are available, for which fees are remitted subject to successful passing of examinations; (c) Metropolitan teachers are enabled to attend the University, and must take one science subject, at least, during their term there; and (d) summer schools during the school vacations are arranged.
 - (6.) About 260 schools.
- (5.) Subdivision of Town Allotments, Coff's Harbour:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When will the subdivision of section 50, town of Coff's Harbour, be carried out, and when will the land be available for auction?
 - (2.) When will a portion of Special Lease 3,980, Bellingen, situated in the town of Coff's Harbour, be available for auction sale as town allotments?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The subdivision has been completed. It is expected that the land will be offered for sale in about two months.
- (2.) It is impossible to say at present, as the interests of the special lessee have to be considered.

(6.)

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(6.) Clerkship of Correspondence and Records, Treasury:—Mr. Dacey asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) At the time the Clerkship of Correspondence, &c., Treasury, was last filled, were several other junior officers appointed to important positions in preference to seniors in the same Department?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that the only case in which the graded salary was reduced was also the only case in which no officer senior to the appointee sought the position?

(3.) If the answer to No. 2 be "Yes," what is the explanation of the apparent anomaly?

(4.) Have any of the officers who, because their service was longer than that of the appointee, could not be passed over in salary when the Clerkship of Correspondence, &c., Treasury, was filled, since sought promotion over their seniors?

(5.) If so, with what result?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am unable to see that any good purpose can be served by furnishing further particulars of the nature asked for by the Honorable Member. Full information has already been supplied in reply to Questions asked by Honorable Members regarding the filling of the position referred to.

(7.) Peel River Company's Estate:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, now that the Resolutions have been adopted by both Houses of Parliament approving of the resumption of 100,000 acres of the Peel River Company's Estate, make arrangements for surveyors to enter on their duties at once to make the necessary surveys, so that the land will be made available before the end of the year; and to further assist in the early opening of those lands, in view of the Company's announcement not to accept the prices offered by the Government, make arrangements with one of the Supreme Court Judges to be ready to hear the appeal?

Mr. Moore answered,—Everything possible will be done to make the land available at the earliest date.

(8.) Examination Results, Second-class Teachers:—Mr. Horne asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that second-class teachers, who sat for examination last April, have not yet received any intimation as to results?

(2.) If so, will he expedite the publication of these results with a view of giving teachers who have failed sufficient time to qualify themselves for the next examination?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The majority of such teachers have been informed. All will be notified shortly.

(2.) Yes. I would like also to point out that teachers are being more fully informed of their position than was done formerly, which will be of much advantage to them in connection with future examinations.

(9.) Extra Duty by Tramway Employees during Visit of United States Fleet:—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the signalmen in the City have not received any extra pay for work done during the visit of the American Fleet; if not, what is the reason?

(2.) Have the other tramway employees received one day's pay for work done during the visit of the American Fleet?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that signalmen will receive two days' holiday in connection with Fleet week, but not an extra day's pay. It is not considered their work was exceptional.

(2.) Yes, those connected with the running service, and who had specially arduous duties to perform.

(10.) Field of Mars Cemetery:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the Questions asked by Mr. E. M. Clark, on the 9th September, regarding the Field of Mars Cemetery site,—Will he cause a report to be made as to the present capacity of the Gore Hill Cemetery, with due regard to the time that it will take to complete a connection with the Field of Mars Cemetery?

Mr. Moore answered,—A report will be obtained.

(11.) Tramway Connection between Field of Mars Cemetery and Northern Suburbs:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the two schemes for connecting the Northern Suburbs with the Field of Mars Cemetery referred to in answer to a Question by Mr. E. M. Clark, on the 9th September,—

(1.) Has his Department ever had under consideration the cost of a connection between the railway line near Pymble across a bridge erected some time ago at the head of navigation of the Lane Cove River; and, if not, will he obtain a report on the work?

(2.) Will he, as early as possible, ask the authority of Parliament for the submission of the scheme proposed to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No; but I will call for a report.

(2.) Will be considered when report is to hand.

(12.) Road through Centennial Park:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sum was voted for the new road now being made through Centennial Park?

(2.) How much of the work has been completed, what amount has been expended, and what has been the cost per chain?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) £2,500.

(2.) The work has now been completed at an expenditure to date of £2,513 5s. This may be slightly further increased, but when credit is given for plant and tools now being returned, the total will be reduced by about £50; the cost per chain is £43. (13.)

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- (13.) Shortage of Railway Trucks:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the continual shortage of railway trucks is considerably hampering the meat and other food supplies of the City, and thereby increasing prices to the consumers?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that one or more large city firms have considerable money deposits with the Railway Commissioners for the supply of trucks which they cannot obtain?
 - (3.) Do the total amounts of any of those deposits exceed £1,000; if so, what are these amounts, and by whom lodged?
 - (4.) Will he, as a matter of public policy, urge an immediate expenditure in procuring rolling-stock necessary to enable the Railway Commissioners to complete their obligations to the people as a State monopoly of railway carriage?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Commissioners are not aware that the shortage of railway trucks is hampering the meat and food supplies of the City. There has been no shortage of waggons to meet ordinary food supplies, but owing to a high percentage of live-stock waggons being allocated for the carriage of starving stock and store stock it has not in all cases been possible to supply trucks for the conveyance of fat stock on the dates required.

(2 and 3.) Deposits are not accepted unless the waggons can be supplied.

(4.) The question of increasing the number of live-stock trucks has already received the attention of the Chief Commissioner, and contracts were let months ago for large additions to the present stock and new trucks are now coming to hand.

- (14.) Working of Inebriates Act:—Mr. Briner, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—

(1.) In reference to the answer to Mr. O'Sullivan's Question, No. 5 of 10th September, will he please state what constitutes an inebriate as being "eligible" to fill the vacancies for four male inebriates for whom there are vacancies?

(2.) Will he please say whether the return made in a recent year, which gave the numbers of male inebriates who had rendered themselves liable to the provisions of the Inebriates Act, by repeated convictions, as several hundreds, is inaccurate?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Section 3 of the Inebriates Act, 1900, specifies the circumstances under which a person may be committed to an inebriate institution.

(2.) I cannot say.

- (15.) Promotions in the Public Service:—Mr. Parkes asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Adverting to Mr. Parkes' Question, No. 10 of 8th September, in regard to promotion in the Public Service, are the directions of the Public Service Act, in regard to promotion, usually followed as they were in the case described in the letter mentioned?

Mr. Wade answered,—It is the usual practice to comply with the provisions of the Public Service Act in regard to promotions.

- (16.) Revenue expended on Public Works, and as subsidies and Grants to Municipalities and Shires:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of revenue spent on Public Works in each of the last five financial years?

(2.) The amount of revenue disbursed in subsidies and grants to Municipalities and Shires in each of the last five financial years?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will take some time to prepare, and its production should be moved for in the usual way in the form of a return.

- (17.) Temporary Clerks in the Public Service:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Robson, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are a great number of temporary clerks in the Public Service who have been so employed for over seven years continuously?

(2.) If so, will he take steps this Session to have these clerks placed on the Permanent Staff?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) There are some, but they are few in number.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

- (18.) Federal Services not transferred to Commonwealth:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the annual cost of the Federal Services which have not yet been transferred to the Commonwealth Government?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The services which under section 69 of the Constitution Act the Commonwealth Government has power to take over from the States, and which have not yet been transferred, are lighthouses, lightships, beacons and buoys, and quarantine. It will be somewhat difficult to give the exact cost of these services, as the Departments by which they are administered, viz., the Navigation Department and the Board of Health, have other duties also, and it would be difficult to properly allocate the expenditure. Besides those named, there are other services at present administered by the States, in respect of which the Commonwealth Parliament has power under section 51 of the Constitution Act to make laws, and it may be that laws will be made which will have the effect of placing at least some of those services under the control of the Federal Government.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with regret the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that, should it become law, it would tend to increase rather than diminish gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Mercer—From certain Officers of the Christian Endeavour Union of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. McCoy—From C. A. White, President, and G. E. Ardill, Honorary Secretary, of the Evangelical Council of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

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3. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th September, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. SUBVENTIONS TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES 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 authorise payments in subvention of friendly societies in certain cases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th September, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"That the Government should at once take steps to resume land within the reticulation area of the Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme at present values."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick directed attention to Notice of Motion No. 41 on the Business Paper, in the name of Mr. McGarry, on this subject.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as certainly anticipating the debate on the motion to which his attention had been directed.

- (2.) Mr. Burgess moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Dacey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. McGowen,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Moore,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Briener.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	Colonel Rytic,
Mr. McFarlane,	Colonel Oaslow.
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Fleming,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL PROPOSALS:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the resolutions agreed to at the Premiers' Conference held in Melbourne in April-May, 1908, viz.:—

- (1.) That, in view of the fact that upon the State Parliaments devolves the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works, and that they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining adequate education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving (a) a fixed annual sum; and (b) a proportionate part of all increases in revenue from Customs and Excise.

- (2.) That, for the purpose of enabling the Federal Government to initiate a general scheme of old-age pensions, the State Governments will be agreeable to accept a smaller proportion of the Customs and Excise revenue than three-fourths, and thus supplement, if necessary, the amount which can be provided under the Commonwealth Surplus Revenue Bill.

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- (3.) That, no restriction having been placed by the Constitution upon the borrowing powers of the States, and, further, for the reasons set out in Resolution No. 1, the States should be the sole judges as to the raising of loans, within or without the Commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying on the work of internal development without interference by the Council of Finance, as proposed in the scheme of the Commonwealth Treasurer, or by any external authority.
- (4.) That the gradual assumption by the Commonwealth of the State Debts may eventually lead to economies, but it would be advisable to allow the settlement of details to stand over until the question of the distribution of the net revenue from duties of Customs and Excise has been determined.
- (5.) That, in the distribution of the amount returnable by the Commonwealth to the States, the *per capita* contribution of each State to the Customs and Excise revenue shall be considered and allowed for.
- (6.) That the proposal of the Commonwealth Treasurer to take over the Sinking Funds of the several States without making equitable provision for compensation is objectionable.
- (7.) (a) That, in the event of the Commonwealth taking over the Debts, the total indebtedness of the respective States should be reduced by the sum of the value of the transferred properties (unless settlement for such properties be previously made), and that when the lighthouses, &c., are taken over by the Commonwealth, the State should be credited for them; (b) the States urge an early settlement of this long-standing question.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

7. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Lee, *on behalf of* Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.

8. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Bill read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for 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 amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th September, 1908.

9. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1908, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. James,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Colonel Onslow,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Lonsdale,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Mercer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Page,	Mr. Trefle,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. McJarry,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Burgess.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Amending Local Government Bill :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it proposed to introduce an amending Local Government Bill during the present Session, and to have it carried into effect?

(2.) In any such amending Bill, will he consider the advisability of making provision for a fixed sum of money to be paid annually to necessitous Municipal Councils, according to their need; the amount of such sum to be based upon the amount of the incomes of the Councils concerned, and the responsibility for expenditure transferred to the Councils from the Government by the Local Government Act?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the existing Act makes sufficient provision for such cases.

(2.) Macleay River Entrance :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Member for Raleigh submit, some months ago, strong representations to the effect that a special inspection and report should be made by a responsible officer of the Department upon the condition of the training walls at Macleay River, and the danger of their being rendered useless through being left in an incomplete state?

(2.) Was it pointed out that if something were not done to protect the works already carried out, they would probably be rendered useless by flood waters, or by the erosion of the banks behind them in certain places?

(3.) Has any action been taken in the matter; and, if so, what is its nature, and what is proposed to be done?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The matter has been referred to the local officer, but report has not yet reached me.

(3.) Forest Reserve No. 121, North Bellingen :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the land within Forest Reserve 121, parish of North Bellingen, county of Raleigh, be available for settlement?

(2.) How much of this reserve will be made available, and under what tenure?

(3.) Were the papers (Misc. 08-8,448) forwarded to the district surveyor early in May last for survey; and, if so, has the work been put in hand?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) It cannot be stated at present.

(2.) It is proposed to set apart five blocks of about 250 acres each, and one block of about 370 acres, for conditional purchase lease, and about 280 acres for additional holdings.

(3.) The papers were sent to the district surveyor, Grafton, on 12th May last, with instructions to survey. The district surveyor reported yesterday that part of the land has been surveyed, and that the balance is being measured.

(4.)

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(4.) Removal of Timber from Closer Settlement Reserves :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that sawmillers and others, with licenses from the Crown, cut timber and removed same from the Mulwala-Savernake Reserve, at the rate of 1s. per tree, just prior to the date of application for that land by intending land settlers?

(2.) Is it a fact that much timber was cut and removed from the Gobbagombalin lands during the progress of land settlement and before the present occupants were in possession, thereby reducing the value of the properties to the incoming Crown tenant?

(3.) Will he take steps to guard the interests of intending settlers upon the Walla Walla Estate by placing someone in authority to prevent a recurrence of such acts?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) I am not aware if this is the case, but will have inquiry made.

(2.) I am informed that very little timber was cut and removed from the farms.

(3.) The matter will receive attention.

(5.) Prosecutions under the Public Health Act :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, while proceedings are being taken against suburban retail tradespeople for the sale of adulterated vinegar and other articles of food, and heavy fines imposed, no similar prosecutions are made against manufacturers and wholesale distributors in the City from whom these supplies are obtained, and will the Board of Health take some action in regard to these?

(2.) Will the Board also inquire if large retail establishments in the City, such as Hordern's, Lasseter's, and others, are selling articles similar to those for which small suburban shopkeepers are being fined; and take proceedings if, on analysis, the article they sell is not up to the standard required by the Board?

Mr. Wood answered,—No; samples have been taken, and are at present being analysed, by the Local Authority for the City of Sydney from one manufacturer, as well as from five retailers. No reason has appeared for thinking that the Local Authority mentioned has neglected its responsibilities in this matter, and the Board of Health will take care that they are duly discharged.

(6.) Closing of Shops on Sundays :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Does the Act, dealing with the closing of shops on Sunday, give any discriminating power to the Department administering it to allow shops, say, in Hunter-street, City, to remain open for the sale of fruit and other refreshments, while those in King and other streets south of it are compelled to close?

(2.) Do not the whole of the Sunday observances in regard to these shops come under one Act; and, if so, what number, name, and clause?

(3.) Has this custom of allowing shops in one part of the City to remain open for business on Sundays, while others are compelled to close, been sanctioned by Cabinet in defiance of the law, or will he, as the administrator of justice, insist upon the equitable rights of all persons engaged in trade, and coming under the provisions of Sunday-trading laws, if the precedent created is an illegal one, or alter the law to give equal rights and privileges to all?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Public convenience has been studied in this matter by my predecessors. One of the Acts dealing with the question is of the reign of Charles II. The Honorable Member will, therefore, see that the discrimination for the benefit of the travelling public made now could not be governed by such an Act.

(2.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to 29 Car. II, clause 7, section 1, and the Police Offences Act, No. 5, of 1901, section 61.

(3.) The rights of persons engaged in the trade are fully respected, and the public convenience is being provided for at the same time. The full administrative responsibility rests on the Chief Secretary.

(7.) Closing of Shops on Sundays :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) By whose authority, and when, were the police instructed to discontinue prosecutions for Sunday-selling in one portion of the City?

(2.) What are the immediate streets, parks, and seaside suburbs covered by this exemption?

(3.) Has the Inspector-General of Police at any time protested against such interference with his prerogative in administering the laws of the State?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The police were instructed to discriminate as to Sunday-selling in places of public resort outside the hours of Sunday-trading allowed by law, by a Minute of the then Premier, on 31st July, 1900.

(2.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to my replies to his Question, No. 16 of 7th November, 1907, and Question, No. 4 of 6th August, 1908.

(3.) No protest has been received. The Inspector-General of Police drew attention to the matter in his annual report for 1907, laid upon the Table and printed.

(8.) Draymen employed by Railway Commissioners :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that horses and drays employed by the Railway Commissioners are only permitted to work for five days per week, Mondays to Fridays inclusive; and, if so, what special reasons are there for giving men an idle Saturday?

(2.) Will the Commissioners consider the expediency for employing the men of years of service engaged in this work in the same manner as public corporations and private firms, so that they may have a full week's work, including Saturdays?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that, as a rule, horses and carts are only employed on the various tramway lengths from Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, and for the most part are engaged drawing and metalling the tracks. Saturday being a short day, comparatively few men are employed on the lengths, and it would not be an economical arrangement to engage carts for that day. Carts, however, are frequently employed on Saturday on special work, outside ordinary maintenance.

(9.) Dairy and Poultry Branches, Department of Agriculture :—Mr. Brinsley Hall asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) What was the total cost to the Department of Agriculture of the Dairying Branch during the year 1907?
- (2.) What was the total income of the Dairying Branch of the Agricultural Department during the year 1907?
- (3.) Who is the chief officer of the Dairy Branch, and what salary does he receive?
- (4.) What was the total cost to the Department of the Poultry Branch during the year 1907?
- (5.) What was the total income of the Poultry Branch of the Department during the year 1907?
- (6.) Who is the chief officer of the Poultry Branch of the Department, and what is his salary?
- (7.) What was the total amount and value of poultry and eggs imported into the State during the year 1907?
- (8.) What was the value of the butter imported into the State during the year 1907?
- (9.) Will he consider the advisability of appointing an officer whose duty it will be to promote the poultry industry in the State?

Mr. Perry answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Closer Settlement on Mingay and Nangus :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large area of country, situated on Mingay, in the Coolac District, has been placed under offer for closer settlement purposes?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a similar offer *re* a further large area at Nangus has been made?
- (3.) What action, if any, has been taken in connection with such offers?
- (4.) Has he received any report as to the quality and character of the land so placed under offer and its fitness for closer settlement purposes?
- (5.) Will he lay such report, excluding therefrom any passages of a confidential character, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Moore answered,—No such offers have been received.

(11.) Accident to Inspector-General of Police—Free Use of Tramways by the Police :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was a claim made by the Inspector-General of Police in regard to an injury received whilst riding on a tram; and, if so, what amount was paid him by the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) Has the Inspector-General a free pass upon the railways and tramways of the State; and, if so, how is the payment provided for?
- (3.) Is it a custom to allow police in uniform to ride upon trams free?
- (4.) Has any accident occurred to a policeman under similar circumstances to that of the Inspector-General of Police; if so, has his moral or legal claim been in like manner recognised?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The Honorable Member has apparently overlooked the fact that he has already asked similar Questions. No amount was paid to Mr. Garvin. He has made no claim for compensation. The free railway pass is like similar passes to certain public officers paid for by Vote of this House.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I have no knowledge of a similar accident to any policeman.

(12.) Bookbinding for Mitchell Library :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Principal Librarian, some six months ago, ask prices from several city firms for binding the books of the Mitchell Library?
- (2.) If so, will he say if any decision has been arrived at on the matter?
- (3.) Has an effort been made to have the work carried out at the Government Printing Office?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Arrangements have been made with the Government Printer for carrying out this work.

(13.) Settlement Leases, Western Districts :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What have been the maximum and minimum areas of settlement leases thrown open in the Western Land Districts during the past five years, and how many such leases have been granted?
- (2.) In determining the areas of blocks to be thrown open under this form of tenure, what officer of his Department exercises authority?
- (3.) Has there been general complaint on the part of applicants for such leases to the effect that the areas have been too small?
- (4.) Has his official attention been directed to the application of one J. Robertson, Coonamble District, to have his settlement lease of 3,803 acres transferred to J. Townsend, the holder of an adjoining lease of 2,865 acres; and, if so, will he furnish this House with the reasons given by the Local Land Board for recommending such transfer?
- (5.) In connection with Townsend's lease, did the district surveyor claim that the area was a living one?

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(6.) If the transfer to Townsend is granted, what provision does he propose to make to secure the additional area necessary to render the adjoining settlement leases sufficiently large to meet the purposes of the holders?

(7.) If it be necessary that an amalgamation of the above two settlement leases should be effected, in order, as stated by the Crown Appraiser, "to make a living area for Townsend and his family," how do the other settlement leaseholders in this locality stand in regard to the living area whose holdings are only about equal to one or other of the two mentioned?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) I will be glad if the Honorable Member will specify the particular Land Districts to which he refers.

(2.) The Minister alone exercises authority, but is guided by the reports of his officers.

(3.) No.

(4 and 5.) The matter is one coming under section 11, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903, wherein application is made in the first instance to the Local Land Board, whose report has not yet been received. The information sought by the Honorable Member cannot, therefore, be given at present.

(6 and 7.) I cannot answer a Question framed in these general terms. Each case is considered on its merits.

(14.) Sanitation Ordinances made by Hurstville Council :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was application made by the Hurstville Council, in July last, for approval of ordinances relating to sanitation made under section 188 of the Local Government Act?

(2.) Has approval been given; and, if not, why?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; because they are at variance with the ordinances adopted on the recommendation of the Board of Health, which were approved after mature consideration, and accepted by the great majority of Councils.

(15.) Commonwealth Oil Corporation Railway Charges :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Dooley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the fares and freights charged by the Commonwealth Oil Corporation on their railway from Clarence to Newnes?

(2.) Is there a clause in the lease which stipulates the Company's charges shall be the same as the Government?

(3.) Will he take the necessary steps to have the conditions imposed?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) I am informed that at the urgent request of store-keepers and others, the Commonwealth Oil Corporation have agreed to carry goods and passengers over their line before it is completed and opened for traffic. The charges made are 1s. per ton per mile for goods, and 6s. each way for passengers.

(2.) No; the fares and freights are to be fixed by the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, at amounts not exceeding for passengers, 2d. per mile; for goods (other than minerals), 9d. per ton per mile.

(3.) The condition requiring carriage of passengers and goods cannot be enforced until after the expiration of three months' notice that, in the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, the railway should be open to the public.

(16.) Locally-built Locomotives :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of ironworkers out of employment at the present time in this State?

(2.) Has the contract for the manufacture of locomotives by the Clyde Engineering Works given satisfaction; if so, will he interview the Chief Commissioner for Railways, with a view to entering into a further contract for the construction of locomotives locally, in accordance with requests recently made by the Honorable Member for Granville in interviews with him on the subject?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that, with the exception of boilermakers, iron shipbuilders, and ironworkers' assistants, the men engaged in the iron trades have been fairly well employed of late.

(2.) The contract has given satisfaction. The Government has under consideration the manufacture of additional locomotives locally.

(17.) Employees in Agricultural Department—Temporary Employees in the Public Service :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) When will he take the necessary action to bring the employees of his Department, who are paid from the Sheep Fund, under the Public Service Act?

(2.) When doing this, will he give temporary employees in the Public Service who are required as permanent officers an opportunity of becoming permanent?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The advisability of bringing those employees of the Stock Branch, who were formerly paid from the Sheep Fund, under the control of the Public Service Board is now under consideration.

(2.) As this is a general question bearing on the Public Service Act, I would refer the Honorable Member to the Honorable the Attorney-General, by whose Department that Act is administered.

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- (18.) Locomotive Engine-sheds, Waratah:—Mr. Grahame asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Have the new engine-sheds at Port Waratah been completed for some months; if so, why have they not been opened?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Chief Commissioner has found fault with the construction?
 Mr. Waddell answered,—
 (1.) I am informed the new engine-sheds are not yet quite ready for occupation.
 (2.) It is not a fact; on the contrary, the Chief Commissioner has expressed himself as well pleased with the construction.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Twenty-fifth Annual Report on Inscribed Stock, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Act, 1902.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations, Nos. 81 and 262A, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, Schedule One of that Act be amended by the addition thereto of the following words:—

In column 2, line 4, before "breweries," the words "the business of."

In column 2, line 5, after "distilleries," the words "wine and spirit stores."

Also that the following Board and Industry be added to Schedule One of the said Act:—

Board.	Industries and Employees in Industries.
Smelting	Persons employed in ore-smelting and refining works.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly, having in accordance with section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, this day passed a Resolution to amend Schedule One of that Act by the addition of certain words and by adding thereto another Board and Industry, transmits a copy of the said Resolution to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 17th September, 1908.*

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT, 1908.

Resolution referred to in Message of 17th September, 1908.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

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Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, Mr. Kelly, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson respecting 15 acres of land, part of portion 7, parish of Barratta, county of Cunningham, under section 11 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McLaurin, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL PROPOSALS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this House approves of the resolutions agreed to at the Premiers' Conference held in Melbourne in April-May, 1908, viz.:—

"(1.) That, in view of the fact that upon the State Parliaments devolves the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works, and that they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining adequate education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving (a) a fixed annual sum; and (b) a proportionate part of all increases in revenue from Customs and Excise.

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- " (2.) That, for the purpose of enabling the Federal Government to initiate a general scheme of old-age pensions, the State Governments will be agreeable to accept a smaller proportion of the Customs and Excise revenue than three-fourths, and thus supplement, if necessary, the amount which can be provided under the Commonwealth Surplus Revenue Bill.
- " (3.) That, no restriction having been placed by the Constitution upon the borrowing powers of the States, and, further, for the reasons set out in Resolution No. 1, the States should be the sole judges as to the raising of loans, within or without the Commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying on the work of internal development without interference by the Council of Finance, as proposed in the scheme of the Commonwealth Treasurer, or by any external authority.
- " (4.) That the gradual assumption by the Commonwealth of the State Debts may eventually lead to economies, but it would be advisable to allow the settlement of details to stand over until the question of the distribution of the net revenue from duties of Customs and Excise has been determined.
- " (5.) That, in the distribution of the amount returnable by the Commonwealth to the States, the *per-capita* contribution of each State to the Customs and Excise revenue shall be considered and allowed for.
- " (6.) That the proposal of the Commonwealth Treasurer to take over the Sinking Funds of the several States without making equitable provision for compensation is objectionable.
- " (7.) (a) That, in the event of the Commonwealth taking over the Debts, the total indebtedness of the respective States should be reduced by the sum of the value of the transferred properties (unless settlement for such properties be previously made), and that when the lighthouses, &c., are taken over by the Commonwealth, the State should be credited for them; (b) the States urge an early settlement of this long-standing question,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question *having, by concurrence, been amended* by inserting before Resolution (1.) the following words:—"That this Conference views with apprehension the proposals of the Commonwealth Government embodied in the Memorandum of Sir William Lyne, and is of opinion that they will, if adopted, seriously affect the financial independence and solvency of the States, and further resolves,"—

Question, as amended, proposed.

Debate continued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Aberdeen Common :—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Tressé, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a common was granted for the use of the town of Aberdeen many years ago?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that such common was leased to a man named Robert Stewart as a prickly-pear lease?
- (3.) When will such lease expire?
- (4.) Will he see that the people of Aberdeen are not deprived of the use of this land any longer?

Mr. Moore answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the statement made by me on the subject in this House on Thursday last, in reply to a Question asked by the Member for the District.

(2.) Federal Capital Site :—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that considerable diversity of opinion exists amongst Members of the Ministry as to the Federal Capital Site?
- (2.) Is it a fact that one of the main obstacles in the way of settling the matter is the want of unanimity amongst the New South Wales representatives in the Federal Parliament?
- (3.) Will he give this House an early opportunity of discussing the advisability of recommending a site?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) There is no conflict of opinion amongst Members of the Ministry on the subject of the Capital Site. Nothing that has been said or done by any Member of the Government warrants this Question being placed on the Business Paper. Each Minister is prepared to surrender any individual preference that he may have entertained for one site over another for the purpose of agreeing upon one site which will be a fair compromise under all the circumstances, and which will comply most fully with the spirit of the Constitution and the agreement arrived at by the State Premiers in their memorandum of 3rd February, 1899. At the same time the Government has always been willing to supply information with regard to any site suggested by the Parliament of the Commonwealth. They recognise that further delay in the determination of the site in accordance with the Constitution is likely to engender friction, and they will offer every assistance that lies in their power towards an immediate and final settlement of this matter.
- (2.) I am not prepared to express an opinion.
- (3.) I hope to afford Honorable Members an opportunity of discussing the situation.

(3.) Minimum Wage for Railway Employees :—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the congestion at the Darling Harbour Railway Yards arises partly from there not being sufficient competent labour available for the work?
- (2.) Is it a fact that new hands taken on start at 5s. 6d. per day for intermittent work?
- (3.) Will he again consider the necessity of fixing a minimum wage of 7s. per day for all adult railway employees?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that :—

- (1.) The primary cause of the congestion arises from the great proportion of the traffic arriving at the depôt after 3 p.m.; for instance, while, approximately, 750 tons is received in the six hours prior to 3 p.m., 1,000 tons are brought in the two hours following. Steps have been taken to minimise the inconvenience by the appointment of additional permanent staff.
- (2.) No; 6s. per day is the minimum rate.

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(3.) In many cases the minimum rate for railway labourers is 7s., but in others regard must be had to the conditions of employment and the prospects of advancement. Much more favourable opportunities exist than in private employ. The Chief Commissioner does not think it advisable to have a general minimum of 7s. per day.

(4.) Manilla to Barraba Railway:—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the railway line from Manilla to Barraba has been completed for the last six months; if so, why has it not been opened for traffic?

(2.) When is the line likely to be opened?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact. It has only just been completed.

(2.) The line was opened for traffic on Monday, the 21st instant.

(5.) Case of Grimson v. Freeman and Wallace:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) In view of the evidence given in the case of Grimson v. Freeman and Wallace, will he direct the prosecution of the defendants on charges of obtaining money under false pretences?

(2.) Will he introduce legislation to deal with the many institutions of a kind similar to that conducted by Freeman and Wallace, which play upon the credulity of the public?

(3.) Is it a fact that there are several other such concerns flourishing in the City of Sydney?

Mr. Wade answered,—The matters involved in these Questions are under the consideration of the Government.

(6.) Supply of Coal for Railway Purposes from Curlewis Coal Mine:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any demand or request been made of the Railway Commissioners by the Northern Miners' Federation to the effect that they (the Commissioners) shall procure supplies from the Curlewis Coal-mine; if so, on what grounds does the Northern Miners' Federation make such demand or request?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed no such request has been made of the Railway Commissioners.

(7.) Extra Duty by Power-house Employees during Visit of United States Fleet:—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it intended to pay the men working in the Power-house, Ultimo, during the visit of the American Fleet, an extra day's pay; if not, why not?

(2.) Were not their duties equally as heavy as the employees on the running staff?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the men employed in the Power-house, Ultimo, will receive two days' holidays, with pay, in connection with the visit of the Fleet, and it is also intended to pay them a special extra day's pay.

(8.) Distribution of Railway Trucks:—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What regulation is in force on the railway with regard to the cancelling of orders for trucks?

(2.) Up to what period before the date for which the trucks are ordered can the person ordering obtain a refund of his deposit upon such cancellation?

(3.) Is it a fact that trucks can be ordered in the Metropolitan District without notice or at one day's notice?

(4.) Is it a fact that at the same time country consignors frequently have to wait two or three months for trucks to be made available?

(5.) Will he take steps to see that more satisfactory distribution of rolling-stock is obtained?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that the regulation in regard to cancellation reads:—"An order once lodged with the Department may only be withdrawn, or the number of trucks reduced, or destination altered at any time (not being less than three clear working days before the date of conveyance) upon the forfeiture by the applicant of the deposit for each truck so withdrawn, number reduced, or destination altered. The Commissioners reserve to themselves the right to charge for all trucks ordered and not used on the date and at the station specified in the order as "if used." A specific period for cancellation of live-stock orders prior to date fixed for loading is not provided. The question of refund depends whether any inconvenience or loss was caused to the Department by reason of unnecessary haulage of waggons or through the refusal of other orders, and each case is dealt with entirely on its merits as it arises.

(3.) It is not correct that live-stock trucks can be obtained in the Metropolitan District without notice or on one day's notice only, but at places such as Flemington, where there is always a regular and exceptional demand for live stock trucks, a limited number of waggons are kept on hand, and in order to suit the convenience of senders are made available on application.

(4.) It is correct that the facilities for lifting live-stock from some of the country stations are not equal to what they are at Flemington, and this is due to the fact that the waggons used from the latter place are received loaded, and would otherwise be returned empty to the country, while to meet country orders the waggons have to, as a general rule, run empty in one direction.

(5.) The distribution of live-stock waggons constantly receives most careful consideration, and the best possible arrangements in the interests of all concerned are being made with the waggons available.

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- (9.) Mr. Thomas Buckley:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to the effect that permanent or temporary employment shall be offered to Mr. Thomas Buckley?

Mr. Lee answered,—There is no permanent position vacant; he is given temporary work when opportunity offers.

- (10.) Working Hours of Employees at Barren Jack Dam:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a strike occurred at Barren Jack some time since, and was settled by an arbitration tribunal consisting of representatives of the men and the Government?

(2.) Was one of the decisions of such tribunal that men working beyond the ticket office were to get out their tickets after the whistle blew for work, and then proceed to work in Government time?

(3.) Is it a fact that this decision has been departed from, and that men are compelled to get out their tickets and be on the work before the whistle blows?

(4.) Has he been informed that on Monday last the engineer told the man at the ticket office to shut the office when the whistle blew, and those men who had not their tickets were to go home?

(5.) Will he see that the decisions of the arbitration tribunal are adhered to?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) There was no arbitration by a tribunal. The conditions of employment were fixed by the engineer after conferring with a representative of the men.

(2.) It was agreed that the men should get their tickets when the whistle blew and proceed to work in the Government time.

(3.) No.

(4.) Early on Monday last, the 14th instant, the excavation in the bed of the river at Barren Jack was flooded, the river coming down suddenly and without any warning. In consequence of this the usual number of men could not be employed. The engineer himself was present at the ticket office, and when the number of men for whom work could be found that morning had obtained their tickets, he stopped the issue of tickets and informed the remaining men, about thirty-five in number, of the reason why they were not required that day.

(5.) The spirit of the arrangement made by the engineer after the strike has been faithfully adhered to by the officers in charge of the work, that is, the men are allowed to go from the ticket office to their places on the work in the Government time. The arrangement made after the strike by the engineer was—"All men employed in connection with the dam works must get their tickets at the office when the whistle blows and must proceed directly to their work." The men's representative urged that "No man be allowed to take his ticket until the whistle actually 'blows,' and the engineer decided in reply to that request that "The men need not take their tickets till the whistle blows, but will be expected to be prompt in taking them out." A number of men employed on the works prefer to take their tickets out at their leisure when they reach the office, without waiting for the whistle to blow, while a small section of the men wait until the whistle blows and take their tickets in a very leisurely fashion. Recently it took sixteen minutes to issue 200 tickets and the engineer informed the men that as he had to reduce hands he proposed to retain those who applied first. The result is, that, as stated in answer to Question No. 4, the first men to apply for their tickets were kept on and the latest lost the day's work on account of the interruption due to floods.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT:—Mr. Meagher presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Darlington, representing that the Council has unanimously adopted resolutions asking to have the Local Government Act amended so as to remove all exemptions, and make every property ratable, and seeking the co-operation of all Municipal and Shire Councils in the State; that, in response to the Council's letter, seventy-six Municipal Councils, and thirty Shire Councils replied granting unqualified co-operation; that such an amendment is to be desired owing to the many claims for exemption, and the difficulty of defining what should be exempt; that the contradictory decisions of Magistrates as regards what are "charitable institutions" and places "used exclusively for public worship" make the amendment desirable; and praying for the consideration of the desire of the Municipal and Shire Councils referred to in the Petition, and that relief, whereby the existing anomalies may be removed, be granted.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Report of the Acting Chief Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply, and Drainage on the gauging of the Cotter and Mowambah Rivers, for period February to September, 1908, in connection with Water Supplies for suggested Federal Capital Sites.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Boomi Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Walter J. Badham as Inspector, Department of Public Works.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Totalizator Bill postponed until Tuesday, 6th October.

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5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Kahibah, Mr. Edden, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The action of the Government in fixing the rates of remuneration for Members of the Industrial Disputes Boards." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Edden moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick directed attention to Notice of Motion No. 16 in his name on to-day's Business Paper, and contended that this debate would anticipate the debate on that Notice of Motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the point taken was a very fine one, because Motion No. 16 would cover the amendment of almost every word of the Industrial Disputes Act. The motion of which notice had been given referred to the action of the present Government, which, in his opinion, could not be affected by any amendment of the Act. He, therefore, held that the Honorable Member for Kahibah was in order in the course he had taken.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Burgess,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. McGowen.	

Noces, 43.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Parke,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Downes,
Colonel Onslow,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Price,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. McCoy,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. James.
Mr. Broughton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. LEASE CONVERSION AND LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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 Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Subventions to Friendly Societies Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise payments in subvention of friendly societies in certain cases ; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1908.*

(2.) Inebriates (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 further provision for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates ; to amend the Inebriates Act, 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 23rd September, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Northern Territory—Connection of New South Wales Railways with proposed Trans-Continental Railway :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

(1.) With regard to the proposal of the Commonwealth, made in the Federal Government's Sessional Programme, to take over the Northern Territory,—will this State be called upon, directly or indirectly, to subscribe the largest share towards this movement and railway projection therewith, and has it the largest interest at stake ?

(2.) In the world's present-day trade activity, in which the eastern trade is such a paramount factor, and in which the trade of Northern Europe—as well as of Asia—will be conspicuously developed by the building of the Russian Transcontinental Railway to Vladivostock, is it likely that extensive direct trade with Australia will, in the near future, come through Chinese and Malay waters straight to Port Darwin as the most central port of call, and through the Northern Territory, to the various States ?

(3.) Is it a fact that New South Wales will have no boundary upon the new State, as boundaries stand and are proposed, whilst Queensland, Western Australia, and South Australia encompass this new territory ?

(4.) Is it a fact that, geographically, Sydney is to this territory the nearest and most accessible centre for the distribution of trade, which will have to be transported across Australia

(5.)

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(5.) In view of the position of the City of Sydney, and the immense importance of the question to this State, will the Government of New-South Wales at once communicate with the Commonwealth Government regarding this matter, stipulating for full and open unrestricted access for this State's share of this trade through the territory of South Australia, with full powers to construct future railways from our Western Lines now existing, establish depôts, and to do other things necessary to secure convenience and protect this trade; and to connect our railways to the proposed Federal line from Oodnadatta to Pine Creek?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is impossible to say.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) As the crow flies, from Port Darwin, yes.
- (5.) I am unable to announce the intentions of the Government until the proposals of the Commonwealth are specifically declared.

(2.) Case of Doodeward v. Spence:—Mr. Dacey asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What amount, in litigation, has the action Doodeward v. Spence cost the State?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Crown is appealing from the decision of the High Court of Australia to the Privy Council; and, if so, what will be the probable cost of such appeal?
- (3.) Of what particular value, if any, is Doodeward's two-headed baby to the State of New South Wales?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) £74 6s. 4d.
- (2.) Yes. I cannot at present form an accurate estimate of the cost.
- (3.) It is of no more value to the State than any other dead body, but there is a principle at issue of great public importance, involving the right of Christian burial.

(3.) Schedule One of Industrial Disputes Act:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that it has been ascertained that several industries have been omitted from the Schedule of the Industrial Disputes Act?
- (2.) Have representations been made to him in regard to providing for Boards for the milling and soap and candle industries, and also for engine-drivers and firemen who are unattached to any of the industries mentioned in the Schedule?
- (3.) Will he add to the Schedule so as to provide for these industries?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, amongst others.
- (3.) Action has already been taken with regard to some industries; others are now under consideration.

(4.) Special Leases, Bartley's Creek:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that deposit money was lodged in connection with Bartley's Creek special leases in April last?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the refund to unsuccessful applicants has not yet been made?
- (3.) Will such refund be expedited, so that the owners may be able to put same to some use?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) When the conflicting applications have been finally dealt with, refunds will be at once made to unsuccessful applicants.

(5.) Forbes to Stockinbingal Railway:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is a survey from Forbes to Stockinbingal along the proposed railway route completed?
- (2.) If not, when will same be finished?
- (3.) Will he have the proposal submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works this Session?
- (4.) If not, when?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The survey has been completed, but the details are not yet ready.
- (3 and 4.) I can make no promise until Cabinet has decided what works are to be referred to the Committee.

(6.) "Sobraon" Band:—Mr. Burgess asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the "Sobraon" band is engaged to play at various functions during each year?
- (2.) If so, what is the usual charge, if any, made for its services?
- (3.) If remuneration is received, do the boys forming the band get it; if not, what is the money used for?
- (4.) If no remuneration is received, will he see that in future this band is adequately paid for services rendered at any but Government functions?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The use of the band is granted to various functions throughout each year, under Ministerial authority.

(2.)

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- (2.) No charge is made, but the Department requires the cost of the boys' transit from and to the ship to be paid by those obtaining the band's services.
 (3.) Answered by No. 2.
 (4.) It is not proposed to charge for the band's services. Its attendance is mainly confined to Government and charitable functions, and those connected with public school exhibitions.

- (7.) Increased Allowances for Returning Officers:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) In connection with the regulations for increased allowances for Returning Officers for the 1907 Election, were certain districts formerly classified as country electoral districts altered to city and suburban districts, with a consequent reduction in the fees on the increased scale and with a loss to the Returning Officers in such districts of any advantage accruing from the increased allowance granted for the extra work done in connection with the Local Option Poll?
 (2.) If so, will he consider the claims of those officiating in these districts?

Mr. Wood answered,—No loss was occasioned anyone in connection with the Election of 1907. The Returning Officers had been paid on the old scale prior to the issue of the recent regulations; but where the new scale was, as in the majority of cases, an advantage to them, they received the difference later. The old scale was inequitable, a Returning Officer in a comparatively small suburban district receiving as much as the Returning Officers for the huge western electorates.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Cullerin.
 (2.) Return showing the average number of trucks out of service, undergoing or awaiting repairs, at the Eveleigh and Newcastle Workshops in June, 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1908.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the promotion of Mr. C. H. Hay, Clerk, Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
 (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the promotion of Mr. W. A. Balcombe, Chief Clerk, and Messrs. H. A. N. Smith, and O. S. White, Clerks in the Office of the Master in Equity.
 (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the promotion of Mr. George Tout, Clerk, Office of the Registrar of Probates and Curator of Intestate Estates.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 06-39, being portion No. 192, and Conditional Lease No. 06-41, being portion No. 193, parish of Wangalo, county of Georgiana, Land District of Carcoar, applied for by Thomas Treacy, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY STOCK TRUCKS—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Kelly moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 2 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to the inability of the Railway Department to supply trucks when wanted.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Mercer,
 Mr. Lynch,
 Mr. Nielsen,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Burgess,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Carmichael,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. McGarry,
 Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Dacey,
 Mr. Caan,
 Mr. Meehan,
 Mr. Nicholson.

Tellers,

Mr. Charlton,
 Mr. G. A. Jones.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Mahony,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Hogue,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Wade,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Colonel Ryrie,
 Mr. Cohen,
 Mr. Latimer,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Fleming,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Gillies,
 Mr. John Miller,

Mr. Barton,
 Mr. Gilbert,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Hunt,
 Mr. Brinsley Hall,
 Mr. Fallick,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Thomas,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Briner.

Tellers,

Mr. Brown,
 Colonel Onslow.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Scheme for the disposal of the Sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts*):—Mr. Latimer, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plans, relating to the proposed scheme for the Disposal of the Sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1908-9.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1907-8 IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1908—PUBLIC WORKS FUND, ESTIMATE FOR 1908-9.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND, ESTIMATE FOR 1908-9 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the following :—

(1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure of the Government for the year 1908-9.

(2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1907-8, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.

(3.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense" to 30th June, 1908, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.

(4.) *Public Works Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1908-9.

(5.) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1908-9.

State Government House,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1908.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Statements, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909; and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Burrangong, Mr. Burgess, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The delay and expense occasioned to intending settlers by the excessive number of appeals against the decisions of Local Land Boards."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Burgess moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order.—Mr. Moore submitted that the terms of the motion submitted were not definite, and in that respect did not comply with Standing Order No. 49, and the motion was, therefore, out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said on looking at the motion very closely, it seemed to him to be very indefinite; a number of appeals could arise, not in one case, but in, perhaps, one hundred and one cases; therefore, an interminable debate could arise on this motion; he, therefore, ruled the motion out of order.

9. INEBRIATES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates; to amend the Inebriates Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

10. COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL PROPOSALS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this House approves of the resolutions agreed to at the Premiers' Conference held in Melbourne in April-May, 1908, viz. :—

"That this Conference views with apprehension the proposals of the Commonwealth Government embodied in the Memorandum of Sir William Lyne, and is of opinion that they will, if adopted, seriously affect the financial independence and solvency of the States, and further resolves,—

"(1.) That, in view of the fact that upon the State Parliaments devolves the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works, and that they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining adequate education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving (a) a fixed annual sum; and (b) a proportionate part of all increases in revenue from Customs and Excise.

"(2.)

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- “(2.) That, for the purpose of enabling the Federal Government to initiate a general scheme of old-age pensions, the State Governments will be agreeable to accept a smaller proportion of the Customs and Excise revenue than three-fourths, and thus supplement, if necessary, the amount which can be provided under the Commonwealth Surplus Revenue Bill.
- “(3.) That, no restriction having been placed by the Constitution upon the borrowing powers of the States, and, further, for the reasons set out in Resolution No. 1, the States should be the sole judges as to the raising of loans, within or without the Commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying on the work of internal development without interference by the Council of Finance, as proposed in the scheme of the Commonwealth Treasurer, or by any external authority.
- “(4.) That the gradual assumption by the Commonwealth of the State Debts may eventually lead to economies, but it would be advisable to allow the settlement of details to stand over until the question of the distribution of the net revenue from duties of Customs and Excise has been determined.
- “(5.) That, in the distribution of the amount returnable by the Commonwealth to the States, the *per capita* contribution of each State to the Customs and Excise revenue shall be considered and allowed for.
- “(6.) That the proposal of the Commonwealth Treasurer to take over the Sinking Funds of the several States without making equitable provision for compensation is objectionable.
- “(7.) (a) That, in the event of the Commonwealth taking over the Debts, the total indebtedness of the respective States should be reduced by the sum of the value of the transferred properties (unless settlement for such properties be previously made), and that when the lighthouses, &c., are taken over by the Commonwealth, the State should be credited for them; (b) the States urge an early settlement of this long-standing question.”

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1908, A.M.

And Mr. Arthur Griffith requiring that the resolutions be put *seriatim*,—

Resolution (1),—“That, in view of the fact that upon the State Parliaments devolves the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works, and that they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining adequate education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving (a) a fixed annual sum; and (b) a proportionate part of all increases in revenue from Customs and Excise,”—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Eell,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Robson,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hindmarsh.
Mr. Barton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Miller,	Colonel Rylie,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Fleming,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Trelle,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Mechan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Edden.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution (2),—“That, for the purpose of enabling the Federal Government to initiate a general scheme of old-age pensions, the State Governments will be agreeable to accept a smaller proportion of the Customs and Excise revenue than three-fourths, and thus supplement, if necessary, the amount which can be provided under the Commonwealth Surplus Revenue Bill,”—put and passed.

Resolution (3),—“That, no restriction having been placed by the Constitution upon the borrowing powers of the States, and, further for the reasons set out in Resolution No. 1, the States should be the sole judges as to the raising of loans, within or without the Commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying on the work of internal development without interference by the Council of Finance, as proposed in the scheme of the Commonwealth Treasurer, or by any external authority,”—put and passed.

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Resolution (4),—"That the gradual assumption by the Commonwealth of the State Debts may eventually lead to economies, but it would be advisable to allow the settlement of details to stand over until the question of the distribution of the net revenue from duties of Customs and Excise has been determined,"—put and passed.

Resolution (5),—"That, in the distribution of the amount returnable by the Commonwealth to the States, the *per capita* contribution of each State to the Customs and Excise revenue shall be considered and allowed for,"—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Robson,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
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Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution (6),—"That the proposal of the Commonwealth Treasurer to take over the Sinking Funds of the several States without making equitable provision for compensation is objectionable,"—put and passed.

Resolution (7),—(a) "That in the event of the Commonwealth taking over the Debts, the total indebtedness of the respective States should be reduced by the sum of the value of the transferred properties (unless settlement for such properties be previously made), and that when the lighthouses, &c., are taken over by the Commonwealth, the State should be credited for them; (b) the States urge an early settlement of this long-standing question,"—put and passed.

Question then,—

That this House approves of the resolutions agreed to at the Premiers' Conference held in Melbourne in April-May, 1908, viz. :—

"That this Conference views with apprehension the proposals of the Commonwealth Government embodied in the memorandum of Sir William Lyne, and is of opinion that they will, if adopted, seriously affect the financial independence and solvency of the States, and further resolves,—

"(1.) That, in view of the fact that upon the State Parliaments devolves the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works, and that they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining adequate education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving (a) a fixed annual sum; and (b) a proportionate part of all increases in revenue from Customs and Excise.

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"(4.) That the gradual assumption by the Commonwealth of the State Debts may eventually lead to economies, but it would be advisable to allow the settlement of details to stand over until the question of the distribution of the net revenue from duties of Customs and Excise has been determined.

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" (7.) (a) That in the event of the Commonwealth taking over the Debts, the total indebtedness of the respective States should be reduced by the sum of the value of the transferred properties (unless settlement for such properties be previously made), and that when the lighthouses, &c., are taken over by the Commonwealth, the State should be credited for them; (b) the States urge an early settlement of this long-standing question,"—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

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Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
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Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Edden.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Trucks:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that two-thirds rates are charged for "D" trucks, which are provided in lieu of ordinary sheep vans when the former are unavailable?
 - (2.) What is the comparative carrying capacity of "D" trucks and the ordinary sheep vans?
 - (3.) How many new sheep and cattle vans have been ordered, to whom have the contracts been given, and when are deliveries to be given to the Railway Commissioners?
 - (4.) In view of the great inconvenience and loss caused to the graziers through inability to supply trucks when ordered, is it not possible to expedite delivery by giving contracts to other firms for the construction of same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that two-third rates are charged.
 - (2.) Sheep vans carry 80 to 100; goods waggons from 50 to 60 according to the condition of sheep.
 - (3.) I will lay this information upon the Table of this House.
 - (4.) Efforts were made to do this when the contracts were originally let.
- (2.) Broom Millet grown at Pitt Town Experimental Farm:—Mr. Taylor asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that broom millet is being grown at the Pitt Town Experimental Farm and manufactured into brooms which are being sold to the trade in Sydney at prices that private manufacturers cannot make them for?
 - (2.) If so, will he consider whether the Government are justified in undercutting the private manufacturers, and give instructions that in future a fair market value is to be obtained for same?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A small quantity of broom mille has been grown at the Government Labour Farm, portion of which has been made into brooms. Only one lot has been sold in Sydney, for which a fair price was obtained.
 - (2.) There is no such intention, nor is it likely that a few hand-made brooms could seriously compete with well-equipped steam-power factories.
- (3.) Sydney to Homebush Railway:—Mr. Robson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What rate of interest does the Railway, Sydney to Homebush, pay on the capital invested?
 - (2.) What amount, and proportion, of the cost of the new Central Railway Station is debited to the section, Sydney to Homebush?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that this information is not kept separately. If it is necessary, it should be asked for in the form of a return, as it will take considerable time to prepare. In any case, however, it can only be approximately ascertained, as the suburban lines are used for both "through" and "suburban" traffic proper, and all the traffic passing over the lines—which is very considerable—will have to be analysed, and the capital expenditure approximately apportioned.

- (4.) Mr. A. McDonald, late Caretaker of Cooperbrook Bridge:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What were the reasons for retiring Mr. A. McDonald, late caretaker of the Cooperbrook Bridge?
 - (2.) Was he employed in the Department for over twenty-two years?
 - (3.) Was he superseded without any pension or gratuity; if so, on what ground?
 - (4.) Will he look into this case with a view to some consideration being shown to an old officer, either by way of continued employment, gratuity, or pension?

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- Mr. Lee answered,—
 (1.) He was retired because, after due consideration, it was decided to caretake this and other bridges by contract.
 (2.) No.
 (3 and 4.) I had already promised to fully investigate McDonald's case; this will be done, and the Honorable Member advised of the decision.
- (5.) Permissive Occupancies of Foreshores and Jetties, Hunter and Williams Rivers:—Mr. Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What is the number of permissive occupancies of foreshores and jetties on the Hunter and Williams Rivers?
 (2.) The total rental value received for such occupancies?
 Mr. Moore answered,—
 (1.) 131.
 (2.) £196 18s. 6d.
- (6.) Subsidy to Pastures Protection Boards:—Mr. Brown asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
 (1.) Has he decided upon the subsidy which will be paid those Pastures Protection Boards whose stock inspectors, wholly paid by the Board, are largely engaged upon inspections on behalf of the Government?
 (2.) If not, will he do so at an early date?
 Mr. Perry answered,—The matter is under consideration.
- (7.) Small Improved Holdings of Land:—Mr. John Miller asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he considered the desirability of bringing in a Bill to assist deserving persons to acquire small improved holdings in rural districts as close as possible to centres of population, where industrial employment may be obtained which will enable them to provide homes for their families, and profitably use their time when out of employment; and will also add to the wage-earning portion of the community and increase the number of producers, and quicken thereby the development of our natural resources, on the lines of an Act in force in Victoria, No. 2,053, entitled "An Act to provide for establishing and controlling Small Improved Holdings of Land"?
 Mr. Moore answered,—The question is being looked into, and it will receive the fullest consideration.
- (8.) George Stock, Electric Tram-driver:—Mr. Meehan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that George Stock, of Waverley Dépôt, has been appointed electric driver?
 (2.) What is the date of Stock's appointment to the Tramway Service?
 (3.) What is the date of his appointment as electric driver?
 (4.) Is it a fact that there are many other men with several years' more service than Stock eligible for promotion as electric drivers?
 (5.) Was Stock promoted in preference to these men; and, if so, why?
 (6.) Is it a fact that Stock was on strike?
 Mr. Waddell answered,—I would point out to the Honorable Member that the Question is one connected with the detail tramway working, which is controlled by the Chief Commissioner. The Act provides that if any officer feels himself aggrieved he has the right of appeal to the Administration in the matter, and it is suggested that course be followed.
- (9.) Public School, Inverell:—Mr. Thomas asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) When will tenders be called for the erection of an infants' school and manual science rooms at Inverell, as recommended by the Under Secretary during his recent visit to that centre?
 (2.) What further action is being taken to improve the facilities and enlarge the scope for imparting knowledge at that centre?
 Mr. Hogue answered,—
 (1.) The plans for an infants' school and for manual training and science rooms are under consideration, but no time can at present be fixed for inviting tenders.
 (2.) The school has been made a district school; two teachers on the staff are qualified to teach science; and three possess University degrees. Everything possible is being done in the direction indicated in the Question.
2. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Collins presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Angledool, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that, should it become law, it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, Petition received.
3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INEBRIATES ACT:—Mr. Robson presented a Petition from H. E. Shaw, Chairman of the General Council of the Prohibition Party of New South Wales, representing that great misery and distress exists as a consequence of the inadequate use made by the executive authorities of the provisions of the Inebriates Act; that Petitioners believe that were inebriates confined under conditions which would ensure the employment of the able-bodied, it would result in great advantage to the State, benefit to themselves, as well as relief to those connected with them; and praying that provision be quickly made for the use of the institution partly established on Rabbit and Wilson Islands, in the Hawkesbury River; and that provision be made in portion of the existing Benevolent Asylums for the reception of decrepit and destitute inebriates. Petition received.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for introducing legislation which will provide for the more liberal treatment of Country Fire Brigades." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Wood submitted that this motion was out of order, as the Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Fire Brigades Bill would permit of this subject being fully discussed.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection taken was fatal.

(2.) Mr. Mercer moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Mercer.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Thomas,
Colonel Ryrrie,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Price,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Briner,
Dr. Arthur,
Tellers,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. INEBRIATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 further provision for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates; to amend the Inebriates Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates; to amend the Inebriates Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for the cure, control, and treatment of inebriates; to amend the Inebriates Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £255, for Executive Council, for the year 1908-1909.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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8. PAPERS:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1908–1909.
 (2.) Statements in connection with the Financial Speech, 24th September, 1908.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Waddell 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 towards the Services of the year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by “Loan,” through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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:—
 (3.) *Resolved*,—
 That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,120,000: £2,020,000 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, being £1,970,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of October, November, and December of the financial year ending 30th June, 1909, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1909, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1908–1909; and £50,000, in anticipation of Loan Vote, for Railways and Tramways—towards the purchase of Railway and Tramway Stores; and £100,000 payable out of the Public Works Fund—
 In anticipation of Vote for Railways and Tramways—towards deviation to cut out the Lithgow Zigzag.
 On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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:—
 (3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1908–1909, the sum of £2,120,000 be granted, viz., £2,020,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and £100,000 out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.
 On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL (No. 2):—
 (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
 (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908–1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
 (3.) Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Waddell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 24th September, 1908.*

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Petition of W. A. Oakley:—Colonel Onslow asked the Premier,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the petition of W. A. Oakley (late of the Railway Service) to His Excellency the Governor, dated 23rd July, 1902, and any subsequent letters and correspondence bearing thereon?

Mr. Wade answered,—I shall be glad to let the Honorable Member see the petition and correspondence referred to.

(2.) Case of Sanders v. Metcalfe, Mining Lease:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Robert Jones, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In regard to a certain case from Parkes, Sanders v. Metcalfe, is it a fact that the land was sold by the Crown at public auction and Sanders became the purchaser?

(2.) Did his Department take action to cause the sale to Sanders to be annulled?

(3.) Was such sale set aside on the grounds that Metcalfe claimed he had a gold lease of the area?

(4.) Is it a fact that at the time Metcalfe applied for the lease he was not the holder of a miner's right as required by the Act?

(5.) Will he cause an investigation to be made by the warden and obtain his report; and, if Metcalfe was not in possession of a miner's right, cause the lease to be declared void?

(6.) Will he also ask the warden to say if any work has been done on the area in question to comply with the labour conditions; if so, to state the nature of such work?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No; the area was the subject of an application for a gold lease, by W. Metcalfe and others, of date prior to the auction sale, and was, therefore, exempt from sale.

(4.) Under the Mining Act, 1906, it is not necessary that an applicant for a gold lease should hold a miner's right.

(5.) Investigation is not necessary, in view of the answer to Question 4.

(6.) The gold lease has not yet been issued; there are, therefore, no labour conditions to be complied with.

(3.) Application for Land by W. G. Ward, Guy Fawkes:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The date of an application by William G. Ward, of Guy Fawkes, to have certain land made available for settlement?

(2.) Was the matter again urged on 31st August, and referred to the district surveyor at Armidale "to expedite action and to state how the case stands"?

(3.) Has any report yet been received; and, if so, how does the matter stand?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The first application by Mr. Ward is dated 29th April, 1908.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Reports have been received, and the case given due consideration, with the result that the application has been refused.

(4.)

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- (4.) Grants to Dorrigo, Bellingen, and Macleay Shires:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were applications made to the Government early in the year by and on behalf of Dorrigo, Bellingen, and Macleay Shires for special grants of money to assist the Shires to put roads, &c., in order, particularly where damages had been caused by heavy rains?
 - (2.) Who made the applications, and what sum of money was asked for in each case?
 - (3.) Were the applications considered; and, if so, what decision, if any, was arrived at in each case?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes, on behalf of Dorrigo and Bellingen, but only in the latter case on account of flood damages.
 - (2.) On behalf of Dorrigo, Mr. Briner asked for £2,000; and Mr. McFarlane for a general sum to cover requirements; and regarding Bellingen, by the Council of that Shire, for £1,000.
 - (3.) Yes; Dorrigo received £150, Bellingen £250, and Macleay £500, on account of flood damages, on reports by the district works officer.
- (5.) Agricultural Societies:—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—Will he introduce legislation to enable agricultural societies and kindred associations to mortgage their land and property for the purpose of effecting necessary improvements, similar to the privilege now extended by law to schools of arts and mechanics institutes?
- Mr. Perry answered,—The matter is under consideration.
- (6.) Railway Trucks:—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in view of the great shortage of wheat and stock trucks in this State, consider the advisability of having all new trucks made with detachable tops so that wheat trucks may be convertible into stock waggons and *vice versa*?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the adoption of a combination of goods and live-stock waggon has had much consideration, and designs were practically tried some years ago. As a general rule it is not found to be convenient to use the same waggons for conveying stock or general goods. The present stock waggons are already utilised for the conveyance of many goods suitable for such conveyance, such as wire-netting, fencing wire, &c., while the open goods waggons are utilised on occasions for the carriage of stock.
- (7.) Temporary Common, Walgett:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an area of 640 acres was notified as a temporary common at Walgett, on 6th December, 1902?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that this land has been held under annual lease from that date up to the present time by Mr. J. H. Doyle, and the rent of same paid to the Crown?
 - (3.) How much rent has been paid during that period?
 - (4.) Will he take into consideration that, under the circumstances, the trustees have a moral claim to this money, and see that provision is made to have the amount handed over to them as soon as possible, to enable them to carry out necessary improvements to the common?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Yes, but it was not available until withdrawn from lease.
 - (2.) The land was held under annual lease until 15th April, 1908, on which date it was withdrawn from lease.
 - (3.) £91 14s. 8d.
 - (4.) It is considered that the trustees have no moral claim to this money.
- (8.) Cryon to Walgett Railway:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the Cryon to Walgett section of the Narrabri-Walgett Railway will be handed over to the Chief Commissioner for Railways?
- Mr. Lee answered,—About the end of October.
- (9.) Collybidgelah Lands, Moree District:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) On what date did the surveyor complete the work of subdividing the Collybidgelah lands, in the Moree District?
 - (2.) When does he expect these lands to be made available for settlement?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) The district surveyor has just reported by wire that the surveyor expected to complete the subdivision by the end of last week, but plans and report have not yet been received.
 - (2.) It cannot be stated when the land will be made available, but action will be expedited.
- (10.) Cooleearlee Bore:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that considerable expense and loss is being occasioned to the settlers within the Cooleearlee Bore Water Trust District owing to the delay on the part of the contractor to start work in sinking the bore?
 - (2.) In the specification for this contract is there any provision that the contractor commence work or complete the job within any time?
 - (3.) If so, has the contractor exceeded the time allowance?
 - (4.) Will he suggest any action by which this work may be finished within reasonable time?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
 - (2.) Contractor is allowed eight weeks from date of acceptance of tender to start work, and his contract time expires on the 12th May, 1909.

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(3.) Yes, as regards time for starting, this has been delayed through contractor's plant being engaged longer than was anticipated to complete another Government bore in the district, and it was not deemed advisable to cancel his contract for the Cooleearlee Bore owing to the difficulty the Department has met with in obtaining reasonable tenders for this class of work.

(4.) The contractor is being urged to proceed with the work without further delay, and no effort will be spared to secure early completion.

2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Peters—From Ethel B. Wilkinson, President, and E. L. Holmes, Secretary, of the Women's Political Educational League, Deniliquin.

(2.) By Mr. Wade—From certain Members of the Chatswood Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(3.) By Mr. Wade—From certain Members of the Lindfield and Gordon Dorcas Society and residents of the Districts.

Petitions received.

3. **PAPER**:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Notification cancelling Regulation No. 17, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and Pastures Protection (Amendment) Act, 1906, and issuing an Amended Regulation in lieu thereof.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day, "Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, 'That this Bill be now read a second time';"—postponed until Tuesday, 17th November.

5. **CLAIMS OF ANDREW RODGERS AGAINST THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS**:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Andrew Rodgers, against the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Levien, Mr. Briner, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Page, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Brown, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Tressé,	Mr. Page,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Mahony,	Dr. Arthur.
Mr. Donaldson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Meehan.
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. James,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Latimer,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nolde,
Mr. Hunt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. **THE COUPON SYSTEM**:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Coupon System.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Edden, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Meehan, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Price requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Coupon System,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Wade, Mr. Edden, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Meagher, and Mr. Meehan.

7. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION (LIMITED)**:—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) presented to this House on 17th October, 1907, in reference to the forfeiture to the Crown of its guarantee deposit of £10,000.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Fell, Mr. Parkes, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. W. Millard,
 Mr. Henley,
 Colonel Onslow,
 Mr. John Storey,
 Mr. G. A. Jones,
 Mr. Briner,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
 Mr. Gilbert,
 Mr. McCoy,
 Mr. James,
 Mr. Morton,
 Dr. Arthur.

Tellers,

Mr. Thomas,
 Mr. Fell.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moorc,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Mechan,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Charlton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Robson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to give Parliament an opportunity during the present Session to pass legislation which will tend to place agricultural societies on a better footing?
- (2.) In any proposed legislation will it be provided that these societies may mortgage their lands for the purpose of effecting improvements?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter is under consideration.

(2.) Discovery of Silver-lead and Zinc-lead Ores, Shoalhaven :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is his Department aware of an alleged highly important discovery of silver-lead or zinc-lead ore in lode, 200 yards wide, on the Shoalhaven, near Sassafras?
- (2.) Has the Government Geologist made or directed any survey and report to be made as to the character and extent of the alleged discovery?
- (3.) If not, will he cause the usual investigation and report to be made by the scientific staff of his Department, and made available to the public at the earliest possible moment?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) An apparently large deposit of zinc-lead copper ore is known at Ettrema, near Sassafras.
- (2.) It has been examined by the Assistant Government Geologist.
- (3.) A short report will be found in the second edition of "Copper Industry," by J. E. Carne, Assistant Government Geologist, which will probably be issued from the Government Printing Office next week.

(3.) Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Morton asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Has he been informed of the wishes of numerous agricultural associations for permission to mortgage their lands under the same conditions as apply to schools of arts?
- (2.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of passing the necessary legislation to effect the above purpose?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) As notified in replies to Questions asked yesterday and to-day, the matter is now receiving consideration.

(4.) Case of Grimson v. Freeman and Wallace :—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the observations of his Honor Mr. Justice Cohen in the course of a case known as Grimson v. Freeman and Wallace?
- (2.) Has the character of the medical institution known as "Freeman and Wallace" ever been made the subject of a report by the police?
- (3.) If no report has been furnished to him, has he any official knowledge, or any means of obtaining any official knowledge, about the character of such institutions?
- (4.) If the institution in question is of the character indicated by the nature of the judge's remarks in the case referred to in Question (1), is it the intention of the Government to take action to prevent its continuance?
- (5.) Is he in a position to assure this House that there are no such institutions within the State?

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Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1) I have seen references in the Press, and inquiries have been made in regard to this matter.
- (2) Departmental records do not show that any report has been made.
- (3 and 4.) The matter is engaging attention.
- (5.) I can give no such assurance.

(5.) Rent of Crown Lessees :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that it is a practice to publish the names of lessees whose rent is accidentally overdue, and where no proceedings are in contemplation?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Crown Land Agents, in certain cases, supply the names to the Press?
- (3.) If so, will he take steps to see that the practice is discontinued?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) It is not the practice.
- (2 and 3.) As far as I know, it is not a fact. If any Crown Land Agent so acts, it is contrary to his instructions.

(6.) Land benefited by Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What area of land is it estimated will be benefited by the Barren Jack Dam and Irrigation Scheme?
- (2.) How much of this land is freehold?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to a return being prepared, and laying it upon the Table of this House, giving the names of the present owners of such freehold land, and the area in which each is interested?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) 1,500,000 acres, approximately.
- (2.) Of the area proposed to be acquired for closer settlement, about 125,500 acres, viz. :—18,700 acres alienated; 44,900 acres conditional purchase; 54,400 acres conditional lease; 8,200 acres homestead selection. Of the balance to be benefited in various ways, the greater part is freehold, conditional purchase, and conditional lease tenure, but the exact amount of each cannot at present be given.
- (3.) I am of opinion it would not be advisable to intimate at this stage the names of owners whose lands might be subject to resumption and to rating.

(7.) Visit of American Fleet—Pyrotechnic Display :—Mr. Broughton, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he state who carried out the pyrotechnic display in connection with the visit of the American Fleet?
- (2.) Were tenders called for such display?
- (3.) Were any local tenders considered; if not, why not?
- (4.) What was the amount the contractor tendered for, and what was the amount actually paid?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Pyrotechnic displays in connection with the visit of the American Fleet were carried out by Mr. T. W. Gaunt.
- (2.) Offers were received from two firms.
- (3.) Tenders from a Sydney contractor were considered and accepted.
- (4.) Particulars as follows, viz. :—

	Amount of tender.	Amount paid.
South Head—Daylight display	£100	£100
Harbour—Night display... ..	900	850
Outer Domain do	155	155

(8.) Dredge "Tau," Nambucca River :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the dredge "Tau" complete the work necessary in Warrell Creek?
- (2.) When will the dredge begin the work of dredging from the mouth of Warrell Creek up the main Nambucca River, so as to enable the ocean steamers to reach Macksville?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) This work is completed.
- (2.) The dredge will now remove bar across mouth of Warrell Creek, and subsequently proceed with deepening of the main river channel, to give access for ocean steamers to Macksville.

(9.) Case of Fairhall, late Dredge Employee, Nambucca River :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Fairall (or Fairhall), an employee in the dredge service, died recently at Nambucca Heads?
- (2.) How long was Fairall (or Fairhall) in the service?
- (3.) Was his record good?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the man left an invalid widow and a practically helpless family of children?
- (5.) Was an application made on behalf of the widow and family that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates as a gratuity, no legal claim being tenable against the Government?
- (6.) What is proposed to be done in the matter?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Twenty years.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Is is so alleged.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) An amount has been noted for Estimates.

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- (10.) Bridge over South Arm, Bellinger River :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in 1903 Parliament voted £3,000 towards the cost of construction of a bridge over the South Arm of Bellinger River, near Bellinger Heads, on the main North Coast road?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that frequent applications have been made for the construction of this bridge during the past five years; if so, why has the work not been carried out?
 - (3.) What was the last estimate of cost, and is it intended to carry out this work?
 - (4.) Would the amount paid by the Government for working the present ferry pay interest on the amount necessary to construct this bridge?
 - (5.) Will he have a final report prepared and place a sum of money on the Estimates to construct this bridge?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) £7,100. Not at present.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The matter will be further investigated.

- (11.) Mr. J. L. Fegan, Chairman, Miners' Accident Relief Board :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the appointment and payment to Mr. J. L. Fegan, as Chairman of the Board administering the Miners' Accident Relief Fund?

Mr. Wood answered,—I see no good purpose to be served by laying these papers upon the Table of this House.

- (12.) *Bond fide* Racing and Proprietary Clubs :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many *bond fide* racing clubs are there within the Metropolitan area?
 - (2.) How many clubs have been licensed within the Metropolitan area?
 - (3.) Is there any distinction as to *bond fide* and proprietary clubs; does he know of any, and must they be licensed?
 - (4.) Have any clubs, which have been licensed by him, yet published a balance-sheet; and, if not, will he call upon them to do so without delay?
 - (5.) Will he ascertain from the clubs how many bookmakers are licensed, and the amount paid to each of the clubs by the bookmakers for the privileges of betting?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to say.
- (2.) None.
- (3.) Clubs are not licensed under the Gaming and Betting Act.
- (4.) See 2 and 3.
- (5.) See 2 and 3.

- (13.) Free Railway Passes to the Blind :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has it been the practice of his Department to issue free railway passes to blind persons to enable them to gain a livelihood by the sale of literature, music, &c.?
 - (2.) How many such passes were issued during the years 1904, 1905, 1906, and 1907?
 - (3.) What is the reason for the discontinuance of the practice during the present year?
- Mr. Wood answered,—It was not the practice, but in three cases season tickets were intermittently given to enable blind persons to earn a livelihood. As, however, employment at remunerative rates was found for them, the passes were discontinued.

- (14.) Muswellbrook—Merriwa Railway :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the proposed Muswellbrook—Merriwa Railway Line yet been placed before the Public Works Committee?
 - (2.) If not, when will it be?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The railway policy for this Session has not yet been determined by the Cabinet.

- (15.) Mr. A. W. Stillwell, Consulting Engineer for Shires :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. A. W. Stillwell, lately of the Public Works Department, has been appointed consulting engineer to a number of Shires?
 - (2.) What Shires retain his services?
 - (3.) Are the same privileges allowed other Shires?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Cambewarra, Wingecarribee, Nattai, Nepean, and Rylstone.
- (3.) Yes, and have been availed of by several, where the total income of the Shire does not exceed £3,000.

- (16.) Refunds from Superannuation Fund :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—Is it proposed to make refund to State officers who retired from the Superannuation Fund of the moneys paid into that fund by them; and, if so, when?

Mr. Wade answered,—The time for making such refunds is determined by the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902. The Government do not propose to ask Parliament to alter the law.

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- (17.) Working Hours of Employees at Barren Jack Dam :—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did he, on behalf of the Government, at the time of the strike at Barren Jack, pledge himself to abide by any agreement arrived at between the men's representative and the representative of the Government?
 - (2.) Does the agreement arrived at provide that the men shall take out their tickets after the whistle blows, and proceed to work in Government time?
 - (3.) Has his attention been called to the fact that the engineer in charge is attempting by every means in his power to get the men to break away from the agreement in this respect?
 - (4.) Will he see that this clause of the agreement is strictly adhered to?
 - (5.) Will he further see that no man is victimised, either by losing time or by being discharged because of his adherence to this agreement?
 - (6.) Will he supply *Mr. Nielsen* with a copy of the working rules which were based on this agreement?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) No pledge was made; but the object was to secure a working arrangement.
 - (2.) The arrangement made was that the men need not take their tickets until the whistle blows, but will be expected to be prompt in taking them out.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) I am not aware of any working rules.
- (18.) Working of Inebriates Act :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Will he furnish this House before the second reading of the Inebriates (Amendment) Bill with a copy of the report made by the Stipendiary Magistrates of the Metropolitan Police Courts, giving their opinion on the necessity for their being enabled to deal effectively with repeatedly-convicted drunkards?
 - (2.) Will he inform this House before the second reading of the Inebriates (Amendment) Bill the number of persons of either sex, who, by repeated convictions, have rendered themselves liable to committal under the 3rd section of the Inebriates Act in the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, and for the first eight months of 1908?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—
- (1.) I am unable to trace any report of the character mentioned.
 - (2.) This information is not at present available, and will take some time to prepare. I will, however, be glad to furnish it to the Honorable Member as early as possible.
- (19.) Prickly Pear Pest :—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has anything been done in this State recently for the eradication of prickly pear?
 - (2.) If so, what has been the result of the work?
 - (3.) Is this work being continued?
 - (4.) What was the method of destruction employed?
 - (5.) Have persons who claim to have a specific or mechanical device for the destruction of the pest been informed that experiments were being carried on, or were they invited to have their various methods tested, and the results compared?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Yes. Experiments have been recently carried out on the Scone Temporary Common under the supervision of the Government Botanist.
 - (2 and 4.) Spraying by means of a Tyree machine with arsenical solutions (*sodium arsenite*) of varying strengths on different plots of land in the same locality. In addition to spraying, the solutions were also injected into the top parts of the plants and into the bulbs below ground. Where the bulbs were treated it was found that the plants died.
 - (3.) Not at present.
 - (5.) Yes, in one or two cases. In other cases the parties were referred to the Government Botanist, and several methods have been tested.
- (20.) Arrest of Spread of Consumption :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Has his attention been called to an article in the last issue of the *Sunday Times*, headed "Disease in Consumption and how it can be checked"; and will he instruct the Health Department to make inquiries with respect to the matter, and, if necessary, will he introduce legislation on the subject?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—The matter has had careful consideration. A Bill to assist in further prevention of tuberculosis is ready for introduction.
- (21.) Erection of Fire Stations :—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he inform this House how matters stand in connection with purchase of sites, alterations, and erection of fire stations in the following districts :—*Arncliffe*; *Bexley*; *Drummoyne*; *Enfield*; *Five Dock*; *Ben Boyd*, *North Sydney*; *Rozelle*, *Balmain*; *Circular Quay Station*, *City*; *East Willoughby*; *Campbelltown*; and *Darlinghurst*?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—*Arncliffe*, *Bexley*, *Drummoyne*.—Plans and specifications are being prepared; tenders will be invited in about one month. *Enfield*.—Alternative sketches were forwarded to the Chief Secretary's Department on the 27th May last; not yet returned with instructions. *Ben Boyd*.—Authority has been given to prepare plans and specifications. *Rozelle*.—Tenders invited to close 2nd November, 1908. *Circular Quay (Additions)*.—Plans and specifications are being prepared; tenders will be invited in about two months. *East Willoughby*, *Campbelltown*, *Darlinghurst*.—I am not aware what has been done, as papers have not yet reached my Department. *Five Dock*.—Tenders were received on the 28th instant.

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2. **SEWAGE FARM**:—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Illawarra and neighbouring Suburbs, representing that for many years the Sewage Farm in those districts has been a nuisance to the residents; that the addition of further connections to the sewers now discharging will greatly increase the nuisance, causing a depreciation in the value of property; that the western foreshore of Botany Bay is eminently suitable for residential purposes, but development has been hindered and prevented by the existence of the Sewage Farm; that the adoption of any system of dealing with sewage other than its carriage to the sea will necessitate its continuance, and will not relieve the Illawarra Suburbs; that the locality in which the Sewage Farm is established is unsuitable, and praying that the sewage now discharged upon the Farm may be carried to an ocean outfall; that the Sewage Farm may be abolished and the land made available for public or residential purposes; and that no new sewerage systems to connect with the sewers now discharging upon the Farm may be authorised until carriers to the ocean are built.
Petition received.

3. **GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Gillies, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 8th September, 1908; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Gillies then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

4. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations Nos. 241 and 242, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1908-9.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Fisheries of New South Wales for 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for the departure from the prescribed Scale of Increments provided in Regulation 149, in regard to Salaries of Lecturers in the Sydney Training College.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) 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 extend to girls of and above the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, and under the ages of sixteen and seventeen years respectively, the protection given to girls under the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, by certain provisions of the criminal law relating to offences against the person; to bring step-fathers within certain of those provisions; to enable certain of those offences to be dealt with in a summary way; to exclude girls under the age of eighteen from brothels; and to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

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

6. **WAYS AND MEANS (Financial Statement)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 30th September, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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8. PAPER:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Memorandum by the Comptroller of Accounts on the subject of the Auditor-General's Annual Report on the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1908-1909, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st October, 1908.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Otford and Helensburgh Tunnels, Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that constant complaints are made of the want of ventilation in the Otford and Helensburgh tunnels, on the Illawarra Line; if so, will he have inquiries made as to when this defect will be remedied?

(2.) Is it intended to divert the line so as to avoid using one or both of these tunnels?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

(1.) Complaints have been made. The improvement of the ventilation of the Otford tunnel—the longest—has been in hand for some little time, and is now nearly completed.

(2.) Surveys have been made with the object of providing a new double line on a 1 in 80 grade between Waterfall and Otford. This scheme will also have the effect of cutting out five tunnels between these points, and thus get rid of the difficulty so far as Helensburgh tunnel is concerned. The scheme is having the fullest consideration.

(2.) Traffic on and duplication of Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is an enormous increase of traffic on the Illawarra Line?

(2.) Is it a fact that there is constant delay to trains; if so, will he consider the advisability of duplicating the line from Waterfall to Wollongong?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that it is a fact that there is an increase of traffic on the Illawarra Line.

(2.) It is reported that trains are not subject to constant delays. The part duplication of the section of line referred to is under consideration.

(3.) Milk Standard:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the standard for pure milk been recently fixed by the Board of Health at 3·2 percentage of butter fat?

(2.) Is he aware that it is a common experience for milk to be drawn from numerous herds of cows, and not yield 3·0 butter fat?

(3.) Will he have the matter reconsidered, so that vendors shall not run the risk of prosecution, and consequent penalty, for disposing of pure milk which may not reach, at times, an impossible standard?

Mr.

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Mr. Wood answered,—Steps necessary for the cancellation of the recent proclamation have already been taken. It has, however, been explained by the Department of Public Health that,—(a) the standard does not apply to milk for butter and cheese making; (b) it was first put up by the Board in 1898 (Public Health Act, section 77); (c) the records of analyses show that 3·2 is a standard which can be maintained for herds without difficulty, and in good seasons is always much exceeded; (d) it is the standard set up for their suppliers by the milk companies which obtain their milk from the country; (e) it is the standard set up by the Board of Agriculture for England and Wales, and (to cite a very different country) the standard set up by the National Government of the United States is higher, viz., 3·25; (f) it is considered that if an individual cow in a herd yields a milk ascertained to run much below 3·2, the animal is not in a fit state to yield milk for consumption as such, and should be dried off.

- (4.) Public School, Maclean :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Did a deputation from Maclean wait upon the Director of Education in May last, and urge that certain improvements be carried out at the Maclean Public School and grounds?
 - (2.) If so, was consideration promised concerning the requests made?
 - (3.) Has anything been done in the matter?
 - (4.) Will he expedite any proposed action, in view of the coming of the hot months of the year?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) I understand that personal representations were made regarding this matter.
- (2.) I had the matter under consideration and approved of the carrying out of the work.
- (3.) Full plans have been prepared by the Works Department, and specifications are in course of preparation.
- (4.) Action is being taken to expedite the case.

- (5.) Crown Lands Sale of Town lots at Bowra :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Who is responsible for the upset prices placed upon town lots in the village of Bowra, to be offered at auction on 23rd October?
 - (2.) On what basis were the values fixed?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that a large private auction sale of town and farm lands is to be held at Macksville, only 9 miles distant, on the same date as the proposed Crown lands sale at Bowra?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The values were fixed on the reports of the local officers, and after careful consideration of all circumstances.
- (3.) I am not aware.

- (6.) Mr. J. R. Varcoe, Hillston Land Board :—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is Mr. Joseph Rouse Varcoe a member of the Hillston Land Board; if so, did he receive such appointment at the nomination and request of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, Hillston Branch, or did the then Secretary for Lands appoint Mr. Varcoe without intervention of such Association?

Mr. Moore answered,—Mr. J. R. Varcoe is a member of the Hillston Local Land Board, having been appointed to the position in August, 1905. He was nominated by the Farmers and Settlers' Association (Hillston) as one who from his long and intimate knowledge of local land conditions would ably fill the position. Such nomination was presented by the Honorable Member. The Chairman of the Board reported :—"Mr. J. R. Varcoe is a settler of long experience. He bears a high character in the Hillston District, and should make a good Board Member." Mr. Varcoe's appointment was, thereupon, approved.

- (7.) Supply of Liquor to Old-age Pensioners :—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any regulations been made, or instructions issued, to the police that citizens of New South Wales who are in receipt of old-age pensions shall not be allowed to enter an hotel bar during lawful business hours?
- (2.) Does the Old-age Pensions Act or the Liquor Act, or regulations made under either of these Acts, make it an offence for such pensioners to enter an hotel or an hotel bar?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No regulation has been made or instruction issued, but section 39 of the Old-age Pensions Act provides as follows :—"It shall not be lawful for any licensed publican to knowingly supply to any person receiving a pension under this Act any fermented or spirituous liquor, and any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds."

- (8.) Wentworth Irrigation Area :—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) How many blocks of the Wentworth Irrigation Area were rented in 1901, what was the gross acreage and amount realised as rent, and how long had the settlement then been in existence?
- (2.) How many blocks are now rented under the new conditions inaugurated by the present Secretary for Public Works, their gross acreage, and rentals now receivable?
- (3.) When, by effluxion of time, such rentals reach the maximum fixed by the lease, what will be the total amount then due and receivable from the above blocks?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Five blocks having an area of 54 acres 2 roods 5 perches, realising £39 4s. 3d. as rent. Two years.
- (2.) Sixty-seven blocks, having an area of 824 acres 1 rood 29 perches, at a total rental of, approximately, £450.
- (3.) Approximately, £1,000. It may be added that the whole of the area has not yet been leased,

(9.)

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(9.) Railway Rates on Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Beverages :—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Fell*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that wines (alcoholic) produced in the Commonwealth are carried at "A" rates, and that fruit juices (non-alcoholic) and produced in the Commonwealth, and mineral waters in quantities under six tons are only carried at second-class rates, and, therefore, respectively pay about eight and five times the amount of freight wines pay?

(2.) On what grounds are the rates referred to in the last Question charged by the Railway Commissioners justified?

(3.) Is it a fact that the present high rates on fruit juices and mineral waters are fixed by the Commissioners for the production of local industries, and not for the benefit of the State as a whole, and will he consider whether the charging of "A" rates thereon will be advantageous as a matter of business, and lead to increased traffic and larger revenue?

(4.) Will he consider whether the higher rate on fruit juices (non-alcoholic) is prejudicial to the interests of the fruit-growing industry of this State?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that colonial wines are charged "A" rates; cordials, second-class; and mineral waters, "A," "B," and second-class rates, according to circumstances.

(2.) The low rate for wine has been fixed with a view to developing the wine industry in the State.

(3.) In fixing the rates for cordials and mineral waters, the Chief Commissioner has given consideration to the establishment of local industries, and the rates charged are regarded as reasonable.

(4.) I am not aware.

(10.) The Mutual Loan Agency (Limited):—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Premier,—Has his attention been directed to the fact that an institution called "The Mutual Loan Lottery" is being conducted in Sydney, under conditions which would seem to warrant an interposition of the Crown Law authorities?

Mr. Wade answered,—Possibly the Honorable Member refers to an institution known as "The Mutual Loan Agency (Limited)." If so, my attention has been drawn to its operations, and proceedings have been taken.

(11.) Printing of School Reading-books :—*Mr. Fleming* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that large quantities of school reading-books are being imported, to the exclusion of locally-produced books?

(2.) Will he, as far as possible, see that all school reading-books continue to be produced locally, as has been the tendency for the last few years?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the higher wages enforced in Australia, and also the protective conditions imposed by the Federal Government, in the placing of all future contracts?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No books are imported by the Department, but the practice in connection with text-books and supplementary readers, upon a selection being determined, is to invite tenders through the usual channel (the Stores Supply and Tender Board). Books used now as readers in schools no longer consist solely of the collections of short lessons which have hitherto formed the school reading-books, but comprise some of the best literary works in the language, which may or may not be under copyright. The selection of the literature must, necessarily, be determined on educational grounds only. Should any of the books chosen be copyrighted, the printing of such cannot be done in this State. If not copyrighted, it is open for printers and publishers to tender for the supply.

(2 and 3.) I have recently made the following Minute in regard to this matter:—"The policy hitherto followed by the Department will, generally, be continued. While it is highly desirable—indeed, indispensable—that the pupils in our schools should be made acquainted with some of the standard works of English literature, increased attention must be given to the literature of our own land. The field is wide, rich, and rapidly expanding. It is my desire to give every possible encouragement to the local production of school books, and, as a matter of policy, that object will be kept in view."

(12.) Upper Coldstream Bridge :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at with regard to a request by the Ulmarra Municipal Council (or by any person or persons) for the construction of approaches to the new bridge over Upper Coldstream?

(2.) How does the matter stand?

Mr. Lee answered,—Nothing is to be done by the Department, as the trifling extension of the approach in question is a matter for the Council to carry out.

(13.) Municipal Assessments :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In regard to municipal assessments made for the present year, is it deemed necessary that such assessments shall be validated; and, if so, will he take the necessary steps to have this validation effected?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes; provision to that effect will be made in the amending Bill now being prepared. That provision will be made retroactive.

(14.) Residential Conditions on Converted Conditional Leases :—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Do the existing land laws provide that when a conditional lease on which all conditions have been fulfilled, is converted into a conditional purchase, ten years' residence in respect thereof must ensue?

(2.) If so, does he intend making provision in his amending Land Bill for the elimination of such proviso? Mr.

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Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes, if the conditional lease was applied for since the commencement of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. In certain cases, however, such residence is reduced, waived, or suspended (*vide* section 30).
 (2.) No; but I propose to provide for the modification of residence conditions under certain circumstances.

- (15.) Miners' Rights :—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the fact that under the Mining Act of 1906 it is not necessary that an applicant for a gold lease should hold a miner's right, is it necessary for the person pegging out lands that are to be made the subject of an application for gold lease to hold a miner's right?

Mr. Wood answered,—Under the Mining Act of 1906 it is not necessary for the person pegging out lands that are to be made the subject of an application for gold lease to hold a miner's right.

- (16.) Resumption of Mr. J. S. Bliss's Property, Barren Jack :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Jas. S. Bliss's property at Barren Jack was resumed some months ago?
 (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Bliss has completely lost the use of the property from the time of the gazettal of the resumption?

- (3.) When is the compensation money, to which Mr. Bliss is entitled, likely to be paid?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

- (2.) No.

- (3.) An offer of compensation will be made early next week; and so soon as such offer is accepted, the matter will be completed and money paid forthwith.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting new Live-stock Vehicles ordered by the Railway Commissioners.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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.

5. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, on each Tuesday, during the remainder of the present Session, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business after Seven o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the Refund of £508 17s. 6d. to the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company.
 Ordered to be printed.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Henley, for Mr. Morton, the Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dredge "Antleon," Bellinger River:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions that the dredge "Antleon" be sent at the first favourable opportunity to effect improvements at the entrance to Bellinger River, and as far as the wharf?

Mr. Lee answered,—The "Antleon" is now undergoing extensive overhaul and it will be some time before she is ready for work.

(2.) Conditional Purchase Applications, Bellingen District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—(a) The date of application; (b) date of confirmation; and (c) date of survey in connection with each of the following applications for land in the parish of Valley Valley, county Raleigh, Land District of Bellingen:—Conditional Purchase Applications Nos. 07-145, 07-148, 07-178, 07-212, 07-236, 07-242, 07-270?

Mr. Moore answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a return embodying the desired information.

(3.) Successful Applicants by Ballot for Land debarred by already owning Land:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a resident of Orange Electorate, one Darley, recently drew a block of land on Burrawang Cancelled Area, and was debarred from having it confirmed to him because of the circumstance that he was the holder of a small allotment of land in the vicinity of Parramatta?

(2.) Is it a fact that at a recent ballot at Dubbo, an applicant from Victoria was successful at the ballot, and had the area confirmed to him that he drew, even though it was known that he was at the time the owner of 1,780 acres of land, valued at £6 per acre, in Victoria?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) R. Darley was the successful balloter for a conditional purchase lease of the Burrawang cancelled improvement lease lands, and the Board postponed consideration of the application for production of evidence whether the allotment of 27½ perches which applicant owns near Parramatta is town or suburban land as defined in the Crown Lands Acts. It has been ascertained that the allotment is not town or suburban land as defined in the Crown Lands Acts, and the Condobolin Board will further consider the application at its next sitting.

(2.) Patrick O'Donohue applied for 1,186 acres, portion 21, parish Moonal, county Ewenmar, on 3rd September, 1908, and the Board confirmed the application on 17th September, 1908. In his declaration applicant stated he owned no land in New South Wales, but held 1,780 acres freehold land in Victoria.

(4.) Grafton-Casino Railway:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What were the receipts for the Grafton-Casino Railway for the year ended 30th June, 1908?

(2.) What was the expenditure for the same period?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

(1.) Receipts for year were £12,299.

(2.) That the working expenses were £9,478; interest on capital, £12,105; total, £21,583.

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- (5.) Sea Walls at Manly and Coogee:—Colonel Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amounts of money (if any) were voted for the construction of sea walls at Manly and Coogee?
 - (2.) And in what years were such amounts voted?
- Mr. Lee answered,—Manly—1898-99, £1,344 5s. 8d.; 1899-1900, £1,490 0s. 7d.; 1900-1901, £1,138 8s. 3d.; total, £3,972 14s. 6d. Coogee—1890, £883 19s. 4d.; 1891, £2,624 3s. 4d.; 1892, £492 11s.; 1893, £100 3s. 10d.; 1895-6, £792 4s. 5d.; total, £4,893 1s. 11d.
- (6.) Tramway Fares in Metropolitan Area:—Colonel Onslow asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it intended in the near future to raise or reduce the tram fares in the Metropolitan area?
 - (2.) Did the Railway and Tramway Commissioners, at any recent time, promise a deputation to lengthen any of the tramway sections?
 - (3.) If so, when is it the intention of the Commissioners to fulfil this promise?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The matter is under consideration, but nothing definite can at present be said.
 - (2 and 3.) The Chief Commissioner has promised to consider requests for the alteration of individual sections and pointed out that decision was dependent on the consideration of a general scheme.
- (7.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that those who retire from the State Service, having previously elected to withdraw from the Superannuation Fund, receive upon such retirement the amount they have paid into the fund, with interest added?
 - (2.) Have those officials who have been transferred with various services to the Commonwealth retired from the State Service?
 - (3.) If so, will he take steps that such officials shall be paid the amounts coming to them?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Refunds are made to ex-contributors in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Acts.
 - (2 and 3.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the reply given by me to the Questions asked by the Honorable Member for Redfern on this subject on the 10th ultimo.
- (8.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—In connection with the retirements from the Civil Service in 1896, what was the amount owing by each person to the Superannuation Fund, at 4 per cent. on all salary received prior to January, 1885, and afterwards deducted by the Act of 1899?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The information desired is not at present available, and would take some time to prepare. I will, however, furnish it to the Honorable Member as soon as practicable.
- (9.) Duplication of Main Southern Railway:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that for some time past the Main Southern Railway (Sydney to Albury) has not been able to cope satisfactorily with the traffic?
 - (2.) Will the Government consider, at an early date, the question of duplicating the line in sections, taking, say Goulburn, as the first section, until the whole length has been completed?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that the traffic up to the present has been satisfactorily met.
 - (2.) The question has had consideration, and as funds are available the duplication of the main lines will be carried out in the order of urgency. Improvement works of this character are now in hand, in connection with the northern section.
2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Cohen—From Eliza Jenkins, Honorary Corresponding State Secretary of the National Council of Women.
 - (2.) By Mr. Mahony—From N. Marina, President, May Taylor, Secretary, and Mary Mackenzie, Treasurer, of the Burrangong Women's Liberal League.
 - (3.) By Mr. John Miller—From Ida Edgley, Vice-President of the Bathurst Women's Liberal League.
 - (4.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From certain Members of the Armidale Women's Liberal League.
 - (5.) By Colonel Ryrie—From certain Members of the Queanbeyan Women's Liberal League.
 - (6.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From H. H. Hammond, President of the Junce Women's Liberal League.
- Petitions received.
3. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Totalizator Bill postponed until Tuesday, 3rd November.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return respecting Conditional Purchase Applications, parish of Valley Valley, county Raleigh, Land District of Bellingen.
 - (2.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PROVIDENT FUND (SYDNEY) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

6. **SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—it was, on motion of Mr. Nobbs, postponed until To-morrow.
7. **GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gillies 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. Gillies, 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.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 1st October, 1908.

8. **WAYS AND MEANS (Financial Statement)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Crown Lands for Settlement, Dorrigo District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the next Dorrigo subdivisions, comprising about twenty-four blocks and known as the Rocky Creek Subdivision, and about forty blocks known as Whisky and Sandy Creeks Subdivision, be made available for settlement?

(2.) Is it a fact that numbers of applicants who have so far failed to obtain a holding at Dorrigo are anxiously awaiting the throwing open of these subdivisions?

(3.) Has the survey, ordered early in the year, been completed in regard to the subdivisions mentioned?

(4.) Will he expedite action in the matter?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The surveyor reported at the end of August that he was engaged in the preparation of plans of twenty-two portions, and hoped that the field work of the other twenty portions would be completed by the end of September; the plans have not yet been received.

(2.) It is very probable.

(3.) The surveys have not so far been completed, delay having been occasioned by the severe illness of the surveyor and the difficulty in procuring suitable labour.

(4.) The surveyor has been repeatedly urged to expedite action, and he has been again requested to transmit all plans with least possible delay.

- (2.) Freehold Estates in New South Wales:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of freehold estates in New South Wales of 10,000 acres and upwards, and the total area of such estates?

(2.) The area cultivated on each estate?

(3.) The name of the owner of each estate?

(4.) The situation of each estate?

(5.) What railway line or lines serve them?

(6.) The unimproved capital value of each estate?

Mr. Wade answered,—This information would take some time to prepare, and would involve expense. It should be moved for in the form of a return.

- (3.) Proposed Chair of Agriculture, Sydney University:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Does Mr. Knibbs, in the Report on Technical Education, state "that the efficiency of any system of agricultural education depends upon the existence of a University curriculum in agriculture, with highly-qualified teachers and a well-equipped laboratory for research"?

(2.) Does he recognise the necessity for development, in this direction, of the system of this State?

(3.) What attitude do the authorities of the Sydney University take towards this matter?

(4.) Is he prepared to place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of founding a Chair of Agriculture at the Sydney University?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Mr. Knibbs has expressed opinions similar to those quoted.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I understand that the Senate have formulated a scheme of agricultural education at the University, contingent on the necessary funds being provided.

(4.) The matter is under consideration.

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(4.) Closing of Hotels by Local Option Court, Glebe Electorate :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) When introducing the Liquor (Amendment) Act did he promise that the will of the people in such matters as the Local Option Vote should be considered?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Local Option Vote in the Glebe Electorate was only carried by a majority of four votes?
- (3.) Notwithstanding the close vote, did the Local Option Court decide to close the maximum number of hotels (six)?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the convenience of the public and requirements of the neighbourhood were not considered by the Court when it closed the "Club Hotel," near Wentworth Park?
- (5.) Will he take action to give effect to the opinions expressed at two large public meetings, held at the Glebe Town Hall, that the closing of the "Club Hotel," St. John's road, Glebe, was against the requirements of the locality and the convenience of the public?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I believe so.
- (2.) The majority was six votes, thus expressing the will of the people.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I have no doubt the convenience of the public and requirements of the neighbourhood were considered by the Court. Parties interested were allowed to adduce evidence on these points.
- (5.) I have no power. The decision of the Court is final and conclusive.

(5.) Betting in the City :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, as stated in the daily Press, that betting goes on in the City daily; and, if so, what steps do the police take to control same?
- (2.) Is it a fact that several well-known bookmakers ply their calling in various parts of the City as importers and under other business titles, and is it known to the police; or, if not, will they be advised that action may be taken in terms of the Gaming and Betting Act?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) The best efforts of the police are used to detect offenders and prosecute them.
- (2.) The business places of well-known bookmakers are frequently visited by the police; but no signs of betting can be detected. Their places are not frequented by the betting fraternity. The police have strict instructions from me to carefully watch all infringements of the gaming laws, and prosecute offenders without respect of persons.

(6.) Sweeps conducted in City and Suburbs :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that it is not proposed to deal with the legislation for the suppression of shilling sweeps, to enable sweep proprietors to continue their profits until after the running of the Melbourne Cup?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the practice in connection with these sweeps is demoralising a great many youths and grown-up people; if so, will he take steps as part of his liberal and reform policy to at once legislate on the subject?
- (3.) Is it a fact that shop windows throughout the City and suburbs are placarded with notices offering these tickets for sale, and that they are sold to persons, irrespective of age and sex?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2 and 3.) The matter will be dealt with almost immediately.

(7.) Rates on Premises used by Railway Department, Newcastle :—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have declined to pay the rates levied by the Newcastle Council on the houses occupied by the railway stationmaster and berthing master?
- (2.) If so, what reasons are advanced for declining to meet the claim?
- (3.) Do both these houses front one of the main thoroughfares of the city, and participate in all benefits accruing from the Council's expenditure on lighting, street maintenance, &c.; if so, will he direct that the rates be paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that rates have been paid on the house occupied by the berthing master, but not on the stationmaster's residence.
- (2.) The Chief Commissioner is legally exempt from payment.
- (3.) The stationmaster's house fronts one of the city streets. The Chief Commissioner is not prepared to waive the exemption. It would involve an inconvenient precedent.

(8.) Inspectors employed by State Children's Relief Department :—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many inspectors were employed in the State Children's Relief Department prior to the passing of the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905?
- (2.) How many are at present employed?
- (3.) Is it intended to increase the number of inspectors in view of the greatly increased work of the Department; if so, when are such appointments likely to be made?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Sixteen.
- (2.) Twenty-six.
- (3.) Yes, after the passing of the Estimates.

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(9.) Sydney Harbour Trust Accounts :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Before consideration is given to the Estimates in detail, or at the time the Harbour Trust Estimates are being considered, will he place upon the Table of this House full details of the receipts and expenditure of the Sydney Harbour Trust since that body took office, particularly with regard to the administration of the resumed properties under its charge?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Copies of the accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust, showing the receipts and expenditure as audited by the Auditor-General, are laid before Parliament annually, in accordance with section 77 of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900. The accounts for the year ended 30th June last will be laid upon the Table in a few days. With regard to the accounts in connection with the resumed properties under the Trust, the Commissioners inform me that the operations of the Trust are dealt with as a whole, and details of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the administration of the resumed properties are not available, the same not being kept separately, for the reason that it has not yet been found necessary to do so. To make the requisite dissections would involve considerable expense, for which the Commissioners have not seen the justification.

(10.) Water and Sewerage Contracts let to Rock-choppers' Unions :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. McGarry, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that recently the Water and Sewerage Board has given a contract on the butt-gang system to a number of men who have formed themselves into a No. 2 Rock-choppers' Union?

(2.) Was the price fixed by the Board, after consultation with this No. 2 Union?

(3.) Is it customary to give out work of this kind to bodies of workmen, without competition?

(4.) If so, why was not the same or a similar offer made to the original Rock-choppers' Union?

(5.) Is it a fact that this No. 2 Union only has a membership of less than fifty, while the original Rock-choppers' Union has a membership of over 400?

(6.) Will he see that the same system is adopted all round, so that the original Rock-choppers' Union will be able to participate in or compete for any work available?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answers :—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) The Contract referred to was competed for in the first instance by public bids and work was commenced, but through the action of the Rock-choppers' Union the contractor could not proceed, and he asked to be relieved of his contract. The work was, subsequently, let to Emerson and party, as contractors, under bond, at the same schedule rates as previous contractor.

(4.) If the Board had been approached by the Union referred to, due consideration would have been given to their application.

(5.) The Board has no knowledge of the numerical strength of either Union.

(6.) There is no objection to the Rock-choppers' Union, or any other Union, bidding for contracts under the board.

(11.) Rozelle Public School :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Mercer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are the additions and alterations to the Rozelle Public School likely to be commenced?

Mr. Lee answered,—Tenders have been received and are now being considered by the Département of Public Instruction.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. E. M. Clark, presented a Petition from certain Members of the St. Leonards Women's Liberal League, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age.
Petition received.

3. CLAIMS OF ANDREW RODGERS AGAINST THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS :—Mr. Briner presented a Petition from Andrew Rodgers, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the claims of Andrew Rodgers against the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and praying to be represented by Counsel, or Attorney, or in person before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1908; together with Appendices and Photographs.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PROVIDENT FUND (SYDNEY) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fell, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Fell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the amalgamation of the Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund into one Fund, called 'The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney)'; and to provide for the administration of such Fund, and for payment of contributions thereto, and to vest the property thereof in a Board of Directors to be incorporated hereby; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 provide for the amalgamation of the Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund into one Fund, called 'The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney)'; and to provide for the administration of such Fund, and for payment of contributions thereto, and to vest the property thereof in a Board of Directors to be incorporated hereby; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1908.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 1st December :—
(1.) Servants Registry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
(2.) Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Colonel Onslow.*]
7. **WAYS AND MEANS** (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

- (2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1908–1909, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £255, for Executive Council, for the year 1908–1909.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. **SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; 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, 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 Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for other purposes.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. John Miller,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Beeby,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nicholson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Peters.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Waddell moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The

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7th October, 1908.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. J. C. I. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wood,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Barton,
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Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. W. Millard.
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Mr. Holman,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Hollis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Occupation Licenses, Grafton Land Board District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many occupation licenses are held in the Grafton Land Board District—that is, between and including the Hastings and Tweed Rivers?
 - (2.) The area of each lease?
 - (3.) Before renewing any of these leases, or granting new ones in the coastal district, will he consider the advisability of limiting the area which may be held by any individual to 10,000 acres?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) 246.
 - (2.) This can only be given in the form of a lengthy return, which I am not prepared to lay upon the Table of this House unless moved for in the usual way. But the Honorable Member may obtain the desired information if he will call at the Lands Department.
 - (3.) This will be duly considered.
- (2.) Cudgel Creek Cutting:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did his Department, under agreement with Sir Samuel McCaughey, construct Cudgel Creek Cutting, near Narrandera, for irrigation purposes?
 - (2.) Who authorised the work and sanctioned the agreement?
 - (3.) What was the cost of the completed work?
 - (4.) Was it constructed for the purpose of irrigating land owned by Sir Samuel McCaughey?
 - (5.) Was the work handed over to Sir Samuel McCaughey?
 - (6.) Did the regulator embankment collapse before the first flood, and were some adjacent holdings flooded?
 - (7.) Did certain owners of lands so flooded make claims for compensation upon the Government, and were these claims eventually settled?
 - (8.) How much altogether was paid by the Government by way of compensation, costs, and other expenses connected with the failure of the works?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Minister for Public Works.
- (3.) £10,468 14s. 11d.
- (4.) Partly so, and also for public purposes.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) An embankment was breached, and adjacent holdings were flooded at the same time, but the two happenings had no relation to each other.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) No payment was made to any person on account of failure of works, but a total sum of £913 4s. 2d. was paid to various persons for compensation, costs, and other expenses in connection with the flooding of land alleged to have resulted from the construction of works in connection with the Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, but such payments were not on account of works carried out under the agreement with Sir Samuel McCaughey.

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(3.) Traffic on Northern and North-western Railway Lines:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many trains per day leave Sydney calling at Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Murrurundi, Quirindi, and Werris Creek, and at what times?

(2.) How many trains per day leave Sydney calling at Tamworth, Armidale, and Glen Innes, and at what times?

(3.) How many trains per day leave Sydney for the North-western District, and what time is it proposed to start same under the new summer time-table?

(4.) Is it a fact that there has been a very great development in the traffic upon the North-western Line during the past few years, and can he give a comparative statement of the passengers carried upon this line each year from 1901 to 1908 inclusive?

(5.) Is it a fact that passengers on the north-western train suffer considerable inconvenience owing to the continual overcrowding of this train?

(6.) In order to provide for a train service for the North-western District, leaving Sydney after the day's business is completed, is it possible to give them the benefit of an additional service by permitting them to travel by the train leaving Sydney at 8.25 p.m. for Glen Innes, and connecting it with a train from Werris Creek to the north-west, and upon the return journey connecting with the train leaving Tamworth for Sydney at 7.45 a.m.?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

(1.) Passenger trains leave Sydney daily for West Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Murrurundi, Quirindi and Werris Creek, at 9.5 a.m., 5.10 p.m., and 8.25 p.m. (Saturday excepted), and also at 7.20 p.m. (Saturday excepted) for West Maitland, Singleton and Werris Creek. On Saturdays additional trains leave Sydney for West Maitland and Singleton at 1.55 p.m. and 6.25 p.m.

(2.) Passenger trains leave Sydney for Tamworth at 9.5 a.m., 5.10 p.m., and 8.25 p.m. (Saturday excepted), and at 5.10 p.m. and 8.25 p.m. (Saturday excepted) for Armidale and Glen Innes.

(3.) The North-west Mail leaves Sydney under the present time-table at 7.20 p.m., and with the introduction of the new time-table it will leave Sydney at 3 p.m.

(4.) There has been considerable development in the traffic on the North-west Line during the past few years, but it would involve considerable labour and time to make out a comparative return between 1901 and 1908.

(5.) Inconvenience is not occasioned as stated.

(6.) The traffic would not warrant the expense involved in the running of the additional train.

(4.) Bellevue Hill Tramway:—Colonel Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the probable date on which the Bellevue Hill Tramway will be available for public traffic?

Mr. Lee answered,—It is anticipated the line will be completed and ready to hand over to the Commissioners about the end of November.

(5.) Closing of Level Railway Crossings:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that for some time past the Railway Commissioners have been seeking to get a Bill passed empowering them to close some eight or nine level railway crossings with a view to building overhead bridges?

(2.) Are these crossings considered dangerous to the public?

(3.) When will he introduce such a measure for the consideration of Parliament?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A Bill has been prepared which I propose to shortly submit to Cabinet.

(6.) Mr. Palmer, Official Assignee:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) Does section 86 subsection 1 of the Bankruptcy Act of 1898 provide that remuneration to the Official Assignee shall only be paid out of the estate of a bankrupt?

(2.) Does the same section expressly forbid the Official Assignee making any private arrangements as to remuneration?

(3.) In the face of this section, has Mr. Palmer, Official Assignee, made private arrangements as to his remuneration and only submitted the matter to the Court on those "rare" occasions when there was a dispute?

(4.) Does subsection 2 of same section render Mr. Palmer liable to prosecution?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) From inquiry made, I am of opinion there has not been any breach of the law.

(7.) Consumptive Hospital, Waterfall:—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When are the hospital buildings at Waterfall likely to be completed?

(2.) When will it be possible to remove consumptive patients from Liverpool to Waterfall?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The buildings will, probably, be completed next month, but the installation of septic tank and filters for treating sewage will not be finished until about the end of the year.

(2.) Early in 1909.

(8.) Grants to Fire Brigades Boards:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money, exclusive of Chairman's salary and the amount allowed by the Act, has been paid or granted to the Fire Brigades Boards for purchasing land, plant, &c., and the building of stations, since the Fire Brigades Board has been in existence?

Mr. Wood answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

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(9.) Under Secretary for Public Instruction:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Why the Under Secretary, in his Department, has not replied to inquiries made by the Honorable Member for Camperdown about two months ago, regarding Newtown North Public School?

(2.) Has Mr. Board special hours for receiving Members of Parliament; if so, what are the hours?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member made his last written request on the 8th April last, and a reply was sent to him on 11th April. His personal inquiry, made about two months ago, was replied to, verbally, at the time.

(2.) The Under Secretary is prepared to see anyone on public business from the hours of 11 to 1 and 2 to 3. He does his utmost to save the time of Honorable Members who call; but there are occasions when it is impossible to immediately set aside the Departmental business in hand. I may add that it is not usual, and it might be inconvenient, for the Under Secretary to see more than one interviewer at a time.

(10.) Newtown North Public School:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the estimates complete for the proposed alterations and new buildings at Newtown North Public School?

(2.) If so, has the money been provided for same in the Estimates?

(3.) Have tenders been called; if so, when does he intend to proceed with the work?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Provision has been made on the Estimates for this building.

(3.) The work cannot be proceeded with until the Estimates are passed.

(11.) Prosecutions under the Early Closing and Factories and Shops Acts:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many cases recommended by Inspectors under the Early Closing Act and the Factories and Shops Act during the past twelve months have not been proceeded with?

(2.) Has the Department refused to proceed with such prosecutions; if so, why?

(3.) In how many cases during the past two years have prosecutions been initiated and then abandoned, and why?

(4.) Will he furnish the names of the offending firms?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Under the Early Closing Act, none. Under the Factories and Shops Act, four.

(2.) In one case a caution was considered to be sufficient; in the second, owing to the previous good record of the firm, a warning was given; in the third the explanation furnished by the firm was accepted and a warning issued; the fourth case is still under consideration.

(3.) Two under the Factories and Shops Act. In one case the explanation offered was accepted and, in the other, proceedings were withdrawn on payment of costs, and a caution was given against committing any further breach of the Act.

(4.) The object of the Department is to, as far as possible, prevent infractions of the law rather than to punish for inadvertent breaches.

(12.) Employment of Immigrants on Railways:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that newly-arrived immigrants, at six shillings per day, are taking the place of men, previously getting eight shillings per day, on the Government Railways?

(2.) Will he have inquiry made with a view to preventing the employment of these immigrants?

(3.) Is it a fact that a signalman was recently employed at Singleton at six shillings per day who is reputed to be a newly-arrived immigrant, whilst men long resident in New South Wales cannot get employment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is not a fact as represented.

(2.) Where new arrivals are suitable for work offering, their claims for employment will have consideration.

(3.) No.

(13.) Tramway Employees who joined during the Strike—Eyesight Tests:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Tramway-driver Frawley, who joined the Service during the late strike, failed in the eye-sight test?

(2.) Is he still employed as a driver?

(3.) Is it a fact that Conductor Copley, who joined the Service during the late strike, failed in the eye-sight test?

(4.) Is he still employed as a conductor?

(5.) Is it a fact that Geo. Hauer, who joined the Service during the late strike, failed in the eye sight test?

(6.) Has he since been employed as a temporary clerk, whilst Driver Whceler, who passed the clerical examination two years ago, still waits an appointment as clerk?

(7.) Do the Commissioners attach the same importance now to vision tests as they did some time ago?

(8.) Have men of proved ability and long service been put out of the Service altogether because of even slight failures in vision tests?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) That Frawley failed to pass the absolute eye-sight test.
 - (2.) That he is still temporarily employed. His examination was so far satisfactory that, had he been employed previously, he would have been retained in a permanent position.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) Hauer is temporarily employed. Wheeler, with others senior to him, passed the clerical examination, and will be considered for clerical appointment in due course.
 - (7.) Yes.
 - (8.) The tests for men in the Service are not so severe as for new appointments. Every consideration is shown to old employees in connection with the eye-sight tests; they are not put out of the Service unless it is necessary in the interest of good working.
- (14.) Ward's River Public School:—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Ward's River School measures only 17 feet x 14 feet x 10 feet?
 - (2.) Has he received a petition from the parents of the children intimating that in consequence of the prejudicial effect on the health of the scholars that the children will be withdrawn from the Ward's River School?
 - (3.) Has he received a certificate endorsing the petition from Dr. R. R. P. J. Bowker, Government Medical Officer, Port Stephens district, stating that the building was too small to accommodate the pupils?
 - (4.) Will he take steps to remedy the existing evils in connection with Ward's River School?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; this petition was received during the past week.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) The matter has already been under consideration, but as it appears that the construction of the railway may lead to a change of site for the school, the enlargement of the present building is held in abeyance for the present.
- (15.) Newtown Superior Public School:—Mr. Hollis asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will the long promised additions to the Newtown Superior Public School be carried out?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—The plans and specifications are being revised, and it is expected that the work will be put in hand when the Estimates have been passed.

- (16.) Moneys in Government Savings Bank not operated upon:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Are there any moneys in the Government Savings Bank which have not been operated upon for some time?
 - (2.) What is the total amount?
 - (3.) Do the Commissioners designate these moneys as belonging to a dormant account?
 - (4.) Do they allow interest annually on the whole or any part of this dormant account?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Savings Bank Commissioners inform me that the amount cannot now be stated, and that it would take a very considerable time to prepare the information.
- (3.) No accounts are treated as dormant.
- (4.) Interest is allowed on all accounts.

- (17.) Displays given by Public School Children:—Mr. McGowen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many displays have been given by the children of our public schools for which a charge for admission has been made?
- (2.) Is the Public Schools Association the body that is in sole control?
- (3.) Who fixes the charges and receives the profits (if any)?
- (4.) What is done with the money after paying expenses?
- (5.) Is a balance-sheet submitted annually to the Auditor-General or any public accountant?
- (6.) Do the teachers or the association decide the uniform or the dresses worn by the children taking part in the display?
- (7.) Do the parents purchase and make the uniforms or dresses worn by the children?
- (8.) Is it usual for the association or the teachers to purchase the material if the money is supplied by the parents?
- (9.) What is done with the profits?
- (10.) Have any donations been made to charities or hospitals, particularly the Alexandra Children's Hospital?
- (11.) If not, why not?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Twenty.
- (2.) Yes; with the exception of the recent display, which was controlled by a Departmental Committee.
- (3.) The Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association.
- (4.) In promoting physical and athletic exercises and sport generally among the schools, and in purchasing prizes for the children.
- (5.) The accounts are audited annually by the Accountant and Cashier of the Department, and the balance-sheet is published in the Annual Report and *Public Instruction Gazette*.

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- (6.) The teachers decide the uniform and dresses.
 (7.) Yes.
 (8.) The teachers purchase the material or costumes ready-made, if the money is supplied by the parents.
 (9.) Answered by No. 4.
 (10 and 11.) £30 per annum to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, and an annual donation to the Civil Ambulance Brigade.

- (18.) Proposed Police Association and Appeal Board :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is there any objection on the part of the Government to the Police Force forming an Association on similar lines to the Public Service Association?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide by legislation for an Appeal Board for the Police Force similar to what is provided for Railway and Tramway employees?
 (3.) If not, will the Government give the necessary facilities for a private Member to introduce a Bill into this House to provide for an Appeal Board?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) There are strong objections. The Police Force is a disciplinary Service, and constituted on quite different lines to the Public Service.
 (2.) No. Under the Police Regulations, any member of the Force may make representations to the Inspector-General.
 (3.) No.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Navigation Amendment (Regulations) Act, 1904.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars of Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts on 30th September, 1908.
 (2.) Amended Regulation No. 215, and Amended Timber and Quarry Regulation No. 4, under the Crown Lands Acts.
 (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
 (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for departure from the Prescribed Scale of Increments provided for in Regulation 149, in regard to the salary of Mr. J. T. McKern, Registrar of the Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 7th October, 1908, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for other purposes,*"—and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Wood,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
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Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Trellé,
Mr. G. A. Jones.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
 Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Waddell,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Dr. Arthur.
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Broughton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Barton,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. McGarry.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Grahame.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. **CLAIMS OF ANDREW RODGERS AGAINST THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS**:—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Claims of Andrew Rodgers against the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners," have leave to make visits of inspection in connection with the inquiry.
Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Accountants Bill postponed until Tuesday, 20th October.
6. **MINIMUM WAGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hogue, 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 a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Hogue, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Resolution in reference to the Industrial Disputes Act, embodied in the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 17th September, 1908, with the amendments indicated in the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

Schedule of the Amendments to the Assembly's Resolution referred to in Message of 8th October, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

After "words" omit "wine and spirit stores" insert "manufactories of table waters and other drinks"

After "following" omit "Board" insert "Boards"

Omit "industry" insert "industries"

After "works" insert—

"Wine and spirit stores"	Persons employed in wine and spirit stores.
"Aerated waters, cordials, and beverages ..."	Persons employed in the manufacture of "aerated waters, cordials, and non-intoxicating drinks, and beverages."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be taken into consideration on Tuesday next,

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9. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*hitherto* CONVERSION OF TENURES BILL):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, 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 conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, 1880, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, 1880, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Moore then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and under the Act 44 Vic. No. 19, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Taylor,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Collius,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Donaldson,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Fell,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Treflé.
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Dooley,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at half-past Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

Actu South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wharfage Dues, Coff's Harbour and Sydney:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total revenue received by the Government during the year ended 30th June, 1908, from Coff's Harbour jetty direct?
 - (2.) How is the total made up?
 - (3.) In addition to the charges which make up this total, are additional dues charged by the Sydney Harbour Trust for landing produce in Sydney?
 - (4.) Was a refund of £400 voted by Parliament as a refund of charges for outward goods from Coff's Harbour prior to the abolition of such charges?
 - (5.) Has that refund ever been paid; and, if so, to whom?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that population and trade have increased to such an extent at Coff's Harbour within the past three or four years that shipping has increased from four steamer calls to about ten per week?
 - (7.) In view of the increased population, trade, &c, will he at the earliest possible date consider the urgent necessity for at once providing that the following improvements be carried out:—Removal and enlarging of pig-pens; erection of suitable crane and ramps at inner end of jetty; the duplication of tramway full length of jetty and to goods sheds, with small engine for hauling trucks; placing of spring or dolphin piles for protection of vessels and jetty; appointment of another assistant at jetty, whose wages shall at least partly be recouped from charges for use of loading crane?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) £601.
 - (2.) Wharfage on goods inwards and tonnage dues upon vessels using the wharfs.
 - (3.) Yes; but it will be seen that there is no outward wharfage charges on goods exported from Coff's Harbour, as these goods are charged an inward rate upon arrival at Sydney.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) Refunds from this sum have been made wherever proof has been given that outward wharfage at Woolgoolga and inward wharfage at Sydney have been paid by the same person upon the same goods.
 - (6.) Yes.
 - (7.) An amount has been included in the Draft Estimates of the Works Department for the purpose of removing and re-erecting pig-pens, erecting old 5-ton crane at shore end of jetty, and enlarging timber ramp. A further report on the question of duplicating the tramway line is being obtained from the local officer of the Works Department. It is not proposed to erect spring piles, moorings having been provided for holding vessels off the jetty. Inquiry is being made as to the necessity for the appointment of another assistant.
- (2.) Edgeroi Estate:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that on 29th October, 1907 (07-17,480), the Honorable Member for The Namoi was advised that the lands surrendered under the Edgeroi Exchange were to be disposed of in three conditional purchase lease blocks of 575 acres each, and that there was no action in contemplation to vary such decision?
 - (2.) Has this land been surveyed, and is it his intention to give effect to his promise; if so, when will the land be made available for settlement?

Mr. Oakes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The land has been measured in three blocks ranging from 591 acres to 666 acres, and will be made available for conditional purchase lease about the end of the year.

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- (3.) Washaway at Barren Jack :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he inform this House as to the pecuniary extent of the damage caused by the recent washaway at Barren Jack?
 - (2.) How long were operations suspended in consequence of the washaway?
 - (3.) How many men were involved in this suspension?
 - (4.) Will the washaway have the effect of delaying the completion of the work?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) There has been no washaway at Barren Jack. In order to correct a misapprehension which appears to have arisen on this subject, I may explain that the flood flow of the Murrumbidgee at this place is estimated to amount to the enormous volume of from 60,000 to 80,000 cubic feet per second. To make provision for such a flood during the construction of the works would be absolutely impossible. The engineers constructed works which would enable them to deal with about one-tenth of the maximum flood discharge, and arranged to allow any water in excess of that amount to pass over the excavations. The recent freshes in the river have, as is usual at this time of year, exceeded the quantity which the engineers arranged to discharge, and the works were accordingly inundated; but no damage whatever was done, nor was any plant or material lost. The sole expense incurred was that of starting the electrical pumps, which are provided for the purpose of pumping this water out, and running them for a few hours, and in removing any mud which had been deposited on the works by the river.

(2.) The operations in the bottom of the river were suspended for about sixteen days on account of the floods.

(3.) The number of men dispensed with at the time of the floods was ninety-seven. As further similar floods are expected for the next month or two, it was considered advisable to reduce hands.

(4.) The floods referred to will not delay the completion of the work beyond the time originally estimated, as the engineers allowed for such interruptions in their estimate of the time required to complete the structure.

- (4.) Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the information given by him on the 30th September in answer to a Question on the Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme, is it to be understood that 1,374,500 acres, approximately, of land is to be benefited by the Barren Jack scheme, apart from the area which it is the intention of the Ministry to resume for closer settlement?

(2.) Is the greater part of this area freehold land, or land under conditional purchase and conditional lease tenure?

(3.) If so, is there any objection to the preparation of a return for presentment to this House, giving the names of the present owners of such freehold land and conditional purchases, and the area in which each is interested?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes, but portions of it will benefit to a limited extent only, receiving only water for stock and domestic use.

(2.) The greater part of this area is freehold land.

(3.) It is not considered necessary to prepare such a return until the Bill dealing with the Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, which it is proposed to introduce into Parliament, has become law.

- (5.) North Sydney Tramway Extensions :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders invited for certain tram extensions at North Sydney in sections, (1) Junction to Miller-street; (2) Miller-street to Crow's Nest; (3) Blue's Point to Lane Cove road, and was one tender accepted for the three works?

(2.) Is it a fact that the successful tenderer was afterwards permitted by the Board of Reference, with the Minister's approval, to withdraw his tender and his deposit refunded; what was the amount of the deposit and the special circumstances for recommending such a course?

(3.) Is it a fact that no difficulties presented themselves in regard to Nos. 1 and 2 sections; and, if so, why were not these two works proceeded with or the deposits forfeited?

(4.) Is it a fact that owing to the delay in making the valuations of property necessary to be resumed at the corner of Mount and Miller streets, a lease had been entered into by the owner of the property, and building operations started resulting in additional compensation having to be paid to the lessee and builder; and, if so, what sums, respectively, were paid them?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Tenders were invited for the three tram extensions as one work.

(2.) Yes. The amount of the preliminary deposit was £177. An alteration was made in the plan after the invitation of tenders, and prior to the acceptance of the lowest. As the lowest tenderer was not prepared to go on with the work as amended, the Department could not compel him to take up the contract.

(3.) The tenders could not be accepted in part, and there was only one deposit.

(4.) No; there was no delay in making the valuation. The corner of Miller and Mount streets was leased in the early part of this year, and the resumption of the land made and completed this month. The lessees have not yet been dealt with, but the builders have been compensated for loss of contract. The amounts to be paid will be made known in the usual manner when the actual compensation in each case is determined.

- (6.) Applications for Old-age Pensions—Rookwood Asylum :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Peters*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Resident Medical Officer at Rookwood Infirm Asylum does not examine inmates below the age of 65 years who are applicants for the Old-age Pension unless he is requested to do so by the Old-age Pensions Department?

(2.)

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- (2.) Is it a fact that any application lodged by a person below the age of 65 years, without the doctor's certificate, is rejected as invalid till such time as the certificate accompanies it?
 (3.) Is it a rule of the Department not to order such an applicant's examination till his application papers are lodged in proper form—that is, with the Resident Medical Officer's certificate?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Applicants for an old-age pension, between ages of 60 and 65, whether resident in an asylum or not, have to undergo medical examination as to their physical unfitness. Such examination is made by the Government Medical Officer at the request of the Department.
 (2.) The medical certificate as to the physical unfitness is an essential part of all such applications, and without it they would be invalid.
 (3.) The application must be lodged in proper form and with it the required medical certificate before examination can be proceeded with.

- (7.) Unalienated Sandstone Coastal Lands between Jervis Bay and Port Stephens:—*Mr. Charlton* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the estimated unalienated area of sandstone coastal lands between Jervis Bay and Port Stephens?

Mr. Oakes answered,—The estimated unalienated area of sandstone coastal lands between Jervis Bay and Port Stephens east of a line passing through the town of Penrith and parallel with the coast line is 1,600,300 acres. This area comprises 25,300 acres of leased land other than conditional leases and homestead selections, 793,300 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, and 781,700 acres of reserves. Included in the reserves are the National Park, Kuring-gai Chase, and the Sydney Catchment Area.

- (8.) Surveyors, Narrabri District:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Surveyor Turner*, the only measuring surveyor in the Narrabri Land District, has been withdrawn from the district, and sent to do work in connection with the Peel River Estate?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the need of adequate measuring surveyors in the district is causing great inconvenience and dissatisfaction among the settlers?
 (3.) Will he take steps to have measuring surveyors sent to the district with the least possible delay?

Mr. Oakes answered,—

- (1.) The services of Licensed Surveyor *Turner* were lent by the district surveyor, *Tamworth*, to the district surveyor, *Moree*, and have been utilised in the subdivision of part of the Pilliga Scrub. Such subdivision having been completed, *Mr. Turner* has resumed work in the *Tamworth* District, on the Peel River surveys.
 (2 and 3.) Steps are being taken to increase the survey staff in the Narrabri District.

- (9.) Womboin and Narrogin Cancelled Improvement Leases:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he say when the Womboin and Narrogin Cancelled Improvement Leases will be made available for settlement?
 (2.) How many blocks, and under what form of tenure?

Mr. Oakes answered,—

- (1.) Plans and report are expected in a fortnight from the district surveyor, when action will be taken towards making the land available at the earliest possible date.
 (2.) It is proposed to set the land apart in five blocks under settlement lease tenure in areas ranging from 3,786 to 5,090 acres.

- (10.) Appointment of Acting Commissioner for Taxation:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the proposed appointment of *Mr. Brodie* to the position of Acting Commissioner for Taxation, are there not officers in the Department of Taxation, who by virtue of their lengthy experience and faithful services have superior claims to an appointment of this description?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The appointment being only required during *Mr. Spiller's* absence on leave for five months, it was not thought necessary to consider the qualifications of the permanent officers of the Department.

- (11.) Wagga Wagga-Tumbarumba Railway:—*Mr. McGarry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he state the date on which the survey of the proposed railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba will be completed?
 (2.) Will he submit this proposal to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during the present Session?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The survey has only just been commenced, and it is quite impossible to say when it will be completed.
 (2.) The proposal will not be ready to submit this Session.

- (12.) Bellevue Hill Tramway:—*Colonel Onslow* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Bellevue Hill tram be opened for traffic in view of the fact that the Public Works Department will have it ready for traffic in November?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the delay on the part of the contractors, &c., in supplying the additional power-house machinery will probably not permit of the line being opened for traffic until the commencement of the new year.

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2. **THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL:**—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, representing that the Council is desirous of obtaining statutory power to license, regulate, and control theatres, public halls, and places for public entertainment within the City of Sydney; that by a Bill now before the House it is proposed to give the Colonial Secretary such power which in large cities is a municipal function and as such should be in the hands of the local authority; that the English Local Government Act confers power to license, regulate, and control theatres and such places, not only upon the London County Council, but upon the respective corporations of certain cities in Great Britain, many of less importance than the City of Sydney; and praying that the Bill be amended to provide for the exercise of the powers referred to by the Council instead of by the Colonial Secretary.
Petition received.
At the request of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
3. **THE COUPON SYSTEM:**—The following Petitions, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Coupon System, and praying to be represented by counsel, attorney, or agent before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Fell—From Geo. A. Barry, manager of the Co-operative Coupon Company (Limited).
(2.) By Mr. John Storey—From the New South Wales Traders' Coupon Company (Limited).
Petitions received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
4. **CLAIMS OF ANDREW RODGERS AGAINST THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS:**—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the Sydney Harbour Trust, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the claims of Andrew Rodgers against the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and praying for permission to appear in person or by solicitor or counsel before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
5. **WIDTH OF TIRES BILL:**—Mr. Price presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that the Width of Tires Bill will, if passed in its present form, cause expense and inconvenience to those engaged in the timber industry in the Port Stephens, Bullahdelah, and Myall River Districts; that, as most of the haulage is done on bush tracks in hilly country and on round sidings and gullies, it would be impossible to follow Petitioners' calling with tires of the proposed width; that, as the loads drawn on bush tracks are small, they would not injure the metal roads; that the altering of the width of tires will cause expense and loss to Petitioners; that certain amendments are necessary in the Schedule; and praying the House not to pass the Bill into law in its present form.
Petition received.
6. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:**—Dr. Arthur presented a Petition from the North Sydney and Mosman Auxiliary of the Women's Political Educational League, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age.
Petition received.
7. **FORESHORE AREAS OF SYDNEY HARBOUR—MATTER OF URGENCY:**—Mr. Broughton moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 10 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to day, in reference to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the resumption of the foreshore areas of Sydney Harbour.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Nicholson,
Colonel Onslow,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Fell,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Broughton.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Davidson,

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fallick,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Briner.

Tellers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McGarry.

And so it passed in the negative.

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8. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for the Stores Depôt at Willoughby.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Police Buildings at Hay.
 - (3.) By-laws in connection with the Water Supply for the Municipality of Goulburn, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
 - (4.) By-laws in connection with the Water Supply for the Municipality of Katoomba, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
 - (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Robert Smail McCredie as Inspector of Scaffolding and Lifts, Department of Public Works.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Sinking an Air Shaft to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS, REFORMATORIES, AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the whole system of industrial schools, reformatories, and institutions of a like character.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Mercer, Sir James Graham, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Downes, Mr. Horne, Mr. Donaldson, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 1st October, 1908.

10. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holman moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

11. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself in a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1908, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Closer Settlement on Mingay and Nangus:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With reference to the answer recently given by him to a Question as to whether certain properties at Nangus and Mingay had been placed under offer for closer settlement, can he say whether these properties have been submitted to the Advisory Board for consideration, and whether the Board has the details of these properties now before it?

(2.) If so, has any report yet been made?

Mr. Oakes answered,—

(1.) The Nangus property has been referred to the Board. The necessary information and maps have been prepared in connection with Mingay, and are about to be forwarded to the Board.

(2.) No report yet received.

- (2.) Narromine-Peak Hill Railway:—*Mr. Carmichael*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As the survey of the proposed railway line from Narromine to Peak Hill is now completed, will he immediately invite tenders for construction of the first section of the same, so that the line will be of service during season 1909-1910?

Mr. Lee answered,—The survey of this line will not be completed until the end of the year, therefore tenders cannot be invited for some time after then, as plans and specification will have to be prepared.

- (3.) Proposed Bridge over Whiteman Creek, near Grafton:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in inviting tenders for the construction of a bridge over Whiteman Creek, near Grafton?

(2.) Will he say when tenders will be invited?

Mr. Lee answered,—Tenders for this work will be invited in the next *Gazette*.

- (4.) Sale of Town Allotments, Cangai:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will allotments of land in township of Cangai, recommended for auction sale some time ago, be submitted to auction?

Mr. Oakes answered,—The date has not been fixed, pending report from the Department of Mines as to any existing mining titles; but the sale will take place on as early a date as possible.

- (5.) Claims of Retired Civil Servants:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has he come to a final decision concerning the case of John Macharg, of the State Public Service, in reference to a claim to a pension?

(2.) If so, will he be good enough to state what the decision is?

Mr. Wade answered,—It has been decided to apply for leave to appeal.

- (6.) Appointment of Deposition Clerk, Police Court, Sydney:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has a vacancy recently occurred, or is it known that one is likely to occur, requiring the appointment of the second deposition clerk at either the Central or Water Police Courts?

(2.) If so, when the post is being filled, will the question of previous grade examination qualification and seniority of applicants be taken into consideration?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The qualifications of all officers, including fitness, will, as usual, be fully considered, whether they make application or not.

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- (7.) Speech by Sir Thomas Bent with reference to Mr. Wadey :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to reports in the *Daily Telegraph* and *Sydney Morning Herald* of a speech made by Sir Thomas Bent, at Melbourne, wherein that gentleman, referring to a Mr. Wadey, said : “ He went to New South Wales, and they took him in ” ?
 - (2.) Will he state whether the Mr. Wadey referred to is identical with a person of same name who was made a bankrupt in Victoria, on a recent date ?
 - (3.) If so, will he take steps to acquaint the Premier of Victoria with the circumstances in which Mr. Wadey came to New South Wales, “ and they took him in ” ?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I cannot say.
 - (3.) The circumstances have received publicity in the Press. I see no necessity for further action on the part of the Government.
- (8.) Sweeps in City and Suburbs :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that sweeps, known as shilling, and other consultations, are being carried on throughout the city, and that it is alleged the police cannot interfere ; and, if so, why ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that shops throughout the city are offering for sale these tickets, and that at a tobacconist's shop known as “ Rowan's,” in Regent-street, Redfern, these tickets are being sold, indiscriminately, to adults and children of all ages and sex, and that large numbers of children constantly frequent the shop for the purpose of obtaining result slips ?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Act prevents children under 16 being served by a tobacconist, and cannot the police interfere and prevent children from entering a shop which they would have no right to enter for a legitimate purpose ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the drawing of these sweeps takes place on Rowan's premises, a short distance from a police-station, and have the police no power to insist on their right of interference in the public interest ?
 - (5.) What number of sweep consultations are known to exist, and what law makes them now so legal that the police do not interfere with them ?
 - (6.) Does the promise made by the Premier to immediately legislate for the suppression of these sweeps mean at once, or after the Melbourne Cup ?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) Yes. Police have no power pending legislation.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes, if required for their own use, but they cannot be prevented from entering the shop.
 - (4.) Yes, they have no power pending legislation.
 - (5.) Nine.
 - (6.) The Bill is now before this House.
- (9.) Hoists and Cranes at the Dyke, Newcastle :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that when the McMyler hoist, now being erected at the Dyke, Newcastle, is in operation, it will put out of commission cranes Nos. 14 and 15 ?
 - (2.) If so, has any provision been made for the accommodation of these cranes elsewhere ?
 - (3.) Can any reasonable estimate be given of the time that must elapse before accommodation is provided for the three remaining hoists ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Not yet.
 - (3.) Not at present.
- (10.) Complaints by Mr. Brodie against Dr. Beattie :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with the inquiries recently held by the Public Service Board into certain complaints made by Mr. Brodie against Dr. Beattie and other persons ?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The Public Service Board inform me that the papers and exhibits in the case are very voluminous, and, in addition, the evidence extends over 567 pages of type-written matter. It would, therefore, be very costly to copy all the papers, and, further, it is thought, no good purpose would be served thereby. If the Honorable Member so desires, I shall be glad to allow him an opportunity of perusing them at his convenience.
- (11.) Balmain, *via* Leichhardt, to Petersham Tramway :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that his predecessor, Mr. O'Sullivan, informed a deputation when he was in office that the two first tram-lines that he would give orders to construct would be the Bellevue Hill, and the Balmain, *via* Leichhardt, to Petersham Railway Station ?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to carry out the above promise ; and, if so, when is the latter work likely to be started ?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the districts through which the proposed line will run have a population of not less than 100,000 ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) I gather from the papers that Mr. O'Sullivan promised that the Balmain, *via* Leichhardt-Petersham, tramway would be one of the first put in hand when money was available for the purpose.
 - (2.) It is not proposed to do so at present.
 - (3.) I cannot say.
- (12.) Mudgee-Dunedoo Railway :—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he anticipate being able to invite tenders for the second section of the Mudgee-Dunedoo Railway Line ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—Tenders will be invited about the end of November.

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2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 13th August, 1908, “Mortlake “Tramway Boiler Explosion.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Oakes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations or Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report of Board of Health on Plague in New South Wales for 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on the 10th July, 1907, “North Shore Bridge.” [*In supplementation of Paper laid on Table on the 18th December, 1907, a.m.*]

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Horne moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a motion for the adjournment of the House under the 49th Standing Order, in reference to the proposed alteration in the time-table for the North-western Railway.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Beeby,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Carmichael.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Mechan,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Hogue,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nobbe,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Loisdale,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Colonel Onslow,	Colonel Ryrrie,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

(1.) Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Industrial Disputes Act, 1903, and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 13th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) University and University Colleges Amendment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 University and University Colleges Act, 1900, and the University and University Colleges (Amendment) Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 13th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Scaffolding and Lifts (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for 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, 14th October, 1908.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.
SCAFFOLDING

14th October, 1908.

SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th October, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 2. *After "word" omit "hoist" insert "fastening"*
 Page 2, clause 2, line 2. *Omit "s" from "words"*
 Page 2, clause 2, line 2. *After "hand" omit "hoist"*
 Page 2, clause 2, line 12. *After "slips" insert "or for the purpose of erecting or demolishing
 "timber stacks"*
 Page 2, clause 2. At end of subsection (2) *add—*"Provided that none of the enactments in this or
 "the Principal Act relating to the giving of notice of intention to erect, or to set up, or
 "build scaffolding shall be taken to apply to the case of ships in dock, or on slips, or to
 "the case of the erection or demolition of timber stacks."
 Page 3, clause 3, line 19. *Omit "and attendants"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 20. *Omit "and lifts"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 21. *Before "qualification" insert "certification"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 22. *Before "powers" insert "qualifications"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 35. *After "be" omit remainder of clause, insert "subject to the provisions
 "of section seven of the Principal Act."*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Industrial Disputes Act—Amendment of Schedule One :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Referring to the Legislative Council's Message of the 8th October, 1908, in reference to the Industrial Disputes Act—Amendment of Schedule One,—the Legislative Council requests the return of the said Message with a view to its further consideration.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th October, 1908.*F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Mr. Wade moved, That the request of the Legislative Council contained in the Message just read be granted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated this day, requesting the return of the Legislative Council's Message of the 8th October, in reference to the Industrial Disputes Act—Amendment of Schedule One,—returns the Message to the Legislative Council as requested.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th October, 1908.*

6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
7. UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900, and the University and University Colleges (Amendment) Act, 1902; and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
8. INEBRIATES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 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. Ball, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Davidson, Sir James Graham, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McGarry, Mr. McGowen, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Oakes, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Wade,—
 Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at four minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PROVIDENT FUND (SYDNEY) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the amalgamation of the Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund into one Fund, called 'The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney)'; and to provide for the administration of such Fund, and for payment of contributions thereto, and to vest the property thereof in a Board of Directors to be incorporated hereby; 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1908.

2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Resolution, returned herewith, in reference to the Industrial Disputes Act—Amendment of Schedule One,—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th October, 1908.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE.

Schedule of the Amendments to the Assembly's Resolution referred to in Message of 14th October, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, line 2. After "thereto" insert "and omission therefrom"
 Page 1, line 3. Omit "In column 2, line 4, before 'breweries' the words 'the business of'"
 Page 1, line 4. Omit "the words 'wine and spirit stores'" insert "omit the words 'manufactories
 "of table waters and other drinks'"
 Page 1, line 5. Omit "Board" insert "Boards"
 Page 1, line 5. Omit "Industry" insert "Industries"
 Page 1. At end of Resolution (1) add—
 "Wine and spirit stores Persons employed in wine and spirit stores.
 "Aerated waters Persons employed in the manufacture of
 "aerated waters, cordials, and non-
 "intoxicating drinks, and beverages."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Resolution be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

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3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Crown Lands for Settlement at Tullymorgan and Jacka Bulbyn :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is an extensive area of Crown lands suitable for closer settlement at Tullymorgan, Jacka Bulbyn, and adjacent localities?
- (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to have this land made a closer settlement area, and provide for the construction of a road leading from Maclean, to enable settlers to occupy the land mentioned?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) There are extensive areas of Crown lands in the vicinity of Tullymorgan and Jacka Bulbyn, mostly of a rough nature not suited to closer settlement. The district surveyor holds instructions to measure 5,310 acres into six blocks for conditional purchase lease. There are also areas at present available for conditional purchase lease, homestead selection, ordinary conditional purchase and conditional lease, and for additional holdings.

(2.) The district surveyor has been directed to furnish a report.

(2.) Gaming and Betting Advisory Board :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have steps yet been taken to appoint an Advisory Board under section 33 of the Gaming and Betting Act; and, if so, what are the names of the members of the Board and the powers vested in them?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Board appointed and gazetted on the 17th July, 1907, consists of Messrs. Betts, Britten, Frazer, Garratt, and Mitchell. Their powers are indicated in the Gaming and Betting Act.

(3.) Lavatory Accommodation on Ferry Steamers :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that harbour ferry steamers, notably those of the Sydney Ferries Company, plying to Mosman, Athol, Clifton Gardens, and Middle Harbour, for picnic and ferry traffic, are inadequately provided with lavatory accommodation for employees and passengers?

(2.) Is it a fact that large numbers of passengers are, at times, carried, and what are the times of journey to each of the places mentioned?

(3.) Have the Harbour Trust or Navigation Board power to insist upon such conveniences being provided; and, if so, will they do so?

Mr. Waddell answered,—All the ferry steamers of the Sydney Ferries (Limited) and the Balmain New Ferry Company (Limited) plying to Mosman, Athol, Clifton Gardens, Clontarf, and Pearl Bay (Middle Harbour), with picnic and ferry traffic, are provided with lavatory accommodation for the convenience of passengers (male and female) and employees. In addition, lavatory accommodation on a liberal scale is provided at Circular Quay and Fort Macquarie, at the jetties from which boats ply for the places above mentioned. Lavatory accommodation is also provided at Mosman, Athol, Clifton Gardens, Clontarf, and Pearl Bay, for both sexes. There is no such accommodation elsewhere at Middle Harbour. Inquiries will be made as to whether the existing lavatory accommodation on board the vessels referred to is sufficient; and, if not, such action will be taken as the circumstances necessitate. The time of journey to each of the places mentioned is as follows :—Sydney to Athol, 15 minutes; Sydney to Mosman, 18 minutes; Sydney to Clifton Gardens, 25 minutes; Sydney to Middle Harbour, 60 minutes (about).

(4.) Congestion of Traffic, Circular Quay :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the convenience of setting down and taking up tram passengers at the doors of the various ferries, considerable inconvenience and dangers exist by the blocking of hurried pedestrian traffic, owing to such stoppages?

(2.) Will the Railway Commissioners consider the expediency of relieving congestion by the extension of the service to Fort Macquarie, and the creation of sections as in other portions of the city?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that :—

(1.) The trams must, necessarily, interfere with pedestrian traffic crossing the Quay; but if care is taken, risk is avoided.

(2.) It is not thought that the extension of the trams to Fort Macquarie would alter existing conditions, unless the ferry services were also conducted from that point.

(5.) Proposed Federal Bureau of Agriculture :—Mr. Holman asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the published intention of the Federal Government to establish a Federal Bureau of Agriculture, and has his Department any information as to the intentions of the Federal Government in that connection?

(2.) Has he any information in his Department as to the proposed nature and duties of such a Bureau?

(3.) Is he acquainted with the intended scope of its operations?

(4.) Is it a fact that there is matter now left unperformed by the State Department which is likely to be better performed by a Federal Bureau of Agriculture?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, last Session, laid a memorandum upon the Table of the House on the subject of an Australian Bureau of Agriculture.

(3.) A Bill is now before the Parliament of the Commonwealth. Its expressed objects are set out in clauses 3 and 4. So far as these objects deal with matters of Federal concern no exception can be taken to them.

(4.) Not that I am aware of.

(6.)

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(6.) Disposal of Obsolete Railway Sleepers:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a wholesale destruction of obsolete sleepers on the line Parkes to Condobolin is taking place?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to discontinue burning of same, and dispose of them to municipalities or private individuals?
- (3.) Will he have same submitted to auction at the various townships along the line?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Chief Commissioner is not aware of wholesale destruction. Useless sleepers are burnt when sales cannot be arranged.
- (2 and 3.) Experimental lots of old sleepers have been gathered and sold by auction, but it was found that prices obtained were not equal to the cost of collection and carriage to depôts. A large number of second-hand sleepers are sold at best prices, and this practice will be continued.

(7.) Burns-Johnson Prize Fight:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the amount of prize money handed to the stakeholder in the Burns-Johnson prize fight, viz., £9,000?
- (2.) Has he also seen that a side bet of £1,000 has been lodged with the stakeholder, Burns offering to bet this amount that he will not be knocked out in twenty rounds?
- (3.) Will he prevent this fight, or, if not, will he see that it shall be carried out with gloves of the same weight as are used in our schools, colleges, and gymnasiums, and under the same conditions?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No.
- (3.) The law will be strictly enforced with regard to this matter. What steps in detail will be taken towards that end, I am not at present prepared to say.

(8.) Shortage of Railway Trucks:—*Mr. Trofé* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Coonamble firm ordered trucks last week to convey fat stock at the earliest possible date to the Sydney market, but were told that trucks would not be available till 29th December?
- (2.) Is it a fact that trucks cannot be obtained to remove fat stock, except in a limited number of cases, from Coonamble, on the dates required, and that stock are losing condition rapidly while waiting for trucks; if so, will he take steps that will result in having some trucks fitted up, even temporarily, to meet the present urgent demands?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed it is a fact that the trucks available for the carriage of fat stock have already been ordered up to the 29th December.
- (2.) Trucks are being made available for the carriage of live stock from Coonamble, as evidenced by the fact that orders have already been accepted to load 512 trucks for Flemington, and 141 trucks for other stations between the 17th October and 2nd January.

(9.) Mining Township, Yerranderie:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that twelve months ago the Government announced that it had resumed 30 acres of land in the silver-lead mining field of Yerranderie, near Burragorang Valley, for the purpose of a site for a mining township?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the process of carrying out this work is very slow, and that the inhabitants are incensed at the procrastination?
- (3.) Is it a fact that building operations and other projects have been brought to a standstill by the delay?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have money in hand to build new churches, but cannot provide for the spiritual wants of their flocks, owing to the inaction of the Department?
- (5.) Will he be good enough to arrange with the Secretary for Lands to have the work of laying out the mining township expedited?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) An area of 29 acres and 38 perches, part of portions 77 and 78, in the parish of The Peaks, county of Westmoreland, held under conditional purchase title by *Mr. Harold Clyde Manning*, and also under mining titles by various holders, was resumed on the 10th July, 1907.
- (2.) Considerable difficulty has been experienced in dealing with the private interests, both freehold and mining, involved.
- (3 and 4.) I am not aware that such is the case.
- (5.) The matter of designing the proposed village is in the hands of the Department of Lands, and that Department has been asked to expedite action.

(10.) Brewers' State License Fee:—*Mr. Barton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he arrange without delay (by amendment of the law or otherwise) to relieve the brewers of this State of the payment of a State license fee?
- (2.) Seeing that since Federation a license fee should have been paid to the Federal Treasurer only, and that brewers in all other States have been called upon to pay but one license, will he cause a refund of the money paid by brewers for licenses to this State?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The question of introducing a Bill to deal with this matter has already been considered, but it will not be possible to take any action this Session, at any rate.

(11.)

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- (11.) Dedication of Reserve, Blacktown :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has a request been made to him by the Blacktown Shire Council, backed up by a numerously signed petition, for the dedication as a reserve of portion 257, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland ?
 - (2.) What was the nature of the surveyor's report in regard thereto ?
 - (3.) Has he given a final decision in this matter ; if so, what is it ?
 - (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with this matter ?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1 and 3.) Such request has been made, and it is under consideration.
 - (2 and 4.) I am not prepared to answer these Questions at present.
- (12.) Central Leichhardt Public School :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that very serious overcrowding has taken place in connection with the Central Leichhardt School and that sketch plans for additions to the building have been in his office for a considerable time ; can he state if these will be approved of in the near future, and if the work can go forward at an early date ?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—Sketch plans have been prepared, and, with due regard to the claims of all urgent cases, the matter will receive further consideration after the passing of the Estimates.
- (13.) Retired Post Office Officials :—Mr. McGowen asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there are several retired post-office officials whose cases are identical with the case of Mr. Heffernan ?
 - (2.) Have these late officials made a conjoint request to the New South Wales Government to treat these cases in accordance with the unanimous decision of the High Court in the Heffernan case ?
 - (3.) Do the Government intend to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the High Court in this case ?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No joint request has been made so far as I am aware, but individual applications have been received.
 - (3.) Yes. The necessary steps have been taken.
- (14.) Hotel Licenses :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Will he allow the proprietors or licensees of hotels whose licenses expire on 31st March, 1909, to run out their time on payment of one-fourth their annual license fee ?
 - (2.) If not, what will be the course of procedure ?
- Mr. Wade answered,—I have no power to authorise acceptance of portion of the fee, but a refund will be made of a proportionate part of the fee for the period from the closing of an hotel by a Special Court until the expiration of the license.
- (15.) Officers in Lands Department :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many officers are at present in the Lands Department of twenty years and upwards continuous service in the country ?
 - (2.) Of this number, how many have made application to be transferred to Sydney ?
 - (3.) How many officers are there now in Sydney who have had no country experience ?
 - (4.) What claims is an officer regarded as having for some period of service in Sydney ?
- Mr. Moore answered,—The compilation of the information desired would occupy considerable time. I must, therefore, ask the Honorable Member to move for it in the form of a return, in the usual manner.
- (16.) Government Contracts for Iron and Steel Bridges :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many contracts for iron or steel bridges have been placed by the Department since 1st August of this year ?
 - (2.) What quantity of iron or steel does this involve ?
 - (3.) What has been the average price per ton of (a) such iron, and (b) such steel, delivered in Sydney ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Two contracts for steel bridges.
 - (2.) 1,067 tons.
 - (3.) (a) No contract for iron bridges ; (b) £22 5s. 2½d. per ton.
- (17.) Crown Lands for Settlement, County of Raleigh :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the lands recently surveyed in the parishes of Congarini and Warrell, county Raleigh, be available for settlement ?
- Mr. Moore answered,—The lands referred to are, apparently, in the parish of Allgomerah, county of Raleigh, and consist of four portions measured for conditional purchase lease. They will be made available shortly, but the exact date cannot be stated.
4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—
- (1.) The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named :—
 - (1.) By Mr. G. A. Jones—From certain Residents of Mungundi District.
 - (2.) By Mr. Latimer—From Members of the Women's Political Educational League and Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

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- (2.) Mr. Latimer presented a Petition from certain Residents of New South Wales, representing that a Bill is now before the House to amend the Crimes Act of 1900, in certain particulars, respecting the protection of young girls; that as a necessary safeguard the age of consent should be raised to eighteen years; that it is undesirable that a law should continue which permits girls to ruin their lives at a period when they cannot legally marry without consent of their parents; and praying the House to amend the Bill by raising the age of consent to at least eighteen years.
Petitions received.
5. THE COUPON SYSTEM:—Mr. Henley presented a Petition from Maxwell Keely, Chairman of the Advisor Anti-Coupon League of New South Wales, representing that Petitioning League is an organisation of merchants, storekeepers, traders, business people, shop assistants, and delegates of various chambers, associations, organisations, and unions, with headquarters in Sydney, and branches in different centres of the State, brought into existence for the purpose of opposing the Coupon System and all similar devices and to secure their elimination from business and domestic spheres by legislative enactment; that the members of the league are disastrously affected by the Coupon System and similar devices; that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Coupon System, and praying to be represented by counsel and solicitors before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
6. PAPERS:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for the departure from the prescribed scale of increments provided in Regulation 149, in the cases of certain Officers of the Old-age Pensions Office.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Department of Lands and Western Land Board for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
(2.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 07-13, parish of Wangan, county of Ashburnham, Land District of Forbes, applied for by George Henry Moswell, shall cease to be voidable.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla*):—
Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. INEBRIATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Inebriates (Amendment) Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Wednesday, 14th October, 1908, be restored to the Paper, and that the resumption of the Debate, on the motion "That this Bill be now read a second time," stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
9. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Moxham moved, That the Question be now put.
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McFarlane,	Colonel Onslow,
Colonel Rynie,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fell,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Mahony,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Meehan,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. McGarry,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Downes,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Briner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McGarry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade, 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 next.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Charlton, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.
11. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to the prevention and extinguishing of fires; for the protection of life and property from fire; to constitute a Fire Brigades Board, and define its powers and duties; to provide that certain damage to property shall be damage by fire within the meaning of any fire insurance policy; to repeal the Fire Brigades Act, 1902, and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the City of Sydney Improvement Act, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1908, A.M.

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

The Chairman moved, That the report be *now* received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Lee,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McGarry.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Treflé.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 the prevention and extinguishing of fires; for the protection of life and property from fire; to constitute a Fire Brigades Board, and define its powers and duties; to provide that certain damage to property shall be damage by fire within the meaning of any fire insurance policy; to repeal the Fire Brigades Act, 1902, and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the City of Sydney Improvement Act, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Mr. Wood moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Waddell,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Oakes,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. W. Millard,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. John Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Gus. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Wood then moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Moore,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Parkes.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only nine Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Beeby, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Holman, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Scobie, and Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

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 Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Importation of Live Stock from Queensland:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
(1.) Is it a fact that regulations dealing with stock crossing the Queensland border into this State have been relaxed?

(2.) Is it a fact that stock are being sent into the North Coast districts of this State from Queensland under less stringent supervision than formerly?

(3.) Will he see that every precaution is taken to exclude stock carrying tick into New South Wales?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No. Stock are not admitted direct to the North Coast districts from Queensland.

(3.) The Department is fully alive to the menace that exists, and every precaution is being taken to prevent the introduction of cattle tick from Queensland. At present there are a Supervising Acting Inspector, seven Acting Inspectors, and twenty-eight Assistant Inspectors stationed along that portion of the border extending from Tweed Heads on the coast to Hebel on the west, whose services are wholly occupied in the work of protecting this State.

(2.) Unalienated Sandstone Coastal Lands between Jervis Bay and Port Stephens:—Mr. Charlton asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the estimated unalienated area of sandstone country west of a line passing through the town of Penrith, and parallel with the coastal area referred to in the answer to Mr. Charlton's Question of 13th instant?

Mr. Moore answered,—The estimated area is 2,115,000 acres, and comprises 60,300 acres of leased lands other than conditional lease or homestead selection, 1,465,700 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, and 589,000 acres of reserves.

(3.) Minimum Wage for Railway Employees:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of railway employees at the coal sidings, Port Waratah, have been notified of a reduction in their wages to 6s. minimum and 7s. maximum?

(2.) If so, what is the reason for this reduction?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that in connection with the railway arrangements at the new coal sidings at Waratah, it was necessary to reclassify the positions held by a number of employees. Under this arrangement some men, who had been regarded as acting-shunters, and paid 7s., were reclassified as pointsmen, owing to the nature of the duties. The commencing wage for this duty is 6s. per day.

(4.) Supply of Tobacco to Government Institutions:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What contract for the supply of tobacco to Government Institutions with the Sydney Tobacco Company still exists?

(2.) Is it true that the Sydney Tobacco Company (Limited) has gone into liquidation; if so, what arrangements does the Government intend to make for the completion of the contracts?

(3.) If the contracts are transferred to another firm, will he try and arrange for the employees who have lost their employment through the liquidation of the company to have preference in doing the work relating to the completion of the contracts?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) One contract, for supply of tobacco as may be required up to 30th June next, at the Hospitals for the Insane, the Government Asylums, and the Cottage Home Farm at Mittagong.

(2.) Yes. For the present the liquidator of the company is carrying on the contract. He has applied to have the contract transferred to the British Australasian Tobacco Proprietary (Limited), who have expressed willingness to complete it at the same price. The Stores Supply and Tender Board will probably agree to this being done.

(3.) I am informed that the Manager of the British Australasian Tobacco Proprietary (Limited) advised the Stores Supply and Tender Board that if the contract is transferred, and it is found necessary to increase the number of hands to enable the company to carry it out, preference will be given to those who were employed by the Sydney Tobacco Company in connection with the supplies for the Government.

(5.) Messrs. Hyland Brothers' Improvement Lease, Braidwood District:—Colonel Ryrle asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Local Land Board has recommended for approval an improvement lease applied for by Messrs. Hyland Brothers, in the Braidwood district, of land upon which is growing magnificent timber?

(2.) Will he see that these forests are protected, more particularly in view of the probability of railway construction to this district?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Every care will be exercised to preserve valuable timber.

(6.) Railway Trucks:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Treflé, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Railway Commissioner taken steps to provide an additional supply of railway trucks to meet the extra demands for rolling-stock likely to take place in connection with the coming harvest; if so, how many extra trucks (with the capacity of the same) are likely to be ready by 1st January, 1909?

(2.) Has the Railway Commissioner been supplied with sufficient money to enable him to build all the extra rolling-stock he desires to have manufactured?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I will lay this information upon the Table of this House.

(2.) £620,000 is asked for on the Loan Votes for rolling-stock, and contracts have been entered into in anticipation of the vote.

(7.) Care of Illegitimate Children by the State:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Premier,—Has his attention been drawn to the statistics lately published showing the heavy excess mortality of illegitimate children over legitimate, and will he take into consideration the necessity for the early introduction of legislation providing for the more efficient care of these unfortunate infants by the State, whether by the establishment of crèches or otherwise?

Mr. Wade answered,—This matter is already under consideration.

(8.) Railway Trucks:—Mr. McCoy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is, approximately, the number of trucks (including ordinary open trucks, "C" vans, "D" trucks, and coal waggons) in use by the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways laid upon the Table on the 4th August, which includes a return (Appendix X) of rolling-stock.

(9.) Improvement of Cook's River:—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Cook's River is the only important natural feature within the Metropolitan area named in the earlier days after the discoverer, Captain Cook?

(2.) Is it a fact that the valley and serpentine course of this inlet are by nature of a most picturesque and attractive character?

(3.) Is it a fact that this inlet is now polluted and much destroyed by the hand of man?

(4.) Is it a fact the undulating slopes on either side of Cook's River Valley, from Marrickville westward, are fast being built upon as populous suburbs?

(5.) In view of the natural picturesqueness of the locality, and its historic importance, will he submit to Mr. Maiden, Director of Botanic Gardens, the following for examination and report:—

(a) The question of the restoration of the river; (b) the utilisation of the flats within the bends of the river as future botanic gardens, and as public recreation grounds; (c) the constructing of a public drive through the valley connecting with Carruthers' drive round Botany Bay; (d) the construction of the whole to be the most appropriate monument to the memory of the great discoverer, whose name Cook's River bears?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) I understand that this is so.

(3.) With the spread of population on the area drained by the stream, there is, naturally, some pollution, but from time to time works designed to minimise the evil have been carried out, especially on the lower portion. Upon these works, and those at Shea's Creek, the expenditure from public funds up to the present totals £321,479. In the upper reaches there is, I understand, a certain amount of drainage from Canterbury, Enfield, and Campsie, which falls into the river, but this trouble will be reduced as these areas are sewered.

(4.) I am informed that this is so.

(5.) The proposals enumerated will be considered.

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(10.) Orange and Molong Public Schools :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for additions and improvements to the public school buildings at Orange?

(2.) When will similar tenders be called in connection with the Molong Public School?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) At present I cannot say when tenders will be called for. Further consideration will be given to this matter when the Estimates have been passed.

(2.) It is expected that tenders will be invited next month.

(11.) Employment of Infants on Racecourses :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the spirit and intention of the Gaming and Betting Act was to prohibit infants under 21 from betting or wagering?

(2.) Is it a fact that at least one youth under that age was, at the last Australian Jockey Club meeting at Randwick, found to be acting as a bookmaker's clerk, and that the Inspector-General of Police is of opinion that this is not contrary to the section of the Act referred to?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Inspector-General of Police excuses the employment of this infant because he is acting as clerk to his father; and what special reasons are there for allowing a father, any more than any other person, so employing an infant?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the same reasoning that permits an infant to act as a clerk would extend to a bookmaker; and, if not, how does the section of the Act referred to so define it otherwise?

(5.) Will steps be taken to prevent the possibility of such an evasion of the intention of the section of the Act referred to by the interpretation placed upon it by the Inspector-General of Police?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Provision is made under section 23 of the Gaming and Betting Act, No. 13 of 1906, to prevent betting or wagering with persons under 21 years.

(2.) Yes. The Inspector-General of Police is of opinion that there has been no evasion of the Act referred to.

(3.) No excuse made, as the bookmaker in question has not committed any offence.

(4.) No.

(5.) Inquiry is being made.

(12.) Tramway Shelter Sheds :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Railway Commissioners erect a shelter awning at Toohy's Brewery, Elizabeth-street; and, if so, at what cost?

(2.) Will they also consider the advisability of erecting a similar convenience at the tram terminus, Young-street, Circular Quay, for the accommodation of the very large number of passengers using the trams at this place?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes; at a cost of £43.

(2.) I am informed this matter is already under consideration.

(13.) Rules of Pony Association Racing Clubs :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a custom for Pony Association Clubs to submit all new rules to him before they finally come into force, and has he any power to decline his approval to any rule submitted?

(2.) Was a rule submitted to him by such Clubs about July last regarding the betting on certain races run in divisions, and if so, were any reasons given for the framing of such rule, and on what date was it so submitted?

(3.) Is it a fact that this rule was made as the result of a wager made at Rosebery Park Racecourse on 1st July last, in which, on the grounds alleged by a bookmaker that a wager was made before a division was declared, a citizen with the approval and support of the Secretary and Stewards of the Club was "welched" of £7, and that the Associated Clubs successfully defended the citizen's efforts to obtain redress?

(4.) Will he consider the advisability of so amending the Gaming and Betting Act to provide for the appointment of an independent Board of Control and Appeal outside the Pony or other Associated Clubs, for the better protection of the public and all persons employed or taking part in horse and pony racing?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am not in a position to say.

(4.) No reason has been shown for superseding the present Board.

(14.) Rates for Overtime, Government Printing Office :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some years ago the Reid-Carruthers Ministry reduced the wages of the temporary staff of compositors in the Government Printing Office to the extent of 10s. 8d. per fortnight, besides reducing the overtime rate; and that since the old system has not been reverted to?

(2.) Is it a fact that the wages paid the staff is greatly below the rates paid by the Government Printer in Victoria and other States of the Commonwealth, and that here overtime rate is 2d. per hour below what is paid by private firms in Sydney?

(3.) Is it a fact that this question has for many months past been before the Public Service Board, with no result?

(4.) Is it a fact that Departmental officials are preventing an amicable settlement of this long-standing grievance?

(5.) Will he see that this matter is properly dealt with without further delay?

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- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The old rate of £6 2s. 8d. per fortnight, without leave privileges, was reduced by the Public Service Board, in 1897, to £5 12s. The current temporary rate outside the office at that time was £5 4s. per fortnight. Since then privileges in the way of leave have been granted, while the rate now paid agrees with that determined by the Arbitration Court.
- (2.) I am not aware that the wages paid here are lower than those paid by the Governments of the other States. The overtime rate is in accordance with the judgment of the Arbitration Court.
- (3, 4, and 5.) The Public Service Board inform me that they are waiting some further information which they hope to shortly obtain, and on receipt of which their decisions on the matters referred to will be given.
2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—
By Mr. James—From the Goulburn Women's Liberal Association.
By Mr. McGarry—From the Wagga Wagga Women's Liberal League.
Petitions received.
3. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd September, 1908, "Coal and Coke used by the Railways, Tramways, and other State Departments."
(2.) Statement showing Goods and Live Stock Vehicles under order, and probable deliveries of same, to 31st December, 1908.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the appeal of Laurence Joseph Harnett *v.* William Patrick Crick from the Supreme Court of New South Wales, delivered the 28th July, 1908.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS, REFORMATORIES, AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS**:—On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the Order of the Day for "resumption of the Debate,—
“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the whole system of industrial schools, reformatories, and institutions of a like character.
“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Mercer, Sir James Graham, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Downes, Mr. Horne, Mr. Donaldson, and the Mover,”—
was discharged.
5. **PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 24.*
Lieutenant-Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899, shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
State Government House,
Sydney, 20th October, 1908.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. **MINIMUM WAGE BILL**:—Mr. Hogue, pursuant to leave granted on the 8th October, 1908, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. **PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir James Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir James Graham, 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.
8. **ACCOUNTANTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Great Northern Coal Company's Railway Bill postponed until To-morrow.
10. **HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 1st October, 1908.

11. GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the granting of licenses to cut grass-trees and other similar vegetation; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
12. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Price moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
13. GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL:—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the granting of licenses to cut grass-trees and other similar vegetation; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
14. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) 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 Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th October, 1908.*
15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee 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 To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public School, Bellingen :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Were tenders received up to the 12th October for repairs and improvements to the public school building and residence at Bellingen?
 - (2.) How many tenders were received, the name of the lowest tenderer, and the amount?
 - (3.) Has the tender been accepted; and, if not, will he expedite the matter in order that the improved buildings may be used during the hot months of January, February, and March next?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Five tenders were received, the lowest one being from Mr. G. E. Moore for £750.
- (3.) No, but the matter will receive early consideration.

- (2.) Barellan-Hillston-Gunbar Railway :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to replies given to deputations which waited on him in reference to the proposed Barellan-Hillston-Gunbar Railway, and his replies, "that he would endeavour to have the matter remitted to the Public Works Committee for further inquiry and report should Parliament assent to his Irrigation Bill,"—did he then mean the scheme known as "Barren Jack," or to his promised Irrigation Bill yet to be introduced?

Mr. Lee answered,—It was intended to convey that when the whole question of water conservation on the Murrumbidgee and the irrigable areas were approved by Parliament, that in conjunction with the scheme for providing means of transit to and from the area and to Hillston, the extension of the line from Barellan would be considered.

- (3.) Inspectors, State Children Department :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—With regard to the proposed appointment of additional inspectors in the State Children Department, is it his intention to appoint any women inspectors as suggested to him by a deputation recently?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It is not my present intention to make such appointment.

- (4.) Increase of Salary to Pilots, Sydney and Newcastle :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has postponed consideration of the pilots' application for increase of salary, pending receipt of the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain charges made against Sydney pilots?
 - (2.) If so, will he reconsider the matter, and, at least, give his decision in regard to the application of the Newcastle pilots, since they are in no way concerned in the charges referred to?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes, at the request of the Superintendent of Navigation.
- (2.) The commission issued to the Public Service Board to inquire into this matter refers at present to the sea pilots in Sydney only. Until a report thereon is received, the question of increases in salary to pilots, generally, must be held in abeyance.

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- (5.) Moree-Mungindi Railway :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have reports yet been received from Departmental officers and the Chief Railway Commissioner upon the proposal to extend the railway from Moree to Mungindi?
 - (2.) Are such reports of a nature to warrant the proposed railway being submitted by Parliament to the Public Works Committee for inquiry?
 - (3.) If so, is it proposed to ask Parliament to refer the proposal to the Public Works Committee this Session?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The reports are of a satisfactory character.
- (3.) This question is receiving the consideration of the Government.

- (6.) Dredge "Samson," Newcastle Harbour :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to withdraw from service the dredge "Samson" from the Newcastle Harbour; if so, will the shifts worked by the dredge hands be reduced from three to two?

Mr. Lee answered,—There is no intention of withdrawing the "Samson," but it is proposed to reduce the shifts worked, from three to one, about the middle of November.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Page, presented a Petition from certain members of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, May-street, Newtown, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that should it become law, it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill.
Petition received.
3. GAMING AND BETTING ACT :—Mr. Hogue presented a Petition from S. S. Tovey, B.A., Rural Dean of the Ruridecanal Chapter of West Sydney, representing that Petitioner believes that serious evils arise through what are known as "Sweeps," and praying that the Gaming and Betting Act may be so amended as to wholly prevent and prohibit any such Sweeps.
Petition received.
4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—
- (1.) Mr. Hogue presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
 - (2.) Mr. John Miller presented a Petition from the Lithgow Women's Liberal League, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years.
Petitions received.
5. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Hogue presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
Petition received.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Statement of the Sydney Harbour Trust's Sinking Fund Account as at 30th June, 1908 (Annexure to Report laid upon the Table on 7th October, 1908).
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. ADJOURNMENT—MATTER OF URGENCY :—Mr. Beeby moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a Motion for the adjournment of the House, under the 49th Standing Order, in reference to the administration of the State Children's Relief Department.—

Point of Order :—Mr. Wade submitted that the Honorable Member, by his own statement, was putting on one side the question of urgency, and was discussing the merits of the case, whereas on this motion he should only be allowed to discuss the question of urgency; the details of the case should not be introduced on this question, but at a later stage.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that Honorable Members would see that, if latitude was allowed on this motion, abuses would creep in; it was his duty to curtail that latitude. He thought the Honorable Member was going into detail too fully; he should not make charges on this motion. The case should be clearly stated, and the question of urgency then argued.

Mr. Beeby continued his remarks.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Trefé,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dooloy,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Charlton.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Levy,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Oakes,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Hogue,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. James,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Tellers,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. McFarlane,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—Mr. Wood, pursuant to leave granted on 16th October, 1908, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the prevention and extinguishing of fires; for the protection of life and property from fire; to constitute a Fire Brigades Board, and define its powers and duties; to provide that certain damage to property shall be damage by fire within the meaning of any fire insurance policy; to repeal the Fire Brigades Act, 1902, and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the City of Sydney Improvement Act, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
9. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Moore, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Colonel Ryrie moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
11. GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore 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. Moore, 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. Moore, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Moore 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.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Control of Stock Routes and Reserves:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has application been made by several Pastures Protection Boards to have stock routes and water and camping reserves placed under the control of the Pastures Protection Boards to enable the Boards to collect revenue and expend such revenue on improving stock routes?
 - (2.) Are stock routes in many places almost impassable?
 - (3.) Did a deputation bring this matter under his notice?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the official reply to these representations was to the effect that to give effect to the proposals an amending Act would be necessary?
 - (5.) Will he, at the earliest opportunity, submit an amending Bill to Parliament to provide for the necessary reform asked for?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) The matter is beset with many difficulties, but I will give it the fullest consideration.
- (2.) Subsidised Schools:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many subsidised schools have been opened under the regulations establishing them?
 - (2.) How many are now carrying on?
 - (3.) (a) What is the approximate number of scholars being educated in such schools; (b) total amount of subsidy paid last financial year; and (c) nature of reports, i.e., satisfactory or otherwise?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Six hundred and eight.
- (2.) Two hundred and ninety-six; but twenty-four of these are temporarily closed, pending the re engagement of teachers by the residents.
- (3.) (a) Two thousand five hundred scholars in June last; the September returns are not complete; (b) £5,763 7s. 6d. During seven months of this period a maximum subsidy of £25 only was allowed, the maximum now is £50; (c) the reports are, with few exceptions, quite satisfactory, and afford evidence of the performance of good work by the teachers of these schools.

- (3.) Temora-Barellan Railway:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many miles of the Temora-Barellan Railway have been constructed, and how many miles remain to be constructed to reach Barellan?
 - (2.) Is it possible to give an approximate date when complete construction to Barellan will eventuate?

Mr. Lee answered,—The line has been constructed to Barellan, but the station buildings are not yet completed. It is anticipated these buildings will be finished in about six weeks.

- (4.) Poor Prisoners Defence Act:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Meehan, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Since answering Mr. Meehan's Question on Thursday, 15th instant, has the Premier seen the remarks of Mr. Justice Simpson with regard to the wording of the Poor Prisoners Defence Act?
 - (2.) In view of the observations of the Judge, does he intend to introduce amending legislation?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am communicating with Mr. Justice Simpson to ascertain in what respects he deems the Act requires amendment.

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(5.) Traffic on Northern and North-western Railway Lines:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Chief Commissioner for Railways definitely decided to bring into operation the new time-table for the North-western Line; if so, upon what date is it proposed to start same?

(2.) If he has decided upon this course, will he, in view of the admittedly large development in the traffic upon this branch, and the likelihood of a still larger development when the Walgett Line is taken over, reconsider his decision not to give a second train service to the North-western District, and arrange to run such service simultaneously with the new time-table?

(3.) If he cannot run a service to connect with the Glen Innes train at Werris Creek, will he run one to connect with the Tamworth train leaving Sydney at 9.5 a.m.?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The Chief Commissioner proposes to bring the new time-table into operation on the 25th instant. It provides for the North-western Mail leaving Sydney at 3 p.m.

(2 and 3.) This matter is under consideration.

(6.) Overtime, Government Savings Bank:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain officers of the two Departments of the Government Savings Bank and its Branches have been for some years required to work excessive overtime both before and since the inception of the present Bank?

(2.) Have certain officers been dismissed in consequence of their refusal to work the excessive hours of overtime?

(3.) Will he have a return prepared showing names of officers who have worked overtime during the last twelve months, together with the total number of hours of overtime worked by such officers, and also what overtime pay, other than tea-money, they have received?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

(1.) Prior to the constitution of the new Bank, the officers of the Advances to Settlers Board performed a large amount of overtime work, for which they were compensated. The officers of the old Bank were also called upon to work overtime, at balance periods, and received similar recognition. Since the inception of the new Bank, a considerable amount of work, necessarily, had to be performed by officers after hours, particularly in relation to the introduction of the Victorian system of conducting Savings Bank business. On completion of the work, the services of the officers concerned will be recognised. It might be added that for the year 1907, the Staff received increments totalling £1,600, and, for 1908, £1,700.

(2.) The services of two of the temporary officers were dispensed with for various reasons; one being their reluctance to work overtime in connection with the issue of the new pass-books.

(3.) To prepare such a return as asked for, would entail considerable time and trouble, and would only add to the overtime which the officers are now required to work in connection with the establishment of the new system. Moreover, it is not clear that any good purpose would be served by its preparation.

(7.) Gratuity to Ex-Police-sergeant Thomas Johnston on Retirement:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did ex-Police-sergeant Thomas Johnston resign from the Police Force, on the 30th April 1901?

(2.) Why did he resign?

(3.) Was he allowed a gratuity in May, 1903, of £100?

(4.) Were the cases of retirement of ex-Senior-constable Piggott and ex-Senior-constable Skelton of a like nature to the retirement of Police-sergeant Johnston?

(5.) Did the two officers above mentioned receive £168 each; if not, at least the full gratuity due to them?

(6.) Was Johnston's full gratuity £273, and why was it not paid in his case?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Ex-Sergeant Johnston resigned from the Police Force, on the 26th April, 1901.

(2.) His resignation states, to better his condition. His conduct during the latter part of his service was not satisfactory.

(3.) In June, 1903, he was awarded a gratuity of £100.

(4 and 5.) The cases of retirement of ex-Senior-constable Skelton and ex-Sergeant Johnston have some resemblance, and each received a gratuity of £100. As regards the cases of Messrs. Skelton and Johnston, the Honorable Member's attention is invited to a Return to Order printed under No. 1 Report from the Printing Committee, 29th June, 1905. Ex-Senior-constable Piggott was certified by the Police Medical Board to be suffering from a chronic nervous ailment, and although disqualified from further police service was not prevented from performing other employment. He left the service with a clean record sheet, and was granted £168, the full gratuity to which his length of service entitled him.

(6.) No. £277 10s., less £2 2s. for medical fees. His misconduct placed it out of the power of the Inspector-General to do anything further than was done for ex-Sergeant Johnston.

(8.) Government Savings Bank:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government Savings Bank called in all pass-books on an assurance that they would be returned within ten days, but in many cases new books were not issued until two months after the old books were sent in?

(2.) Is it a fact that when the new books were issued, credits were not given for amounts that had been paid into the local office, and that in other books interest has only been calculated up to 31st December, 1907?

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(3.) Is it a fact that in some cases a delay of ten days has occurred between the sending in of the withdrawal notice and the return of the payment warrant, and, in some cases, second notices had to be sent in?

(4.) Will he take steps to see that such irregularities are remedied?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In certain instances errors crept in, which, however, were rectified as soon as they were brought under the notice of the Commissioners. The task of transferring upwards of 300,000 accounts, and issuing new pass-books to depositors, was a stupendous undertaking, and it is only to be expected that some mistakes would occur.

(3.) At the inception of the new system, congestion occurred in the return of warrants to the local postmasters, but no delay is now occasioned to depositors when they correctly describe their accounts.

(4.) The Commissioners are taking steps to make the new system as complete as possible with a view to affording the utmost convenience to depositors, and, when such system has been established, the facilities that will be afforded will amply compensate depositors for any inconvenience they may have recently sustained. The work will, however, take some little time to complete.

2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years, were presented by Mr. Parkes:—

(1.) From certain Residents of Marulan.

(2.) From certain Residents of Big Hill.

(3.) From certain Residents of Tallong.

(4.) From certain Residents of Longreach.

(5.) From certain Residents of Bungonia.

(6.) From certain Residents of Wingello.

(7.) From certain Residents of Towrang.

Petitions received.

3. **POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. John Storey presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Balmain, Rozelle, and Drummoyne, representing all Protestant Churches, Good Templar Lodges, Loyal Orange Lodges, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Women's Prayer Union, representing that Petitioners look with special alarm upon the largely-increasing facilities for the practice of gambling by the open sale of sweep tickets, and by a system of house-to-house canvassing, and praying that the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill be speedily passed into law.
Petition received.

4. **PAPER**:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Report of the National Park Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Moore, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Moore then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the granting of licenses to cut grass-trees and other similar vegetation; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; 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 granting of licenses to cut grass-trees and other similar vegetation; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd October, 1908.

6. **DAIRYING AND POULTRY BRANCHES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brinsley Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of the Dairying Branch during the year 1907.

(2.) The total income of the Dairying Branch of the Agricultural Department during the year 1907.

(3.) The name of the chief officer of the Dairy Branch and his salary.

(4.) The total cost to the Department of the Poultry Branch during the year 1907.

(5.) The total income of the Poultry Branch of the Department during the year 1907.

(6.) The name of the chief officer of the Poultry Branch of the Department, and his salary.

(7.) The total amount and value of poultry and eggs imported into the State during the year 1907.

(8.) The value of the butter imported into the State during the year 1907.

Question put and passed.

7. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Great Northern Coal Company's Railway Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

22nd October, 1908.

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT SALE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Moore, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the sale of private land for Closer Settlement; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 22nd October, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

9. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Moore, "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 after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1908, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.

11. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-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 that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.

The Temporary 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 that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

12. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself in a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 14th instant, in reference to the Industrial Disputes Act—Amendment of Schedule One,—agrees to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Assembly's resolution in reference to the subject.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1908, a.m.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902; and for 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th October, 1908.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Carriage of Newspapers on Railways:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In regard to the charges made against the Sydney daily press for the carriage of their papers by rail, how do such charges compare with those levied by Victoria and Queensland?
(2.) Is it a fact that in Victoria a much faster train service is in operation for the distribution of the daily papers than is the case in New South Wales, and will he communicate with the Railway Commissioners with the object of urging the acceleration of the present service?
(3.) Is there any reason why the Melbourne daily papers should be delivered by rail in the southern parts of New South Wales hours earlier than the Sydney daily papers, when the distance between the two capitals and the parts referred to is practically the same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the New South Wales charges are cheaper than the Queensland, and they are also cheaper than the Victorian for short distances; but for the middle and long distances the Victorian rates are the cheaper.
(2.) It is a fact that the rates of speed of passenger trains by which morning newspapers are carried in Victoria are generally higher than the speeds of trains by which such papers are carried in this State, due to the fact that the latter are mixed trains, the traffic not warranting the running of passenger trains. The trains leave earlier in this State, and in the result newspapers arrive at distant destinations at about the same time as they arrive from Melbourne at stations of a similar distance in Victoria.
(3.) Sydney newspapers arrive at Junee, which is practically midway between Sydney and Melbourne, earlier than the Melbourne papers. The only way in which earlier delivery can be effected to stations south of Junee is by running a faster train from Sydney, and the traffic does not warrant this.
- (2.) Collarenebri Public School:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that the lowest tenderer for the Collarenebri Public School has not signed the contract; if so, will he take steps to have the next tender accepted, in order that the children and teachers may get the benefit of the new building before the end of the present summer?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The contractor submitting the lowest tender—which has been accepted—has not signed contract or lodged security deposit. Steps are now being taken to cancel the acceptance, and invite fresh tenders for the work. The next lowest tender is considered too high. It is greatly in advance of the one in question, and cannot be accepted.

(3.)

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- (3.) Ulumbie Homestead Selections :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—What stage has been reached in regard to the proposed ~~surrender~~ of the Ulumbie Homestead Selections, and will he state when the matter is likely to be completed, and when the selectors will be enabled to apply for the land under the new form of tenure proposed?
Mr. Moore answered,—The draft form of surrender has been approved by the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank, and steps are now being taken to obtain the surrender by the selectors.
- (4.) Retreat Home for Mothers of Illegitimate Children :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Premier,—
(1.) Has the Government been considering for some time past the proposition made by a doctor of this city for establishing a retreat home for the mothers of illegitimate children?
(2.) Has any decision been arrived at in regard to that proposition?
Mr. Hogue answered,—The President of the State Children Relief Board has made representations on the subject. Dr. Mackellar's suggestion was that a suitable cottage be rented. The whole question of the care of unmarried mothers and their offspring is under consideration.
- (5.) Payment of Tram Fares by Plain-clothes Constables :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the inconvenience occasioned plain-clothes constables by the present method of cash payment of tram fares and a subsequent refund in the following month?
(2.) Will he consider the advisability of placing them on the same basis as detectives in this particular?
Mr. Waddell answered,—Prior to the Honorable Member's notice of Question, and in view of a similar representation, inquiries were made, and the Metropolitan Superintendent reported that the plain-clothes police in every division had been questioned, and each and every one of them stated that they did not desire any change to weekly or fortnightly payments, and that they were perfectly satisfied with present arrangements.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Campsie, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
Petition received.
4. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill; that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill,—were presented by the Members named :—
(1.) By Mr. Parkes—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Campsie.
(2.) By Mr. Hogue—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
Petitions received.
5. ACCOUNTANTS BILL :—Mr. Broughton moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Accountants Bill, which dropped on Tuesday, 20th October, 1908, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 17th November.
Question put and passed.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Wade made a Ministerial Statement detailing what measures the Government intended to press to a conclusion before the close of the Session.
7. PAPERS :—
Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales respecting Advertising Australia and Inducement of Immigration.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
(2.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1908.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT :—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number and area of all improvement leases granted since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, showing locality, area, price, and conditions.
(2.) The names of the Ministers dealing with such papers and leases.
(3.) The names of the solicitors appearing in such cases.
(4.) The names of the land agents who dealt with same.
(5.) The like information regarding exchanges of land.
(6.) The whole of the papers placed before the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department by Mr. R. A. Price, together with the replies to such by the clerk of the Land Court.
(7.) The reasons which induced the Royal Commissioner to state, through Mr. Houston, in reply, that the papers had not been sent for as the Royal Commissioner's power did not cover such cases.
Debate ensued.

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 1st October, 1908.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Return of Applications for Improvement Leases made since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT SALE BILL:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of private land for Closer Settlement; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
11. COOMA TO BOMBALA, VIA NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Moore, *on behalf of Mr. Lee*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, 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 Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the constructing authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Moore, "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 after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1908, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. James,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Thomas,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gilbert,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Hindmarsh.
Mr. Downes,	
Colonel Rynie,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Levy,	

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Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Grahame.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hollis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Moore, 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-eight minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Estates inspected by Closer Settlement Advisory Boards:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many estates, respectively, have the three Advisory Boards, appointed under the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, inspected to date, giving name and location of each estate?

(2.) How many of these estates have been ear-marked for prospective resumption, giving name and location of each?

(3.) How many estates have been finally reported upon, with name and location of each?

(4.) When does he intend to table resolutions relating to the resumption of others of such estates, and will he give this House information as to the names and location of same?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Sixty-three.

(2.) Nineteen estates have been covered by proclamations of intended acquisition.

(3.) Thirteen.

(4.) In the course of a few days; but I cannot give any details at present. I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a return embodying the further information asked for in Questions 1, 2, and 3.

(2.) Subsidies paid to Royal Agricultural Society:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Carmichael, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—What were the amounts sterling of the Government subsidies to the Royal Agricultural Show for the past three years?

Mr. Perry answered,—1906, £812 2s. 2d.; 1907, £800 12s. 6d.; 1908, £1,000; total for last three years, £2,612 14s. 8d.

(3.) Dental Hospital:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was an Act passed for the union of the Dental Hospital of Sydney with the University Dental Hospital?

(2.) Did that Act provide that the services to be rendered at the United Hospital should be absolutely free?

(3.) Are some of the services rendered in that institution to the public charged for?

(4.) At the time of union between the Dental Hospitals was an agreement entered into by the contracting bodies that no unregistered person should be employed in a professional capacity?

(5.) Is the instructor in mechanical dentistry registered?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Act provides that the Hospital shall be only for the gratuitous treatment of the necessitous poor.

(3.) No.

(4.) I am not in a position to say.

(5.) The Dental Hospital does not employ an instructor in mechanical dentistry.

(4.) Tramway and Ferry Communication, Cremorne Point:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Sydney Ferries Company agreed to run a ferry service to Cremorne Point, or its neighbourhood, conditionally upon a tram being constructed there; and, if so, what steps are being taken to facilitate such construction?

(2.) What is the route and probable cost of constructing this tram extension?

Mr.

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) In the event of the tramway being constructed, the Company has undertaken to erect a suitable wharf at Cremorne by the time of its completion.

(2.) From a point on the Sydney to Mosman tramway near corner of Glover and Spofforth streets, down Spofforth-street, and along part of Florence-street to Murdock-street, across private property to the side of Sutherland-street, along Robertson-road to Robertson Point, terminating beyond the junction of Robertson-road to Cremorne-street. Estimated cost, £27,814.

(5.) Neutral Bay Police Station :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps, if any, have been taken for the purpose of furthering the erection of a police station at Neutral Bay?

Mr. Wood answered,—A sum of money has been noted on Estimates, 1908-9.

(6.) Technical College for the Northern Suburbs :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What steps, if any, have been taken to complete the resumption or purchase of land selected by him some months ago as a site for a technical college for the Northern Suburbs?

(2.) Will a sum of money be provided on the Estimates for this purchase, and the erection of necessary buildings?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The survey of the land has been completed, and all necessary steps to complete the resumption are now in progress.

(2.) A sum of money has been placed on the Estimates for this purpose.

2. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill; that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Gilbert—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Newcastle.

(2.) By Mr. Nobbs—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Guildford.

Petitions received.

3. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Guildford, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.

Petition received.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Guildford, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Brinsley Hall presented the following Petitions, protesting against the proposal to legalise the Totalizator, because it will surround with legal sanction a practice in itself undesirable and inimical to the best welfare of its citizens, and will countenance the withdrawal from industrial pursuits of valuable time, energy, and capital, thus weakening the fibre of national life and sanctioning practices that minister to unhealthy excitement and illegal speculation, and praying the House not to pass the Bill :—

(1.) From the Minister and Church Stewards of the Methodist Church, Lower Hawkesbury.

(2.) From the Minister and Church Stewards of the Methodist Church, Lower Portland.

Petitions received.

5. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Wade presented a Petition from D. M. MacCallum, President, Ladies Committee of the Prisoners' Aid Association, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years.

Petition received.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Kyogle to Coraki, via Casino*) :—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Kyogle to Coraki, *via* Casino.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

(2.) Return showing Estates inspected by the Advisory Boards under the Closer Settlement Acts, Estates covered by Notices of Intended Acquisition, and Estates gazetted and finally reported upon.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Director of the Botanic Gardens and Domains for the year 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

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Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Reports by Officers of the Department of Public Works regarding water supply, electrical power, and irrigation possibilities in connection with the Federal Capital—Yass-Canberra Area; together with Plan referred to in Mr. de Burgh's report showing the river system, &c.; and diagram sketch illustrating hydro-electric transmission scheme.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1907; together with Tables, &c.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Great Northern Coal Company's Railway Bill postponed until Wednesday, 4th November.
9. **CROWN LANDS (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.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1908, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. **PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Wade 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 Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Canceled Improvement Leases, Namoi Electorate :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,— Will he give the names and areas of each of the canceled improvement leases in the Namoi Electorate, stating in what position they are at present, when each area is likely to be made available for settlement, in how many blocks, and under what form of tenure ?

Mr. Moore answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied in the form of a return, which I shall presently lay upon the Table of this House.

- (2.) Cemetery, Eastern Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Was any application received from the settlers at Eastern Dorrigo for the establishment of a cemetery site ; and, if so, what was the particular locality mentioned ?
 (2.) What has been done in regard to this matter ?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) An application was received from the Eastern Dorrigo Progress Association for the setting apart of a site for cemetery at Brooklana Village.
 (2.) A report has been obtained, which shows that a site free from objection as regards drainage is not available on Crown lands near the village. The Progress Association has been asked to suggest a suitable site on private land, with a view to the question of its acquisition being considered.

- (3.) Public School, Eastern Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has he decided to establish a public school at Eastern Dorrigo ; and, if so, on what particular site ?
 (2.) Have proposals been considered for the establishment of a school at either Brooklana, or Ulong Creek, or Ashton ?
 (3.) Will he take prompt steps to have a school established in the most suitable locality for the children of Eastern Dorrigo settlers, and will he treat the matter as one of urgency ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) I will arrive at a decision when the necessary inquiry has been made into the educational requirements of the district, and a report has been furnished to me by the proper officer.
 (2.) An application, representing only six children, has been received from Brooklana. No application has come from either Ulong Creek or Ashton.
 (3.) Inquiries will be made as soon as possible.

- (4.) Widening of Wycombe-road, North Sydney :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Has it been represented to the Railway Commissioners that they should, in the interest of public safety, resume sufficient land to widen Wycombe-road, at its junction with Military-road, North Sydney ; and has the Chief Commissioner refused to do so ?
 (2.) What would be the cost of resuming sufficient land for the purpose, and the business reasons for not doing so ?
 (3.) Is it a fact that while the Railway Commissioners request, and have received at North Sydney, the right to sever and use public parks and roads on the grounds that it was serving public convenience, they persistently refuse concessions made by the North Sydney Municipal Council, which are considered for the public good or safety ?
 (4.) Will he, as a constructing authority responsible for the safety of life, confer in arbitration with the local governing body and Chief Railway Commissioner as to whether the work of widening the road is in the public interest ?

Mr.

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The cost has not been estimated.
- (3.) The Chief Commissioner is always prepared to consider reasonable requests and to deal with them in an equitable manner. The question is too wide to answer in detail.
- (4.) The widening of the road is looked upon as a municipal obligation and not a work that should be undertaken by the Chief Commissioner in connection with tramway working.

(5.) Proposed Park, Crémorne Point.—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When was the question of resumption of land at Crémorne for the purpose of adding to the recreation reserve brought before the Department?
- (2.) When were the instructions given to the Government Land Valuer to complete a valuation, and what steps are being taken to purchase the land?
- (3.) What is the area of the land asked to be resumed, as now used by the public on sufferance only?
- (4.) Is it a fact that for some time the Department has replied to all inquiries on the question that the matter will be "shortly considered"; and, if so, what period of time does that mean?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the responsible departmental officer has shown no desire to hasten the completion of the matter; and, if so, why?
- (6.) Has an application been made for a grant to improve the portion of the foreshores under the control of the North Sydney Municipal Council as trustees, and will a sum be granted for the purpose of carrying out necessary improvements?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) In the year 1906.
- (2.) A valuation was furnished by the Government Land Valuer in January last, but a decision as to taking steps for acquiring the land has not yet been arrived at.
- (3.) In all 1 acre 0 roods 39 perches, embracing two separate areas of 1 acre 0 roods 32 perches and 7 perches, respectively.
- (4.) All inquiries have not been so answered. The Honorable Member was informed on the 7th ultimo that a further communication would be addressed to him shortly, but as it is necessary to consider the matter in connection with all other claims for park acquisitions, having regard to the funds available, it has not yet been practicable to arrive at a decision in the matter.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Yes. The matter will be considered upon receipt of report which is being obtained. I wish to add that this question is not answered as fully as I intended it should be. I gave directions for further information to be given to the effect that when this proposal was first considered by my predecessor, Mr. Ashton, he decided, in view of the large amount it would involve, that the Government would not be justified in resuming the whole of the land which the residents asked should be resumed, and the Municipal Council were informed—I am speaking from memory—that if they could get the owners to submit an area at a reduced price, a reasonable price, the matter would be considered, and, subsequently, further representations were made by the residents for the acquisition of this area. I say this in order to account for the time which has elapsed between the date of the application and the present time.

(6.) Closing of Shops on Sundays.—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that persons permitted to sell fruit and drinks in a certain portion in the City and seaside resorts on Sundays are known in many instances to make increased charges to the public for articles sold on that day; and, if so, will steps be taken to withdraw the permission from persons found to be making such charges, under the rights granted to them?
- (2.) Is it a fact that while at North Sydney Sunday-closing is strictly insisted upon, a shop the property of the Sydney Ferries Company, at Milson's Point, between the ferry wharf and the railway station, is permitted to sell fruit, drinks, and like refreshment on Sunday?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this refreshment room is not upon railway property; and, if so, why is this innovation permitted to the detriment of other shopkeepers in the district?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) No increased charges are made so far as the police can ascertain.
- (2.) No, it is not a fact. The shop referred to is a restaurant and is kept open on Sundays for supplying meals to the public.
- (3.) Yes. Other *bona fide* restaurants in City and Suburbs have similar privileges.

(7.) Application of Cobar Gold Mines Company (Limited) for Suspension of Labour Conditions :—
Mr. Estell, for Mr. Macdonell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In the matter of the application by the Cobar Gold Mines Company (Limited), for a partial suspension of labour conditions on their leases, after having obtained four previous suspensions of six months each, will he furnish his reasons for varying the decision of the local warden by extending the period of suspension from six to twelve months, and by reducing the number of men to be employed from forty to thirty after the warden had considered the application in open Court, and had fixed the suspension period for six months and the number of hands to be employed at forty?
- (2.) Will he lay all papers in connection with the matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) The warden granted partial suspension of labour for six months from the 17th August, 1908, forty men to be employed, but on the 3rd September he minuted the papers to the effect that after he had given the decision, certain facts came to his knowledge which, had they been given in evidence, would probably have caused him to further reduce that number. The Company then applied

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applied for a permanent reduction of the labour conditions of their amalgamated leases to thirty men. The warden was instructed to hold an inquiry on oath, and as a result of the evidence given, the Minister, in terms of section 118, subsection 4, of the Mining Act, decided to reduce the labour conditions of the leases in question to thirty men for a period of twelve months, declining to grant a permanent reduction.

(2.) The papers will be laid upon the Table of this House.

(8.) Wire-netting for Rabbit Pest, Dubbo District:—Mr. Barton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the Dubbo district the rabbits have destroyed the crops for some years, making it necessary for farmers to wire-net?

(2.) Is it a fact that owing to the failure of crops this year it is probable that settlers may not be able to meet engagements made with Pastures Protection Boards for wire-netting?

(3.) Will he see that necessary time for payment of wire-netting be extended?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) I am aware that wire netting of holdings is very necessary in the district.

(2.) The Dubbo Pastures Protection Board has reported to such effect.

(3.) Wire-netting is supplied to the Pastures Protection Boards, who are required by law to pay for same by instalments, spread over a period of years.

(9.) Bellevue Hill Tramway:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the roadway upon which the Bellevue Hill tram is built along Hargrave-street, between Jersey-road and Cambridge-street and Cambridge-street and Greenmont-road, is now in a condition dangerous to the public?

(2.) If so, will he have these roads put in trafficable repair as early as possible?

(3.) What was the contract date for the completion of the tramway?

(4.) When will the line be open for traffic?

(5.) What is the cause of delay?

(6.) Cannot the steam trams be used until such time as the electric traction is completed?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Government has resumed a portion of "Glen Ayr" for the purpose of this line?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) It is not a fact that the road is dangerous to the public, but the streets are being altered and lowered at this place to suit the tramway grades, and while this work is in progress the excavated places are fenced off and lights are kept burning during the night.

(3.) 2nd June, 1908.

(4.) When additional power for working the tramways is available.

(5.) Partly owing to the delay in obtaining possession of the properties at the commencement, and largely owing to the fact that the contractors have found it almost impossible to get blue metal at a rate to enable them to complete in contract time.

(6.) I am informed that there are no steam trams available.

(7.) It is proposed to resume a portion of it in connection with this line.

(10.) Experimental Vineyards at Lake Macquarie and Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Gillies asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) What reason had his Department for taking up land for vineyard purposes in so close proximity to the sea as the Lake Macquarie site?

(2.) Owing to the Belmont Vineyard Nursery being so near the sea, was there a danger of the vineyard being attacked with mildew?

(3.) Is it a fact that his Department, after having spent something like £2,000, had to abandon the site owing to the vineyard becoming flooded?

(4.) What has the Government paid for the new experimental vineyard site near Raymond Terrace, and what money will be spent on buildings, planting, and other improvements?

(5.) What are the peculiar features of this site that induced his Department to select it for the purpose of propagating phylloxera resistant stock?

(6.) Have representations been made by many vignerons that the site is too near the sea?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The site chosen was Crown land, and accessible to growers of the Hunter River district, and the soil was considered suitable. Its proximity to the sea was no objection.

(2.) No, as the phylloxera resistant stocks are also resistant against mildew.

(3.) The amount expended was £1,001 17s. 7d., for a large proportion of which sum the Government have improvements, and have been offered a rent which will give interest on the expenditure. Although the ground was not actually flooded, it was thought advisable to abandon it owing to the large estimated cost of drainage.

(4.) No more than is necessary to raise vines for distribution will be expended.

(5.) A soil in which phylloxera will not live, and in which cuttings for propagation will strike readily, combined with accessibility of the site to the growers of an important vine-growing district.

(6.) No.

(11.) Wages of Artizans, Government Hospice, Kosciusko:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Gus. Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that carpenters and other artizans working at the Government Hospice, Mount Kosciusko, last year, were in receipt of £1 a week allowance in consideration of the inconvenience they were subjected to?

(2.) Was that allowance reduced to 12s. in the early part of the present year?

(3.) Did he, at the request of a deputation that waited on him at the works, cause that amount to be raised to 15s. per week?

(4.) Has that amount at present been reduced to 6s. per week?

(5.) If so, will he see that the amount that he considered reasonable in the early part of the year be continued?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Last year these men received an allowance of 15s. per week.
- (2.) Approval was given, in September of last year, to pay 2s. per diem over Sydney rates.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The men are now allowed 6s. per week ; this is in accordance with the common rule for country work.
- (5.) The payments made to the employees on this work are now considered fair and equitable, and are higher than the rates obtaining in private employment in country districts.

2. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—Mr. McCoy presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Marrickville, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill ; that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty ; that these measures are inefficacious ; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country ; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill.
Petition received.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. McCoy presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Marrickville, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries ; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
Petition received.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Cancelled Improvement Leases in the Namoi Electorate.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made ; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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 provide that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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Sydney, 29th October, 1908.*
6. CROWN LANDS (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.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.
8. PAPER :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Final Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Forestry—Part I, together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
9. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL *changed from* CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevancy on the part of Mr. McNeill, the Honorable Member for Pyrmont, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Colonel Onslow moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Moore,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Gilbert,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Donaldson,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Beeby.
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Grahame.
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Treflé,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

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

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes after Eight o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Application for Land, Eastern Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—In regard to a letter from the Department of Lands, dated 31st July, 1908, Misc. 1908-13,662, concerning an application to have certain land made available at Eastern Dorrigo, will he be good enough to say what decision, if any, has been arrived at?

Mr. Moore answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to a letter of the 27th August, 1908, which conveyed my decision in the matter referred to.

(2.) Amending Fisheries Bill :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose to submit the amending Fisheries Bill to Parliament, with a view to having it passed into law?

Mr. Wood answered,—If the state of public business will permit, this Bill will be considered this Session.

(3.) Medlow Public School (Taylor's Arm) :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the total enrolment of pupils at the Medlow Public School (Taylor's Arm) for the last quarter during which it was open?

(2.) How long has the school been without a teacher?

(3.) Is it a fact that no teacher has been in charge since last Easter to the middle of the present month, at any rate?

(4.) Will he arrange to have a teacher appointed to the school immediately?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Twelve.

(2.) Since 5th May last.

(3.) The school was in operation one week only, following the Easter vacation.

(4.) Inquiries will be made, and in the event of there being a sufficient number of children of school age to warrant the reopening of the school, another teacher will be appointed. The average attendance for March quarter was 9.9, and for the portion of June quarter during which the school was in operation, 7.1 only.

(4.) Locomotive Drivers employed by Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many locomotive drivers employed by the Railway Commissioners are entitled to receive 15s. per day?

(2.) How many receive that rate of pay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed the matter is governed by a regulation, which reads :—"The position of first-class driver will only be obtainable as vacancies in that grade occur, and after serving as a driver at least ten years. The number of drivers in the first-class shall never exceed one-seventh of the whole number of drivers employed."

(2.) Seventy-seven drivers at present receive 15s. per day; one-seventh of the total number of drivers would be ninety-nine, and it has already been decided that the question of increasing the pay of additional drivers to the number of twenty-two, will be dealt with at the close of the year when the regulation advances are being considered.

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- (5.) Chief Commissioner for Railways:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the dispute under the Industrial Disputes Act between the Tramway Union and the Railway Commissioners, the Chief Railway Commissioner recommended himself as a member of the Wages Board; and that, in consequence of that recommendation being indorsed by the Minister charged with the administration of the Industrial Disputes Act, the Chief Commissioner was appointed as a member of the said Wages Board?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that, owing to the sittings of the Tramway Board, the time of the Chief Commissioner for Railways is more than fully occupied; and that, in consequence of such overwork, he is unable at the present time to comply with the request of an Honorable Member of this House to grant an interview on a matter of urgent importance?
 - (3.) If, on inquiry, he finds this to be the case, will he advise the Chief Commissioner for Railways to resign from the Tramway Board, and thus relieve himself of overwork, and enable him to give that attention to the affairs of the Department he was appointed as Chief Commissioner to administer?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes. It is assumed the Honorable Member's Question has reference to an ex-employee who was retired owing to ill health. The Chief Commissioner had personally and fully considered the matter before receiving Mr. Hollis's letter on the subject of an interview. The matter is not looked upon under the circumstances as one of urgent importance.
 - (3.) The Chief Commissioner considers that the public interests require his attendance at the Court.
- (6.) Training College, Blackfriars:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many students are at present connected directly with the Training College at Blackfriars?
 - (2.) How many of these are provided with accommodation?
 - (3.) Is Blackfriars Public School situated in the most congested slum area of Sydney?
 - (4.) Is any accommodation provided in the way of luncheon rooms?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that the Training College is overcrowded to such an extent that the health of students is endangered?
 - (6.) Is there any provision of any kind for recreation purposes?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that 60 per cent. of the students have given notice of their intention to leave the institution at the end of the first year of training, instead of remaining for the full course of two years?
 - (8.) Will he take steps to have a Training College established as nearly as possible on the same lines as exist in Melbourne, where the institution is in the University grounds, and is affiliated with the University?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) 305.
- (2.) All the students are provided with such accommodation as the present buildings will afford, though it has to be admitted that the accommodation available is inadequate and in many respects defective. This is due to the fact that the premises in use at Blackfriars were not originally designed for a Teachers' College, but, with alterations, have been made to answer the purpose pending the carrying out of a large and important scheme for the construction of a Training College suited in all respects to the requirements of such an institution.
- (3.) No.. An adjacent area, formerly much congested, has lately been cleared of its tenements by the City Corporation with a view to its being leased for rebuilding on the most modern scientific plans, under which, among other benefits, sanitation and sightliness will be amply provided for.
- (4.) No special accommodation is possible. The students' common rooms have to serve this purpose.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Not at present.
- (7.) No. So far only 17 per cent. have so notified. The regulations provide that students may, if they chose, withdraw at the end of one year's training and be examined for a third-class teacher's certificate, and a number of withdrawals is therefore expected annually under this provision, irrespective of other considerations.
- (8.) The establishment of a complete, well-equipped Training College in the University grounds is contemplated. The Department is making every effort to proceed with its erection.

- (7.) Railway Stock Trucks:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all the papers in connection with the requests from Railway Commissioners during the past four years for money, particularly in relation to the provision of stock trucks?
- (2.) How much was applied for?
- (3.) How much granted?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member should move for the production of the papers in the usual way; but I might remind the Honorable Gentleman of information that has already been given by the Chief Commissioner in regard to amounts applied for and voted for rolling stock to the following effect, namely,—that for the year commencing 1st July, 1905, the sum of £30,000 was applied for and voted; for the year commencing 1st July, 1906, the sum of £130,000 was applied for and voted; and that the sum of £700,000 was asked for and voted, for the year commencing 1st July, 1907.

- (8.) Railway Workshops, Honeysuckle Point:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the workshops at Honeysuckle Point are lacking in accommodation and equipment for the purpose of effecting all repairs, &c., incidental to the railways north of Newcastle?

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- (2.) Will he consider whether it would conduce to economical working to have all these repairs carried out at Honeysuckle Point?
- (3.) Has the Chief Commissioner in contemplation the erection of suitable and properly-equipped workshops for this purpose?
- (4.) If so, will the work be put in hand without delay?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) It would be an advantage to be able to carry out more repairs at Newcastle, and plans have been prepared to provide for extended shop accommodation and facilities.
- (4.) The provision proposed would entail a heavy expenditure and funds at present are not available. The matter is being looked into with a view of the revision of the estimate.
- (9.) Public School, Newcastle South :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a tender been accepted for the carrying out of the improvements at the Public School, Newcastle South?
- Mr. Lee answered,—Owing to the lowest tender being considerably in excess of the estimate, fresh tenders are to be invited at short notice, on an amended specification.
- (10.) Extension of Railway from Collarenebri East to Collarenebri :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give any definite information as to when the engineers are to commence operations in connection with the extension of the railway from Collarenebri East to the township of Collarenebri?
- Mr. Lee answered,—When the engineer now engaged on the Cryon-Walgett Railway has finished his work there, he will at once proceed to Collarenebri East, probably in about three weeks.
- (11.) Juncea Vale Public School :—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the accommodation at the Juncea Vale School is totally inadequate for the number of children now attending there?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to have the proposed new building erected with the least possible delay?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) The school has lately been made a full-time one (it was previously worked half-time); a fresh site has been selected, and it is proposed to erect a new building thereon.
- (2.) Tenders have been invited, returnable up to the 26th instant.
- (12.) Pilliga Scrub Lands :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it proposed to make more land available in the Pilliga Scrub; if so, in what areas, how many blocks, and under what form of tenure?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) An additional area of 23,030 acres has been designed into twenty-two blocks, ranging from 900 to 1,400 acres, for disposal by way of conditional purchase lease, and arrangements are now being made for survey.
- (2.) The district surveyor has also been directed to design a further area of from 50,000 to 100,000 acres near Narrabri, with a view to making same available for settlement.
- (13.) Poor Prisoners Defence Act :—Mr. Levy asked the Premier,—How many accused persons have been granted legal assistance under the Poor Prisoners Defence Act, 1907?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Eighteen, exclusive of persons charged with capital offences.
- (14.) Night Watchmen in Railway and Tramway Department :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the Railway and Tramway Department some of the night watchmen have to be on duty twelve hours, while others only do eight hours?
- (2.) If so, will he give instructions that all these night watchmen shall not be required to be on duty for more than eight hours at any one period?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the hours of watchmen are reasonably apportioned according to the nature of the duties to be done. The hours vary from eight to twelve, but seven out of twenty-nine men work the longer hours.
- (15.) Connection by Railway of New England with the North Coast Districts :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When was the proposal to construct a railway from Tenterfield to Casino first advocated?
- (2.) What was the length, grade, and estimated cost of the line at that time?
- (3.) Is it a fact that in 1890 two temporary examiners of Public Works proposals reported favourably as to the construction of lines from Guyra, *via* Don Dorrigo, to Grafton, and Tenterfield to Casino?
- (4.) Is it a fact that in 1892 a report on the Tenterfield-Casino proposal was obtained; and, if so, what was the then estimated length of that line, the ruling grade, and the cost of construction?
- (5.) Was a further estimate submitted in 1896; and, if so, what were the figures of that estimate concerning length and cost?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Tenterfield to Casino line was referred to the Public Works Committee by Parliament in December, 1901, and did the then Minister, in submitting the proposal, state that it was brought forward "for the purpose of having a thorough investigation made as to which was the best route to adopt for connecting the tableland of New England with the North Coast districts"; and was the inquiry conducted on that basis?
- (7.) Did the Committee report as follows :—"In only the instance of the Guyra lines, among the several lines before the Committee, does the route of the railway pass through, or in the vicinity of country of a nature likely to attract settlement of the kind that leads to a large increase in production"?
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- (8.) Did the Committee conclude its Report by stating that a line from Guyra to South Grafton, *via* Dorrigo and Coff's Harbour, might be the railway connection between the coast and the tablelands?
 (9.) Is it a fact that a very large increase of settlement between Coff's Harbour and Dorrigo, and the latter place and Guyra, has taken place, and will he give this proposal early consideration?
 (10.) Does he propose to establish railway communication, either now or in the near future, between Coff's Harbour and Dorrigo and Guyra, by means of a line of ordinary gauge, or does he propose to construct only a narrow gauge line from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes, and no further?
 (11.) Is it proposed to submit a proposal for a tableland connection by means of the existing gauge between Tenterfield and Casino, or does he intend to ask Parliament to refer the whole question again to the Public Works Committee with a view to one or both of these lines being constructed on the existing gauge system?
 (12.) When does he propose to deal with the matter?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) During the year 1883.

(2.) Length, 87 miles; estimated cost, £1,680,053; ruling grade, 1 in 30.

(3.) The examiners favoured the construction of the lines from Glen Innes to Inverell; Guyra, *via* Don Dorrigo, to Grafton; and, afterwards, Tenterfield to Casino.

(4.) Yes. Length, 92 miles 69 chains; estimated cost, £1,600,318.

(5.) Yes. The estimate was reduced to £1,261,564, and the length increased to 104 miles 46 chains.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) Yes.

(9, 10, 11, and 12.) The proposals are now engaging attention.

(16.) Railway Workshops, Honeysuckle Point:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the workshops at Honeysuckle Point are lacking in accommodation and equipment for the purpose of effecting repairs, &c., incidental to the railways north of Newcastle?

(2.) Will he confer with the Chief Commissioner as to the advisability of having properly-equipped workshops erected for this purpose on the Government land set apart for railway workshops between the Broadmeadow and Adamstown Railway Stations?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that plans have been prepared to provide additional accommodation at Honeysuckle Point.

(2.) I have consulted the Chief Commissioner. The question is at present standing over for want of funds.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Nobbs, from the Strathfield, Burwood, and Enfield Women's Liberal League.

(2.) By Mr. Broughton—From the Women's Branch of the People's Reform League of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

3. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars,— were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Robson—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

(2.) By Colonel Ryrie—From the Council of the Women's Liberal League of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

4. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill (*now* Prisoners Detention Bill); that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill,— were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Robson—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

(2.) By Mr. James—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Goulburn.

(3.) By Mr. Thomas—From the Inverell Women's Christian Temperance Union.

(4.) By Mr. Parkes—From the Temperance and Morals Committee of the Churches of Christ.

(5.) By Mr. Broughton—From the Women's Branch of the People's Reform League of New South Wales.

(6.) By Colonel Ryrie—From the Council of the Women's Liberal League of New South Wales.

(7.) By Mr. Henley—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Burwood.

(8.) By Mr. Briner, *on behalf of* Mr. McLaurin—From the Albury Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Petitions received.

5 PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Substituted Regulation No. 19, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.

(2.) Minute by the Colonial Treasurer setting forth the reasons for departure from the prescribed scale of increments in regard to the salary of Mr. Charles McKern, Assistant Receiver, The Treasury. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

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Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for departure from the prescribed scale of increments in regard to the salary of Mr. E. M. Allman, Inspecting and Relieving Officer, and Mr. R. T. Hole, Assistant District Works Officer, Walgett, Department of Public Works.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for departure from the prescribed scale of increments in regard to the salary of Mr. William Edwin Tunks, Assistant Land Valuer, Department of Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a motion for the adjournment of the House under the 49th Standing Order, in reference to the action of the Government in despatching fifty additional Police to Broken Hill without reasonable cause or necessity, at a time when delicate negotiations are pending between the combined Trade Unions and the Associated Mine Managers of the District.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Tréflé,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,

Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Charlton.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. James,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Robson,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thomas,
Colonel Rylie,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Waddell,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Sir James Graham,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The action of the Government in despatching a train-load of Police to Broken Hill without reasonable cause or necessity," and intimated that the Notice was clearly out of Order,—and Mr. Griffith objecting to the action of the Chair, Mr. Speaker called the Honorable Member to order.

Disorder: Mr. Arthur Griffith having interjected that the Speaker did not give fair play to that side of the House,—

Mr. Speaker "named" the Honorable Member as being guilty of disorderly conduct.

Mr. Arthur Griffith was heard in explanation, and adhered to the words used by him—he then withdrew.

Mr. Wade moved, That the conduct of the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, in imputing unfairness to the Chair, is disorderly and worthy of the censure of this House, and that the Honorable Member be called upon to withdraw the words used and apologise to the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. James,
Mr. Brown,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Davidson,
Colonel Rylie,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Moxham,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Fell,
Mr. Latimer.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Tréflé,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Charlton.

Tellers,

Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Gus. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

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Mr. Speaker directed the Acting Serjeant-at-Arms to request the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, to attend in his place.

Mr. Arthur Griffith having attended, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the terms of the Resolution just passed, addressed the House, but declined to withdraw the words used—and again withdrew.

Mr. Wade moved, That the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, having been ordered by the House to withdraw and apologise for using certain language which has been determined by the House to be disorderly, and having disobeyed such order, this House adjudges the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, to be guilty of contempt.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Broughton,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Nobbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. James.
Mr. Mahony,	
Colonel Ryrie,	
Mr. Davidson,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Mercer,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Wade moved, That the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, having been adjudged guilty of contempt, this House suspends the Honorable Member from the service of the House until he obeys the order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41

Mr. Lee,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. James,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parke,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Oakes,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Broughton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Sir James Graham,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gus. Miller.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Horne.

And so it resolved in the affirmative.

8. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Arthur Griffith, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Sturt.

Whereupon Mr. Wade moved, That the Seat of Arthur Griffith, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Sturt, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Arthur Griffith.

Question put and passed.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlars Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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10. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Oakes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker, having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hollis, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

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

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Davidson,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Hunt,	Tellers,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. James.
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Treflé,	Sir James Graham.
Mr. Horne,	Tellers,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Doolley,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. McNeill,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Oakes moved, That this bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Hogue,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. James,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Moore,	Tellers,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Downes,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Doolley,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Carmichael.
Tellers,
Mr. Burgess,
Dr. Arthur.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Oakes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the prevention and cure of certain diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 for the prevention and cure of certain diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th November, 1908, a.m.

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11. ADJOURNMENT :—MR. Wade 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.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Application for Conditional Purchase by L. Walsh, Dorrigo District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did an applicant, named L. Walsh, of Tyringham, successfully apply for a conditional purchase lease in the Dorrigo subdivision last submitted?

(2.) Did the applicant Walsh subsequently withdraw the application; and was such withdrawal permitted, and, if so, upon what terms?

(3.) Is it a fact that the total amount deposited by the applicant Walsh with the application was £10 12s.?

(4.) Is it a fact that upon withdrawal of the application the applicant Walsh received a refund of 15s.; and, if so, is it the intention of the Department to retain £9 17s., and on what grounds?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, unconditionally.

(3.) The amount lodged by the applicant was £10 12s. 3d.

(4.) The refund of 15s. was in adjustment of the account consequent upon the allotment of portion 21, that sum having been paid by the applicant in excess; but upon the withdrawal of his application being subsequently granted a refund of the balance, viz., £9 17s. 3d., was issued.

(2.) Experimental Farm, Dorrigo:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Has a site been reserved for the purposes of an Experimental Farm at Dorrigo?

(2.) If so, what is its area, and has it been handed over to his Department?

(3.) Will he take steps to establish the farm at an early date, so that the settlers may reap some benefit from it instead of delaying the proposal until methods have been adopted by the settlers in many cases of a varied character and with varying results?

(4.) Will he establish these farms during the early stages of settlement, to enable the settlers to discover the best means of putting their lands to profitable use?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I understand that an area has been retained, but it has not been notified as reserved for the purposes mentioned.

(2.) I am informed about 460 acres. It has not been handed over to my Department.

(3 and 4.) The existing establishments must be brought thoroughly up to date before further experiment farms are established. Experimentalists and instructors are to be appointed to conduct a series of experiments on the farms, in order to ascertain the best methods of cultivation and the most suitable crops for the various districts of the State, and my present policy will be continued of forming experiment plots on land offered by farmers, where the operations will be carried out by the farmers themselves under instructions of the Department's experts. By this method a larger number of districts will be served than by the equipment of one or two additional experiment farms similar to the present institutions. Instructions have already been issued for an Inspector to visit the Dorrigo as soon as possible, with a view to the establishment of experiment plots there.

(3.) State Finances:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of loan money raised from all sources during the four years ending 30th June, 1904, and the same information for the four years ended 30th June, 1908?

(2.) What was the average revenue and expenditure for the four years ended 30th June, 1904, and the same information for the four years ending 30th June, 1908?

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(3.) What was the actual cash surplus on the 30th June, 1907, and also on 30th June, 1908?

(4.) What was the amount returned by the Commonwealth Treasurer to this State in each of the four years ending 30th June, 1904, and the same information for the four years ending 30th June, 1908?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Application by Julius Anderson for Revocation of Reserve :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—With regard to the letter from the Lands Department dated 10th June, 1908, Misc. OS-8,552, will he state what decision has been arrived at, and what action, if any, has been taken with regard to the matter, and particularly with regard to an application by Julius Anderson for the revocation of part of an adjoining reserve, and the setting apart thereof for additional holdings?

Mr. Moore answered,—A report from the district surveyor was received, but a further report has been called for as to the marketable timber upon 100 acres within Forest Reserve 642 adjoining the eastern boundary of Anderson's holding, also whether alienation of the land would hamper timber operations.

(5.) Bellevue Hill Tramway :—Mr. Latimer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the present contract for the construction of the Bellevue Hill Tramway be completed?

(2.) Has any contract been let for the construction of the offtake for rolling-stock along Ocean-street, Woollahra, connecting with the car-sheds on the Oxford-street lines?

(3.) If so, when will that work be completed?

(4.) If no contract has been let for that work, will the Railway Commissioner be obliged to defer the running of the tramway on the Bellevue Hill line until that offtake is constructed?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) About the middle of next month.

(2 and 3.) No; but as the length is only a short one the present contractors will be asked to carry it out at their schedule rates.

(4.) I do not think so, but the Railway Commissioners will be consulted.

(6.) Manufacturers' Exhibition :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Intelligence Department has secured a large amount of floor space at the forthcoming so-called Manufacturers' Exhibition to be held in Sydney?

(2.) If so, what expenditure of public money is entailed by the Department in connection with same?

(3.) Is it a fact that the proposed Exhibition is purely a private speculation, to be run for purposes of profit, and that the promoters are in no way connected with the manufacturing industry?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Chamber of Manufactures is not promoting the Exhibition?

(5.) Will he see that no public moneys are allowed to be expended for private gain in connection with the Exhibition?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) The Intelligence Department has secured a floor space of 60 feet x 12 feet at the Exhibition referred to.

(2 and 5.) The total expenditure, including cost of space, is not estimated to exceed £42, and the exhibit will be beneficial to the State.

(3.) The promoters of the Exhibition are the proprietors of the "New South Wales Journal of Manufactures," who I understand are conducting the Exhibition at their own risk.

(4.) I understand that the Chamber of Manufactures has extended its patronage to the Exhibition, and a number of the members are, individually, participating.

(7.) Pilliga Scrub Lands :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that land situated in the Pilliga Scrub, near Wee Waa, within a short distance of a railway, has been made available for settlement at a capital value of 6s. 8d. per acre?

(2.) Is it also a fact that similar land near Pilliga, at a much greater distance from a railway, has been made available at a capital value of 13s. 4d. per acre?

(3.) If so, what is the reason for this disparity in values?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The conditional purchase leases were set apart at the low values stated after careful consideration of the conditions and especially in view of the heavy expenditure involved in improving the land.

(8.) Official Assignees, Bankruptcy Court :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Are Official Assignees in Bankruptcy paid for their work by fees?

(2.) In case of death of an Official Assignee, to whom are fees payable which were unpaid at his death?

(3.) In the case of a bankrupt applying for his certificate, where his assignee is dead, is it sufficient for him to pay the fees due to that assignee?

(4.) Is it a fact that bankrupts are mulct in two fees where their assignee is dead, and that if the assignee were living only one fee would be payable?

(5.) Will he give directions that the fees payable to a dead assignee shall be apportioned between his representatives and the new assignee?

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Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) To his legal personal representative, or to any person to whom such representative may assign his right to receive the same.
- (3.) Yes, unless the Registrar, in the exercise of the delegated discretionary powers conferred upon him by the Judge, thinks on the application for a certificate of discharge, that the case is one in which the successor of the deceased assignee is entitled to some additional remuneration. This may be for his services and trouble in investigating the affairs of the estate to enable him to report to the Court as to the bankrupt's conduct or affairs, as he is bound to do, or for other special services rendered by him.
- (4.) In such cases as those above referred to the bankrupt would have to pay an additional fee in addition to the remuneration previously allowed in respect of the administration of the estate and primarily payable out of the assets.
- (5.) No. This is a matter of arrangement between the representative of the deceased Official Assignee and his successor in office. In the absence of any such arrangement the representative of the deceased assignee is entitled to the whole of such fees.

(9.) Sunday Duty by Police:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that on Sundays policemen are engaged at the following places:—Metropolitan Police Courts, Quarter Sessions, Coroner's Court, Supreme and District Courts, Inspector-General's Office, Metropolitan Superintendent of Police, Police Traffic Office, Weights and Measures Office, and Detective Office?
- (2.) Do any of the foregoing have their Sundays off?
- (3.) Is it a fact that only one-fourth of the traffic constables are required on point duty on Sundays?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) No, it is not a fact; but police employed all week upon clerical duties, often entailing long hours, are not, and never have been, engaged on Sundays unless special circumstances require it.
- (2.) See answer to No. 1.
- (3.) No, it is not a fact. All traffic police work on Sundays, unless absent on leave.

(10.) Immigration:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

- (1.) How many assisted immigrants have arrived in this State since 1st September, 1907, whose occupation is given as felt-hatters?
- (2.) Were any of these immigrants nominated by any firm of manufacturers in the State; if so, what is the name of such firm?
- (3.) Is it a fact that an industrial dispute has existed in the felt-hat trade in this City since September, 1907, and that it still exists?
- (4.) Is it also a fact that a clause exists in the Federal Immigration Restriction Act to the effect that no immigrants shall be brought to Australia to take the places of men who are parties to an industrial dispute?
- (5.) Will he see that, in future, the State Immigration Department is not used as a means to assist in evading the Federal Immigration Laws?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) One.
- (2.) Nominated by his brother, who is a hat manufacturer.
- (3.) No dispute has been filed at the Industrial Disputes Office since 1st September, 1907.
- (4.) The Contract Immigrants Act, 1905, prohibits the Minister of External Affairs from authorising the admission into the Commonwealth of persons under contract to perform manual labour if such contract was made in contemplation of, or with a view of affecting, an industrial dispute.
- (5.) The State Immigration Regulations have always provided for strict observance of the Federal Immigration Laws.

(11.) Public Service (Superannuation) Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,—

- (1.) In the Bill dealing with Civil Service Pensions, does he intend that measure to apply only to persons who have pensions which are deemed inadequate?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in a return made by the Public Service Board it is mentioned that there are other classes of retired Civil Servants who have grievances in regard to pensions; for example, those who were called off the fund and dismissed in 1896, after fifteen years' service and over?
- (3.) Will he make a statement of his future intentions with regard to the other classes of claimant Civil Servants who are mentioned in the Public Service Board's return?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Clause 2 of the Bill specifies the persons to whom the measure is intended to apply.
- (2.) A statement made by the Secretary of the Public Service Board in which the matter mentioned by the Honorable Member is, amongst others, referred to, is included in Printed Parliamentary Return dated 13th December, 1906. The officers in question, however, were not "called off" the fund, but voluntarily discontinued contributing to it.
- (3.) The Government does not propose to ask Parliament to consider any other measure dealing with pension claims at present.

(12.) Railway Connection between Moss Vale and the South Coast District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the necessity for a railway from Moss Vale to Robertson, and thence to the Illawarra Line?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there is a large area of coal lands near Jamberoo, through which such a line of railway would pass, and that no great engineering difficulties exist *en route*?

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(3.) Is it a fact that the existing bridge over the Shoalhaven, near Nowra, can be strengthened in order to carry a railway, so as to allow of an extension of the Illawarra Line further southward, with a branch line to Jervis Bay?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I cannot say definitely. There are, however, considerable engineering difficulties on the route suggested.

(3.) No; but the bridge could be strengthened sufficiently to carry a tramway.

(13.) Plan, by Mr. George Turner for ridding Sydney of Plague:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. George Turner, sanitary engineer, of Sydney, has formulated a plan for ridding Sydney of plague and disease within twelve months?

(2.) Has the Board of Health been supplied with such an offer from Mr. Turner; and, if so, have they considered the matter, and what is their decision?

Mr. Wood answered,—No such plan has been offered to the Board of Health. Mr. Turner applied for employment as a sanitary inspector under the Board, and was informed that there was no vacancy.

(14.) Retiring Allowances to Parliamentary Messengers and Watchmen:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Parliamentary Staff of Messengers and Watchmen,—

(1.) In 1896 was £300 paid to Messenger Kelly, who retired on account of ill-health after eighteen years' service?

(2.) In 1898 was £292 paid to Messenger J. Churchill, after a service of twenty-three years?

(3.) In 1901 was the sum of £300 paid to the widow of Messenger W. Johnstone, after his service of thirty-six years?

(4.) In 1902 was £300 paid to Principal Doorkeeper J. Cannon, after his service of twenty-six years?

(5.) In 1906 was the sum of only £32 15s. 4d. paid to W. Snowdon, Night Watchman, Parliament House, notwithstanding that the President and Speaker recommended £400, and his papers had been sent in three months before his death?

(6.) Is it a fact that in the case of the late Mr. Snowdon, the papers were sent to the Public Service Board, who have no jurisdiction whatever over Parliamentary employees; and is it a fact that this was the first time such a proceeding ever took place?

(7.) In view of the foregoing, and recognising that the late Mr. Snowdon had given twenty-seven years' service, will he see that justice is done to his widow without delay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £299 14s. 2d. was paid.

(2.) £25 was paid in 1896, and £266 8s. 8d. in 1897.

(3.) £300 was paid in 1900.

(4.) £300 was paid in 1903.

(5, 6, and 7.) As a non-contributor to the Superannuation Fund, the late Night Watchman Snowdon had no legal right to any compensation upon retirement, but the late Premier referred the matter to the Public Service Board with a view to ascertaining the amount of compensation that would have been payable, had Snowdon been entitled to be retired under the Public Service Act. The Board advised that the amount which would be payable under such circumstances was £82 15s. 5d., and this sum was paid to Mrs. Snowdon in 1907, her husband having died in the meantime.

(15.) Coramba Public School:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What are the dimensions of the public school building at Coramba?

(2.) According to regulations, how many children are provided for?

(3.) What was the enrolment for the quarters ended 30th June and 30th September, 1908?

(4.) What was the average attendance for each of these quarters?

(5.) Has he noticed a newspaper paragraph stating that the school building is totally unfit for its purpose?

(6.) Will he take immediate steps to have a suitable building erected, which will provide for the increasing number of pupils?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The building is 24 feet in length, by 14 feet in width.

(2.) At the allowance hitherto in force, eight square feet per child, the building would accommodate forty-two pupils; but as more liberal provision is now made by the Department in connection with new schools, this building would be considered as providing for twenty-eight pupils.

(3.) Fifty-eight and fifty-seven respectively.

(4.) 44.1 and 41.7 respectively.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) A report has been called for. On receipt of the report, the question of providing additional accommodation will be determined.

(16.) Inspection of Food for Human Consumption:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, under the provisions and regulations of the Factories and Shops Act, a factory is only recognised where more than four hands are employed?

(2.) Is it a fact that, while the strictest scrutiny is exercised over large factories employed in the manufacture of bread, jams, and foods of like daily use, the lack of the knowledge of their existence prevents a like supervision by the inspectors over those manufacturers engaged in a similar production of human food not classed as factories in the meaning of the Act?

(3.) Will he take steps to so amend the Act to provide that all persons engaged in the manufacture of food for human consumption, shall be registered and come under the jurisdiction of proper inspection?

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) No. Any office, building, or place in which four or more persons are engaged directly or indirectly in working at any handicraft, or in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale, is a factory in terms of the Factories and Shops Act.

(2.) No. Special attention as regards cleanliness and general sanitary conditions is given by the Inspectors to those factories in which articles of food are manufactured. Section 21 of the Act applies to all bakehouses situated in any district under the Act, irrespective of the number of persons employed therein, and all such bakehouses, if within the boundaries of a municipality, must be limewashed at least once in every six months, or more frequently if considered necessary.

(3.) The matter will receive consideration.

(17.) Government Tea Expert :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a custom to appoint an expert to make a selection of teas used by the Government in terms of the contract made for the supply of same; and, if so, how is such appointment made?

(2.) Is it a fact that the present expert has been appointed for the past four years?

(3.) Is it a fact that prior to that period experts were alternately appointed; and, if so, why was this procedure departed from?

(4.) Is it a fact that the number of samples offered have considerably decreased; and, if so, to what extent?

(5.) Is it a fact that the same expert passes and selects teas delivered under contract?

(6.) Is the expert at present carrying out these duties in any way connected with the contractor for the supply of teas?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) Yes. An appointment is made by the Stores Supply and Tender Board each time tenders are invited.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Prior to 1905 certain experts were employed by the Government in turn; but the Board, having considered the amount of the fee charged by the expert for 1904 to be excessive, and the expert in question having refused to make any reduction, representations were made to the Premier, with the result that the Stores Supply and Tender Board was given a free hand as regards the selection of an expert for the future.

(4.) Fifty-nine samples were submitted in 1904, when another expert was employed, and fifty-two samples in 1908.

(5.) The expert employed by the Board reports on the samples sent with the tenders, and, as each delivery is made, examines samples and certifies that the bulk is in accordance with the sample on which the tender was accepted.

(6.) Not so far as the Board is aware. The expert receives no information concerning the tenders. The samples submitted to him are marked with a number merely.

(18.) Accommodation, Parliament House :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Opposition has made several requests to the Honorable the Speaker to be provided with additional accommodation for the use of its officers?

(2.) Is it also a fact that the room provided for the use of the secretary and whip at present is nothing more than part of the lane or passage leading to the Opposition leader's room partitioned off?

(3.) Has a specific request been made for the room adjoining that occupied by the leader of the Opposition?

(4.) Is it a fact that the room is now used by some of the officers of the House only for a few hours each week, and then only when the House is sitting?

(5.) Are not separate rooms provided for the use of each Minister and for the Government whip, each of which is provided with sleeping as well as office accommodation?

(6.) In view of this fact does he consider the request of the Opposition in asking for one more room an unreasonable one?

(7.) Will he reconsider this matter with a view of meeting the requirements of the Opposition in this direction?

Mr. Wade answered,—The following information has been supplied me by the Speaker, namely :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The room may not be all that is desired, but it is a great improvement upon that occupied by previous Opposition Members.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The room is used by officers of the House, and is necessary for the working of the office.

(5.) Yes; and I may add that one room is shared by two Ministers now.

(6 and 7.) At present suitable rooms are limited, but an effort will be made to meet requirements.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return giving certain information respecting the State Finances and Financial Transactions with the Commonwealth.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars of Western Land Leases issued on 28th October, 1908.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Boring for Gold or any mineral to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the North Coast Railway from Maitland to Dungog.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Unclaimed Moneys Bill postponed until To-morrow.
4. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 27.*
Lieutenant-Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon, or incidental thereto.
- State Government House,
Sydney, 21st October, 1908.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
5. POLICE OFFENCES (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.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
6. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Gillies, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901, the State Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Macksville Public School:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the enrolment at Macksville Public School for the quarters ended 30th June and 30th September, 1908?

(2.) What was the average attendance for each of the quarters mentioned?

(3.) Is it a fact that one teacher has been left to deal with this number of pupils, without any assistance whatever?

(4.) If an assistant or pupil teacher has not yet been appointed, will he see that one is appointed at an early date?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The enrolment for quarter ended 30th June last was seventy-four; for quarter ended 30th September last, seventy-five.

(2.) The average attendance for quarter ended 30th June last was fifty-one; for quarter ended 30th September, fifty.

(3 and 4.) The teacher has had no assistance, and has made no application to the Department for any, but an assistant teacher has now been appointed.

(2.) Resident Police Magistrate, Bellingen:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Bellingen district has developed to such an extent that the appointment of a resident Police Magistrate at that centre is necessary?

(2.) Is it a fact that under the present conditions the Police Magistrate at Kempsey, 68 miles distant, has to visit Bellingen once every month, and that the Police Magistrate at Grafton, nearly 100 miles from Dorrigo, has to visit Dorrigo once every month; and that Dorrigo being only 20 miles from Bellingen, and Macksville, Bowraville, and Coff's Harbour, all under 30 miles from Bellingen, could be more easily visited by a Police Magistrate resident at Bellingen?

(3.) Will he take steps to have a Police Magistrate appointed to Bellingen in the near future?

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- Mr. Wade answered,—
 (1 and 3.) I do not think that the time for the appointment of a resident Police Magistrate at Bellingen has yet arrived, but the matter will be carefully considered in connection with the development of that district and the adjacent ones.
 (2.) The Court at Dorrigo was opened recently by the Police Magistrate of Grafton, but the question of whether he should continue to visit Dorrigo is now under consideration.
- (3.) Extension of Railway, Belmore to Liverpool:—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the congestion of traffic on the Southern Railway Line, is it his intention to submit the proposed extension of the Belmore line to Liverpool or some other point on the Southern line to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during this Session?
 Mr. Lee answered,—It would not be possible to refer this line to the Public Works Committee this Session.
- (4.) Resumption of Land for Military Purposes, George's River:—Mr. Downes asked the Premier,—
 (1.) Are negotiations still proceeding with the Federal Government respecting the dedication of a large block of land between George's River and the Woronora River for military purposes?
 (2.) What area has been asked for?
 (3.) Is it proposed to resume private property in the area?
 (4.) Will he place full information on the subject before this House at an early date?
 Mr. Wade answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) About 110,000 acres.
 (3.) It is understood that the resumption of some land would be necessitated by the establishment of the proposed reserve.
 (4.) Yes, as early as may be practicable.
- (5.) Closing of Shops on Sundays:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the replies to Questions on the 29th ultimo by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards on the subject of closing shops on Sundays, stating that it was not a fact that a shop on the Sydney Ferries Company's property at Milson's Point was allowed to keep open on Sundays for the sale of fruit and drinks, but for the supply of meals to the public in accordance with the privileges granted to other *bona fide* restaurants in the city and suburbs,—
 (1.) Are fruits, drinks, and confectionery classed as meals, and if not, will steps be taken to prevent their sale on these particular premises on Sundays?
 (2.) Are tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes classed as meals, and if not, will steps also be taken to prevent their sale on Sundays?
 (3.) Will he, without delay, review the whole question of Sunday-trading, and either permit the law to be enforced in its entirety or so amend it that all shops of this particular character shall remain open at certain hours on Sundays with due regard to Sabbath observances?
 Mr. Wood answered,—
 (1.) No. Steps have already been taken and an application for a summons sent to the Court for a breach of the Act detected at this shop last Sunday.
 (2.) No. A prosecution is instituted when any breach of the Act is detected on Sundays.
 (3.) I see no necessity for the alteration of the law, or the practice of administration at present.
- (6.) Certificated Officers on Tug-boats:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a number of tug-boats are now plying outside Sydney and other harbours of the State without a proper complement of certificated officers; if so, under what Act or regulation is this permitted?
 (2.) Is it a fact that in the "Hero"—"Suva" collision last September, both masters were sleeping at the time and the vessels under other control?
 (3.) Is it a fact that while the master of the "Hero's" certificate was suspended for six months, that of the second mate of the "Suva" only was suspended, he being a certificated officer?
 (4.) Is it a fact that, in the case of the "Hero," a deck hand only was in charge, and that His Honor Judge Backhouse described it as a fault of the law in not compelling two certificated men to be on these tugs?
 (5.) Is it a fact that His Honor Judge Backhouse also said that a tug captain must sleep somehow, and that as tug-boats were practically ocean-going, they should be treated as ocean-going vessels, and carry two certificated officers?
 (6.) Have any steps been taken to give effect to this suggestion; or, if not, will he cause such to be done without delay?
 Mr. Waddell answered,—
 (1.) Under the Navigation Act, 1901, a sea-going tug if she is of 100 tons burden or upwards, must carry a master and at least a first mate properly certificated, but a sea-going tug under 100 tons burden is not required to have a certificated mate at all. It is considered that the Navigation Act is defective in this respect and that all tugs which go to sea, whatever their tonnage, should have at least one properly-certificated mate.
 (2.) In the "Hero"—"Suva" collision neither of the masters were on deck at the time of the collision and the vessels were under other control.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) Yes.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) Yes. The matter is under consideration.

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(7.) Hopwood's Scheme for saving of Fuel on Railways:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What quantity and value of coal and coke is annually consumed on the railway engines of the State?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a late employee of the Commissioners named Hopwood offered, on the guarantee of a payment of £5,000, on proof of the success of his scheme, to demonstrate that a very large sum could be saved annually in fuel; and, if so, what was the amount estimated?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners refused to entertain the proposal; and, if so, why?
- (4.) If it can be shown that a large sum of money can be annually saved in this way, will he take steps to have inquiries made, with proper protection of Hopwood's interests?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that 526,000 tons of coal and coke were used last year, cost £191,022.
- (2, 3, and 4.) The Chief Commissioner offered to consider such scheme if details were submitted, and is still open to consider any suggestion. He would be prepared to give an adequate reward if an economical working scheme is suggested, but is not prepared to enter into guarantees.

(8.) Case of *Mr. W. A. Oakley*:—*Colonel Onslow* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. W. A. Oakley* was gazetted, under Class 5 of the General Division, as a permanent salaried officer in the Civil Service List of 1885, in accordance with section 16 of Act 48 Victoria No. 24?
- (2.) Was his contribution of 4 per cent. to the Superannuation Fund deducted in accordance with section 53 of the said Act?
- (3.) Did he receive an increase to his salary in accordance with the terms of the said Act?
- (4.) Is it a fact that in the *Government Gazette* of 31st July, 1886, the following notice appeared:—“*Mr. W. A. Oakley* has retired from the Civil Service under the provisions of the Civil Service Act, “1884”?”
- (5.) Under date 11th August, 1886, was *Mr. Oakley* informed by the Civil Service Board that his services had been dispensed with under section 49 of the Civil Service Act of 1884?
- (6.) Did he refuse to be so retired, and petition the then State Governor upon the matter; and as the result of his petition was a Ministerial inquiry held, which resulted in the then Minister for Works ordering his immediate reinstatement, with full compensation for any loss he had sustained, after a suspension of over two years?
- (7.) Has he ever received this award?
- (8.) Has he been since employed in the Service; if so, for how long?
- (9.) By what authority has he since been removed from duty?
- (10.) Is it a fact that he has petitioned each successive Government since the Parkes Government, contending that he has been illogically withheld from his rights and privileges under the said Civil Service Act; and that each successive Government has refrained from altering the decision arrived at by the Minister for Works in 1888?
- (11.) Has the matter been officially under the notice of the present Executive Council?
- (12.) Will the Government cause an answer to be forwarded to *Mr. Oakley's* petition, dated 23rd July, 1902, with a view to his receiving redress?

Mr. Wade answered,—I will lay the answer upon the Table in the form of a return.

(9.) Tram Drivers *Shakelton* and *Mackeson*:—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How long has Driver *Shakelton*, of Newtown Depôt, been driving?
- (2.) How many, and of what nature, are the accidents that have happened to or by the cars he has been driving?
- (3.) Will he supply similar information in regard to Driver *Mackeson*, of Fort Macquarie Depôt?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Questions cover purely matters of detail working controlled by the Chief Commissioner. I have referred the subject to him with a view of the Honorable Member being supplied with the information desired.

(10.) Estimates for Railway Rolling-stock:—*Mr. McGowen* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What method is employed in estimating the requirements for rolling-stock on the Government Railways for a forthcoming year?
- (2.) Do the Railway Commissioners apply in writing to the Minister for the amount they estimate they will require for this purpose?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the estimates furnished by the responsible officer or officers of the Railway Department to the Railway Commissioners, for the estimate of the Railway Commissioners to the Colonial Treasurer, for such rolling-stock for the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1908,—giving the amount for each year separately?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the estimate is arrived at by the Chief Commissioner after consultation with the officers and consideration of the past business.
- (2.) Yes; but, as a rule, the question is discussed fully and personally between the Chief Commissioner and myself.
- (3.) As so much is done by personal consultation between the officers and the Chief Commissioner, and the Chief Commissioner and myself, the few papers which are in existence would be of little use. The amounts finally applied for and voted were as under:—

Date.	Applied for.	Voted.
	£	£
December, 1904	215,000	110,000
„ 1905	30,000	30,000
„ 1906	130,000	130,000
„ 1907	700,000	700,000

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For the present financial year the sum of £800,000 was first asked for ; but, after consultation with the Chief Commissioner as to what he would be likely to actually require to spend during the year, the amount was reduced to £620,000. This decision was arrived at about four months ago ; but two or three weeks after I again saw the Chief Commissioner, and assured him that, if more money was required, it would be provided for him. This statement I reiterated to Mr. Johnson on at least two occasions since.

- (11.) Turbine Engines for the Ultimo Power-house:—*Mr. Davidson*, for *Mr. Latimer*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) With reference to the turbines now on order in England, whereby it is intended to increase the power for producing electricity at the Ultimo Power-house and also to provide power for the Bellevue Hill Tramway, has one of those turbines arrived in Sydney ; and, if so, when will it be installed ?
 - (2.) When will the vacuum pumps now on order for use in connection with the turbines be landed, and when will either one or both be in use ?
 - (3.) When does the Chief Railway Commissioner intend to connect the Bellevue Hill Tramway with the existing lines at Park-street, and when will the work of connecting be finished ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) The first of the new turbines has arrived in Sydney, and is now being delivered to the power-house. The erection will be put in hand at once.
 - (2.) The air-pump ordered in consequence of the delay to the original equipments which were on the wrecked "Star of Japan" is expected to be delivered to the power-house about the 25th instant. After this is received, the whole of the plant will be completed as rapidly as possible, and it is hoped that the new turbine will be available for service by Christmas week.
 - (3.) The connection will be made when it is definitely decided that the line will be opened. The connection does not take much time to carry out.
- (12.) Narrabri-Walgett Railway :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What has been the total cost of construction of the Narrabri-Walgett Railway to date ?
 - (2.) What was the total cost of the branch to Collarenebri ?
 - (3.) What has been the total revenue and expenditure of that portion of the line from Narrabri to Cryon during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1908 ; also from Narrabri to Collarenebri East during the same period ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that :—
- (1.) The cost of construction and equipment was £360,742 5s. 2d.
 - (2.) The cost of construction and equipment was £112,839 14s. 2d.
 - (3.) Separate sectional returns are not kept, and it would take considerable time and labour to prepare the information.
- (13.) Fruit carried from Orange Railway Station :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What has been the average weekly tonnage during the past three years, of fruit carried from Orange Railway Station during the six weeks, starting about the middle of November, and the six weeks of the Easter season ?
 - (2.) What has been the total revenue for carriage from Orange Railway Station of all classes of fruit, each year from 1900 to 1908, inclusive ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The information should be moved for in the form of a return.
- (14.) Acceleration of Railway Journey between Sydney and Melbourne—Dining and Sleeping Accommodation :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Would it be possible to very materially reduce the period at present occupied in covering the journey by rail from Sydney to Melbourne, if dining-cars were attached to the express, thus obviating the necessity for long delays at the several refreshment rooms *en route* ?
 - (2.) Have the Commissioners in contemplation the adding of dining saloons to the conveniences of the express train ; and, if so, when is it anticipated that they will be rendered available ?
 - (3.) What would be the anticipated reduction in time on that at present occupied in making the journey between Sydney and Melbourne ?
 - (4.) Is it possible to follow the lead of Queensland and make some provision for the sleeping accommodation of second-class passengers on all long-distance trains ?
 - (5.) Is a comparatively small charge made second-class passengers on the Queensland trains for sleeping accommodation, and is the boon largely availed of ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed :—
- (1 and 3.) The time of journey from Sydney to Melbourne would not be materially reduced if dining cars were attached to the express train. The time-table does not allow any time for the expresses, other than for traffic and locomotive purposes, except in the case of the Up express. Twenty minutes might be saved in the journey time of the latter train if dining cars were attached.
 - (2.) It is not at present intended to run dining cars on the express trains.
 - (4.) This matter has been fully discussed, but it is not thought desirable at present to provide second-class sleeping accommodation.
 - (5.) A small charge is made in Queensland, but no returns are available as to the use made of the accommodation.
- (15.) Lavender Bay Foreshores :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners own nearly half-a-mile of unimproved foreshores at Lavender Bay ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that considerable quantities of metal for municipal and other purposes, coal and other products, are delivered at Milson's Point, and that no wharf facilities are provided for the purpose ?
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(3.) Is it a fact that the siding provided will only allow of a dozen trucks being used with a carrying capacity equal to about 100 tons of metal only?

(4.) Will the Railway Commissioners take steps to provide safe wharfage accommodation and improved siding facilities, to permit of the more effectual delivery of metal and coal cargoes at Milson's Point?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Considerable quantities of metal for municipal and other purposes are delivered at Milson's Point. A wharf is provided for the purpose of unloading the metal from vessels to trucks.

(3.) Yes. No complaint has been received of the facilities being inadequate.

(4.) It would not appear that the expenditure would be justified at the present time.

(16.) License Fees for Advertisement Hoardings:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the ordinances governing advertising hoardings are being administered by some of the Suburban Councils in a very harsh manner?

(2.) Is it a fact that in some instances license fees of a prohibitive nature are proposed to be charged?

(3.) Will he, by ordinance, fix a reasonable limit to the charge that can be made by Councils for such license fees—say, one penny per square yard?

(4.) Will he also endeavour to prevent Councils charging bill-posters separate license fees for each municipality in which they work?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) On the 14th October the ordinance respecting the regulation of advertisements was amended by the Executive Council, so that during the currency of any existing contracts a higher fee than one penny per square yard may not be imposed upon advertising hoardings.

(4.) No; the charge for a bill-poster's license is limited by the ordinance to a nominal sum.

(17.) Immigration:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has a scheme been submitted to the Government by the Salvation Army in connection with the obtaining of desirable immigrants for this State?

(2.) Is it a fact that, under the system at present being followed, many undesirables have secured assisted passages?

(3.) Will he, if the Government decides to continue its present immigration policy, consider the advisableness of adopting the Salvation Army's scheme, so that every possible precaution will be taken that immigrants brought to this State with Government assistance are worthy of such assistance?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

(18.) Pilliga Scrub Lands:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to Question asked by the Honorable Member for The Namoi, on Tuesday, 3rd November, 1908, in respect to Pilliga Scrub Lands, will he say in what locality the 23,030 acres is to be made available, and about what date it will be gazetted?

Mr. Moore answered,—The land is situated from 5 to 10 miles south-westerly from West Narrabri, lying between Bohena or Brigalow and Bundock Creeks. It cannot be definitely stated when the land will be gazetted as available for settlement. Instructions for survey are now with the district surveyor.

(19.) Resumption of Killarney Estate, Narrabri:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received the Northern Advisory Board's report upon the proposed resumption of Killarney Estate for Closer Settlement; if so, will he say what action it is proposed to take in regard to same?

Mr. Moore answered,—A report has been received from the Advisory Board in regard to this estate, but I am not prepared to say at present what action will be taken in the matter.

(20.) Lands Office and Police Quarters, Orange:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for new Lands Office buildings at Orange?

(2.) When will tenders be called for additions, improvements, &c., to police quarters, lock-up, &c., at Orange?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Plans and Specification have been prepared, and tenders will be invited as soon as some minor alterations suggested by the district surveyor have been decided by the Lands Department.

(2.) A tender has recently been accepted, and the work should be in progress very shortly.

(21.) Treatment of Infected Imported and Exported Fruit:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Was the recent shipment of American apples, per "Waiwera," and which were found to be infected by codlin moth, allowed to go into consumption?

(2.) What is the method of treatment by Australian States and New Zealand in the case of infected fruit being sent to them from New South Wales; is it destroyed or refused admission?

(3.) Is the mere cleansing of the infected cases, as was done in connection with the recent American shipment of apples, a sufficient safeguard against the spread of codlin moth from this particular source?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Not any of the apples in question contained the larvæ of the codlin moth. The moth was present in the cocoon state attached to the sides of the cases only.

(2.) Fruit slightly affected by any disease is allowed to be imported into all the States, with the exception of Western Australia, after being treated. In New Zealand, fruit affected by fruit fly is destroyed, but if affected by scale, &c., is allowed admission, after being treated.

(3.) When the moth is found in the cocoon state attached to the cases, the fruit is taken out, and the cases dipped in boiling water, and the paper wrappers burnt. This is considered to be a sufficient safeguard, more especially in view of the fact that only two or three moths were found on each case in the 6,000 treated up to date of the shipment in question. All these apples which are intended for Sydney will be turned out of the cases and examined by inspectors, and it may also be pointed out that sufficient time has elapsed since the fruit left America to ensure the moth larvæ leaving the apples.

3. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL:—Mr. Hogue presented a Petition from the Committee and Officers of the Sydney Female Refuge, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill (*now* Prisoners Detention Bill); that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill.
Petition received.
4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—Mr. Wade presented a Petition from the Women's Liberal League of New South Wales, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years.
Petition received.
5. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Henley presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Burwood, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
Petition received.
6. PAPERS:—
Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Return respecting case of Mr. W. A. Oakley, late of the Public Service.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Forestry; together with Minutes of Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix—Part II.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—Mr. Gillies moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time.
8. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 37 and "the consideration of a new clause,"—instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 37, and the consideration of a new clause,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. Moore, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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10. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day—Continuation of Entry No. 7*):—On motion Mr. Gillies this Bill was passed.

Mr. Gillies then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901.*"

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 Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901,*"—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.

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11. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, 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, 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 Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (FRIDAY):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesdays, and that this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Two o'clock p.m. on Friday, 13th November, and thereafter at Two o'clock p.m. on Friday in each week, and that Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Fridays.

Question put and passed.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Branch, Chancery-square*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed completion of the scheme of Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Branch in Chancery-square, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway, Cowra, via Canowindra, to Gregra*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Electric Tramway, The Spit to Manly*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Electric Tramway from Harris-street, via Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that an electric tramway from Harris-street, via Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

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(6.) *Scheme for the Disposal of the Sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the gravitation scheme for the Disposal of the Sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out. Question put and passed.

14. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the constructing authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the constructing authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, via Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the constructing authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

17. GRASS-TREE LICENSES 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 the granting of licenses to cut grass-trees and other similar vegetation; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 5th November, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

GRASS-TREE

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GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th November, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "and other similar vegetation"
 Page 1, clause 2, line 9. *Omit* "and other similar vegetation"
 Page 1, clause 2, line 10. *After* "lands" *insert* "not under lease or license unless with the consent
 "of the lessee or licensee"

Examined,—
 W. J. TRICKETT,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Moore, 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, including the amendment in the Title.

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

18. CLOSER SETTLEMENT SALE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of private land for Closer Settlement; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the sale of private land for Closer Settlement; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

19. GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, 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 granting of licenses to cut grass-trees and other similar vegetation; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; and for other purposes*,"—including the amendment in the Title.

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20. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS 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. Wood moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Lee moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 22, 24, and "26,"—instead thereof.

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

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

Question proposed,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 22, 24, and 26.

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "and "Schedule Two."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 22, 24, and 26,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^d with further amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

21. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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22. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Lee moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Width of Tires Bill was brought in, be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No. 8, of Wednesday, 5th August, 1908, Entry 14*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the width of the tires of vehicles and traction engines, and the weight of such vehicles and engines, and of their loads; to regulate the use of such vehicles and engines on public roads, and their construction, if so used; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

23. POSTPONEMENT:—On motion of Mr. Lee, the remainder of Government Business was postponed until Tuesday next.

24. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Price contended that this Bill dealt with trade, and under the Standing Orders should have been brought in by a resolution from Committee of the Whole; he also pointed out that clause 8 provided for payments from the Treasury, which necessitated a recommendation by Message from the Crown.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill undoubtedly related to and interfered with trade, and clause 8 provided for payment of money from the Treasury; the Bill, therefore, should have been introduced through Committee of the Whole, and preceded by a Message.

On motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

25. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

VOTE OF CENSURE—INDUSTRIAL LEGISLATION:—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Government has forfeited the confidence of the House by its failure to introduce amending industrial legislation, and by its unnecessarily harsh and tactless administration of the law.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1908, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Mercer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. John Storey,]
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Grahame.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Mehan,	

Noes, 41.

Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. James,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Perry,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Colonel Rylie,
Mr. Lonedale,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Davidson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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 Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Murray River Waters Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 ratify an agreement entered into between the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and other waters; and for other purposes.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (2.) Registrar-General's Offices Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 completion of office accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department at Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (3.) Cowra to Canowindra Railway Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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(4.) Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(5.) The Spit to Manly Electric Tramway Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(6.) Long Bay Disposal of Sewage Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(7.) Harris-street to Evans-street, Balmain, Electric Tramway Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 an electric tramway from Harris-street, *via* Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1908.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Forest Reserves :—*Mr. Davidson*, for *Mr. Fell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he observed in the Report of the Royal Commission on Forestry the recommendation that all forest reserves be removed from the control of his Department?

(2.) In view of this recommendation, will he suspend the alienation of forest reserves until the Members of the Assembly are given an opportunity to discuss the Report?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Any cases that came before me will be dealt with on their merits.

(2.) Admission to Racecourses, Metropolitan Area :—*Mr. Davidson*, for *Mr. Fell*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Randwick Racecourse, which is controlled by the supreme body governing racing in this State, is the only licensed racecourse within the Metropolitan area of Sydney that has set aside a shilling reserve from which the public can view the racing and where they can legally bet?

(2.) Is it a fact that all other licensed courses within the Metropolitan area have no shilling reserve from which the racing can be viewed, and that the minimum charge to the public to view the racing and bet is three shillings?

(3.) Will he, now that racing and betting is only legal on a licensed racecourse, amend the Gaming and Betting Act, making it compulsory for all licensed race clubs to set aside a shilling reserve from which the racing can be viewed by the public?

(4.) Will he amend the Gaming and Betting Act, so as to make it compulsory for all licensed racing clubs to set aside a portion of the course for the public, and where betting will be prohibited?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1 and 2.) No. One other Metropolitan racecourse has a shilling reserve. Others have reserves at less than three shillings.

(3 and 4.) It is not at present proposed to amend the Gaming and Betting Act.

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- (3.) Public School Teachers :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that formerly forty inspectors assessed the efficiency of teachers of public schools?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the assessing is now done by one man, the Chief Inspector?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that an indiscretion committed ten years ago, and which should have been punished at the time, now nullifies intelligent and arduous application of scientific principles acquired by hard study and strenuous work?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the officers (whose salaries do not vary except to rise) are afraid that the service would, under the new system, cost too much—hence the efficiency mark given by one man?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that in the case of a teacher at Frome's Creek, spoken of by his superior as conscientious and diligent, has been cut down from £186 to £160; what was the reason for this decrease?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that there are 5,500 teachers in New South Wales, and that each one has to receive an efficiency mark?
 - (7.) If the foregoing is correct how can one man do the work of examination?
 - (8.) Will he consider whether the Chief Inspector can do the work referred to effectively and fairly in the 300 working days at his disposal?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) About forty inspectors have done so in the past.
- (2.) No. The inspectors furnish their assessments as hitherto; but in order to equalise, as far as possible, the standards by which teachers' qualifications are estimated, all assessments by inspectors are revised by the Chief Inspector in the light of the reports on the school and the teacher's work. The Chief Inspector's final assessment is now communicated to the teacher. This was not previously done.
- (3.) Certainly not.
- (4.) No. The estimate of efficiency is determined by the Chief Inspector, in order to place all teachers on an equal footing with regard to the estimates of their work.
- (5.) Frome's Creek school has been reduced from Class 5 to Class 6. This is due to diminished attendance and the fact that the quality of the work done by the teacher did not justify the retention of the school in any higher class.
- (6.) The number of teachers is 4,768, irrespective of pupil teachers and others who do not receive efficiency marks.
- (7.) The work of examination is not done by one man. The efficiency mark is awarded on the reports furnished by thirty-six inspectors.
- (8.) The work is effectively and fairly done.

- (4.) Rent of Sydney Harbour Trust Tenements, Miller's Point :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the tenants of the Sydney Harbour Trust, living in Merriman-street, are being served with notices to quit, on account of their not signing a requisition to pay increased rents?
- (2.) Will he see that the rents are left at 12s. and 11s. per week as hitherto?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Five of the eleven tenants in question have been served with notices to quit for the reason that they declined to sign an agreement to pay the higher rentals. The other tenants, who have agreed to pay the increased rentals, are not being disturbed.
- (2.) I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to my reply to his Question of the 9th September last on this subject. For the reason then given, the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners cannot see their way to reduce the rentals of these premises.

- (5.) Railway and Shipping Improvements, Dorrigo and Coff's Harbour :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Briner, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement by Mr. James Brennan in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 5th instant, to the effect that Mr. Brennan has been visiting the North Coast districts, on behalf of an influential meat company, with a view to reporting upon a site for the slaughtering and freezing of beef and mutton for export; and that the statement is made by the writer that he has no hesitation in saying that Dorrigo, with an outlet to Coff's Harbour by railway, is one of the most ideal spots in Australasia for the handling of a gigantic trade in meat export; and that Mr. Brennan finally states he had not the slightest doubt, if the Queensland Government had the Dorrigo and Coff's Harbour, it would float a loan in order to get funds to construct a proper gauge railway and improve the harbour for deep-sea shipping, knowing full well that the income from such an undertaking would be a handsome one?
- (2.) Will he take steps with a view to having the proposed connection between Dorrigo and Coff's Harbour, and also further shipping improvements at the latter place, carried out as early as possible?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the promise made to a deputation some time ago that the railway mentioned would be submitted to Parliament for reference to the Public Works Committee during the present Session is not to be fulfilled?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) My attention has not been drawn to the communication referred to, nor have I been informed that the writer is empowered to speak on behalf of the Government of Queensland.
 - (2.) Steps are being taken in regard to railway connection, and shipping improvements are being carried out.
 - (3.) Any promise made in this regard will be fulfilled.
- (6.) Water Hyacinth :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the water hyacinth is spreading in the Clarence and adjacent districts?
 - (2.) Will he take immediate action to have the pest eradicated?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Legislation is required, and a Bill has been drafted for dealing with the eradication of the pest.
- (7.) Mining Leases :—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with,—
- (1.) The Pelaw Main (Brown's) coal-mining lease and special lease application for a township?
 - (2.) The Caledonian Coal Company's application for a special lease for the purpose of erecting colliery buildings, coke ovens, electrical power-house, and manager's residence?
 - (3.) The granting of the Helensburgh coal lease?
 - (4.) The granting of suspension of labour conditions in the Hetton Coal Company's leases; also a plan of those leases?

Mr. Wood answered,—As final action has been completed by the Department some years back—in the case of Helensburgh, twenty years—in the absence of special reasons, I see no good purpose in laying the papers upon the Table. If the Honorable Member will furnish me with such reasons, I will be glad to comply with his request. The Honorable Member may see the papers in these cases at any time he desires to do so. They are all old cases.

(8.) Mr. C. T. Cleminson's Application for Original Conditional Purchase, Bellinghen District :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was Mr. C. T. Cleminson an applicant for an original conditional purchase in the parish of Nambucca, county of Raleigh, Land District of Bellinghen, recently?
- (2.) What was the date of his application?
- (3.) For what area did he apply?
- (4.) What was the date of survey, and the hearing of the application by the Local Land Board?
- (5.) What area was allotted?
- (6.) Did Mr. Cleminson ask for leave to withdraw his application; and, if so, for what reason?
- (7.) Was withdrawal permitted?
- (8.) What amount did the applicant lodge as deposit, and as survey fee?
- (9.) When the application was withdrawn, how much was refunded altogether to Mr. Cleminson?
- (10.) Has the land been applied for and confirmed to another applicant; and, if so, will Mr. Cleminson receive a further refund?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) 29th August, 1907.
- (3.) 135 acres.
- (4.) Date of survey, 23rd September, 1907; date of hearing by Local Land Board of Cleminson's application for withdrawal, 23rd March, 1908.
- (5.) 103 acres 2 roods were measured by direction of district surveyor.
- (6.) Yes, as the area was too small and no water available.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) Deposit, £13 10s.; survey fee, £5 15s.
- (9.) £8.
- (10.) Yes, and as recommended by the Board the cost of survey, viz., £10 4s. 6d. will be refunded to Cleminson.

(9.) Liquor Licenses :—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Robson, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he have a return prepared showing,—

- (1.) The number of licenses of each kind in each Electorate ordered to cease by the Special Court for the reduction of licenses?
- (2.) The date of the determination of the Special Court in each Electorate?
- (3.) The dates on which each license ordered to cease by the Special Court will expire?
- (4.) The number of votes recorded at the Local Option Poll on 10th September, 1907, at each polling place in each Electorate in the State (a) for continuance; (b) for reduction; (c) for no-license?

Mr. Wade answered,—Yes; as soon as practicable.

(10.) Public Service Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some years ago a large number of Public Servants, notably those connected with the Department of Public Instruction, ceased contributing to the Public Service Superannuation Fund, and have since been unable to again come under its operations and participate in its benefits?
- (2.) Will he consider the desirableness of passing next Session a Bill under which those desirous of so doing may contribute to a fund from which they will be able to draw pensions on their retirement from the Service?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am not prepared to make any promise in regard to this matter. The officers referred to voluntarily discontinued contributing to the Superannuation Fund, after being afforded a period of twelve months in which to decide upon their course of action.

(11.) Educational Facilities, Solitary Island :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of children at the lighthouse station on Solitary Island, and that they have no means of obtaining any education, except that which might be provided at home?
- (2.) Will he subsidise a teacher to the extent of £50 per annum if a suitable person can be induced to undertake the duties at that place?

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) It is understood that there are seven children of school ages at Solitary Island Lighthouse Station.
- (2.) I shall willingly authorise payment of the Departmental subsidy for the tuition of these isolated children, whenever the services of a teacher have been engaged in accordance with the regulations. I may mention that this subsidy is granted at the other lighthouses at Green Cape and Port Stephens.

(12.) Judges' Pensions :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) How many Judges are to-day receiving pensions?
- (2.) The names, length of service, and date of retirement in each case?
- (3.) The annual amount of pension in each case, and the total amount so far paid in each case?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Four.
- (2 and 3.) I will lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(13.) Road, Coramba to Dorrigo :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) With regard to the eight miles of unconstructed road between Coramba and Dorrigo, will he be good enough to state what is being done in the matter?
- (2.) In view of the necessity for the completion of this road, will he give instructions that the work be carried out as early as possible?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there are now settlers who require the construction of the road?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The opening of the incomplete section of the main road is standing over until work in connection with the branch roads giving access to the individual farms is more advanced.
- (2.) Will be dealt with as soon as practicable.
- (3.) I am not aware.

(14.) Trial Bay Prison Buildings :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the prison buildings now unoccupied at Trial Bay?
- (2.) How long have these buildings been unoccupied?
- (3.) Are they in charge of a caretaker; and, if so, at what cost?
- (4.) What is the amount of interest payable annually on the cost of construction of the buildings?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to utilise the buildings in any way for public purposes, or to offer them for sale or lease?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Approximately, £93,000.
- (2.) About five years.
- (3.) Yes, at a very small cost.
- (4.) About £3,300.
- (5.) This has not yet been determined.

(15.) Dredge Service Employees :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the employees of the dredge service to be treated as temporary or permanent officers in regard to the matter of compensation?
- (2.) Will he state the reason why the Public Service Board cannot give a clear and concise judgment on this matter?
- (3.) Why should the matter of compensation to these men be kept back till they retire?
- (4.) What really tangible objection is there against giving a general interpretation beforehand as to the basis of computation of compensation with regard to these men?
- (5.) Is there any law against this being done, or does the objection really consist in a disinclination upon the part of the officials to indulge in a little research work to arrive at a proper conclusion?

Mr. Lee answered,—I desire to point out that it has been found that general information as to the status of officers for compensation purposes on future retirement cannot be given with any degree of certainty, owing to modification of the interpretation of the law on the subject, due to the decisions of the Courts. It has, therefore, been considered inadvisable to give specific information as to compensation in any case or class of cases until the officer affected is retiring, and full particulars of his service are available. It may be added that, generally speaking, such officers as those to whom the Honorable Member refers, who do not contribute to the Superannuation Fund, would be granted compensation at a rate not exceeding a fortnight's pay for each year of service prior to the passing of the Public Service Act of 1895.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Sir James Graham—From Martin L. Johnson, B.A., Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales.
 - (2.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From certain Members of the Temperance and Morals Committee of the Methodist Church.
- Petitions received.

4. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners note with satisfaction the introduction of the Police Offences (Amendment) Bill, especially those provisions relating to street solicitation, male persons living on the proceeds of prostitution, opium smoking, and lotteries; and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Sir James Graham—From Martin L. Johnson, B.A., Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales.
 - (2.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From the North Sydney Women's Christian Temperance Union.
- Petitions received.

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5. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL:—Mr. Lonsdale presented a Petition from the North Sydney Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill (*now Prisoners Detention Bill*); that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill.
Petition received.
6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Electric Tramway, Dulwich Hill Tramway Terminus to Ashfield*):—Mr. Latimer, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Electric Tramway from the Dulwich Hill Tramway Terminus to Ashfield.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for ballast near Round Swamp.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th November, 1908.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
9. ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES:—Mr. Dooley (*by consent*) made a statement in reference to a speech delivered by him at Newnes, calling in question certain acts of administration by the Department of Mines; during the reply by the Minister for Mines (Mr. Wood),—
Disorder: The Honorable Member for The Darling, Mr. Meehan, having repeatedly disregarded directions and warnings from the Chair to desist from disorderly interjections, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Acting Serjeant-at-Arms.
10. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Bill read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and under the Act 44 Vic. No. 19, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts, and under the Act 44 Vic. No. 19, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th November, 1908.
11. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and *passed*.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wood, *passed*.
Mr. Wood then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and *passed*.

Ordered,

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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 licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings ; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures ; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

GRASS-TREE LICENSES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the granting of licenses to cut grass-trees; to amend the Crown Lands Acts in that respect; 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 His 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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2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dredging of Northern Rivers:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount has been expended in dredging the Hunter, Manning, Macleay, Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers respectively for the year ended 30th June last?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that in a number of instances the silt raised by the dredges is deposited in deep water, with the result that it is carried by the tides into the channels, and shoals formed elsewhere, thus causing constant dredging?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that a large saving could be effected by having the work of deepening the river channels carried out by sand-pump dredges?
 - (4.) Will he consider the advisableness of providing sand-pump dredges with the view of having the silt pumped on shore, or in shoal water suitable for land reclamation, and thus prevent it being washed back into the channels?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Hunter, nil; Manning, £2,847; Macleay, £5,094; Clarence, £5,717; Richmond, £12,182; Tweed, £4,721.

(2.) There are only two ladder dredges engaged on the rivers north of Newcastle, viz., "Minos" on the Clarence, and "Pluto" on the Manning, the material raised by which is dumped into deep holes, or in some part of the river out of the navigable channel. No shoaling elsewhere has been observed which could be attributed to this practice.

(3.) No saving on the Dredge Service Vote would be effected by substituting suction dredges for the "Minos" and "Pluto."

(4.) I am fully seized with the necessity for improving our dredging appliances, and have also taken action to establish depôts for the reception of river dredgings.

- (2.) Killabakh Public School:—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that the Killabakh Public School is in a very unsatisfactory state, and requires painting and improving; will he see that the work is expedited?

Mr. Oakes answered,—I am not aware that this is a fact, but will have inquiries made and all necessary work attended to.

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(3.) Wingham Court-house and Police Buildings:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that over twelve months ago a promise was made that tenders would be called for the erection of a court-house at Wingham; if so, will he expedite the calling and acceptance of tenders?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that the present police buildings are dilapidated and uninhabitable; will he see that suitable buildings are provided for the police staff until such time as the new buildings are erected?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Plans were put in hand some months ago, and tenders will be invited next week.

(2.) The provision of temporary buildings is a matter for the Police Department to arrange.

(4.) Manning River Entrance:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Public Works Committee reported in favour of the construction of the southern training wall for the Manning River?

(2.) Has the northern wall been constructed?

(3.) Has the construction of the northern wall resulted in injury to the port, and an interference with navigation?

(4.) Have several steamers gone ashore at this place, including the tug steamer, and more recently the "Kincumber"; and was the grounding of the latter vessel attended with loss of life?

(5.) In view of the dangerous conditions attending upon the construction of the northern wall, will he take steps to carry out the southern wall, as recommended by his officers and the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The northern breakwater and training wall have improved the entrance in that there is always a fair channel, though a narrow one, along its concave side, and in that the entrance is fixed in one position instead of moving north and south according to the weather conditions; but in the absence of the southern wall, sand from the beach is trapped by the northern breakwater and diverted into the harbour, narrowing the channel and causing shoals which interfere with the navigation.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) This is now being considered.

(5.) Oyster Industry:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the oyster industry suffered from systematic pilfering of oysters; and, if so, will he instruct the police to take action in such cases?

(2.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that there is no provision to protect persons engaged in oyster culture from trespass and the destruction of spat and oysters upon their holding; if so, will he take steps to protect the persons engaged in the industry?

(3.) What amounts have been received from oyster leases during the last ten years, and what amounts expended for the improvement of the leases by the Fisheries Board?

(4.) Is it a fact that under the Local Government Act a further tax is imposed upon oyster leases?

(5.) Has his attention been called to the fact that under certain regulations, viz., 70 and 71, oyster lessees are obliged to improve their holdings in a certain manner, and that if the lessees carry out the regulations they will be liable for proceedings in Equity, as in the case of *Merewether v. Engel*, if such oyster leases abut on private lands; will he take steps to deal with the case?

(6.) Is it intended to introduce and pass an amending Fisheries Bill this Session; if so, when?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes; the police have been instructed in this matter.

(2.) Yes; attention has been drawn to this matter.

(3.) £35,741 ls. 8d. has been received as rental on oyster culture leases from 1898 to 1907 inclusive. No money has been expended by the Fisheries Board for the improvement of oyster culture leases, as this is a matter that concerns the lessees.

(4 and 5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes; as soon as the state of public business permits.

3. MURRAY RIVER WATERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to ratify an agreement entered into between the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the River Murray and other waters; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

4. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department, Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. COWRA TO CANOWINDRA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, 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 Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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6. SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
7. THE SPIT TO MANLY ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
8. LONG BAY DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. HARRIS-STREET TO EVANS-STREET, BALMAIN, ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from Harris street, *via* Müller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
10. PAPERS:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of cancellation of Form No. 90, and Amended Regulation No. 58A, under the Crown Lands Acts.
(2.) Amended Form No. 66, under the Crown Lands Acts.
(3.) Amended Regulation No. 45, Amended Form No. 15, and Additional Form No. 15A, under the Pastures Protection Acts.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES:—Mr. Wade made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the statements made by the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. Dooley, in a speech delivered by him at Newnes, and during his speech last night, and pointed out that further action would be necessary unless Mr. Dooley, besides his disclaimer of making the charge by direct words, declared that he did not by inference or imputation, make against any Minister for Mines, or officer of that Department, a charge of bribery, corruption, or dishonesty. Mr. Dooley stated that he did not say the words, and that he did not infer bribery, corruption, or dishonesty on the part of any Minister for Mines, or on the part of any official in the Department.
12. PURE FOOD BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Prisoners Detention Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the prevention and cure of certain diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 12th November, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

PRISONERS DETENTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th November, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "prevention and cure of" insert "detention and cure of prisoners suffering from"

Page 2, clause 4, line 38. After "Sessions" insert "Such appeal may be heard in private".

Page 2, clause 4, line 38. Omit "Such" insert "The"

Page 3, clause 4, lines 2 and 3. Omit "any member of the police force to take" insert "the Comptroller General of Prisons to remove"

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Page 3, clause 4, line 4: *Omit* "to the Comptroller-General of Prisons"
 Page 3, clause 4, line 6: *Omit* "form part of." *insert* "run concurrently with but may exceed"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 15: *Omit* "or otherwise." *insert* "but if such sentence has expired he"
 Page 3, clauses 6 and 7: *Omit* clauses 6 and 7.
 Page 4, clause 8: *Omit* clause 8.
 Page 4: *After* clause 9 *insert* the following new clause:—

All regulations so made shall—

- (i) Be published in the *Government Gazette*;
- (ii) Take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in such regulations; and
- (iii) Be laid before both Houses of Parliament within seven days after publication if Parliament is in Session, and if not, then within seven days after the commencement of the next Session.

But if either House of the Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Motor Traffic Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the regulation of motor vehicles and their drivers; to amend the Government Motor Omnibus Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.

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F. B. SUTTON,
 President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of the previous Session,—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

14. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Estell, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Rates of Pay on Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Contracts:—Mr. McGarry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is a contract being carried out for the Water and Sewerage Board laying water pipes near Fern Hill, and mostly in rock?
- (2.) Is there a regulation that men working at this class of work shall have 10s. pay for six hours' work?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men on the contract named are only receiving 8s. for eight hours' work?
- (4.) If so, will he instruct that the regulation for rockchopping rates of time and wages be applied to this contract?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answers:—

- (1.) Water mains are being laid in this district by a contractor under the Board's supervision, the excavation being in shallow trenches through rock and soil in equal proportions.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Where rockchopping is carried out within the meaning of the Board's regulations, the increased rates and shorter hours are adopted.

(2.) Fire Station, Grafton:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a fire station at Grafton?

Mr. Lee answered,—Fresh tenders will close on the 7th December.

(3.) Forbesdale Public School:—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a promise was made some time since that tenders would be invited for the erection of a school at Forbesdale?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay?
- (3.) Will he expedite the acceptance of tenders; if so, when?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes; tenders were invited.
- (2 and 3.) There has been no avoidable delay. A tender has been accepted and a contract entered into.

(4.) Schools in Gloucester and Manning Districts:—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the health of the children in the Gloucester and Manning Districts is being impaired in consequence of the faulty construction and bad ventilation of the schools in those districts?
- (2.) Are the schools in some instances insanitary, and are cesspits allowed to exist in connection with the various schools, and is the existence of such nuisances productive of typhoid and other diseases?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the eyesight of the children attending the public schools in the Manning and Gloucester Districts is being injured in consequence of the defective lighting of the schools?
- (4.) Will he see that the country schools are treated with the same consideration which is given to the city and suburban establishments?

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact. The Honorable Member is referred to my answer to a similar Question put by him on the 19th March last.

(2.) Cesspits are necessarily retained, except in places where an improved sanitary system has been established by the local authorities. Where Shire Councils have provided sanitary services, the cesspits at schools are abolished.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes. The wants of country schools and the extension of educational facilities in the country districts receive the most careful attention.

2. PURE FOOD BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

Acto South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF STURT—*Issue and Return of Writ* :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 3rd November, 1908, declaring the seat of Arthur Griffith, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Arthur Griffith; and that such Writ has been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Sturt.

2. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain deductions from superannuation allowances under the Act No. 55 of 1899 shall, under certain circumstances, cease to be made; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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 His 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, 16th November, 1908.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Randwick Racecourse :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Government the owner of the land known as the Randwick Racecourse; if not, how is this land held?
(2.) Have the Government any right or title to the land?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) The land is, by Crown grant dated the 15th June, 1863, vested in trustees, who, in accordance with powers conferred under the Australian Jockey Club Act of 1873, have leased it to the Australian Jockey Club.
(2.) No, except as reserved by the grant.

(2.) Permissive Occupancies of Foreshores and Jetties, Clarence District :—Mr. McFurlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that much dissatisfaction exists in the Clarence District caused by the imposition of rents on jetties and boat-sheds on the foreshores of the river?
(2.) Is it a fact that the residents living on the numerous islands have no means of communication except by water, and that boats and jetties are necessities?
(3.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding some recent reduction that has been made, some of the rents imposed are excessive?
(4.) Is it a fact that, under the Local Government Act, a tax can be levied on each permissive occupancy?
(5.) Will he state why the rents have been imposed?
(6.) Will he take steps to have the rents abolished, or have them reduced to a nominal amount?

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Mr. Moore answered,—All persons found to be in unauthorised occupation of Crown lands, including foreshore reservations, are required to legalise such occupation, and to pay a reasonable rental. In pursuance of this practice, a number of persons having boat-sheds, jetties, &c., on the Clarence and other navigable rivers have been granted permissive occupancies, and charged rentals for same. In view, however, of representations made to me on the subject, I called for special reports, with the result that the rentals have been considerably reduced, many of them to mere nominal amounts. I am awaiting further reports on a large number of cases, with a view to the rentals being carefully reviewed, and I may add that each case will be dealt with on its merits.

(3.) Sydney—Homebush Railway Resumptions :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that surveys are being made by the Railway Department of properties along the suburban railway lines, Sydney to Homebush?
- (2.) Are these surveys being carried out with the view of resumption of property and the construction of additional lines of railway?
- (3.) If so, what is it roughly estimated such resumptions and additional lines will cost?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is not usual to give information of this character.

(4.) Timber used in Construction of Railway Carriages :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the Clyde Engineering Company's contract for the construction of Pullman cars, the specifications provide that American pitch pine must be used in certain portions of the framework, and that the Railway Commissioners import this timber for the purpose at a cost of something like 45s. per 100?
- (2.) Is it a fact that quite recently the Midland Railway Company (England) placed an order in this State for 220,000 feet of blackbutt to be used for the same purpose, and that this was supplied at 25s. per 100?
- (3.) Will he cause inquiry as to whether both blackbutt and flooded gum are equally as suitable for the purpose as pitch pine?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The Clyde Engineering Company do not hold a contract for the construction of Pullman cars; but they are building twenty suburban cars and twenty composite lavatory carriages. For the suburban cars, pitch pine is specified for the framework, and for the composite carriages the cant rails and roof rails are specified pitch pine. The price paid for pitch pine is from 23s. 3d. to 24s. per 100 feet superficial.
- (2.) The Forest Branch of the Lands Department has several applications for the inspection of blackbutt for Liverpool and London, but it is not known for whom the timber is required, as it has been ordered through a local firm, which has applied for the inspection. The Government is unaware of the price at which the timber is being supplied.
- (3.) Blackbutt is not considered suitable for suburban car-framing, as it is liable to twist, and is much heavier than pitch pine; and, apart from such objections, it is difficult to obtain long lengths. The same applies to flooded gum in a slightly less degree.

(5.) Roads in newly-settled Districts :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that no provision is made for the placing of the roads leading to ordinary new selections and other forms of Crown land alienations in a trafficable condition?
- (2.) Will he see that the provisions for the construction of roads in connection with lands for closer settlement are extended to ordinary conditional purchase, conditional lease, and other Crown lands which are being alienated?
- (3.) Will he consider whether it is fair or equitable that the Shires should bear the cost of such new roads to new Crown alienations?
- (4.) Will he make inquiries into the financial condition of the Shires, and where the Shires are unable to bear the cost of the construction of such new roads, will he extend the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act and regulations to assist such Shires in so far as it relates to new roads?
- (5.) In view of the expressed desire of the Government for the closer settlement of the Crown lands, will he call for a report with a view to dealing with the whole question of opening of roads in connection with conditional purchase and other forms of alienation, and make provision for same in conjunction with the Closer Settlement Vote?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1, 3, and 4.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the Public Works Department, which administers the Local Government Act.
- (2 and 5.) The practice of the Lands Department is where practicable to construct roads which will open up inaccessible Crown lands for settlement, and to add the cost of construction to the capital value of the land. The question of extending this policy is beset with many difficulties, but is receiving careful consideration.

(6.) Pony Race Meetings :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the given number of pony race-meetings which may be held within 40 miles of the General Post Office, Sydney, is arrived at by dividing the number seventy-two by the number of racecourses licensed for pony-racing?
- (2.) Is it a fact that all licenses shall be fixed for the year, commencing from the first day of January in each year?
- (3.) Is it a fact that although the necessary days were so apportioned to the Rosebery Park Racing Club, he has decided to grant a special permission to this club to race on the 28th November?
- (4.) Under what advice and what authority of the Gaming and Betting Act has he agreed to this meeting?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the meeting will follow up a legal clash with the Moorefield Racing Club on the 14th to the detriment of a schedule meeting of the same club on the 28th November?

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Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Before the commencement of the present year, the pony-racing clubs agreed amongst themselves, in accordance with section 34 of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, as to the meetings to be held on the respective racecourses during 1908. Owing to rain, however, the projected meeting of the Rosbery Racing Club on the 29th July last was abandoned, and the meeting to be held on 28th November is in lieu thereof.
- (4.) Section 34 of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906.
- (5.) The meeting will unavoidably clash with a meeting at Moorefield, on the 28th November.

(7.) Gloucester Cemetery :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Gloucester Estate Company has decided to close the Gloucester Cemetery at the end of the year, and that no facilities are provided for interment after that date?
- (2.) Was application made to the Department in 1907 for the resumption of a site for a cemetery?
- (3.) Did the district surveyor visit Gloucester in February, 1908, and also on the 6th instant, and was any report furnished by that officer; if so, was the report on the site favourable?
- (4.) In view of the fact that the North Coast Railway is being constructed, and a large influx of population is anticipated, will he, in the interests of public health, expedite the resumption of the necessary land, so that the cemetery may be available for interment by the time the present cemetery is closed in January next?

Mr. Moore answered,—In the absence of the papers, which are at present with the district surveyor, the Honorable Member's questions cannot be answered in detail, but I may inform him that instructions for immediate survey of the site proposed to be resumed for a cemetery at Gloucester have already been issued, and, upon completion of survey, the matter of resumption will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

(8.) Public Park, Gloucester :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he any record of an application made by the Honorable Member for Gloucester for the resumption of land for a public park at Gloucester?
- (2.) Has the district surveyor been called upon to furnish a report; if so, has it been furnished?
- (3.) In view of the development of the district, and the increase in population, will he resume a site, in accordance with the report of the district surveyor, and will he expedite the matter?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The matter is receiving consideration.

(9.) Police Transfers :—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the police in the Western Districts, who are transferred to other districts, have to pay their own expenses in connection with such transfer?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a circular was sent out some time ago, notifying that these expenses would in future be paid by the Department?
- (3.) What procedure is now being followed in connection with these transfers?

Mr. Wood answered,—Police are allowed fares for self and family and part cost of removal of furniture, unless such transfer is brought about by misconduct, or application for removal. This rule applies to the whole State.

(10.) Railway Locomotives and Trucks :—Mr. Downes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many new locomotives have been taken over by the Railway Commissioners during 1907?
- (2.) How many locomotives have been contracted for or are under construction?
- (3.) How many new trucks have been taken over during 1907?
- (4.) How many trucks have been contracted for (a) cattle; (b) sheep; (c) goods?
- (5.) Is it intended to test the suitability of the improved stock trucks invented by Mr. J. C. Bray?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Eight locomotives were taken over in 1907.
- (2.) Two hundred and thirty, seventy-four of which have been delivered.
- (3.) Seven hundred and forty-two.
- (4.) One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, viz., cattle, 369; sheep, 317; goods, 1,101. Of these, 69 cattle, 77 sheep, and 504 goods have been delivered.
- (5.) The matter has had consideration, an arrangement similar to that proposed by Mr. Bray having been practically tried in 1906. Mr. Bray's invention has also been seen. The question, however, is having further consideration.

(11.) Permissive Occupancies of Foreshores and Jetties, Northern Rivers :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that persons residing contiguous to the river banks of the Manning, Hunter, Williams, and Paterson Rivers, and the waters of Cape Hawke and Port Stephens, and other rivers and harbours, are obliged to take out permissive occupancy permits of special leases if they wish to erect landing stages for boats and mooring piles?
- (2.) In view of the fact that the Shire Councils charge taxes of the capital value of all such permissive occupancies, and the amount now charged for such permissive occupancies, will he call for a special report with a view to the reduction of the charges on permissive occupancies to the nominal amount?

Mr. Moore answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to my reply to Question No. 2 this day.

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- (12.) Wingham Court-house and Police Buildings :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to Question No. 3 of the Honorable Member for Gloucester submitted on the 12th instant in reference to Wingham Police Court and residence; if so, will he see that accommodation is provided for the police staff, pending the erection of the new buildings?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the quarters are dilapidated and uninhabitable, and have been condemned by the officers of the Works Department who stated that the buildings were too far gone to admit of repair, or justify any expenditure upon them, in consequence of age and the depredations of the white ant, and that new buildings should be erected, in consequence of which the Minister for Works has intimated his intention of calling for tenders for new buildings this week; if so, will he see that provision is made for the temporary accommodation of the police staff and court business?

Mr. Wood answered,—Inquiries are being made as to the condition of the buildings and whether suitable premises can be rented for the temporary accommodation of the police at Wingham, if such are necessary.

- (13.) Width of Tires Bill :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he defer the final consideration of the Width of Tires Bill until the next Session of Parliament, in order that those interested residing in remote districts may have an opportunity of submitting representations to him in connection with the subject?

Mr. Lee answered,—This Bill has been in circulation for some time, and it is desirable it should be considered at as early a date as practicable.

4. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL :—Mr. Estell presented a Petition from the Wallsend Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill (*now* Prisoners Detention Bill); that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill. Petition received.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Deviation of Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank*):—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Deviation of Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. John Lethbridge King as Acting Stipendiary Magistrate for the Metropolitan Area.
 - (2.) Amended Regulation No. 149, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (3.) Public Service List for 1908.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Proclamation declaring Dumping Mine Residues and Tailings to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (2.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Waverley Stormwater Channel.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the East to West Maitland Tramway.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Belmore to Chapel-road Railway.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Depôt Site and Turncock's Residence at Cessnock.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, "Homing Pigeons Protection Bill; resumption of the "Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carmichael, 'That this Bill be now read a second time,'"—postponed until Friday next.
8. PURE FOOD 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 at a later hour of the day.
9. MEMBER SWORN :—Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire, was introduced, and, 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 Sturt.
10. PURE FOOD BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

11. MURRAY RIVER WATERS BILL:—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to ratify an agreement entered into between the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the River Murray and other waters; 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, 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 ratify an agreement entered into between the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the River Murray and other waters; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the Murray River and other waters; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney and for the suspension in the said City of certain Acts relating to land tax ; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City ; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions ; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries and museums ; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street ; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury ; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands and borrow certain moneys ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon, or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 18th November, 1908.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Tom's Lagoon Public School, Forbes :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is an insufficiency of accommodation at Tom's Lagoon Public School, Forbes ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that children are kept away from school to preserve their health ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that plans have been prepared for some time in connection with a proposed new building ?
- (4.) Why does the Department hesitate about the erection of this building ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) As the attendance at the school is stationary, the accommodation is not seriously overtaxed, but with a view to making better provision, a sketch plan has been prepared of a new building.
- (2.) Attendance at school is not at all likely to impair the health of pupils.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.
- (4.) The case will receive further consideration on the passing of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year.

(2.) Girls' School, Forbes :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the present school accommodation at Forbes is insufficient ; if so, will he call tenders at once for the erection of the girls' school ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the temperature is so high and the accommodation so insufficient that the health of the pupils is being ruined ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that many pupils are kept at home by their parents, in view of the aforesaid ?

Mr.

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Additional accommodation is required at Forbes, and the question of obtaining tenders for erecting an additional building for the girls' department will be dealt with when the Estimates have been passed.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am not aware. It would, however, be altogether wrong to suppose that any injury to the children's health will result from their attendance at school.

(3.) Cancellation of Mining Leases—All Nations Gold Mining Lease, West Wyalong :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the custom of his Department in case of cancellation of a lease to issue, beforehand, notice to those who first reported the lease?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the All Nations Gold Mining Lease, West Wyalong?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes, if the complaints are found to be *bona fide*; but when it is considered advisable to give publicity to a cancellation a preliminary notice is published. In no case, however, do parties interested in a lease receive beforehand notices of the cancellation of such lease.

(2.) As action is still proceeding in this case, it is not considered advisable to lay the papers upon the Table at present.

(4.) Police Uniforms :—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that police in the city are provided with white trousers?

(2.) Is the same concession granted to country police?

(3.) Is it a fact that the climate of the western division is much more severe than within the Metropolitan area?

(4.) In view of such, will he see that white trousers are provided for country police?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) There are differences in climate.

(4.) It is not considered necessary to supply them.

(5.) Public Parks, Mount Druitt :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has it been decided by the Lands Department to purchase a piece of land at Mount Druitt for park purposes; if so, what is the amount to be paid for the area?

(2.) Is there a park already provided about 30 chains from the railway station, and bounded by four streets?

(3.) Is the village considered sufficiently large to justify two parks being provided by the Government?

(4.) From whom was the land purchased for the second park, and who was the agent?

(5.) Is it a fact that a petition presented in favour of the second park was signed by people who are neither property owners nor residents of Mount Druitt?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes; £80.

(2.) No, the nearest park is at St. Mary's, distant 2½ miles.

(3.) No.

(4.) From Mr. T. W. K. Waldron, of Penrith; no agents were employed.

(5.) No. A request was made for my predecessor to receive a deputation on the subject, but it was decided to first obtain a report from Metropolitan district surveyor. Such a report being favourable, and the proposal being endorsed by the Shire Council, I approved of the acquisition of the area.

(6.) Gate in Tick Fence at Boggabilla :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a gate in the tick fence on the border, opposite the town of Boggabilla, is kept locked, the key being in the keeping of the police at Boggabilla, nearly one mile distant from the tick fence, and on the opposite side of the Macintyre River?

(2.) Is it also a fact that anyone desiring to reach Boggabilla on horseback or in a vehicle through this gate must first wade across the river and walk to and from the police station at Boggabilla to procure the key in order to open the gate and thus gain admission to New South Wales, or else travel seven miles down the river to Goondiwindi to cross at the bridge?

(3.) Is it a fact that the holding of the key of this gate by the police at Boggabilla and the consequent walk to procure same is diverting traffic and trade from Boggabilla, in New South Wales, to Goondiwindi, in Queensland, to the severe financial loss of residents of this State?

(4.) Have several Boggabilla people interests in Queensland, opposite the township, upon which New South Wales residents get a good deal of work, and are they hampered and put to much inconvenience through the present system of locking the gate and keeping the key so far away?

(5.) Is it a fact that many people at Boggabilla regard this diverting of trade to Goondiwindi as an injustice to our own State?

(6.) Will he consider the advisability of having the key left in a receptacle at the gate, those opening and passing through it being required under penalty to lock it and report themselves to the police at Boggabilla, where the necessary smearing may be done?

(7.) If this desirable arrangement cannot be adopted, will he have an officer at once placed in charge of the gate, and thus relieve residents and business people of the present arrangements?

(8.) Is it a fact that no danger of tick invasion exists so far west as Boggabilla, and there is, therefore, no risk in adopting the suggestion contained in Question No. 6?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

(1 to 5.) Until a communication was received on the 16th instant from the Boggabilla Progress Association, no application had been made for greater facilities being afforded at the Boggabilla crossing, which, I am informed, has not hitherto been used to any great extent. In view, however, of the probable increase in traffic owing to the extension of the Queensland railway to Goondiwindi, the advisableness of permanently stationing an assistant inspector of stock at the Boggabilla crossing is now under consideration.

(6.) I could not sanction such a loose system as that suggested.

(7 and 8.) Answered by 1 to 5.

(7.) Prosecution of Mr. W. O. Phillips for Ringbarking on Improvement Lease:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a Mr. W. O. Phillips fined £600 at Yetman Police Court for ringbarking trees on an improvement lease owned by him in the Warialda Land District?

(2.) Were such proceedings taken against Mr. Phillips under section 93 of the Act of 1884?

(3.) Was an appeal against the conviction made to the Full Court of New South Wales by Mr. Phillips, and the appeal unanimously sustained?

(4.) Did the Crown carry the case to the High Court, where Mr. Phillips was again successful?

(5.) What was the reason assigned by the Crown for not accepting the decision of the New South Wales Full Court?

(6.) What counsel was employed by the Crown to argue the case (a) before the Full Court; (b) before the High Court?

(7.) Is it intended to carry the case on to the Privy Council; if not, why?

(8.) Has the Crown paid any of Mr. Phillips' costs?

(9.) Has a refusal been given to the request that the Crown should pay the whole of Mr. Phillips' expenses; if so, was such refusal based purely upon an arrangement made in regard to an amendment of the rule nisi to permit of argument before the Full Court?

(10.) As no such arrangement was made at the police court proceedings, will he consider whether Mr. Phillips has some justice in his claim that the Crown having previously taken action before the Land Board for the same offence, should pay all his costs before the lower court?

(11.) What is the position to day so far as improvement lesses are concerned in regard to the destruction of timber on their leases, if such leases are outside a duly gazetted forest reserve?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Because the matter was a most important one to the Lands Department inasmuch as many other improvement leases have been issued with conditions similar to those in Phillips Improvement Lease No. 1,540, Warialda.

(6.) (a) Mr. Pike; (b) Mr. Pike and Mr. Pickburn.

(7.) No. In view of the decision of the High Court of Australia and the reasons of the Chief Justice supporting that decision, the Crown Solicitor does not recommend an appeal to the Privy Council.

(8.) Yes. The costs in connection with the appeal to the High Court of Australia.

(9.) Yes. Such refusal was based on the fact that Phillips had destroyed a very large number of valuable trees, and escaped punishment through a defect in the law, although at the Police Court he set up the defence that the timber destroyed was practically worthless.

(10.) I have considered such claim, and unhesitatingly decided that it should not be entertained.

(11.) This will depend on the covenants and conditions in the various improvement leases.

(8.) Government Savings Bank:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that sweating is going on in the Government Savings Bank?

(2.) Is it a fact that junior clerks from 16 to 19 years of age are working at the present time ten and three-quarter hours per day, that is from 9 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., with one and a-half hours off for meals?

(3.) Is it a fact that this has been going on since the beginning of the year without any increase of pay?

(4.) Are the juniors called back on all holidays; if so, why?

(5.) Have several of the officers had to absent themselves on account of injury to eyesight, and have others left the service altogether; if so, will he take immediate steps to alter the conditions of working?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Commissioners inform me that, in bringing into operation the new system relating to Savings Bank business, a considerable amount of work has to be performed which necessitates the staff remaining back after the usual hours; but the Commissioners propose to recognise the services of the officers concerned when the work has been completed. Junior officers are not frequently called upon to work after hours, neither are they required to work on holidays. One senior officer complained of an affection of the eyes, and he was immediately granted a respite from duty. The Commissioners add that a special night staff has been engaged, and every effort is being made to complete the work as speedily as possible.

(9.) Special Grants to Bands:—Mr. Davidson, for Mr. Thomas, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a special grant been made to the Central Band Association this year; if so, how much, and for what purpose is such grant to be used?

(2.) Will he favourably consider a request to make a special grant to country centres, once in each year, respectively in the north, west, and southern district?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) An amount of £250 is on the Estimates for the consideration of this House.

(2.) The matter will be considered.

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- (10.) John Pearse's Application under the Real Property Act respecting Land at Bankstown:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Did a certain John Pearse make an application during May, 1894, to place certain landed property, situated at Bankstown, under the Real Property Act in his name?
 - (2.) Did Edward Jackson Marshall (now deceased), on behalf of William Thompson and through his solicitor, S. Quinlan (now deceased), lodge during December, 1896, a caveat against granting of title for such land to John Pearse?
 - (3.) Was such caveat afterwards removed without the consent of the late E. J. Marshall or without his knowledge or the knowledge of Messrs. Thompson or Quinlan?
 - (4.) Was the title issued to John Pearse on the 15th December, 1900; if so, why was the caveat removed without the knowledge of such being conveyed to Messrs. William Thompson, S. J. Marshall, or S. Quinlan?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) One John Pearse made an application during May, 1894, to place certain land situated at Bankstown under the Real Property Act, in his name.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Such caveat was removed by order of the Supreme Court dated 27th August, 1897, and the Registrar-General was by such order directed to proceed with the said application as if such caveat had not been lodged. Such order was obtained with the full knowledge of the said S. Quinlan (deceased), and a copy of such order removing the caveat was served on him on 9th September, 1897.
- (4.) Yes.

- (11.) Water Supply for Wanstead, Tempe:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a petition was lately presented to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board from the residents of Wanstead, Tempe, praying that water be laid on to their homes?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in this locality there is a group of small houses, the properties and residences of working-men and their families?
- (3.) Has the Board received a report from the members of the Board of Health, or other medical men, recommending that water be supplied to this area in the interest of public health?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the water-mains closely surround on all sides these houses?
- (5.) Will he instruct the Water and Sewerage Board to deal with this matter as a special case?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answers:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) A letter was received from Health Department in April last, suggesting that a standpipe be erected, from which the residents could obtain a supply. This the Board agreed to do, but Council would not accept control of same. Subsequently water mains were extended to a portion of the estate, and now a petition has been received to reticulate the remainder.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The Engineer-in-Chief has been instructed to expedite his report on the petition.

- (12.) Roads in newly-settled Districts:—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that no provision is made for the placing of the roads leading to ordinary new selections and other forms of Crown land alienations in a trafficable condition?
- (2.) Will he see that the provisions for the construction of roads in connection with lands for closer settlement are extended to ordinary conditional purchase, conditional lease, and other Crown lands which are being alienated?
- (3.) Will he consider whether it is fair or equitable that the Shires should bear the cost of such new roads to new Crown alienations?
- (4.) Will he make inquiries into the financial condition of the Shires, and where the Shires are unable to bear the cost of the construction of such new roads, will he extend the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act and regulations to assist such Shires in so far as it relates to new roads?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No special provision is made as the cost of such roads is not added to the price of the lands, and the necessity, or otherwise, for expenditure is taken into consideration when the Shires are being reclassified every three years.
- (2.) This cannot be done unless the cost of such roads is added to the purchase money of the lands selected.
- (3.) It is not inequitable for the reasons stated in No. 1, also that such lands bring rate revenue to the Councils, and the Government, in the shape of endowment or suspended land tax, largely contributes towards the cost of the roads, and which latter are only made where the settlement to be served justifies construction.
- (4.) Unnecessary to do so in view of the inquiries made in connection with the reclassification of Shires for endowment purposes every three years.

- (13.) Dredge Employees:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he reconsider the request recently made by a number of dredge hands to arrange the hours of working so that they will be free on Saturdays, in order to enable the men to spend week-ends at their homes?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am unable to do so, as the existing system is unquestionably in the best interests of the Department.

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- (14.) South Grafton Public School:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that for some time past there has been insufficient accommodation for the children attending the South Grafton Public School?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the buildings generally are unsatisfactory, and not suitable for the requirements of the city?
 - (3.) Will he consider the advisableness of erecting more commodious and modern buildings?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) I am advised that the accommodation is sufficient for the number of pupils in attendance.
- (2 and 3.) The buildings are substantially built, and fairly meet the present requirements. Their demolition and the erection of new buildings would entail a large expenditure that could not be justifiably incurred.

- (15.) Police Quarters, Harwood Island, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of Police Quarters at Harwood Island, Clarence River?

Mr. Lee answered,—On the 16th December.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (2.) Substituted Regulation No. 19, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1907, and for the half-year ended 30th June, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. RAILWAY MANAGEMENT—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day in reference to the system of railway management. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Trefle,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. James,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Ball,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. Cohen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 18th November, 1908.

F. B. SUTOR,

President.

GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th November, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 7, clause 11, line 40. *After "cattle" insert "sheep, pigs"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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6. **PURE FOOD 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. Wade, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.
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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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- 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Prickly Pear Pest :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has his attention been drawn to an illustrated article headed "Prickly Pear and the Lands Department" in the *Daily Telegraph* of 31st October, written by Mr. John Sulman, having reference to the spread of prickly-pear on Crown lands in the Pilliga scrub and other portions of the north-western district; if so, is it his intention to take any steps towards endeavouring to eradicate this pest?

Mr. Moore answered,—My attention has been drawn to the article referred to, and I have directed that an early inspection be made and a special report furnished, but I may inform the Honorable Member that the subject is one which is receiving earnest consideration, and that the Department has carried out some experiments, the results of which are being watched.

- (2.) Court of Petty Sessions, Burren Junction :—Mr. Collins asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that applications have been made from time to time for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Burren Junction, and refused?

(2.) Do business people and others suffer considerable inconvenience through no Court being established in that centre, and having to travel a long distance if they desire to make use of such a Court?

(3.) In view of this town being at the junction of the Walgett and Collarenebri railway lines, and the growing importance of that district, will he reconsider his decision, and give the residents the benefit of the Court asked for?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Inquiries show that the Court business arising in the neighbourhood is very light, and it is not thought that the time for establishing a Court has yet arrived. The question, will, however, receive careful consideration as the township and district progress.

- (3.) Travelling Stock Routes :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at a decision in regard to the placing of travelling stock routes under some better form of control, in accordance with a promise made last year; if so, will any legislation to that end be introduced during the current Session?

Mr. Moore answered,—A final decision has not yet been arrived at on the general question, but certain administrative steps have been taken to place such reserves on a better footing.

2. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL :—Mr. Morton presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Nowra, representing that Petitioners deplore the introduction of the Contagious Diseases Bill (*now* Prisoners Detention Bill); that the compulsory examination of prostitutes constitutes an attack upon human liberty; that these measures are inefficacious; that the system now proposed is the same in principle as the Detention in Hospitals Bill introduced into the British Parliament in 1883 and afterwards withdrawn, because of opposition throughout the country; and praying the House to refuse to enact legislation as proposed by the Bill.
Petition received.

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3. PAPERS :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Amended Regulation No. 214, under the Crown Lands Acts.
 (2.) Amended Regulation No. 15, and Amended Form No. 18, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
 (3.) Amended Regulation No. 45, Amended Form No. 15, and Additional Form No. 15A, under the Pastures Protection Acts (*In substitution of Paper laid upon the Table on 12th November, 1908*).
 (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney, and for the suspension in the said City of certain acts relating to land tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depôts; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.
5. PURE FOOD BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
 Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the consideration of a new clause,"—instead thereof.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
 Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the consideration of a new clause,—put and passed.
 On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^d with a further amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
6. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) 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 prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; 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, 19th November, 1908. F. B. SUTTON, President.

POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th November, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 5, line 22. *After* "subsection" *omit* remainder of subsection (3), *insert* "the
 "convicting justice may—
 " (i) commit the female to be detained for any period not exceeding twelve months
 " in an institution established by the Governor as a reformatory for the purposes
 " of this Act; or
 " (ii) impose imprisonment as aforesaid; or
 " (iii) by his sentence impose either of the above penalties, and suspend the execution
 " of such sentence upon such terms and conditions as he may think fit, which he
 " shall embody in his recorded decision of the case for transmission to the
 " Minister.
 " If any female whose sentence has been so suspended fails to observe any of such
 " terms and conditions she may be arrested by any officer of police and brought before
 " any justice, and on proof of such failure on her part being given to his satisfaction such
 " justice may direct that the original sentence be put into force, and may give all orders
 " and grant such warrants as may be necessary for such enforcement."
- Page 4, clause 6, line 9. *Omit* "or"
 Page 4, clause 6, line 9. *After* "occupier" *insert* "or agent"
 Page 4, clause 6, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "knowing any female to be a common prostitute, induces
 " or suffers her" *insert* "induces or suffers any female whom he knows to be a common
 " prostitute"

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- Page 4, clause 6, line 21. *After* "hold" *insert* "whether as tenant or subtenant"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 29. *Omit* "either"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 29. *Omit* "or on summons taken out by the occupier"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 40. *After* "was" *insert* "obtained"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 41. *Omit* "obtained"
- Page 5, Part III. *Before* clause 8 *insert* the following new clause :—
- (1) Section six is amended by the omission of the words "one pound" and the substitution in lieu thereof of the words "two pounds."
- (2) Section seven is amended by the omission of the words "two pounds" and the substitution in lieu thereof of the words "three pounds."
- Page 5, clause 8. *Omit* clause 8.
- Page 5, clause 9. *Omit* paragraph (a).
- Page 5, clause 12, lines 39 and 40. *Omit* "where they occur in the section"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 40. *After* "constable" *insert* "and by omitting the words 'such chief 'constable or inspector' where they occur in the section, and substituting in lieu thereof 'the words 'such constable'"
- Page 6, clause 13, line 13. *After* "shall" *insert* "together with any order for costs made against the defendant"
- Page 8, clause 19, line 14. *After* "medicine" *insert* "by a medical practitioner, or"
- Page 8, clause 20, line 26. *After* "may" *insert* "with the authority in writing of a magistrate or a superintendent of police"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- 7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1908, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

- 8 POSTPONEMENT:—The remaining Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
- 9 GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
- On motion of Mr. McFarlane, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901.*"

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10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Division of Australia into Colonies between 1787 and 1863 :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Broughton*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with,—

(1.) The publication of a statement illustrated by diagrams, showing the subdivision of Australia into separate Colonies between 1787 and 1863, compiled in the Miscellaneous Compiling Branch, Department of Lands, from data in the Public Library, Sydney, New South Wales, 1904, and with an alleged important historical omission from same?

(2.) The publication by the Lands Department of Maps for distribution to the men of the American Fleet, and with the protest entered by *Mr. H. E. C. Robinson*, *re same*?

Mr. Moore answered,—The production of these papers should be moved for in the usual way.

- (2.) Police Transfers :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to Questions asked by the Honorable Member for the Namoi, on the 17th November, relating to police transfers, will he grant similar concessions in respect to cost of removal to officers who have been stationed in the Western Districts for some time, and who receive transfers on their personal application, providing they have not misconducted themselves during that period?

Mr. Wood answered,—The rule of the Department for many years has been to allow the Police fares for self and family, and part cost of removal of furniture, unless such transfer is brought about by misconduct, or application for removal. This rule applies to the whole State. It is not proposed to alter this rule.

- (3.) Punishment for Cruelty to Animals :—*Colonel Ryrie*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that His Honor Judge Docker lately commented severely on the inadequacy of the legal provisions for dealing more effectively with the every-day occurrences of cruelty to horses and other dumb animals?

(2.) Will he amend the law and provide for a heavy fine, imprisonment, or other exemplary punishment in extreme cases of cruelty to dumb animals?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) I understand that certain remarks were recently made by His Honor Judge Docker on this subject.

(2.) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, and also the Crimes Act, already provide severe punishment for extreme cases of cruelty to dumb animals. I do not think any amendment necessary.

- (4.) Provision for rendering First Aid on Wharfs and Railway Stations :—*Colonel Ryrie*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at the various passenger ferry wharfs at the Circular Quay, and wharfs at the northern side of the harbour, few, if any, provisions are made for rendering first aid in the cases of accident or drowning?

(2.) Is it a fact that at Milson's Point Railway Station, carrying some millions of passengers annually, no provision for first aid exists?

(3.) Will he take steps to bring these matters under the immediate notice of the Departments charged with administration of the wharfs, ferries, and railways, with a view to having provisions made generally?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) Life buoys have been provided at the various ferry jetties at Circular Quay. The Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade and the Australian Ambulance Association maintain stations at the tramway terminus, Phillip-street, and at the corner of Pitt-street and Circular Quay, respectively. Stretchers and facilities for rendering first aid are also maintained by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners. In addition, a division of St. John's Ambulance Association has been formed in the Commissioners' office, and a number of the officers have been trained in the rendering of first aid.

(2.) A stretcher is kept on hand at Milson's Point Station. Consideration is being given to the question of providing an ambulance box also.

(3.) In view of the above information, which has been furnished by the Departments concerned, no further action appears to be necessary.

(5.) Draftsman in Charge Land Titles Office :—Mr. John Miller asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. J. N. Pync, draftsman in charge, Land Titles Office, Sydney, has retired from his position?

(2.) If so, when does the Public Service Board intend to appoint someone in his place?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

(6.) Mitchell Library :—Mr. Downes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in the completion of the Mitchell Library?

(2.) When is the valuable collection of books, manuscripts, &c., presented to the State by the late Mr. Mitchell, likely to be made available to the public?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) I am advised that there has been no avoidable delay. The classification and arrangement of this enormous library requires time and great care. The building is practically complete, and the fittings are engaging the attention of the Government Architect.

(2.) It is hoped that the Library will be opened about the middle of March next; but even in that case a vast mass of manuscripts, pamphlets, &c., will remain to be dealt with.

(7.) Closer Settlement on the Upper Hunter :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Lands,— Referring to the Question asked by the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter on the 2nd September, in reference to the suitability of certain estates in the Upper Hunter District for closer settlement, and the reply thereto,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the return recently laid upon the Table, no mention of any such inspection is made?

(2.) How does he reconcile the reply mentioned and the return given?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) No. The Rothbury and Carrington Park Estates, which are included in the return, are both on the Hunter River.

(2.) Answered by No. 1. I may add that inspection of St. Aubin's Estate, near Seone, has also been made, but the report is not yet to hand.

2. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY 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. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of

Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-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 making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney, and for the suspension in the said City of certain acts relating to land tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depôts; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands, and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported a Point of Order, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.

Point of Order :—Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that a Point of Order had been taken that the Governor's Message must be exactly similar to the resolution proposed to be introduced on which he, the Temporary Chairman, had ruled that it was not essential.

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker pointed out that under Clause 46 of the Constitution Act, certain Bills and resolutions could not be submitted unless first recommended by a Message from the Governor, but the Constitution Act did not state that the Message should be in exact terms of what is practically the Title of the Bill—he ruled that it is not necessary that the Message, and the Resolution should be in exactly similar terms.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The Temporary 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 making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney, and for the suspension in the said City of certain acts relating to land tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City; to vest in the Council certain lands, and certain public places and public institutions; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depôts; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands, and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Perry, the resolution was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, agreed to.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Rates on Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Beverages :—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that non-alcoholic liquors are charged for railway carriage at a higher rate than intoxicating liquors?

(2.) Is this in accordance with the policy of the Government as expressed in the Liquor (Amendment) Act passed last Parliament?

(3.) Will he see that cordials and other non-intoxicating drinks are put on at least an equal footing in regard to carriage with intoxicating liquors?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No; except that with a view to encouraging settlement on the land, and the development of the wine industry, a low rate has existed for years in regard to the carriage of locally-produced wines.

(2 and 3.) In fixing the rates for cordials and non-intoxicating drinks, due consideration has been given to the establishment of country as well as city factories, and the rates charged are regarded as reasonable.

- (2.) Ventilation of Railway Tunnels :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a statement in the Press that the conditions were so severe, on 17th November, 1908, in Helensburgh Railway Tunnel, from steam and smoke, that a fireman fell off his engine and the driver was found in a state of collapse; and that both were so severely scalded or burnt, that the skin peeled off their faces and hands?

(2.) Is it a fact that numerous cases of a similar kind have occurred in the Helensburgh and neighbouring tunnels, also in the Lapstone Tunnel, and that the subject has been brought under his notice?

(3.) Is it a fact that the conditions in these tunnels are intensified by the heavy loading of both goods and passenger trains, and also by the use of two engines?

(4.) In view of the possibility of similar cases occurring, will he take action to have these tunnels ventilated and meanwhile insist on the reduction of loads on trains passing through them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes, the occurrence was reported to me.

(2.) I am informed there have been several cases.

(3.) Yes; but trains are not loaded to their full capacity, to limit the difficulty in working through the sections in which the Helensburgh and other tunnels are located. Exceptional conditions prevailed on the 17th instant.

(4.) The question of the ventilation of tunnels has formed the subject of much consideration, and at the present time an arrangement, which has involved a considerable expenditure, for the ventilation of the Otford tunnel—one of the longest in the State—is nearly completed. The result of the working will be carefully observed. The best solution, so far as the tunnels referred to are concerned, is to duplicate the sections of the railway on which they are located, and this matter is having full consideration. The schemes proposed will require to be considered by the Public Works Committee in the first instance, and it is hoped that one at least will be submitted next Session. I may add, also, that on the suggestion of the New South Wales Railway Commissioner, the Railway International Congress, which meets in Switzerland in 1910, is to consider the "Methods used in constructing, ventilating, and operating long railway tunnels."

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- (3.) Salaries of Officers of Government Savings Bank :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he given attention to the salaries paid to and the hours worked by employees in the Government Savings Bank and its newly-created branches as compared with other departments of the Public Service?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the late Chief Commissioner retired from the service of this bank owing to the lowness of salary fixed in the statute, and was offered, and accepted, a position in a well-known Australasian Shipping and Pastoral Company at about double the amount of salary paid by the Government?
 - (3.) Will he ascertain the salaries paid to the general managers of our leading financial institutions in Sydney?
 - (4.) If he finds on inquiry that the salaries paid are in excess of those in the Government institution will he give Parliament an opportunity of amending the Act, so that the salaries of the Commissioners and other responsible officers may be increased to amounts equal to what is paid outside in other banking institutions?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, empowers the Commissioners to appoint such officers, &c., as may be required, and to fix their emoluments. The matter is, therefore, entirely in the hands of the Commissioners. In regard to the hours worked by the officers, I would invite the Honorable Member's attention to the full reply given by me to Question No. 8, of the 18th instant, on this subject.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3 and 4.) The salaries appear to be reasonable, and it is not intended to alter the Act in this respect.

- (4.) Railway Stock-trucks :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What were the number of trucks used for the week ending 14th November instant, showing the date of loading, number of sheep vans, number of cattle vans, name of loading station, and the destination of the stock so loaded?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This should be moved for in the form of a return; but it will mean considerable labour to compile a general return with details.

- (5.) Loan of Museum Exhibits to British Museum :—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any request been received by the trustees of the Museum from the authorities in connection with the British Museum for the loan of birds' skins, &c., for scientific purposes?

(2.) If so, will such request be favourably entertained?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) I am informed that no such request has reached the trustees.

(2.) In the event of a request being made it will receive consideration.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Pharmacy Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust for the year ended 30th September, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1908; together with Diagrams and Plans.

(2.) By-laws, regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Albury, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(3.) By-laws, regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Orange, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(4.) Report of the Director of Labour, State Labour Bureau of New South Wales, for the year ended 30th June, 1908; together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Wade made a statement respecting the work which it was considered essential should be completed before the close of the Session.

4. PURE FOOD BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, via Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, via Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed,—
(1.) Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That this Bill be now read a second time." ;—until Thursday next.
(2.) Private Hospitals Bill (*Council Bill*) ; to be further considered in Committee. [*Sir James Graham*] ;—until To-morrow.
7. ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE CHURCH LANDS 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 validate and confirm certain grants of land to the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Lismore; to regulate the trusts of the Roman Catholic lands in the Diocese of Lismore, and to provide for the appointment and succession of trustees thereto; and to confer on such trustees powers to lease, mortgage, sell, and exchange the said lands,*"—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, 24th November, 1908.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

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

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

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1908, A.M.

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

Mr. Wade moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Lee moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 14 and 17" instead thereof.

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

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 14 and 17,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

9. PRISONERS DETENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade 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, including the amendment in the Title.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, in the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the prevention and cure of certain diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

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Sydney, 25th November, 1908, A.M.

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10. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Wade, 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 prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

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11. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted on the 20th November, 1908, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney; for the suspension in the said city of certain Acts relating to land tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said city; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depôts; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Boys employed in Breweries and Wine and Spirit Stores:—Mr. Grahame asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that numbers of boys between the age of thirteen and seventeen are employed in breweries and wine and spirit stores in this State?
 - (2.) In view of section 10 of the Liquor (Amendment) Act, excluding all youths under seventeen from any participation in the business of hotels, will he amend the Act in such way as may be necessary to exclude the same class from breweries and wine and spirit stores?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that such is the case.
- (2.) The matter will be duly considered.

- (2.) Gore Hill to Longueville-road Tramway:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Fell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform this House the approximate date when the Gore Hill to Longueville-road tramway extension will be completed, and the date the trams are likely to start running?

Mr. Lee answered,—The tram should be finished about the middle of February next, and, as far as I know, the cars should be running soon after.

- (3.) Civil Service Pensions:—Mr. E. M. Clark, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the years 1895 and 1896 the Public Service Board, under clause 43 of the Civil Service Act, 1884, retired a number of old officers upon attaining the age of 60 years, who, upon their retirement, were called upon to pay abatement on their allotted pensions?
 - (2.) Is there any provision made in the Public Service (Superannuation) Act of 1908 that no further tax upon their pensions shall be made where these old officers, retired in 1895 and 1896, who have outlived the actuarial span, and have paid back by monthly deductions from their pensions the full amount of their abatement?
 - (3.) If no such provision exists in the 1908 Act, will he, as a matter of equity, in the interests of the old retired officers referred to who have met their obligations and exceeded actuarial anticipations, annul any further deductions being made from their monthly pensions in manner alluded to in Question No. 2?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I presume the Honorable Member's Questions refer to the payment, by actuarial deduction, of 4 per cent. on salaries received by retired officers prior to the year 1885. If so, I may say that the Superannuation Act, 1908, does not in any way limit such deduction. It applies only to actuarial deductions from pensions in respect of moneys paid to officers in 1896.
- (3.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given by me to the Question asked by him on this subject on the 10th April last.

- (4.) Short-distance Horse-races:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Fleming, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that proprietary pony and galloway clubs are providing on their race programmes races of a distance less than five furlongs?
 - (2.) Will he consider the advisability of stipulating, in the interest of improvement of our horses, that each programme shall provide at least three races of six furlongs or over for each day's racing?

Mr. Wood answered,—In the present state of the law I have no power to interfere in this matter.

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- (5.) Private Railway Lines :—Mr. Dooley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many private railway lines are there in this State?
 - (2.) The names of the respective companies who own and control these railways?
 - (3.) How many companies have the right to carry passengers and goods?
 - (4.) Which is the largest private line?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The information should be moved for in the form of a return.
- (6.) Commonwealth Oil Corporation Leases :—Mr. Dooley asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the granting of leases to the Commonwealth Oil Corporation?
- Mr. Wood answered,—As these papers can be seen by the Honorable Member at his convenience, I see no good purpose to be served by the printing involved in the course he asks. I have the papers here in my box now, and if the Honorable Member cares to see them he can do so this afternoon, or at any other time, at the Department.
- (7.) Cooroobongatti Swamp Drainage Work :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Who was the lowest tenderer for the Cooroobongatti Swamp Drainage Work?
 - (2.) What was the amount, and has the tender been accepted?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Messrs. P. and D. Daniher.
 - (2.) £4,399; tender not yet accepted.
- (8.) Tramway Industrial Awards :—Mr. John Miller asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will the tramway award, with the omission of tramway employees in Sections B, D, F, G, H, I, J, K and N, be extended to all railway employees of the running staff, or will it be necessary for them to approach the Industrial Court for a similar award?
 - (2.) Do shunters, porters, conductors, ticket-collectors, and signalmen receive time and a quarter for Sunday duty?
 - (3.) If not, why not?
 - (4.) What grades do?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The award does not cover railway employees.
 - (2.) I am informed that the concession referred to does not cover the grades mentioned, other than sleeping-car conductors.
 - (3 and 4.) The concession is extended to the running staff whose duties and conditions are considered of a special character.
- (9.) Public School, Abermain :—Mr. Charlton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in addition to the school at Abermain, the local church has been rented for school purposes, and that there is still an insufficiency of accommodation, in consequence of which the children have to take turns in classes held in the open air?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the erection of additions was deferred pending the sale of the Government township of Abermain?
 - (3.) Was the township sold seven months back; and, if so, why have tenders not been invited for the erection of the school?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) The local church has been rented temporarily, and the accommodation now provided is sufficient for present requirements. Inquiry will be made as to the conditions under which the work of the school is done.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes. Plans of new building are in course of preparation, and tenders will be invited as soon as possible.
- (10.) Bellinger River Entrance :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Bellinger River entrance has been in a deplorable state for some time?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that eleven vessels were bar-bound at the end of last week, and that they had been bar-bound for about ten days owing to the state of the bar and inner crossing?
 - (3.) Did he receive a wire from the Honorable Member for Raleigh last week urging that immediate action was necessary?
 - (4.) Can he say how long the regular trading steamer "Rosedale" was bar-bound?
 - (5.) Has any action been taken in the matter, and, if not, what action is proposed?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) The present depths on the bar and inner crossing are 4 feet 3 inches and 4 feet 6 inches at low water respectively, or 1 foot 4 inches and 10 inches below the averages, and are insufficient for the regular traffic.
 - (2.) It is reported that on 21st instant three steamers and six sailing vessels were bar bound, several having been there from the 12th instant.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) Eleven days.
 - (5.) It is proposed to send a bar dredge to give relief as soon as her overhaul is completed.
- (11.) Dorrigo Railway :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it proposed to submit the Dorrigo railway to Parliament this Session for reference to the Public Works Committee?
- Mr. Lee answered,—Yes, so soon as the state of Public Business will permit.

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2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reasons for departure from the prescribed scale of increments laid down in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in connection with the promotion of Mr. John James Baker, Field Assistant, Local Land Board Office, Maitland, to the position of Surveyor, on trial, Local Land Board Office, Maitland, and Mr. Stanley Augustus Giraud, Field Assistant, Local Land Board Office, Grafton, to the position of Surveyor, on trial, Local Land Board Office, Grafton, Department of Lands.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Additional Regulations under the Liquor Act, 1898, and the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding increase of salary to Mr. William Foxton Robertson, Police Magistrate, Narrabri.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Moore,	Colonel Kyrie,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Fallick,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Taylor,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Trefis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hollis.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. G. A. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade, 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.

4. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS 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 licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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, 25th November, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th November, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 5, lines 4 to 6. Omit "The provisions of this Part shall apply only to the places named or the localities described by the Governor by a proclamation published by him in the *Gazette*" insert "The Governor may, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, apply the provisions of this part to such theatres and public halls as may be named therein, or as may be situate within the localities named or described therein. And this part shall apply only to such theatres and public halls"

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- Page 3, clause 5. At end of clause *add* "The powers referred to in paragraph (xxiii) of section one hundred and nine of the Local Government Act, 1906, shall not be exercised, and the provisions of section one hundred and fourteen of the said Act shall not apply with respect to any theatre or public hall to which this Act applies."
- Page 5, clause 18, line 33. *After* "entertainment" *insert* "or public meeting"
- Page 5, clause 18, line 37. *After* "such" *insert* "public"
- Page 5, clause 18, line 37. *After* "entertainment" *insert* "or public meeting"
- Page 5, clause 18, line 42. *After* "entertainment" *insert* "or public meeting"
- Page 6, clause 19, line 3. *After* "such" *insert* "public"
- Page 6, clause 19, line 4. *Before* "meeting" *insert* "public"
- Page 6, clause 19, line 4. *Omit* "of the hall" *insert* "under whom or by whose authority such person occupies the said theatre or hall or holds such entertainment"
- Page 6, clause 20, line 20. *Omit* "owner or lessee, of the theatre or public hall" *insert* "person holding such entertainment, or the owner or lessee under whom or by whose authority such person occupies the said theatre or hall, or holds such entertainment"
- Page 6, clause 22, lines 31 and 32. *Omit* "owner or lessee of the theatre or public hall" *insert* "person holding such entertainment or the owner or lessee under whom or by whose authority such person occupies the said theatre or hall or holds such entertainment"
- Page 8, clause 32. *Omit* clause 32, *insert* the following new clause :—

All regulations so made shall—

- (i) be published in the *Gazette* ;
- (ii) take effect from the date of publication, or from a later date to be specified in such regulations ; and
- (iii) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within seven days after publication if Parliament is in Session, and, if not, then within seven days after the commencement of the next Session.

But if either House of the Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

GREAT NORTHERN COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Great Northern Coal Company (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to construct a railway from the Kalingo Estate, in the parish of Aellalong, and county of Northumberland, to a line constructed by the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), under the provisions of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Act of 1901,*"—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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25th November, 1908.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Inferior Lands Lease granted to Mr. O. C. Beale, near Jervis Bay :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was an improvement lease granted in 1902 to Mr. O. C. Beale, adjacent to Jervis Bay and St. George's Basin, in the parish of Bherwerre, county St. Vincent?
- (2.) What are the terms of such lease, including area, tenure, rental, and special conditions?
- (3.) Has any inspection been made since the lease was granted with a view of determining whether the conditions are being carried out; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) An inferior lands lease (not an improvement lease), in parish Bherwerre, county St. Vincent, was granted to O. C. Beale on 22nd October, 1902.
- (2.) Term of lease, twenty-eight years; to expire on 21st October, 1930; area, 4,200 acres; rental, 1d. per acre per annum for first seven years, and 2d. per acre per annum for the remainder of the term of the lease. The lease was granted under the usual conditions attaching to inferior lands leases, and under the following special condition regarding the growing of certain timbers :—
"The lessee shall expend during the first seven years of the lease a sum of not less than £1 per acre on, or in connection with, the planting out and cultivation of the valoria oak, and other trees or plants of commercial value not indigenous to this State, or, in default thereof, at the end of seven years after granting of the lease, all lands not in use for the purpose for which the lease is granted shall be liable to forfeiture, and in such case shall revert to the Crown without compensation."
- (3.) Two inspections have been made, one on 10th August, 1904, and the other on 12th October, 1908. According to the Inspector's reports, the following improvements had been effected, viz., fencing, cultivation, clearing, ringbarking, and tree planting. Some 2,600 trees had been planted, but, with the exception of about 100, have died. The trees planted were oak, redwood, hickory, catalpa, &c. Improvements consisting of buildings, fencing, clearing, tree planting, cultivation, &c., to the value of £1,670 now exist on the land. The lessee claims to have expended from £5,000 to £6,000 on the lease.

(2.)

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- (2.) Bonus for Mineral Oil Industry :—Mr. Meehan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the agitation now being fostered by a section of the Press, on behalf of a certain Company, to secure a bonus for the mineral oil industry in this State?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the consulting and directing head of this syndicate is connected with the Standard Oil Company in Canada and elsewhere?
 - (3.) Is there any guarantee in the event of this State taxpayers' money being granted in the form of a bonus, that no further amalgamation will be made between the Standard Oil Company and the Commonwealth Oil Corporation, and the bonus fall into the coffers of the former Trust?
- Mr. Wood answered,—This is not a matter for State administration as the Commonwealth Government deal with the subject.
- (3.) Survey of North Coast Railway Route :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As soon as surveyors are available, will he undertake to have the survey of the North Coast Railway route commenced from Coff's Harbour southward, and from Kempsey northward?
- Mr. Lee answered,—The survey is now in hand between Taree and Kempsey, and Grafton and Coff's Harbour, and when these sections have been finished the natural course will be to transfer the surveyors first available on to the section between Kempsey and Coff's Harbour, working from each end.
- (4.) Appointment of Sworn Valuers :—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—
- (1.) When was the last appointment made to the position of sworn valuator?
 - (2.) How many of these appointments have been made in the last five years?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that sworn valuers are very necessary in some of the country districts, and will he take the necessary steps to permit of further appointments being made as early as possible?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) 12th April, 1904.
 - (2.) Seven.
 - (3.) As previously stated; in reply to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for Raleigh on this subject, it is not considered that further appointments should be made pending amendment of the law.
- (5.) Supply of Acts and Land Appeal Court Decisions to Local Land Boards :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was a decision arrived at some time since that members of Local Land Boards should be supplied with copies of any Acts they required in connection with their duties, and also with the decisions of the Land Appeal Court?
 - (2.) Have any applications been made for such by members of the Land Boards?
 - (3.) If so, have they been supplied in accordance with the decision arrived at; if not, why not?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No, it having been considered advisable to first ascertain the number of additional copies of the reports which would have to be printed. They will be supplied at an early date.
- (6.) Sale of Town Allotments at Collarenebri East :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it proposed to offer at auction the town allotments at Collarenebri East, and under what form of tenure is it proposed to offer them?
- Mr. Moore answered,—It is proposed to offer portions 21 to 33, East Collarenebri, at auction as special leases, in about two weeks' time.
- (7.) Lack of Surveyors, Narrabri District :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has his attention been drawn to a telegram appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 25th November, respecting the very great inconvenience caused to the settlers of the Narrabri District through the lack of surveyors in that district; if so, will he see that the grievance is remedied with as little delay as possible, and that surveyors are instructed to carry out the work which it is alleged is so much in arrears?
- Mr. Moore answered,—Yes; the subject selections are much scattered, and the demand for surveyors' services elsewhere has retarded action, but survey will now be expedited as much as possible.
- (8.) Experiments for Destruction of Rabbit Pest :—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Premier,—In view of the failure of the experiments by Dr. Danysz, at Broughton Island, will he provide for a similar experiment with the Tyrn Rabbit Destroyer or the scientific system advocated by Mr. Rodier, of Tambeau?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Arrangements have been made whereby all suggestions for rabbit destruction will be given consideration in the first instance, and subsequently such experiments conducted with them as may be deemed desirable to thoroughly test their merits. The measures mentioned can be dealt with in this connection.
- (9.) Public School Teachers' Efficiency Marks :—Mr. Dooley asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that dissatisfaction and indignation exist throughout the State, caused by the low efficiency marks allotted to many teachers, especially those in charge of small schools?
 - (2.) Are the low efficiency marks allotted to teachers with the object of reducing the class of school, and thus reducing the salary of the teachers in charge of these schools?
 - (3.) Are any of the salaries of the present teachers to be reduced through the regrading of the schools at the end of the present year?
- Mr.

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No. I consider this an unworthy imputation against the Department.

(3.) Schools are reduced in grade only when the attendance falls below the minimum for the grade, and the teacher is doing inefficient work.

(10.) Public School, Parkes :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the public school at Parkes is in a crowded condition?

(2.) Will he authorise tenders to be called for the new buildings without delay?

Mr. Hogue answered,—There is not sufficient accommodation in the present buildings, and tenders have been invited for the erection of new class-rooms.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Nobbs—From the Guildford Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

(2.) By Mr. Levien—From E. L. Walker, Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Attunga.

Petitions received.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day "Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, 'That this Bill be now read a "second time,"—was postponed until Wednesday next.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Barron Jack Dam.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 30th September, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (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.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Henley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901; the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th November, 1908, a.m.

The House adjourned, at one minute after Two o'clock, a.m., until Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met at Two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Pony Race-meetings :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention (in view of his decision in regard to the Rosebery Pony Club race-meeting on the 28th) in all cases where, under section 30 of the Gaming and Betting Act, a meeting has to be abandoned owing to unfavourable weather, to grant to pony and other racing clubs a day in lieu thereof, and will he consider whether that is a proper interpretation of the Act?

(2.) Has any standard of height been fixed by him or his advisers in regard to ponies, run under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act on pony courses?

(3.) Is it a fact that the standard of pony height ranges to 14.2, and under no circumstances to 15 hands or over, and can any horse above that standard be described as in a pony class?

(4.) Is it a fact that races for horses 15 hands and over in height are permitted on pony courses; and, if so, what is the reason for permitting this innovation when, under the Act, a distinction is made between horse and pony courses?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Each case as it occurs will be dealt with in accordance with the law on its merits.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Gaming and Betting Act does not empower the fixing of a standard by the Government. The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the definitions of clause 2.

(2.) Compositors, Government Printing Office :—Mr. Beeby asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in March last the Public Service Board received a deputation from the compositors engaged in the Government Printing Office as to an increase in their wages in view of the award of the Arbitration Court covering their industry?

(2.) Has the Public Service Board yet submitted any report to him on the subject?

(3.) If so, will he lay the report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I received the Board's report on this subject yesterday.

(3.) Yes.

(3.) Mount David Water Supply :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the inhabitants of Mount David have been threatened with a serious water famine?

(2.) Is it a fact that the residents submitted a scheme to the Department some months ago, in which they agreed to supply all labour, and the local mining company offered to provide access to suitable water, provided the Government furnished a windmill and necessary pumping?

(3.) Will he further consider the application for a grant to carry out the proposed work, vesting the materials supplied by the Government in trustees, to be held on behalf of the residents of the town?

(4.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the urgent necessity of something being done to provide the residents with drinking water?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A scheme was submitted about the end of May this year, in which some of the residents conditionally offered to supply the necessary labour for laying the pipes.

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- (3.) The Shire Council should have the area which it is desired to supply with water proclaimed an "Urban Area" under the Local Government Act, when the necessary powers similar to those obtaining for Municipalities would be available, and the area could be supplied under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act.
- (4.) An estimate of the cost of the supply of a windmill-pump, with standpipe at well, &c., was made by a Departmental officer, also a similar scheme with piping extending 2,300 feet to the town, with tanks and standpipe, and these estimates are as follows:—No. 1 scheme—standpipe at well, £113; No. 2 scheme—extension to town, £305. Both of these prices are exclusive of labour. The supply of drinking water to the residents is, therefore, within their own means to encompass, and the necessary steps under the Local Government Act can be taken without difficulty.
- (4.) Proposed Railway to Burraga—Light Lines of Railway:—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have any reports been received from the surveyor in connection with the proposed connection of Burraga with the Main Western Line?
 - (2.) If so, is it proposed to submit the matter to the Public Works Committee?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to give the House an opportunity of discussing the change in railway policy necessary to authorise the establishment of light lines of railway as feeders to the main trunk lines?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes; reports have been received on the proposed lines from a point near Perth to Burraga, and from Tarana to Burraga.
 - (2.) When the investigation is complete and the merits of the proposal ascertained, the question of reference to the Public Works Committee will be considered.
 - (3.) Yes, in connection with a proposal to be submitted this Session.
- (5.) Public Schools, George's Plains and Newbridge:—Mr. Beeby asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it proposed to notice the representations made by the residents of George's Plains and Newbridge in reference to the unsuitability of the local school buildings?
 - (2.) Does he propose to erect buildings of a more suitable type than those at present in use?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) Yes. The representations have received consideration.
 - (2.) Tenders will be invited for a new building at George's Plains when the plans—now in hand—have been prepared. The Newbridge school does not require a new building, but the carrying out of improvements and re-roofing to the present building will be dealt with when the Estimates have been passed.
- (6.) "Historical Records" of Early Australian Colonisation:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—
- (1.) In view of the great value attachable to the compilation and publication of Records relating to early Australian colonisation, exploration, and history, will he take the necessary steps and arrange to set aside the funds requisite, to enable the work to be completed which was discontinued after several volumes of the "Historical Records" had been put into print?
 - (2.) How many volumes of this work are in print, and what was the total cost of production?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) In view of the fact that the early history of New South Wales was practically the history of Australia, it was thought unfair that the whole of the cost of printing these records should fall upon this State. The Commonwealth Government was accordingly approached with a view of taking over the work until the various dates when other independent colonies had been established, when each State could take up its own story in its own way. The matter is still under consideration, pending the complete examination and arrangement of the manuscripts, so that an estimate may be formed as to the probable cost and most desirable method of continuing the work.
 - (2.) Seven volumes have been issued at a total cost of £6,929 10s. 5d.
- (7.) Claim for Compensation through Tram Accident:—Mr. Broughton, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has a claim been made by Benjamin Parkin and Ruby Parkin, residents of Enfield, upon the Railway Commissioners for compensation through being injured whilst riding in a tram during Fleet week?
 - (2.) What compensation is it intended shall be paid to the persons above referred to?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—
- (1.) The matter was brought under notice by Messrs. Villeneuve-Smith and Dawes, as Solicitors for Mr. Parkin and his daughter, on 22nd September last.
 - (2.) On 2nd October last the Solicitor for Railways, under instructions from the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, refused to recognise any liability.
- (8.) Extended Leave of Absence to Railway Officers:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Did the provisions of section 40 of the Civil Service Act, 1884—"the Governor may grant to any officer of 20 years' service leave of absence not exceeding twelve months on half salary, or six months on full salary"—apply to officers of the Railway Service in common with other Civil Servants?
 - (2.) Will he obtain legal opinion whether this privilege was specially preserved to them by sections 76 and 106, Government Railways Act, 1888?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that since the regime of the late Chief Commissioner Eddy this privilege has often been denied, or at least conceded in a greatly curtailed form?

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(4.) Will he seek the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether, in view of the above quoted sections, Railway officers who contributed to the Superannuation Fund are entitled after twenty years' service, to leave as stated above?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As the Questions of the Honorable Member involve legal consideration, I will refer the matter to the Premier and Attorney-General.

(9.) Billiard Table Licenses:—Colonel Ryrie asked the Premier,—Bearing in mind that under the recent Liquor (Amendment) Act the fees now paid for hotel licenses are graduated, will he consider the advisableness of introducing amending legislation to deal with billiard licenses in the same manner, as in some cases a building contains but one billiard-table; in others, several?

Mr. Wade answered,—The matter will be considered.

(10.) Retiring Allowances to Railway and Tramway Employees:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many railway and tramway employees on salary staff, retired previous to 1888, received a retiring allowance equal to one month for each year of service?

(2.) Their names, position in service, date of retirement, and amount of retiring allowance?

(3.) Same information for wages staff, as contained in Questions 1 and 2?

(4.) Same information as asked in Questions 1, 2, and 3, for those retired since 1888?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information should be moved for in the form of a return.

(11.) Rabbit Pest:—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Stuart-Robertson, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Daily Telegraph*, dated 22nd October, where a land holder was fined for not using a poison cart, although it was admitted that by trapping he had destroyed quite as many rabbits as it was possible to do with poison?

(2.) Are settlers compelled to use a poison cart, even if using other effective means for destroying rabbits?

(3.) Is it possible for other methods of destruction to be adopted?

(4.) Is it a fact that, should the poisoning of rabbits be persisted in and no other method adopted, it is likely to damage the rabbit-freezing industry?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) The "means" sanctioned by the Minister for the suppression and destruction of rabbits are poisoning, trapping, hunting, shooting, fumigation, destruction of harbour, and "on wire-netted holdings or areas" where the consent of the Board (in writing) has been obtained, "killing the females as caught and letting the males go alive." A board has power to prescribe a specific "means" to be generally adopted so as to ensure systematic steps for the destruction of rabbits, although an owner or occupier, though bound to satisfactorily comply with the Board's notification, is not debarred from also utilising other means. There is no possibility of poisoned rabbits being exported.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Public Service Board in regard to the Deputation of Compositors in the Government Printing Office as to their rates of pay.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Bunyah Bore.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. James,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Ball,	Dr. Arthur.
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gilbert,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Colonel Ryrie,	
Sir James Graham,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Trefle,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Page.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. G. A. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Coreen and Back Paddock, portions of the Gunambil Estate, for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Boree Creek Estate, for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

Ordered to be printed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sale of Town Allotments, Coff's Harbour:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it proposed to offer at auction sale the town allotments at Coff's Harbour, within section 50, and also within T. J. Jarrett's special lease?

Mr. Moore answered,—Sale of allotments, within the section referred to, is advertised for the 16th December, 1908, and the question of disposal of the land within Jarrett's special lease is under reference to the district surveyor for report.

(2.) Unproclaimed Roads in Shires:—*Mr. Hindmarsh* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of the roads, or parts of them, in the Shires of the State, which have been constructed and in use, are not dedicated or proclaimed as public roads in accordance with the provisions of the Public Roads Act and the Local Government Act?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Crown Law Authorities have advised that these undedicated roads are strips of Crown lands only?

(3.) Will he take immediate steps to have all roads that have been handed over to the Shires proclaimed as public roads, so that they can have legal care and control of them?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) It is understood that there are a number of routes constructed by the Public Works Department which have not been dedicated or proclaimed as public roads in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act and the Local Government Act.

(2.) No.

(3.) The matter is under consideration.

(3.) Government Savings Bank:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank took over the Bank in 1906, the clerks had to work night and day to get the Bank into proper working order, and overtime was promised them in the shape of a fixed amount, £60 per section of four employees, thus giving each £15 for three months night-work, without tea money?

(2.) Is it a fact that after this work was done, the money was not forthcoming, and only eight clerks participated in a bonus?

(3.) Is it a fact that these eight employees had good records in the Public Service and were dismissed without any reason being given, and was it on the score of inefficiency or that of economy?

(4.) Is it a fact that after the dismissal of the eight clerks the Commissioners immediately put on eighteen others at a less rate of pay?

(5.) Has the staff, both permanent and temporary, had to work a number of nights overtime and only been allowed 1s. 6d. tea money?

(6.) What is the name of the expert brought from Melbourne, what salary does he receive, and what are his duties?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

(1 and 2.) When the Commissioners took over the management of the Bank in January, 1907, the staff were engaged on the periodical balance which necessitated working after the ordinary hours. Under the practice which was previously in existence overtime would have been paid, but, in lieu of this, the Commissioners decided to increase the salaries of the staff, these increases amounting to much more than the sum which would have been received as overtime. The eight clerks whose services were dispensed with, however, were paid a gratuity.

(3.) The eight officers referred to were not appointed by the Commissioners in terms of sections 32-34 of the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and being public servants under the control of the Public Service Board, they were asked to report themselves to that body for instructions as to future duty.

(4.) In accordance with the powers conferred upon the Commissioners by the Act, certain other officers were appointed from time to time at various salaries.

(5.) Yes; but the Commissioners propose to recognise the services of the officers concerned when the work is completed. The temporary officers whose services have been dispensed with, however, have been compensated for any excess hours worked by them.

(6.)

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(6.) In order to successfully instal the new system of conducting Savings Bank business on the lines adopted by the sister institution in Victoria, as well as all the other States (except Queensland and West Australia), the Commissioners found it expedient to engage the services of Mr. A. Cooch, the Chief Inspector of the Victorian Savings Bank at an honorarium of £1,000. Mr. Cooch was the officer selected by the Tasmanian Government to carry out similar work in that State.

(4.) Remuneration to Railway Employees for Sunday Duty :—Mr. Arthur Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In connection with the replies given on 25th instant to certain Questions in connection with extra pay for Sunday work on the railways, will he bring under the notice of the Chief Commissioner the fact that the Legislative Assembly, some years ago, passed a resolution to the effect that railway employees compelled to work on Sundays should receive time and a quarter payment therefor, and that several classes of the employees do now receive such extra payment?

(2.) Will he ask the Chief Commissioner to take into consideration the question of putting the whole of the wages staff on the same footing in this regard?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I will bring the matter under the Chief Commissioner's notice, as suggested.

(2.) Yes.

(5.) Sunday-trading :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he consider the injustice of allowing fruit, drink, and confectionery shops to remain open in one portion of the city, certain watering places, picnic and waterside dancing grounds on Sundays, while the whole of the other shops of a like description in the city, metropolitan, and country areas of the State are compelled to close, and introduce legislation at an early date to provide for the complete closing or opening of those kinds of shops, with due consideration to Sunday religious observance?

(2.) Is it a fact that tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes are also permitted to be sold on Sundays in the privileged area?

(3.) Have representations on the subject of Sunday-trading been made to the Premier, both in favour of opening these shops on Sunday throughout the State, or closing them in strict observance of the law governing same, and with what result?

(4.) Is the privilege granted to shopkeepers to openly defy the law in this select area in contravention of the Act governing Sunday observance, approved of by the Inspector-General of Police, or dictated by the Minister governing the Department; and, if so, under what provisions of an Act of Parliament is the power exercised?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The present arrangement is made solely for the convenience of the general public who are not complainants in regard to it.

(2.) No.

(3.) Two deputations have recently been received by the Premier on the subject of Sunday observance, and their representations will be taken into consideration as soon as time permits.

(4.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the replies given to his Questions of 6th August and 17th September last.

2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL** :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. E. M. Clark—From the North Sydney Women's Christian Temperance Union.

(2.) By Mr. Gilbert—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Newcastle.

(3.) By Mr. Robson—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Ashfield.

(4.) By Mr. John Miller—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Bathurst.

Petitions received.

3. **ADJOURNMENT—QUESTION OF URGENCY** :—Mr. Dooley moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a motion for the adjournment of the House under the 49th Standing Order, in reference to the action of the Lands Department in selling certain lands at Lithgow to the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company, whereby certain persons, now occupying such lands by virtue of miners' rights, may be immediately dispossessed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Aycs, 20.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Mechan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch.

Tellers,

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Mercer.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Downes,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Barton,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Broughton.

And so it passed in the negative.

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4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board with regard to the granting of special leave of absence, on account of ill-health, to Mr. Arthur McKinlay Elliott, Draftsman, Land Board Office, Orange.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Mungery Estate, for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

(3.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government of the Brookong Estate, for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd October, 1908. "Dairying and Poultry Branches, Department of Agriculture."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. John Burt Trivett as Government Statistician.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (PRIVATE SALES) BILL :—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted on 5th November, 1908, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the sale of private land for Closer Settlement; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next :—

(1.) Private Hospitals Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee. [*Sir James Graham.*]

(2.) Homing Pigeons Protection Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carmichael, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

7. SYDNEY BETHEL UNION 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 extend the powers of the trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union in dealing with their land and buildings in George-street, Sydney, and to enable them to sell, lease, or mortgage the said land and buildings, and to purchase other land and erect other buildings for the benefit of seamen visiting the Port of Sydney; to provide for the appointment of new trustees for the Sydney Bethel Union; to provide for the vesting of the trust property without conveyance or assignment, and to enable the trustees to accept certain land in exchange for land which has been resumed by the Government of New South Wales; and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—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, 1st December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

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

8. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade was proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order :—Mr. McGowen submitted that the Message from the Crown did not recommend that power should be given in the Bill for the establishment of milk depôts, and pointed out that section 46 of the Constitution Act provided that no tax or impost shall be levied which had not been first recommended by a Message from the Crown. In the Bill the Government proposed to hand over to the City Council a certain portion of revenue now paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund with, *inter alia*, the power to establish milk depôts, which would be charged upon such revenue, and he argued that the power to establish such depôts could not be delegated to the Council unless the Bill with that provision was recommended by a Message.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that because the Bill gave the City Council power to establish milk depôts it did not thereby, necessarily, impose a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue. On broader grounds he held that a Message from the Crown in connection with any Bill would cover the expenses pertaining to that Bill within reasonable limits, as the Bill may be finally passed by this House; for the above reasons he could not uphold the Point of Order.

Mr. Wade then 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. Wade, 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 after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1908, A.M.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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9. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 4,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Downes.

Noes 17.

Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Mercer.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Lynch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Perry,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. James.
Mr. Henley,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Holman,	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. John Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Meehan.
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Peters,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908; 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 Industrial Disputes Act, 1908; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd December, 1908, a.m.

10. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fleming,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Downes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Davidson,	

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Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Treflé,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Carmichael.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Horne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904 ; 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 Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Nielsen, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wood, 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 licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings ; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures ; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Drainage of Gumma Swamp, Lower Nambucca:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a proposal been submitted for the drainage of Gumma Swamp in the Lower Nambucca River District; if so, when?

(2.) Has the question of draining this swamp and of building a dam which would be provided with flood-gates to keep back salt water, and which would serve the purpose of a bridge, been considered?

(3.) Is it proposed to take early or any action in regard to this work?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Trust proposal is now being prepared.

(2 and 3.) A survey has been made, and plans, &c., are in course of preparation to enable a trust proposal to be gazetted under the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act. Flood-gates will not form part of the scheme of drainage.

- (2.) Land for Settlement, Orara Township:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—With regard to an application made some time ago, to have the village or town area of Orara cancelled and the land, including the suburban area, made available for settlement, will he state what has been done in the matter, and what is proposed?

Mr. Moore answered,—Preliminary notice to cancel the village has been gazetted, and the necessary steps are being taken towards making the land available for settlement.

- (3.) Removal of New Entrance (Point Look-out) School, Macleay River, to South-west Rocks:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the enrolment of pupils at the public school at New Entrance (Point Look-out), Macleay River, for the quarter ended 30th September, 1908?

(2.) Has an application been received to remove the present school building to the village of South-west Rocks; if so, has anything been done in the matter?

(3.) Is it a fact that nearly all the pupils reside at South-west Rocks, and that the parents have long asked for the removal of the school?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Twenty-four.

(2.) An application was received, but the report thereon was not favourable to the removal of the school. In view, however, of altered conditions connected with the stoppage of Government works at Macleay Heads, a fresh report has been called for.

(3.) The majority of the population may now be at South-west Rocks, owing to the circumstances just stated respecting the works.

- (4.) Increased Pay to Police:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount promised by Sir Joseph Carruthers prior to the last election for increased pay to the police of the State?

(2.) Has this promise been fulfilled; if not, to what extent have increases been, or proposed to be granted?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The Inspector-General of Police recommended an increase of 6*s.* per diem, and Sir Joseph Carruthers, the then Premier, approved. No other amount was ever mentioned.

(2.) Yes; fulfilled as promised by Sir Joseph Carruthers.

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- (5.) Case of *Raven v. Thornton* :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Will he obtain the papers in connection with the case *Raven v. Thornton*, tried at the Central Police Court on the 25th day of November last and dismissed?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Court officials acted roughly and harshly when the plaintiff gave notice to Stipendiary Magistrate Barnett that he intended to appeal against the decision, and that the magistrate refused to listen to Mr. Raven, when he was trying respectfully to address him?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am not aware.
- (6.) Claims of Retired Civil Servants :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Has he taken any steps with regard to the decision of the High Court in the case of John Macharg, relating to pensions in the State Public Service?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Deakin, when Prime Minister, replied to a question on the matter as follows :—“In computing Commonwealth pensions, the length of service will be computed in accordance with State laws, as interpreted in the Courts?”
 - (3.) Is it a fact that our District Court, our Full Court, and the High Court have decided in favour of Mr. Macharg's claim?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1 and 3.) Application for special leave to appeal is being made to the Privy Council.
 - (2.) I am not aware. The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the reply given by me to Question asked by the Honorable Member for Middle Harbour on the 10th September last.
- (7.) Audit of South Shoalhaven Council's Accounts :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In view of the fact that Mr. Campbell, Inspector of Audits, discovered a deficit of over £130 in the books of the South Shoalhaven Council in or about the year 1906, in an audit extending over fifteen months, will the Government take steps to compel the South Shoalhaven Municipal Council to have an audit made commencing from the amalgamation of the Central Shoalhaven and Nunba Municipalities, now the South Shoalhaven Council?
 - (2.) In the event of the Government taking steps in the matter, will they call for all correspondence between the Government and the Council, and one David Hyam, of Terrara?
- Mr. Lee answered,—The Government has no power to compel the Council to do this.
- (8.) Railway-street Crossing, Blayney :—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to an accident at the Blayney Railway-street Crossing on the 30th November, which resulted in the death of a child crossing the line on her way to school?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that representations have frequently been made to him for the erection of an overhead bridge at this crossing?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that considerable traffic, particularly of school children, passes over the crossing, and that serious accidents on other occasions have only been narrowly averted?
 - (4.) Will he bring under the notice of the Railway Commissioners the necessity of constructing an overhead bridge or a subway at the crossing?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes, the matter has been reported to me.
 - (2, 3, and 4.) I understand representations have been made to the Chief Commissioner, and I will refer the matter to him. The accident is at present under coronial inquiry.
- (9.) Insurance Companies :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—Is it a fact that the Victorian Government have appointed a Royal Commission to inquire into the methods of insurance companies in Victoria; and, if so, will he take steps to appoint a similar Commission in this State?
- Mr. Wade answered,—I have no knowledge of the appointment of such a tribunal by the Government of Victoria.
- (10.) Gaming and Betting Advisory Board :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his answer to Question asked by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, on 15th October, that Messrs. Betts, Britten, Frazer, Garratt, and Mitchell were appointed an Advisory Board under the Gaming and Betting Act, and that their powers were indicated by that Act, is it a fact that some of the members of that Board hold positions in connection with racing clubs, having the rights of appeal to the Minister, who would have to consult them as an Advisory Board on matters on which they would be directly interested; and will he take steps to remove from the Board members so interested?
- Mr. Wood answered,—There is no present intention to remove any member of the Advisory Board. They are all thoroughly qualified and desirable men.
- (11.) Luddenham Water Reserve :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Downes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that three cesspits, in connection with the public school, Luddenham, are on the catchment area of the Luddenham Water Reserve, on which a large dam has recently been constructed?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Nepean Shire Council, in whom the water reserve is vested, has made repeated applications to the Department of Public Instruction to abolish these cesspits?
 - (3.) Does the Board of Health refuse to allow cesspits on dairy farms in the Luddenham District, on pain of forfeiture of registration?
 - (4.) In spite of their general regulation in dairying districts, has the Board of Health sanctioned the continuance of these cesspits on the catchment area of the only water reserve in the district?
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Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) These cesspits are 110 yards from the dam.
- (2.) Applications have been received as stated ; but action is deferred pending the establishment of a local sanitary system by the Shire Council. If it can be shown that the school cesspits are likely to contribute, in the remotest degree, to the pollution of the water in the dam a change will be made ; but it would appear that the water is more likely to be affected by the stock which has been allowed to run on the fenced area than by the school cesspits.
- (3.) Cesspits are not allowed on registered dairy premises wherever situated.
- (4.) No ; but the difficulties in the way of substituting a pail service at the public school in this village have been brought to the Honorable Member's notice.

(12.) Confiscation of Fishermen's Nets, Kuring-gai Chase :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in March last the President of the Kuring-gai Chase Trust had the dwelling and part of the property of two fishermen named Garton burned ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on 15th October at his instigation, the net of these fishermen was seized, and they were thus deprived of their means of livelihood, and that although the case against them was dismissed, their net has not been returned though the men have demanded it from the inspector who seized it ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Fisheries Board decided that if the evidence of the fishermen should, on investigation, be found correct, they would recommend compensation be made them ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the magistrate stated in dismissing the information against the fishermen that perjury had been committed on one side or the other ?
- (5.) Will he have a commission appointed to investigate into the conduct of Fisheries Inspectors Newton and Latia in regard to this matter, and into the matter generally ?

Mr. Wood answered,—I received the papers in the matter of the charges against these fishermen yesterday, and steps are being taken to fully investigate this case.

(13.) Pony Race Meetings :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his answers to Questions by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards on the 27th November, regarding pony-racing meetings,—

- (1.) Was the Advisory Board consulted in regard to the substitution of an additional racing day at Rosebery Park Pony Course on the 28th November, and how many members of the Board are connected with the Pony Association clubs ?
- (2.) Is it not definitely set out in clause 2 of the Gaming and Betting Act, to which he referred that in regard to pony-racing there shall be a condition as to the height of any horse eligible to compete, as distinct from the conditions of horse-racing courses ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, at the weekly meetings on metropolitan pony courses, numbers of races are run and described as for all horses, and is not that a distinct breach of the conditions of that portion of clause 2 of the Gaming and Betting Act, which sets out as follows :—" Meeting for pony racing, means any meeting at which the conditions of any race includes any conditions as to the height of any horse, mare, or gelding eligible to compete therein " ; and, if so, will he take steps to enforce the provisions of the Act ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that of the seven races run at Rosebery Park on the 28th November, four—the Flying, Novice, Rosebery Handicap, and Trial Stakes—were run without any conditions as to height ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) No. It was not necessary under the law to do so.
- (2.) No. The text of the clause is shown in the Honorable Member's next Question.
- (3 and 4.) I understand that races have been run as indicated. In any case, the animals racing on pony-courses are subject to the restrictions governing racing in New South Wales. Any infraction of the Act will be duly dealt with ; but I am at present unaware of any breach.

(14.) Hetton Colliery Workings under the Sea :—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Burgess, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How much covering is there over the seam now being worked by the Hetton Coal Company, including water, sand, clay, and rock ?
- (2.) Is it a fact they have not 90 feet of solid covering ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Stockton Coal Company have had to abandon their pit in accordance with a decision arrived at by the inspector to the effect that they had not sufficient covering ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the inspector's report stated that 120 feet of covering was necessary to ensure the safety of the lives of those working in the pit ?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the further these mines work out to sea the less covering there is on the coal ?
- (6.) Will he call upon the Inspector of Collieries to insist upon the manager of the Hetton Coal Company putting a bore through from below to ascertain the true covering ?
- (7.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the reports of the inspectors, and of Mr. Thomas, Government surveyor, in connection with the Hetton Colliery ?
- (8.) What was the covering in the Newcastle, Stockton, and Seapit Coal Companies collieries when they were declared unsafe ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) The depth of water in the ocean over the leases worked by the Hetton Coal Company varies from 0 to 93 feet, and the thickness of sand, clay, and rock varies from 121 to 223 feet, according to Mr. Mining Surveyor Thomas's last survey.
- (2.) As stated above, the least thickness of sand, clay, and rock is 121 feet between the coal seam and the bed of the ocean, but it cannot be stated with precision what is the exact thickness of the solid cover.
- (3.) Yes.

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- (4.) After careful consideration of this question by several officers of the Department, the Minister decided that it was advisable, in the interests of safety, that the workings under the ocean should be stopped when they reached a point at which there was not less than 120 feet of solid covering between the top of the seam being worked and the bed of the ocean.
- (5.) There being a gentle slope of the ocean bed out to sea, apart from local undulations, which are occasionally found in the seam, it is a fact that the further these mines work out to sea the less cover there is on the coal.
- (6.) The inspector has not power to compel the manager of Hetton Colliery to put a bore more than 30 feet above the seam, but this Department has suggested that such a bore should be put up for a distance of 120 feet, and has offered to share the cost of it with the Hetton Company. To the present time, however, the company have declined to agree to the proposal.
- (7.) I see no good purpose to be served, as the matter is receiving the attention of the Chief Inspector of Collieries.
- (8.) The thickness of covering between the coal seam and the bottom of the ocean, in the case of the Newcastle and Seapit Coal Companies when the ocean workings ceased, was 120 feet, as agreed between the proprietors and this Department. They were, however, never declared unsafe. The thickness of cover in the case of Stockton Colliery amounted to about 80 feet of rock and 150 feet of alluvial deposits.
- (15.) Compilation of Map of New South Wales :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What was the cost of compilation and preparation of the original copy of the map of New South Wales published in nine sheets by the Lands Department?
 - (2.) How many years were occupied in its compilation and preparation?
 - (3.) How many draftsmen were employed on it, and for what periods?
 - (4.) How many copies were published, and what was the cost of publication?
 - (5.) How many copies of this map were sold, and what is the total amount realised from such sales?
 - (6.) What was the cost of reproducing this map on the smaller scale of 16 miles to an inch?
 - (7.) How many draftsmen were employed in the reduction, and for what periods?
 - (8.) Who was the draftsman employed to draw the map on stone, and what amount was paid to him for that purpose, and how many years did this work occupy?
 - (9.) How many copies of this edition were published, and at what price is it sold?
 - (10.) What is the total amount realised to date from the sale of this map?
 - (11.) What was the cost on each edition per map for mounting on rollers and varnishing ready for hanging?
 - (12.) Taking into consideration the total amount of money spent in salaries in connection with these two publications for compilation, drawing original maps, reductions, revisions, superintendence, material, and printing, has there been a loss or profit on the whole transaction; if so, what amount?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—The information will take a considerable time to prepare, and should be moved for in the form of a return.
2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL** :—*Mr. McGowen* presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Redfern, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
Petition received.
3. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow :—
- (1.) Sydney Bethel Union Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy.*]
 - (2.) Servants Registry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
4. **PAPER** :—*Mr. Lee* laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board setting forth the reason for departure from the prescribed scale of increments provided for in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in regard to the salary of *Mr. John Cowley Try*, Engineering Draftsman, Department of Public Works.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** :—
- (1.) *Railway from Kyogle to Coraki, via Casino* :—*Mr. Lee* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Deviation of Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank* :—*Mr. Lee* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed deviation of the Great Western Railway line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, Section "B," as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. **GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DEVIATION (LITHGOW ZIGZAG—2ND SECTION) BILL** :—*Mr. Lee* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, Section "B"; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

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7. **KYOGLE TO CASINO RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, 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 Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

8. **SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney; for the suspension in the said City of certain Acts relating to land tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depots; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 provide for the making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney; for the suspension in the said City of certain Acts relating to land tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depots; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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9. **REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICES BILL**:—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department, Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the completion of Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department, Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the completion of Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department at Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. **COWRA TO CANOWINDRA RAILWAY BILL**:—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

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- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA TRAMWAY BILL:—
(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; 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, 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 tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
12. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
(1.) Kyogle to Casino Railway Bill:—
HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 40.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
State Government House,
Sydney, 10th November, 1908.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
(2.) Great Western Railway Deviation (Lithgow Zigzag—2nd Section) Bill:—
HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 41.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line, to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank "Section B"; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.
State Government House,
Sydney, 24th November, 1908.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
13. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—MONDAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Lee, on behalf of Mr. Wade, moved pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Monday in each week, and that Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on that day.
Question put and passed.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge over Newey Creek, near Macksville:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When was the request (if any) made to his Department for the construction of a bridge over Newey Creek, near Macksville?
 - (2.) Has anything been done in the matter?
 - (3.) As the proposed bridge would do away with the necessity for one of the ferries at Macksville, and would make a short and continuous road to Nambucca Heads, will he consider the advisability of erecting a bridge or of assisting the local Shire Council to do so?
 - (4.) Will he consider a proposal that a bridge over Newey Creek should consist of a dam with flood-gates to keep back the flow of salt water?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) On 17th August last.
 - (2.) Yes; reports have been made by the district works officer on the proposal.
 - (3.) The question is under consideration.
 - (4.) This being a later proposal, before a decision can be arrived at, a further examination of the locality with survey and borings will be required.
- (2.) Redfern Railway Tunnel:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Redfern tunnel is, owing to its being so contracted, the cause of considerable inconvenience and delay in working the railway traffic; if so, will he represent to the Commissioners the necessity for taking immediate steps for its being widened?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—This matter is already engaging the serious consideration of the Chief Commissioner.
- (3.) Council Clerk, South Shoalhaven:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that an opinion was given by the Crown Solicitor advising that no prosecution be instituted against the late Council Clerk of the South Shoalhaven Municipality; if so, at whose request such opinion was given?

Mr. Wade answered,—Is it not correct to say that the Crown Solicitor advised that no prosecution should be instituted.

- (4.) Civil Service Pensions:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—Referring to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for Belmore on Wednesday last regarding Civil Service pensions,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, if full payment of abatement be not made within a specified period of three years, the pension, less abatement due, must go on for an "interminable period"?
 - (2.) Will he, as a matter of equity, and in the interests of the old officers retired in the years 1895 and 1896, submit the intentions of the Legislature of the then day to the highest legal (but not Departmental) authorities as to whether the retired officers referred to were to be penalised to the end of their days by monthly deductions from their pension?
 - (3.) Of the officers retired in year 1896, and then over 60 years of age, will he, if not at once, lay upon the Table a return during the week, giving the following information:—(a) The names of officers retired; (b) the amount of pension upon which they were retired, specifying the amount of abatement (if any) which they were called upon to pay; and (c) the total amount paid by them in the way of abatements up to the end of October, 1908?

3rd December, 1908.

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to previous replies given by me to Questions asked by him on this subject, especially to that of the 10th April last showing that it was entirely in an officer's own option which course he would adopt in regard to his abatement.
- (2.) I see no reason for taking such an unusual step.
- (3.) As some time would be occupied in preparing such a return, it should be moved for in the usual way.

(5.) Bureau of Microbiology :—Mr. Es'ell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has a Bureau of Microbiology been recently established?
- (2.) If so, has it been established by any statutory authority, and when?
- (3.) Who is the Director of the Department, and at what salary was he appointed?
- (4.) Is it a fact that such a Department already exists under the Central Board of Health, and a smaller one under the Department of Agriculture?
- (5.) What reason is there for the creation of this new Department?
- (6.) On whose recommendation has it been established?
- (7.) What is its estimated annual expenditure, and how is the expenditure provided?
- (8.) By which State Department is the new Bureau controlled?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No statutory authority is required.
- (3.) Dr. Tidswell; £1,000 a year.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The necessities of the several Departments demanded it. The creation of a central Department is a better and more economical arrangement than having a number of small sub-Departments doing the work required of this Department.
- (6.) The establishment was decided upon by the Government; several Ministers being immediately concerned with its creation.
- (7.) The proposed Vote for this year is £3,325. The Vote is on the Estimates in-Chief for the current year.
- (8.) The Department is under the control of the Chief Secretary.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Lease No. 1907-5, portions Nos. 2, 21, 22, and 32, parish of Bowerabine, and portion 4, parish of Gonowlia, county of Nicholson, Land District of Hay, applied for by Edward Augustine Mitchell, shall cease to be voidable.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 157E and 25S, under the Crown Lands Acts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; to bring certain persons appointed under that Act under the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

4. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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 an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

5. COWRA TO CANOWINDRA RAILWAY 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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA TRAMWAY 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

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3rd December, 1908.

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 without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

8. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DEVIATION (LITHGOW ZIGZAG, "SECTION B") BILL :—

- (1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, Section "B"; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, Section "B"; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, "Section B"; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. KYOGLE TO CASINO RAILWAY BILL :—

- (1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. MINIMUM WAGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hogue 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. Hogue, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

11. LONG BAY DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE BILL :—

- (1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

And

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1908, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The Temporary 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 a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

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OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met at Two o'clock p.m. pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PRISONERS DETENTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No 42.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the detention and cure of prisoners suffering from certain diseases; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1908.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Newcastle Technical College:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that a considerable time must elapse before permanent additions can be made to the Newcastle Technical College; if so, will he give instructions for the immediate carrying out of suggested temporary alterations, so as to provide at the beginning of next term for the accommodation of applicants for admission to the engineering classes?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Some time must elapse before permanent additions can be erected. The question of making temporary alterations is receiving attention, with the object of making such provision as will be required at the commencement of the term in February, 1909.

(2.) Morgue and Retaining-wall, Newcastle Hospital:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the morgue and retaining-wall, Newcastle Hospital?

Mr. Lee answered,—Probably on the 16th instant, but certainly by the 23rd idem.

(3.) Officers of Pilot Steamer "Ajax":—Mr. Gilbert asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he received the decision of the Public Service Board with regard to the representations made by the officers of the pilot steamer "Ajax" on 16th July last?

(2.) If so, will he state the nature of the decision?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I have received the decision of the Public Service Board with regard to the representations made by the officers of the pilot steamer "Ajax" on the 16th July last that their salaries should be increased.

(2.) The Board could not see their way to increase the salaries of these officers, but increased their victualling allowance from 2s. to 3s. per day whilst the "Ajax" is undergoing her half-yearly overhaul in Sydney, and the officers concerned were notified to that effect on the 20th October last. The Board also received various requests from the seamen and firemen of that vessel in connection with their official duty, and made certain recommendations in respect thereof. The Board decided to accede to their request that a relieving man should be put on when a fireman is away on annual leave.

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- (4.) Access to Flemington Railway Platform :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Is it a fact that the residents of the Homebush District, more especially those living at Flemington, suffer much inconvenience owing to there being no access to the railway station, except through the cattle sale-yards, the gates of which are locked at night; if so, will he, in laying out the lately-acquired Wentworth Estate, consider the advisableness of removing the sale-yards to that part of the district which has been resumed for abattoir purposes?

Mr. Lee answered,—I understand some such inconvenience does exist, but the question of removing the sale-yards involves many interests and would necessitate large cost; it cannot, therefore, be determined at present.

- (5.) Prosecution of Messrs. Garton for Breach of Fisheries Act:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Peters, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the recent proceedings at the Water Police Court, Sydney, by Inspector Benson against Messrs. Samuel and Edward Garton for a breach of the Fisheries Act, Mr. Fanning, a member of the Board of Fisheries, attended the Court and gave evidence on behalf of the accused?

(2.) Is it a fact that, before this prosecution was authorised by the Board, the report of the inspectors and all papers relating to the matter were laid before, and read and considered, by the Board?

(3.) Was Mr. Fanning present at such Board meeting?

(4.) Is it a fact that, after the prosecution had been authorised by the Board, and before the hearing of the case, Mr. Fanning attended at the place where the alleged offence was committed, and interviewed the accused concerning the matter?

(5.) Does he approve of such action on the part of Mr. Fanning?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Stipendiary Magistrate who heard the charge stated that perjury had been committed by someone; if so, will he cause a full inquiry to be made into all the circumstances of the case?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) I have not yet seen any explanation from Mr. Fanning.

(6.) Yes. Steps have been taken with a view to an inquiry being made.

3. FORESHORE AREAS OF SYDNEY HARBOUR—MATTER OF URGENCY :—Mr. Arthur Griffith proceeding to move, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 2 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to day, in reference to the necessity for the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the whole question of foreshore resummptions in Sydney Harbour before such action shall have become impossible,—

Point of Order :—Mr. Wood drew attention to a motion of urgency moved by the Honorable Member for King, Mr. Broughton, on 13th October last to enable the House to discuss a motion then in his name for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the resumption of the foreshore areas of Sydney Harbour, and submitted that the motion now proposed to be moved by the Honorable Member for Sturt was out of order as being the same in substance as that moved by Mr. Broughton and negatived on 13th October last.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said undoubtedly the two motions referred to would raise the same debate, and to all intents and purposes were practically the same. A few weeks ago the Honorable Member for King moved an urgency motion to get at his Notice of Motion; the House negatived that proposal, and now the Honorable Member for Sturt proposed an urgency motion to get at the notice of motion on the Business Paper in his name, which would raise the same debate as the Honorable Member for King sought to raise. He, therefore, ruled that the two urgency motions were identical and that the motion of the Honorable Member for Sturt was out of order.

4. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICES 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 sanction the completion of office accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department at Chancery square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or 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 sanction the completion of office accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department at Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th December, 1908

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5. SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA TRAMWAY 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 sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; 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 sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 4th December, 1908.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lismore Church Lands Bill postponed until Monday next.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Saint James' Parsonage Lands Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of certain lands originally granted upon trust for the erection of a clergyman's dwelling-house in connection with the parish of Saint James, in the City of Sydney, to mortgage the said lands for the purpose of erecting upon another site a dwelling-house for the clergyman licensed to officiate in the said parish; to amend the Saint James' Parsonage Land Leasing Act; to authorise the application of the rents and profits of the said lands towards the payment off of the said mortgage; and to other parochial purposes not authorised by the said 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, 4th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

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

(2.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts and under the Act 44 Vic. No. 19, into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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, 4th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th December, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Omit "January" insert "February"*

Page 2, clause 3, lines 15 and 16. *Omit "in respect of which before or after the commencement of " this Act a forfeiture has not been incurred, or, if incurred, has been waived " insert " not liable to forfeiture "*

Page 2, clause 3, line 27. *After " Act " insert " Any balance of the said deposit shall be paid by " the applicant within one month after he has been called upon to do so, otherwise the " Minister may declare that the application has lapsed, and any moneys paid therewith " shall thereupon be forfeited to His Majesty.*

" With any application for a conversion of a homestead grant there shall be " forwarded a surrender of such grant to the Crown. Such surrender shall be in the " form prescribed "

Page 2, clause 3, line 29. *Omit " under " insert " which is subject to a "*

Page 3, clause 3, line 3. *Omit " immediately prior to the application for conversion " insert " up " to and immediately preceding the date of such confirmation: Provided that the period of " any lawful exemption or relaxation shall be reckoned in such term of continuous " residence "*

Page 3, clause 3, line 10. *After " paid " insert " Provided, however, that it shall be lawful for the " conditional purchaser to pay off the whole or any portion of such instalment, and upon " payment of the whole of the purchase money and interest to have issued to him a grant " at any time after the other conditions attaching to the conditional purchase have been " fulfilled "*

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- Page 3, clause 4, line 35. *After* "grant" *insert* "If after reference by the Minister the applicant is dissatisfied with the appraisalment of the board, he may within one month after such appraisalment withdraw his application for conversion upon payment of costs as assessed by the board, and thereupon the surrender of the homestead grant shall be inoperative, and shall be delivered up to the applicant or any person entitled thereto"
- Page 3, clause 5, lines 41 to 43. *Omit* "in respect of which before or after the commencement of this Act a forfeiture has not been incurred, or, if incurred, has been waived" *insert* "not liable to forfeiture"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 21. *After* "not" *insert* "with the other lands so held by applicant"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 31. *Before* "he" *insert* "or as to the capital value thereof,"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 38. *After* "Board" *insert* "On such confirmation the settlement lease shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Crown unless the application for conversion is withdrawn as hereinbefore provided"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 28. *After* "lease" *insert* "but shall be subject to appraisalment in respect of each succeeding term of ten years or portion thereof"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 32. *After* "purchases" *insert* "and any other land held by the applicant under any tenure other than annual tenure"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 38. *After* "and" *insert* "the area of such original and additional conditional purchases"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 43. *After* "holding" *insert* "and any other land held by the applicant under any tenure other than annual tenure"
- Page 6, clause 7, lines 10 to 19. *Omit* "such sum as would at two and a half per centum produce the annual rent payable on the settlement lease at the date of application for such conversion :
 "Provided that the applicant may, upon lodgment of his application for conversion as aforesaid, request, or the Minister may within three months after the lodgment of such application direct that the capital value shall be determined by the board subject to the provisions of section six of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, and in such case the capital value so determined shall be the price of a conditional purchase or additional conditional purchase" *insert* the following new paragraphs :—
- (a) The capital value of the land comprised in the settlement lease as may have been determined by the board, or, if not so determined, such capital value as may have been notified in the *Gazette* notice setting apart the land for settlement lease, or
 - (b) If not so determined or notified, or if the Minister or the applicant is dissatisfied with the value as so determined or notified, such sum as the Minister, and the applicant for conversion agree to, or failing such agreement within the time prescribed, such sum as the board may determine on reference by the Minister or on application by the applicant for conversion.
- Page 6, clause 8, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "immediately prior to his application for such conversion" *insert* "up to and immediately preceding the date of confirmation"
- Page 7, clause 10, line 9. *Omit* "immediately prior to" *insert* "up to and immediately preceding"
- Page 8, clause 11. *After* subsection (3) *insert* the following new subsection :—
- (4) If the land is wholly or in part within a travelling stock reserve, a camping reserve or a water reserve, particulars of the application, and of the time and place appointed for the board's inquiry, shall be notified in the *Gazette*, and attention shall be invited thereto by advertisement in a local newspaper not less than fourteen days before the holding of the said inquiry.
- Page 12, clause 22, line 7. *After* "lands" *insert* "(other than lands exempt from conditional purchase or within areas set apart for a different class of holding)"
- Page 14, clause 25, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "an original conditional purchase or conditional purchase lease or homestead selection or settlement lease" *insert*—
- (a) an original conditional purchase (other than an original conditional purchase into which a conditional purchase lease applied for prior to the commencement of this Act may be converted), or
 - (b) a conditional purchase lease, or
 - (c) a special conditional purchase lease, or
 - (d) a homestead selection, or
 - (e) a settlement lease"
- Page 14, clause 25, lines 38 to 41. *Omit* "Regulations may be made prescribing under what circumstances and conditions the Minister may consent to a mortgage to a person who comes within paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of the last preceding subsection"
- Page 15, clause 25, line 9. *After* "family" *insert* "and the Minister may consent to a transfer of the land under this section before the expiration of the said period of residence"
- Page 15, clause 25. *Omit* subsection (4).
- Page 16, clause 25. At end of clause *add* "Provided that notwithstanding anything in this Act or the Principal Acts to the contrary, where any land held under any tenure mentioned in this section has been held in continuous possession for not less than twenty-one years by any person who has fulfilled all the conditions of his tenure he shall be entitled to a certificate to that effect and thereupon all restrictions upon transfer contained in any of the said Acts shall forthwith cease to operate. For this purpose the word 'person' shall be deemed to include not only the original holder but also his widow or direct descendant holding in succession to him.
 "Provided further that nothing in this section shall apply to any additional conditional purchase taken up by virtue of a conditional lease held at the commencement of this Act."

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- Page 17, clause 27, line 15. *After* "lease" *insert* "or conditional purchase lease"
 Page 17, clause 27, line 24. *After* "settlement" *insert* "or conditional purchase"
 Page 17, clause 27, line 28. *After* "settlement" *insert* "or conditional purchase"
 Page 17, clause 27, line 30. *After* "lease" *insert* "or conditional purchase lease"
 Page 17, clause 27, line 39. *After* "lease" *insert* "or conditional purchase lease"
 Page 17, clause 27, line 41. *After* "lease" *insert* "or an additional conditional purchase lease"
 Page 17, clause 27, line 43. *After* "lease" *insert* "or conditional purchase lease"
 Page 18, clause 30, line 37. *Omit* "two"; *insert* "three"
 Page 19, clause 31, line 7. *After* "adverse" *insert* "or excusable"
 Page 22, clause 43, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "such regulations upon being published in the Gazette shall be good and valid in law"

Page 22. At end of clause 43 *add* the following new clause :—

All regulations so made shall—

- (i) be published in the *Gazette* ;
 (ii) take effect from the date of publication, or from a later date to be specified in such regulations ; and
 (iii) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within seven days after publication if Parliament is in Session, and, if not, then within seven days after the commencement of the next Session.

Regulations to be published.

But if either House of the Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

- Page 24, Schedule, line 27. *After* "form" *insert* "and the land the subject of such modification shall be unavailable for any other application"
 Page 24, Schedule, line 30. *After* "declaration" *insert* "or consent"
 Page 24, Schedule, line 33. *After* "declaration" *insert* "or consent"
 Page 24, Schedule, line 37. *Omit* "more or"
 Page 25, Schedule, line 14. *Omit* "approved" *insert* "approval"
 Page 26, Schedule, line 36. *Before* "The" *insert* "After the first word 'selection' in section " twenty-seven the following words are inserted 'unless in the opinion of the Board a " larger area is required for the maintenance of a home thereon in average seasons and " circumstances in which case a home maintenance area may be granted by the Board "'
 Page 26, Schedule, line 40. *After* "word" *insert* "s"
 Page 26, Schedule, line 40. *After* "word" *insert* "up to and"
 Page 26, Schedule, line 40. *Omit* "is" *insert* "are"
 Page 27, Schedule. *Before* line 5 *insert*—

Crown Lands Act of 1895.	40	The words "special conditional purchase leases" are added after the words "conditional purchase leases"
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Page 27, Schedule. *After* line 17 *insert*—

Crown Lands Act of 1895.	41	The words "or holds under any tenure other than annual " tenure" are added after the word "owns" The words "or held under any such tenure" are added after the word "owned" The words "lands granted in fee-simple or conditionally " purchased or conditionally leased from the Crown shall " alone be taken into account" are omitted, and the words "the maximum area of a conditional purchase " lease shall be deemed to be the same as that permitted " to a conditional purchase, or to be the area of the " block applied for should it exceed such maximum area" are substituted therefor.
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Page 27, Schedule. *After* line 40 *insert*—

Crown Lands Act of 1895.	60	The words "or an incapable person" are added after the words "insane patient"
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Page 28, Schedule. *After* line 29 *insert* "The word 'also' is added after the second word " provided "

Page 28, Schedule. *After* line 42 *insert* "The words 'the passing of this Act' are substituted for " the words 'such date'"

Page 29, Schedule, line 19. *After* "word" *add* "s"

Page 29, Schedule, line 19. *After* "a" *insert* "lease under improvement conditions"

Page 29, Schedule, line 19. *Omit* "is" *insert* "are"

Page 29, Schedule, line 20. *After* "improvement" *insert* "lease"

Page 30, Schedule, lines 27 to 29. *Omit* "Paragraph (a) is omitted and the following words substituted therefor :—(a) Land the total area of which does not exceed forty acres" *insert* "The words 'and is not the holder of any land except—(a) town or suburban " land as defined in the Principal Acts; or (b) land held as a tenant from a private " holder' are omitted, and the words 'or under the provisions of section forty-one of the " Crown Lands Act of 1895 as amended by the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908 ' are substituted therefor."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

4th December, 1908.

8. **KYOGLA TO CASINO RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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 Mr. Gilbert, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
9. **"BOTTLE AND GLASS" SUBDIVISION, VAUCLUSE FORESHORE—MATTER OF URGENCY**:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider the following resolution:—"This House is of opinion that the Government should take immediate action with a view to preventing the subdivision sale, advertised for to-morrow, of that portion of the foreshore of Vacluse Bay, known as 'Bottle and Glass' to the end, that this land may be acquired as a public reserve."
Question put.
The House divided.
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ayes, 25.</p> <p>Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. McGowan,
Mr. Hofman,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Price,
Mr. E. M. Clark,</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Noes, 36.</p> <p>Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Davidson,
Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Thomas,
Colonel Ouslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Latimer,</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ayes, 25.</p> <p>Mr. Page,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Macdonell,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Kelly.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Noes, 36.</p> <p>Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Morton,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Taylor.</p> |
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- And so it passed in the negative.
10. **GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DEVIATION (LITHGOW ZIGZAG, "SECTION B") BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
11. **LONG BAY DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE 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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
12. **COWRA TO CANOWINDRA RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Bill read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th December, 1908.

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4th December, 1908.

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13. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The remaining Government Business postponed until Monday next.
14. **PRIVATE HOSPITALS 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Gilbert, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Sir James Graham, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
15. **HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carmichael, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Gilbert, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
16. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-three minutes before Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to prevent soliciting for the purpose of prostitution; to regulate the keeping of opium; to amend the Prisons Act, 1899, the Police Offences Act, 1901, the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, the Poisons Act, 1902, the Vagrancy Act, 1902, the Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1905, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 5th December, 1908.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Goonellebah Public School, near Lismore:—Mr. Hindmarsh asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that cesspits and bad drainage at the Goonellebah Public School, near Lismore, have been the cause of a case of typhoid in that school; and, if so, will instructions be given to abolish cesspits and substitute pans in the whole of the Lismore School District?

Mr. Hogue replied,—I have received a report which shows that only one case of typhoid fever has occurred at Goonellebah, and that this case—whatever its source may have been—did not originate at the public school. As the present W.C.s have been in use for many years, new ones will be constructed; but as Goonellebah is not within a sanitary area cesspits will still be needed. Where Shire Councils provide a sanitary service, cesspits at schools are abolished.

(2.) Luddenham Water Reserve:—Mr. Downes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With reference to the answers to Question No. 11, asked by the Honorable Member for Camden on 2nd instant, does the Board of Health consider it a matter of doubt whether the existence of three cesspits on the catchment area of the Luddenham Water Reserve, within 110 yards of the dam intended for the use of dairy stock in time of drought as well as for other purposes, is "likely to contribute, in the remotest degree," to the pollution of the water in the dam?

(2.) If there is so little risk from the existence of cesspits under the circumstances named, will the Board reconsider the regulation prohibiting the use of a cesspit on a dairy farm, even when such cesspit is a mile away from a milking yard or dairy?

(3.) As the Department of Public Instruction has refused to abolish these cesspits, which are on their premises, until the Nepean Shire Council establishes a local sanitary system, does the Board of Health consider it safe to allow the existing state of affairs to continue indefinitely?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes; the opinion expressed was that the danger of pollution from that source was "extremely remote," and that in any case the water was unfit for drinking unless boiled.

(2.) No such case is known.

(3.) No; the opinion "That cesspits are on all counts objectionable, and that there are special reasons of educative character why they should not be allowed on school premises," has already been communicated to the Honorable Member.

7th December, 1908.

- (3.) Proposed Forestry Bill :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—
 (1.) Has the Royal Commission on Forestry presented their Report to His Excellency the Governor, recommending, *inter alia*, that a Forestry Act be framed and passed?
 (2.) Does he intend, during the recess, to consult his colleagues with a view to frame and present to Parliament during its next Session a Forestry Bill?
 Mr. Wade answered,—(1 and 2.) Yes.

- (4.) Intelligence Department and Immigration :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—
 (1.) What is the total cost per annum of the Intelligence Department; of whom are the clerical and professional staffs composed; and what is the official designation and the remuneration of each?
 (2.) What has been the total cost, during the past three years, to the State for (a) assisted passages granted to immigrants; (b) refunds paid to immigrants who had originally paid their own passage money?
 (3.) What is the total number of persons that have arrived under the auspices of the Intelligence Department; and what is the total amount disbursed by Government in refunds and assisted passages in respect of immigrants and others who have received concessions under "nominated passages"?
 (4.) What is the total cost of all assisted or reduced railway fares granted to immigrants and other newcomers?
 (5.) (a) What is the total cost for the printing and distribution of literature in connection with the Government immigration policy; (b) has any literature been printed in a foreign language?
 Mr. Wade answered,—The information asked for would take some time to prepare, but I will endeavour to obtain it for use during the discussion of the Estimates.

- (5.) Case of W. A. Oakley :—Colonel Onslow asked the Premier,—Under what section of Act 48 Vic. No. 24, was Mr. W. A. Oakley retired from the Civil Service of New South Wales; or, if not under that Act, under what Act was he retired?
 Mr. Wade answered,—The papers in this case do not disclose any further information than that given in the notification of Mr. Oakley's retirement in the *Government Gazette* of 31st July, 1886.

- (6.) Payment of State Income-tax by Commonwealth Public Servants :—Colonel Onslow asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has it been decided by the highest Court of Appeal that the salaries of Commonwealth servants are not liable for State income-tax; if so, is it intended to refund to such servants any sums of money they may have paid as income-tax on their salaries prior to that decision?
 Mr. Waddell answered,—No; in pursuance of the following resolution in this connection, which was carried at the Conference of Premiers, held in Melbourne this year:—"That the States agree to make no refund of any payments before the date of the High Court decision."

- (7.) Civil Service Pensions :—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he state how an officer of the Public Service, who never received the offer of an option, should be treated under the Civil Service Act of 1884, when retiring under clause 55 of that law?
 Mr. Wade answered,—If the Honorable Member will supply me with more definite particulars of the case to which reference is made, I will endeavour to furnish him with the information he desires, provided that no expression of opinion regarding the interpretation of the Act is involved. Such Questions do not come within the scope of those to which a Minister replies.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars, were presented by the Members named :—
 (1.) By Mr. Hoguc—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
 (2.) By Mr. James—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Goulburn.
 Petitions received.

4. KYOGLE TO CASINO RAILWAY 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 7th December, 1908.

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5. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DEVIATION (LITHGOW ZIGZAG, "SECTION B") 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 sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, 'Section B'; and for purposes consequent thereupon or 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 sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, 'Section B'; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1908.*

6. LONG BAY DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1908.*

7. PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir James Graham, read a third time, and passed.

Sir James Graham then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals.*"

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 provide for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1908.*

PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1908.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 2, line 13. *After "nursing" insert "and has passed an examination approved of by the Board of Health"*

Page 4, clause 11, line 27. *After "hospital" insert "licensed for lying-in purposes"*

Page 4, clause 11, line 33. *After "any" insert "such"*

Page 4, clause 12, line 36. *After "hospital" insert "licensed for lying-in purposes"*

Page 5, clause 16, lines 18 and 19. *Omit "on the recommendation of the Board of Health"*

Page 5, clause 18. At end of clause *add "and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within seven days after publication if Parliament is in Session, and if not, then within seven days after the commencement of the next Session."*

Page 5. *After clause 18 insert the following new clause:—*

Any medicines to be dispensed or compounded for use in hospitals as defined under this Act shall be so dispensed or compounded by pharmacists registered under the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales. Medicines dispensed by pharmacists.

Examined,—

JOHN J. COHEN,
Chairman of Committees.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Roman Catholic Diocese of Lismore Church Lands Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Hindmarsh*];—*until To-morrow.*

(2.) Servants Registry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—*until To-morrow.*

(3.) Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Wednesday next.*

7th December, 1908.

9. PAPER :—Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board regarding promotion of Mr. H. M. Blackmore to the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., Cobar.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—COREEN AND BACK PADDOCK PORTIONS OF GUNAMBIL ESTATE :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 37,780 acres 3 roods 20 perches, more or less, of private land situate near Clear Hills and Daysdale, being the Coreen and Back Paddock portions of the Gunambil Estate partly within and partly without the 15-mile limit of the approved line of railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, covered by proclamations of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 3rd June, 1908, together with any improvements thereon.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lea,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cohen,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. David Storey,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Charlton,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Mechan,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Doolley,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PART OF BROOKONG ESTATE :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 11,996 acres, more or less, of private land situate near Lockhart, being part of the Brookong Estate within the 15-mile limit of the approved line of railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, included within an area covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 3rd June, 1908, together with any improvements thereon.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PARTS OF MUNGERY ESTATE :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 55,250 acres, more or less, of private land situate between Narromine and Peak Hill, being those parts of the Mungery Estate, partly within and partly without the 15-mile limit of the approved line of railway from Narromine to Peak Hill, covered by proclamations of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 15th April, 1908, together with any improvements thereon.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the licensing and regulation of theatres and public halls and places used for public entertainments or public meetings; to license and regulate the holding of public entertainments and public meetings in temporary structures; to repeal the Public Entertainments Act, 1897; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 His 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1908.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) **Railway Rates on Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Beverages:**—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to answers to Questions asked by the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter, on the 24th November, regarding railway rates on beverages,—

(1.) Is it a fact that not only wines the production of this State, but also the production of Victoria and South Australia, enjoy the benefits of a low rate of railway carriage?

(2.) Is it a fact that it has been represented to the Railway Commissioners by one city manufacturer that while the freight from Sydney to Cobar on materials necessary to manufacture six tons of aerated waters would be only 8s. 5d., the freight on that quantity of manufactured waters, with return of empties, would be £19 3s. 6d.; and in what other manufacturing country is such an extreme measure of protection, equal to nearly 5,000 per cent., enforced?

(3.) Is it a fact that ginger wine, if classed as an intoxicant, can be carried from Sydney to Orange for 3d. per dozen under A rates, as against 1s. 11d. per dozen charged when classed as a non-intoxicant; and, if so, why?

(4.) Is it a fact that it has been represented to the Railway Commissioners by the firm referred to that the encouragement of raspberry production in the State would result from reduced railway charges on cordials, and that for each 2-lb. bottle of raspberry essence now used in the manufacture of syrup, 400 lb. weight of the fruit would be required?

(5.) Will he again bring this matter under the favourable notice of the Chief Railway Commissioner, so that, while due consideration might be given to the country manufacturer, the measure of protection given to them will not be made harsh and prohibitive to the city manufacturer?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) In accordance with the spirit of the Federal Constitution, no discrimination is made in regard to rates charged for the conveyance of productions of any State of the Commonwealth.

(2.) It is not known.

(3.) Ginger wine is regarded as a cordial, and is chargeable at second-class rate.

(4.) Such a representation has been made.

(5.) I will be glad to so refer the matter.

- (2.) **Pilliga Scrub—Railway to join Western and North-western Systems:**—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a very large area of the Pilliga Scrub has been taken up for agricultural settlement?

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(2.) Is it a fact that various proposals have been submitted to open up this large tract of country by means of a railway to link up the Western with the North-western Railway systems?

(3.) Will he have an exploration made of the rival routes suggested, with the view of submitting same to the Public Works Committee at an early date for inquiry and report?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I understand land for agricultural settlement has been taken up, but I am not aware to what extent.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I cannot promise to do so at present, as the staff is fully employed.

(3.) Killarney Estate, Narrabri:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received the report from the Northern Advisory Board in regard to the proposed resumption of Killarney Holding, adjoining the township of Narrabri; if so, will he say whether the Board is favourable to such resumption, and what action is it proposed to take in respect to same?

Mr. Moore answered,—A report has been received, but I am not prepared to say at present what its nature is, or what action is proposed to be taken.

(4.) Wages of Tramway Pitmen:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that men employed on the tramways as pitmen, who were formerly paid 8s. 6d. per day, have, since the strike, only been paid 8s. per day?

(2.) If so, will he see that the former rate is restored?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that men who were previously in receipt of 8s. 6d. per day, and for whom there were vacancies at the termination of the strike, received the rate of 8s. 6d. per day. There were, however, a number of pitmen who stood off, and for whom there were no vacancies; but they were employed in other grades, and, as vacancies occurred, they were transferred to pitmen, and paid the minimum rate of 8s. per day. Six men are concerned.

(2.) They will receive an increase to 8s. 6d. per day in less than twelve months if their conduct continues satisfactory.

(5.) Short-distance Horse-races:—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have inquiry made whether races under six furlongs have an injurious and deteriorating effect on horse-breeding, and consider the advisability of amending the law in the direction of prohibiting such races?

Mr. Perry answered,—Perhaps during the recess I may have an opportunity to visit some of the racecourses to which the Honorable Gentleman refers, and of ascertaining what necessity, if any, exists for legislation.

(6.) Railway Street Crossing, Blayney:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the finding of the coroner in reference to the recent Blayney fatality and the rider added that the Commissioner for Railways should provide either a footbridge or subway in Adelaide-street, and that shunting operations should be managed so as to avoid obstructing the railway crossing?

(2.) In view of this finding will he urge upon the Railway Commissioners the necessity of dealing without delay with the condition of the crossing?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Chief Commissioner has advised me that this question is under consideration.

(7.) Public Schools, Ganmain and Grong Grong:—Mr. McGarry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What steps, if any, are being taken towards the construction of new school buildings at Ganmain and Grong Grong?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It is not proposed to erect new buildings at present. Tenders are being invited for improvements to the school at Grong Grong, and the carrying out of necessary repairs at the Ganmain school will receive attention.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—Mr. Thomas presented a Petition from the Glen Innes Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that Petitioners are in favour of raising the age of consent to seventeen years, and are glad to note the introduction of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, and praying the House to amend the Bill in certain particulars.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Town, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Coogee.

(5.) Particulars of Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Act, 1901, from 18th to 25th November, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Old Gnomery Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the establishment and erection of a Technical College at North Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Roman Catholic Diocese of Lismore Church Lands Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Hindmarsh*];—until Thursday next.
 - (2.) Servants Registry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Friday next.
 - (3.) Saint James' Parsonage Lands Amending Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Mahony*];—until Thursday next.
 - (4.) Homing Pigeons Protection Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Carmichael*];—until Thursday next.
 - (5.) Sydney Bethel Union Extension Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy*];—until Thursday next.

6. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING [FORESHORES AREAS OF SYDNEY HARBOUR—MATTER OF URGENCY]:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on 4th December, 1908, to the effect that,—(a) Any refusal of the House to treat a matter as one of "Urgency" at any time in a Session of Parliament precludes it from doing so on any other occasion during the same Session; (b) that a motion asking the House to appoint a Select Committee is practically identical with another motion affirming the desirability of the Government, by an administrative act, appointing a Commission of Inquiry, provided the subject to be investigated is similar in both cases.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Macdonell.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. James,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Colonel Ryrie,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Donaldson,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Fleming,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Taylor.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. CLAIM OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Broughton moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 39 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for To-day in reference to the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Meehan.
Tellers,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Broughton.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. James,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wade,
Colonel Ryrie,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gilbert,
Dr. Arthur.
Tellers,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

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8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PORTION OF BOREE CREEK ESTATE :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended by consent*, That pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing by agreement with the owner an area of 17,000 acres, more or less, of private land situate near Lockhart, being portion of the Boree Creek Estate, included within an area covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 3rd June, 1908, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £3 12s. 6d. per acre.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

9. THE SPIT TO MANLY ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, on the motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

10. HARRIS-STREET TO EVANS-STREET, BALMAIN, ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL :—

- (1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from Harris-street, *via* Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; 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, 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 an electric tramway from Harris-street, *via* Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from Harris-street, via Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

11. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—

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

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; to bring certain persons appointed under that Act under the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; to bring certain persons appointed under that Act under the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902 and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Wood, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(3.) Mr. Wood then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal-mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at five minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

Acto South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Private Wharves on Clarence River:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The number of privately-owned wharves on the banks of the Clarence River?
 - (2.) The number brought within the rental provision recently established?
 - (3.) The highest annual rental charged, and the number of owners who pay it?
 - (4.) The lowest annual rental charged, and the number of owners who pay it?
 - (5.) The total annual amount of all rentals on private wharves on Clarence River banks?
 - (6.) When owners selected or purchased lands with frontages to the river was it clearly understood that the river was the "road" or highway to market?
 - (7.) Are all private wharves throughout the State dealt with in the same way as those on the Clarence?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The Department is aware of 214.
- (3.) £2 16s. charged to one owner only, but not yet paid.
- (4.) 2s. 6d. charged to 147 owners, fifty-nine of which have paid.
- (5.) £62 10s. per annum.
- (6.) Yes, but the Honorable Member's attention is drawn to the provisions of section 141 of the Navigation Act, 1901.
- (7.) All occupations of Crown lands within the State, whether by means of private wharves or otherwise, are required to be legalised. I would refer the Honorable Member to my reply to Question No. 2 of 17th November.

- (2.) Goods Shed, Coff's Harbour Jetty:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the contract for erection of a goods shed at Coff's Harbour jetty been completed?
- (2.) Has the building been handed over by the contractor to the Department, and is it now available for public use?
- (3.) If the work is not yet complete or has not been handed over to the Department what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The shed has been completed, but not the tramway line connecting it with the jetty. It is anticipated the whole work will be finished within a fortnight.

- (3.) Short-distance Horse-races:—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have inquiry made whether races under six furlongs have an injurious and deteriorating effect on horse-breeding, and consider the advisability of amending the law in the direction of prohibiting such races?

Mr. Perry answered,—I will lay the information asked for upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (4.) Public Park, Gloucester:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he urge the district officers to expedite the resumption of an area of land for a public park at Gloucester, to meet the requirements of this district?

Mr. Moore answered,—Report has been received, and the matter is now being considered in conjunction with other similar cases.

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(5.) Manning River Bar:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he yet had time to go into the representations submitted by the Honorable Member for Gloucester in connection with the extension of the southern training-wall for the Manning River; if not, will he take an early opportunity for doing so?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the various insurance companies declined to take the risks of insuring steamers or cargo to the Manning, in consequence of the dangerous state of the bar?
- (3.) In view of the late wreck of the "Kinumber," and the accidents to the tug steamer and other vessels, will he make this an urgent matter for inquiry?
- (4.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the capitalised cost of the dredging will exceed the cost of the completion of the southern training-wall?
- (5.) When does he contemplate visiting the site, as promised to a deputation from the Manning Districts, with a view to personally inspecting the proposed site of the southern wall extension?
- (6.) Is it a fact that owing to the partial character of the work the water is more confined and the entrance to the Manning River rendered more dangerous than formerly?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1 and 3.) This matter will remain in abeyance until the return of the Chief Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply and Drainage.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (4.) The capital cost may, under certain conditions, be equal to the construction of a part but not the whole work.
- (5.) I cannot fix a time at present.
- (6.) The entrance is admitted to be dangerous, but not more so than before the walls were constructed. The northern breakwater, however, having been projected a long distance seawards and no corresponding work carried out on the southern side of the entrance, the lower portion of the river is becoming congested with sand, carried in from the south beach; but a navigable channel is maintained by dredging through the inner shoal.

(6.) Gloucester Cemetery:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the private cemetery at Gloucester will close on the 31st December, and that in consequence of such closure the people of that district will be put to serious loss and inconvenience in having no place for interment?
- (2.) (a) Has his attention been drawn to the conditions imposed by the Gloucester Estate Company in connection with the removal of bodies from the present cemetery; and (b) is it a fact that the Board of Health will not permit the conditions to be complied with?
- (3.) Will he, under the circumstances, make a special case of this matter, and urge on the completion of the resumption with a view to making the public cemetery available on 1st January, 1909?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Representations to this effect have been made to the Department.
- (2.) Yes. It is understood that the regulations of the Department of Public Health governing exhumations render compliance with the conditions impossible.
- (3.) Survey of 10 acres with a view to resumption for cemetery site has been completed, and the notification of resumption will be gazetted on the 16th instant. Action towards making the land available for interments will thereafter be taken as expeditiously as possible.

(7.) Water Supply for Windsor and Richmond:—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received a report from his officers on the Burrell Creek Water Supply for Windsor and Richmond?
- (2.) Can he explain why his officers calculated the rainfall for the supply from the returns of the Hawkesbury College and not from the catchment area some miles distant and at a higher elevation?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the engineers recommended a 22-inch pipe at the head of pipe line to supply a 24-inch at a lower elevation of several hundred feet; what are the reasons for same?
- (4.) Is he satisfied as to the accuracy of the hydraulic engineering knowledge shown by the report?
- (5.) Will he obtain an opinion from a hydraulic engineer of standing in the Water and Sewerage Department as to the value and truthfulness of the report, and lay it upon the Table of this House in fourteen days from date?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The calculations were based on the rainfall recorded at Kurrajong.
- (3.) A 22-inch pipe was recommended for the short distance between the dam and tunnel inlet, because it would suffice to carry the proposed volume with the available head. A 24-inch pipe was proposed for the line from the tunnel outlet to Richmond, because as much head as possible was required at the lower end for the generation of electric power.
- (4.) Mr. Pridham reported on this scheme; he is a very experienced officer.
- (5.) It is not considered necessary to have any further investigation made, as the small catchment area available, even with the high rainfall, would not give sufficient water to warrant such an expensive outlay for irrigation.

(8.) Glen Innes-Inverell and Tenterfield-Casino Railways:—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the reports of the Chief Commissioner for Railways on the proposed lines from Glen Innes to Inverell and Tenterfield to Casino been received?
- (2.) Is it his intention to submit these proposals to Parliament this Session, with a view of having them referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for report; if not, has he any objection to making available the Chief Commissioner's reports on both proposals?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Statutory reports on the railway routes Inverell to Glen Innes, Inverell to Guyra, and Tenterfield to Casino, have been received.

(2.) Neither proposal is sufficiently advanced to permit of Cabinet determination, or reference to the Public Works Committee this Session. There will be no objection to make available the financial portions of the statutory reports.

(9.) Working of Employers Liability Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that great inconvenience is caused to persons who suffer directly or indirectly from the effects of accident, by reason that under the provisions of the Employers Liability Act they are compelled to give notice within six weeks of such accident of intention to proceed for the recovery of damages?

(2.) Is it a fact that though there is a provision whereby application may be made to the Supreme Court for leave to proceed, should a lapse of six weeks take place after accident, this process is so costly that very few of the working classes can take advantage of it?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of altering the law in such manner as to remove reasonable cause for complaint?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware.

(3.) The matter will be considered.

(10.) Men camped on Government Reserve, Mosman :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of respectable men who are camped upon the Government reserve near Mosman are being ordered to quit?

(2.) Are these old men interfering with anyone; if not, why are they ordered off, especially about Christmas time?

Mr. Moore answered,—Notices to remove have been given to persons illegally occupying this area. Indiscriminate occupation of this valuable reserve cannot be permitted, but the Honorable Member may rest assured that none of these persons will be harshly dealt with.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring sinking shafts in connection with mining for gold or other minerals to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Return in connection with retirements from the Civil Service in 1896, showing the amount owing by each person to the Superannuation Fund and afterwards deducted by the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1899. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report by the Chief Inspector of Stock on the effect of short distance races on horse-breeding. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES (PUBLIC WORKS FUND), AND LOAN ESTIMATES, 1908-9 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the following :—

(1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Additional Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the financial year ending 30th June, 1909.(2.) *Public Works Fund*.—Additional Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1908-9.(3.) *Loan Estimates*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other services for the year 1908-9 proposed to be provided for by Loan.*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1908.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood 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. Wood, 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. Wood, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Registrar-General's Offices Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of office accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department at Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 9th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.) Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 9th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(3.) Cowra to Canowindra 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 Cowra to Canowindra ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(4.) Private Hospitals 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 provide for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals.*"

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Great Western Railway Deviation (Lithgow Zigzag, "Section B") Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, 'Section B' ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.)

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(2.) Local Government (Amending) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th December, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "the Hawkers and Pedlers Act, 1901"

Page 2, clause 3, line 27. After "area" insert "except land in the Western Division"

Page 4, clause 8, line 31. After "subsection" add "s"

Page 4, clause 8. After subsection (g) insert the following new subsection :—

(3) For the purposes of this Act "public road" shall include—

- (a) Any road proclaimed or dedicated under any Act dealing with public roads, or under the Crown Lands Acts, or classified as a main road in the *Gazette* of the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and six, or approved by the Council under section ninety-nine of this Act; or any road of which the Council has the care, control, and management under subsection one, paragraphs (1) (e), and (x) of this section, or under sections seventy-four and seventy-eight of this Act;
- (b) Any road left in division or subdivision of Crown lands, or used as a road over Crown lands, and with respect to which a Council signifies its intention to take control, provided the approval of the Secretary for Lands be first obtained;
- (c) Any road left in division or subdivision of private lands, and of which a Council by notice in the *Gazette* signifies its intention to take control, provided that the Council shall, before publishing such notice, serve on the owner of the land comprising the road notice of such intention; and such owner may, as prescribed, appeal within thirty days of such service to a District Court Judge having jurisdiction within the area against the carrying out of such intention. Such Judge may hear and determine such appeal, and make such order as he thinks fit.

Page 5, clause 10, line 1. Omit "section is" insert "sections are"

Page 5, clause 10. At end of clause add the following new subsection :—

75B. A council shall, in respect of any public road or part of a public road in its area, have the right to lodge a caveat against the bringing of such road or part of a road under the provisions of the Real Property Act, 1900.

Page 5, clause 11, line 10. After "by" insert "omitting 'subsection' in subsection two and substituting 'section' and by"

Page 5, clause 12, line 15. After "amended" insert "by inserting after the words 'may cause' 'notice' the words 'to be served on the owner or on the person causing such encroachment' 'or obstruction and'; and"

Page 5, clause 12, line 18. After "post" insert "steps, awning, or verandah or post supporting any awning or verandah"

Page 6, line 4. Omit "15" insert "(3)"

Page 6, clause 19, lines 38 and 39. Omit "in subsection five, by inserting after the word 'sheep' the words 'horses, mules, asses, camels, and goats'" insert—

- (a) In subsection one, after the words 'control within' by inserting the words 'or 'outside'; and
- (b) In subsection three, after 'as aforesaid' by omitting words 'in an area,' and inserting the words 'or when any council has in conjunction with any other council 'jointly established an abattoir'; and after 'exposure for sale within the area,' by inserting the words 'of any such councils'; and
- (c) In subsection five, by inserting after the word 'sheep' the words 'horses, mules, 'asses, camels, and goats'

Page 7, clause 21, line 26. Omit "sections are" insert "section is"

Page 7, clause 21. Omit subsection 115 (a).

Page 7, clause 21, line 35. After "council" add the following proviso :—"Provided that sections thirteen and fourteen of the said Act shall apply within the area, and in so applying such sections the words 'the Local Government Act, 1906, and any ordinances thereunder, so far as they relate to public vehicles,' shall be read for the words, 'this Act, and the words, 'the ordinances under the said Act' shall be read for the words, 'the last preceding section'"

Page 8, clause 23. After subsection (a) insert the following new subsection :—

In subsection three, after the word "held," in line one, insert the words, "for pastoral or agricultural purposes."

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Page 10, clause 26. *After* subsection (c) *insert* the following new subsection :—

By adding a new subsection six as follows :—

Notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and forty-six in any action for the recovery of rates made before the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and nine, the defence that the land was not ratable may be raised.

Page 11, clause 27, line 7. *After* "taxes" *insert* "whether under those designations or under any words of description which would include municipal or local government taxes"

Page 11, clause 27, line 20. *After* "made" *insert* "on the application of any person interested in such agreement and shall be"

Page 11, clause 27, line 26. *Omit* "The lessor who has made" *insert* "Any person interested in"

Page 11, clause 27, line 26. *Omit* "shall" *insert* "may"

Page 11, clause 27, line 27. *Omit* "lease" *insert* "agreement"

Page 11, clause 27, line 31. *Omit* "in possession of the land rated as"

Page 11, clause 27, line 32. *After* "agreement" *insert* "In the case of rates made after the commencement of this Act"

Page 11, clause 27, line 32. *Omit* "U" *insert* "u"

Page 11, clause 27, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "such lessor notifies"

Page 11, clause 27, line 33. *After* "council" *insert* "be notified"

Page 11, clause 27, line 34. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"

Page 12, clause 27, line 3. *After* "council" *insert* "or to his immediate lessor"

Page 12, clause 27. At end of clause 27 *add*—

"In this subsection the word 'lessor' includes his successors in title.

"(2) Subsection seven of section one hundred and forty-four of the Principal Act is amended by inserting at the end of the subsection the following words :—' All amounts due as rates by the same person may be recovered in one proceeding. Where proceedings are taken by a council in a district court or court of petty sessions to recover any rates, such proceedings may be so taken in any such court for the district in which the land in respect of which the rates are claimed to be due is situate.'

Page 12, clause 28, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "substituting the word 'made' for the word 'levied'" *insert* "omitting the words 'which has levied a' and inserting in their place the words 'over and above the said'"

Page 12, clause 28, line 21. At end of clause *add* "and by inserting after 'roll of ratepayers' the words 'or, if the number on the roll be less than six hundred, then one-sixth of the ratepayers on such roll'"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

(3.) Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the making and levying of rates on the unimproved capital value of land in the City of Sydney; for the suspension in the said City of certain Acts relating to land-tax; to include the Municipality of Camperdown in the said City; to vest in the Council certain lands and certain public places and public institutions; to authorise the Council to establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, museums, and milk depôts; for widening Elizabeth-street and Liverpool-street; for the payment of certain sums by the Council to the Treasury; to authorise the Council to resume certain lands and borrow certain moneys; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Public Health Act, 1902, the Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Act, 1904, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th December, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "public libraries, art galleries, museums, and"

Page 2, clause 3, line 18. *After* "in" *insert* "construing for the purposes of this Part"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 21 to 27. *Omit* "land the property of the Crown, or vested in the University of Sydney or in the colleges thereof, and used by such University or colleges, or any of them, solely for the purposes of education, or vested in the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or in the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, or in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage" *insert*—

"(i) land the property of the Crown; or

"(ii) land, situated within Camperdown Ward, and being or forming part of land now vested in the University of Sydney, or in any college within such University, provided that such land is used for the purposes of education, or for purposes incidental thereto, or connected therewith, and is not under lease from such University, or any such college; or

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- " (iii) land vested in the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or in the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, or in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage "
- Page 3, clause 4, line 3. After " pound " insert " nor more than three pence in the pound "
- Page 3, clause 6, line 39. Omit " each " first occurring insert " any "
- Page 3, clause 6, line 39. Omit " each " second occurring insert " any "
- Page 4, clause 11, line 35. After " levied " insert " unless the property is vested in and under a lease from the Council granted for a term of not less than thirty years in which case the amount of any such rate shall be paid by the lessee from the Council or the person for the time being receiving or entitled to receive the rack rents of the property "
- Page 4, clause 11, line 39. After " taxes " insert " whether under those designations or under any words of description which would include municipal or local government taxes "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 5. After " made " insert " on the application of any person interested in such agreement and shall be "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 11. Omit " The lessor who has made " insert " Any person interested in "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 11. Omit " shall " insert " may "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 12. Omit " lease " insert " agreement "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 16. Omit " in possession of the property rated as "
- Page 5, clause 11, lines 17 and 18. Omit " such lessor notifies "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 18. After " council " insert " be notified "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 19. Omit " such " insert " the "
- Page 5, clause 11, line 32. After " council " insert " or to his immediate lessor "
- Page 6, clause 11. At end of clause add " In this subsection the word 'lessor' includes his successors in title. "
- Page 9, clause 20, lines 1 to 3. Omit " vested in the University of Sydney, or in the colleges thereof, and used by such University or colleges, or any of them, solely for the purposes of education " insert " described in paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) of section three "
- Page 9, clause 22, line 18. Omit " may " insert " shall "
- Page 9, clause 22, line 22. After " land " insert " situated in such ward "
- Page 9, clause 22, line 22. After " yield " insert " approximately "
- Page 9, clause 22, line 23. Omit " situate in such ward to be raised " insert " such money to be applied "
- Page 11, clause 32, lines 23 and 24. Omit " libraries, art galleries, museums, and "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 35. After " Sydney " insert " or for building purposes "
- Page 12, clause 39, line 34. Omit " five " insert " six "

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

(4.) Kyogle to Casino 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 Kyogle to Casino ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,* "—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(5.) Long Bay Disposal of Sewage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled " *An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,* "—returns the same to the Legislative Asssmbly without amendment.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(6.) Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled " *An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904 ; and for other purposes,* "—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1908.

F. F. SUTTON,
President.

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SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 11th December, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 2. *Before* clause 4, *insert* the following new clause:—The provisions of the following six sections shall not come into operation until His Majesty's pleasure thereon has been publicly signified in New South Wales, such pleasure may be so signified by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

(7.) Industrial Disputes Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908; 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,
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President.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th December, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 2; clause 3. *After* paragraph (b) *insert* the following new paragraph:—(c) Section four: The definition of "Employer" after the word "a" occurring the second time in line twenty-four, *insert* the word "director"Page 2, clause 4, lines 35 to 39. *Omit* "No council or solicitor, or agent, who is not or has not been actually and *bonâ fide* engaged in the industry or one of the industries for which the board is to be constituted shall appear in any proceeding dealing with the constitution of a board."Page 6, clause 10. *After* paragraph (b) *insert* the following new paragraph:—

(c) By inserting after "shops" in the industry represented by the board of Shop assistants the words "but not including assistants in the shops of pharmaceutical chemists or in public or private dispensaries."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, on Friday, 11th December, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Pilot Boatmen's Houses, Newcastle :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the proposed pilot boatmen's houses, Newcastle?

Mr. Lee answered,—Early next year.

- (2.) Dorrigo Recreation Reserve :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of Dorrigo Recreation Reserve No. 38,101?

(2.) Did the trustees recently ask that certain land between this reserve and Bielsdown Creek be added to the reserve?

(3.) What was the area sought to be included or added?

(4.) Was the request refused, and for what reasons?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) 14 acres 2 roods.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) About 6 acres.

(4.) Yes. The land in question forms part of a street or roadway which it is considered advisable to retain for the present, as it may be required in connection with the future subdivision of land on the opposite side of the creek.

- (3.) Vineyards in County of Cumberland :—*Mr. Davidson*, for *Mr. Fell*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the ravages of phylloxera, the production of grapes in the county of Cumberland has been reduced from 20,000 tons to 2,000 tons annually?

(2.) What action are the Government taking in respect of the reconstruction of diseased vineyards?

(3.) Is it a fact that four Italian vigneroni have been brought out to work at the viticultural station at Howlong; and why?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No. The production in any one year since 1892 has not exceeded 5,500 tons.

(2.) The Department has already distributed over half-a-million cuttings and rootings of phylloxera-resistant stocks during the last eight years, and is continuing this work.

(3.) No.

- (4.) International Conference on Night-work for Women :—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was an International Conference on the prohibition of night-work for women in industrial employment and other industrial matters held at Berne, Switzerland, in September, 1906?

(2.) Was the Convention signed by the representatives of all the European States present, and did the Secretary of State for the Colonies inquire whether the Government of New South Wales would adhere to the terms of the Convention?

(3.) What reply was sent, and has he any information as to whether the ratification of Article 8 of the Swiss Convention has been deposited with the Swiss Federal Council?

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) This State has already legislated to prevent females under the age of 18 years working between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., except in the case of overtime on certain specified dates in the year. Moreover, the Government contemplates extending the principle of this legislation to all females. As the power of legislation in this direction is unrestricted, the Government is not prepared to signify its adherence to the Convention in its entirety, in the absence of information as to whether overtime is prohibited or in any way permissible under the terms of the Convention. Information upon this subject has been sought from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, but a reply to the questions asked has not been received.

(5.) Compilation of Map of New South Wales :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many years were occupied in the compilation and publication of the map of New South Wales, published in nine sheets by the Lands Department?

(2.) How many years were occupied in reproducing the above map and publishing same on a scale of 16 miles to an inch?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) About ten years.

(2.) The 16-mile map referred to can hardly be classed as a reproduction of the 8 miles (nine-sheet) map. A map on 16 miles to an inch was drawn on stone, the information shown being a reduction of the more important features of the larger compilation, with as much of the written information as could be used on the 16-mile compilation. The time occupied in producing this map was six years.

(6.) Summonses issued under Arbitration Act :—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Stuart-Robertson, asked the Premier,—Is it a fact that a certain number of summonses were issued during 1906, 1907, and 1908, under the now extinct Arbitration Act, for breaches of awards; if so, what chance is there of such being heard this year; if not this year, when will they be heard?

Mr. Wade answered,—I understand that a few summonses of the nature mentioned are now pending, and that, in consequence of the time taken up in the hearing of the Teralba cases under the Royal Commission for the Northern Collieries, no more penalty cases can be heard this year. The Judge states, however, that they will be dealt with without delay after the vacation.

(7.) State Insurance and Pensions :—Mr. Henley asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a desire has been expressed by the Railway and Tramway employees and other State organisations to participate in the benefits of a system of State insurance and pensions, to which the general taxpayer will have to contribute?

(2.) Will he, during recess, consider the expediency of enlarging any proposed scheme, so that the general community may participate as well as contribute to the proposed undertaking?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) I have heard so.

(2.) I shall be better able to answer this Question in the light of further information.

(8.) Public School Holidays—Excursion Trains :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he, in view of the fact that the Chief Commissioner has decided that the excursion trains from the West shall leave country stations during the week ending 18th instant, at once make provision for the closing of public schools in each district, so that teachers may avail themselves of the excursion train in the particular district in which they happen to be located?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It is already the practice to grant leave of absence to teachers wherever it is necessary for this purpose, and should the closing of particular schools be rendered necessary, that step will be taken.

(9.) Date of Payment of December Salaries to Public School Teachers :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he pay the teachers of the State salary in full by the 17th instant—that is, for the month ending 31st December,—so that they may be able to get away to more congenial climates during the vacation?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It has already been decided to do this, and teachers of public schools have been notified in the *Public Instruction Gazette*, and also through the public Press, that their salaries for the whole of December will be paid on 17th instant.

(10.) Invention by Mr. A. R. Angus to prevent Railway Collisions :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. A. R. Angus has written to the Premier, and also to the Chief Railway Commissioner, intimating that he has invented a series of inventions so arranged that no train can, within certain prescribed limits, approach or be approached by another train, and no collision occur?

(2.) Has Mr. Angus requested the Chief Railway Commissioner to test, at the inventor's expense, the first of these inventions under practical working conditions?

(3.) Will he ascertain what steps, if any, have been taken for the prevention of railway collisions, and for the full and proper protection of the public?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the correspondence relating to this matter since 1st October last between Mr. Angus and the Chief Railway Commissioner, and any other correspondence relating thereto?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that letters have been received as stated.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It is the constant care of all railway administrations to prevent collisions and other accidents. The appliances and working arrangements are designed to secure this result.

(4.) Mr. Angus' proposal is under consideration, and no advantage would be gained by laying papers upon the Table at the present time.

(11.)

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- (11.) Superannuation Fund :—Mr. McGowen asked the Premier,—
- (1.) In reference to Mr. McGowen's Question of 10th September, respecting refund of contributions to the Superannuation Fund, will he say what benefit the officers whose contributions have been detained by the New South Wales Government will receive as the result of those contributions?
 - (2.) Under what circumstances is it contemplated to refund the money to the contributors?
 - (3.) If such contributions are not to be returned, what liability is the New South Wales Government under to the contributors?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Ex-contributors to the Superannuation Fund who have been transferred from the State to the Commonwealth Service stand in no better position in respect of such contributions than officers who have remained in the State Service. It is important to remember that ex-contributors are not entitled to refund of their contributions as a matter of course. By the Public Service Act, 1902, no refund is to be made to an officer who leaves the service for an offence. Officers' rights to a refund cannot therefore be determined until their death or retirement. While the money is held by the State Government interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum is allowed upon it.
- (12.) Settlement on Crown Lands :—Dr. Arthur asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What area of Crown lands apart from that set aside under the Closer Settlement Act has been taken up for settlement during the last five years?
 - (2.) What number of settlers have taken up Crown land during the last five years?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) For the five years preceding 1st July, 1908, 11,454,676 acres, including additional holdings.
 - (2.) 10,273.
- (13.) Duties of Porters, Sydney Railway Station :—Mr. John Miller asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Are the Sydney railway porters paid by the Government to assist all classes of the travelling public free of cost?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that travellers arriving at or departing from Sydney station by cabs are well attended to by the said porters?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that travellers arriving at or departing from the said station by the trams have to remove their luggage the best way they can?
 - (4.) Have the porters instructions to wait upon tram travellers the same as upon cab travellers?
 - (5.) If not, why not?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that :—
- (1.) Porters are paid to assist all passengers.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The instances are not similar. There is an immense tram traffic in and out, and passengers do not carry heavy packages. As a rule, persons using cabs do so for the conveyance of luggage, and a special staff is employed to assist them.
 - (4 and 5.) There is no distinction other than in the employment of a special staff for passengers arriving by cabs to join trains.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulation No. 19A, and Additional Form No. 19A, under the Closer Settlement Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending that Mr. C. R. Chapman, Confidential Clerk to the Colonial Treasurer, be granted an increase of salary in excess of that provided for in Regulation No. 149.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return under the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, respecting Liquor Licenses which will cease to exist under the determination of the Special Courts for reduction of licenses; also Return showing number of Votes recorded at the Local Option Voting on 10th September, 1907.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotion of Mr. P. J. Sheridan to the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., Windsor.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(3.) Final Report of the State Valuers of New South Wales regarding Properties transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia, together with Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations under the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902, and the Scaffolding and Lifts (Amending) Act, 1908.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Service Reservoir and Pumping Station at Cessnock.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wood, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wood then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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4. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Saint James' Parsonage Lands Amending Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Mahony*] ;—*until To-morrow*.
 (2.) Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That this Bill be now read a second time" ;—*until Wednesday next*.
5. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1908, A.M.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday,—

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1908.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.

6. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Schedules A to H, Estimates, 1908-1909, Department of Public Works.
 (2.) Schedules A to H, Additional Estimates, 1908-1909, Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.).
 (3.) Schedules Nos. 1 to 6, Estimates, 1908-1909, Department of Public Works (Construction).
 (4.) Schedules Nos. 1 to 6, Additional Estimates, 1908-1909, Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.).
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. **PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals*,"—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 His 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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8. **COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, 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 Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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 Sydney, 15th December, 1908.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
 President.

9. **CLAIMS OF ANDREW RODGERS AGAINST THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS** :—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Claims of Andrew Rodgers against the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners" have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
 Question put and passed.
10. **THE COUPON SYSTEM** :—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "The Coupon System" have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
 Question put and passed.
11. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.
12. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 11th December, 1908, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Industrial Disputes Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 10, which inserts a new paragraph (c),—because a Board has been already constituted for this industry, but the amendment of the Legislative Council will deprive this class of employees of rights which they are actually enjoying under the Principal Act.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 10 of the Bill.

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13. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to some, amended other, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments; and has also amended the Schedule to correct an obvious error.

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

14. THE SPIT TO MANLY ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL:—

(1.) 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 without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; 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 sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1908.

15. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Mr. Lee (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to the Library Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.

Question put and passed.

HARRIS-STREET TO EVANS-STREET, BALMAIN, ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL:—

(1.) 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 without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from Harris-street, via Miller street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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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 an electric tramway from Harris-street, viâ Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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17. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 4th December, 1908, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, line 10, which inserts a new proviso,—but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word "instalment" and inserting the word "instalments."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 7,—but proposes to amend it by omitting from paragraph (b) the words "the board may determine," and inserting the words "shall be determined" by the board, subject to the provisions of section six of the Crown Lands Act of 1889."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 25, which omits paragraph (4),—because such omission will have the effect of rendering nugatory the provisions contained in the preceding paragraphs of the clause, and will enable a person, who, under these provisions, would be disqualified from acquiring a holding by way of absolute transfer, to acquire any number of holdings and effectually hold them for any period, ostensibly, by way of mortgage,—but proposes to amend the paragraph, in line 32, by omitting the word "therefore" and inserting the word "thereupon."

Disagrees to the addition of the first proviso at the end of clause 25,—because to render inoperative any of the restrictions of the clause, especially on the ground of mere possession, without residence or occupation, for any specified term, would to such extent nullify a vital principle of the Bill, which aims at preserving the standard of home maintenance areas in all future alienations of the public estate.

Agrees to the addition of the second proviso at the end of clause 25,—but proposes to amend such proviso by omitting the word "further."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 31,—because the term "excusable" is capable of too wide an interpretation, and the provisions of the clause are reasonably sufficient for all practical purposes.

Disagrees to the amendment in the Schedule, page 26, line 36,—because it is not desirable that the lessees, who may already be the holders of large areas, should have the right to also acquire, as a homestead selection out of their leases, a home maintenance area.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from and amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

The Assembly also requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in an amendment to the Schedule, page 29, line 47, inserting before the word "purchase" the word "conditional,"—to correct an obvious error.

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

- (1.) Registrar-General's Offices Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of office accommodation for the Registrar-General's Department at Chancery-square, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or 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 His 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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(2.) Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla; 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 His 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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(3.) Cowra to Canowindra Railway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cowra to Canowindra; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or 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 His 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, 15th December, 1908.

(4.) Great Western Railway Deviation (Lithgow Zigzag, "Section B") Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zigzag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, 'Section B'; and for purposes consequent thereupon or 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Kyogle to Casino Railway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Kyogle to Casino; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or 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 His 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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(6.) Long Bay Disposal of Sewage Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts; and for purposes consequent thereupon or 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 His 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, 16th December, 1908.

19. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.

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20. MINIMUM WAGE BILL :—

(1.) 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. Hogue (after debate), the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hogue, passed.

Mr. Hogue then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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 provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 17th December, 1908, a.m.

21. THE COUPON SYSTEM :—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Subject was referred on 29th September, 1908; together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

22. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1908.

(2.) Report of the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, for 1907.

(3.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Forbesdale, Nangunia South, Keepit, Booroowool, Gros's Creek, and Upper Orara.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the Municipality of Moss Vale, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(2.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Tuppall Creek Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(3.) By-laws of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

23. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Industrial Disputes Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated the 16th September, 1908, in reference to the Industrial Disputes Amendment Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 16th December, 1908, in reference to the Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

The Legislative Council also agrees to the Legislative Assembly's amendment in the Schedule, page 29, line 47, inserting before the word "purchase" the word "conditional,"—to correct an obvious error.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

3.) Pure Food Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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PURE FOOD BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th December, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *Omit "January" insert "July"*
- Page 4, clause 5, line 27. *After "foods" insert "or drugs"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 36. *After "Sydney" insert "(with the consent of the Senate of the University)"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 37. *Omit "a" insert "The Government"*
- Page 5, clause 7. At end of clause *add* the following new sub-clause:—
(3) The Governor may make regulations relating to the meetings of the committee.
- Page 5, clause 9. At end of clause *add* "who shall however be subject to the provisions of section " twenty-four of the Public Health Act, 1902."
- Page 6, clause 13, line 25. *After "ingredients" insert "and when the mixture is a food the proportions of ingredients when so prescribed"*
- Page 6, clause 13. *After paragraph (c) insert "or ;*
" (d) a mixture supplied by a registered pharmacist for immediate consumption on his premises"
- Page 7, clause 14, line 5. *After "manufacturer" insert "Provided that where such vendor, maker, agent, or owner is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1899, or is a firm having its name registered under the Registration of Firms Act, 1902, the address of such company or firm may be omitted"*
- Page 8, clause 17, line 3. *After "Gazette" insert "and in any newspaper circulating in New South Wales"*
- Page 8, clause 17, line 5. *After "health" insert "or which by reason of its inactivity or inefficiency is useless for the advertised purposes of cure"*
- Page 8, clause 20, lines 34 and 35. *Omit "fifteen or section sixteen or section seventeen" insert "sixteen or section seventeen or section eighteen"*
- Page 8, clause 20, line 38. *After "recommendation" insert "No such report shall be published or prohibition made pending such appeal"*
- Page 9, clause 21. At end of clause *add* the following new subclause:—
(3) The Governor on recommendation of the Board may declare from time to time what are diseases in cattle for purposes of this section.
- Page 9, clause 22, line 16. *After "article" insert "Provided that where such officer is an officer of the board or of a local authority or is a member of the police force he must have the authority in writing of the board or of the local authority or of the Inspector-General of Police, as the case may be. Such authority may be general, or may be limited to a specified place"*
- Page 12, clause 27, line 9. *After "may" insert "on the recommendation of the Board"*
- Page 13, clause 34, line 15. *After "by" insert "the person purchasing or"*
- Page 14, clause 41, line 42. *Omit "thirty" insert "fifty"*
- Page 15, clause 42, line 2. *Omit "fourteen" insert "ten"*
- Page 15, clause 47, line 23. *Omit "June" insert "December"*
- Page 16, clause 47, line 7. *After "1908" insert "with the name of the guarantor inserted as prescribed"*
- Page 18, clause 53, line 36. *After "may" insert "after notice to such supplier"*
- Page 20, clause 56. *Omit clause 56.*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

24. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday,—

THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1908.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1908, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

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The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1908-9.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,232, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1908-9.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1908-9.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,050, for Legislative Council, for the year 1908-9.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,940, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1908-9.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,445, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1908-9.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,138, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1908-9.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,166, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1908-9.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,604, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1908-9.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,548, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1908-9.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,953, for Auditor-General, for the year 1908-9.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,060, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1908-9.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £462,691, for Police, for the year 1908-9.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £155,194, for Lunacy, for the year 1908-9.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,367, for Master-in-Lunacy, for the year 1908-9.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £193, for Medical Board, for the year 1908-9.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,199, for Department of Public Health, for the year 1908-9.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,761, for Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions and Bureau of Statistics, for the year 1908-9.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62,960, for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1908-9.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,134, for Department of Fisheries, for the year 1908-9.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,320, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1908-9.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,325, for Bureau of Micro-Biology, for the year 1908-9.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,819, for Electoral Office, for the year 1908-9.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,954, for Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services, for the year 1908-9.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,488, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,719, for Treasury, for the year 1908-9.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,535, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1908-9.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,783, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1908-9.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1908-9.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1908-9.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74,559, for Government Printer, for the year 1908-9.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,790, for Explosives,

(35.)

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- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,765, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1908-9.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,295, for Navigation, for the year 1908-9.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Australian Coast Lighthouses, for the year 1908-9.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,785, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1908-9.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,307, for Administration of Old-age and Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, for the year 1908-9.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,498, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1908-9.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,198, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1908-9.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140,239, for Stores Supply and Tender Board, for the year 1908-9.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £137,849, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1908-9.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £450,000, in aid of Public Works Fund, for the year 1908-9.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000,000, in aid of Closer Settlement Fund, for the year 1908-9.

No. V.—RAILWAYS.

- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,618,426, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1908-9.

No. VI.—PREMIER.

- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,092, for Premier's Office, for the year 1908-9.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,371, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1908-9.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,600, for Intelligence Department, for the year 1908-9.

No. VII.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- 51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,113, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1908-9.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,631, for The Judges, for the year 1908-9.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,401, for Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce, for the year 1908-9.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,670, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1908-9.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,406, for Registrar-in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1908-9.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,998, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1908-9.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,625, for Sheriff, for the year 1908-9.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,443, for District Courts, for the year 1908-9.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,810, for Coroners, for the year 1908-9.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £88,179, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1908-9.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £88,907, for Prisons, for the year 1908-9.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,648, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1908-9.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,189, for Public Service Board, for the year 1908-9.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,540, for Industrial Court, for the year 1908-9.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,457, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £308,616, for Department of Lands, for the year 1908-9.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,939, for Western Land Board, for the year 1908-9.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,896, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.

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No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85,783, for Establishment, for the year 1908-9.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275,210, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1908-9.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £267,046, for Local Government, for the year 1908-9.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,312, for Labour Bureau, for the year 1908-9.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £153,875, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1908-9.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,855, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1908-9.

No. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,014,664, for Public Instruction, for the year 1908-9.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74,940, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1908-9.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,050, to recoup of amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during previous financial year, under State Children's Relief Act, No. 61, 1901, for the year 1908-9.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,375, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1908-9.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,435, for Observatory, for the year 1908-9.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,113, for Australian Museum, for the year 1908-9.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,153, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1908-9.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,081, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1908-9.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,140, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1908-9.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,163, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1908-9.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,522, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,419, for Department of Mines, for the year 1908-9.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1908-9.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,040, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1908-9.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,310, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.

No. XII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65,042, for Department of Agriculture, for the year 1908-9.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,452, for Stock and Brands Branch (Pastures Protection Act), for the year 1908-9.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,309, for Stock and Brands Branch, for the year 1908-9.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,783, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1908-9.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £899, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1908-9.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,405, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1908-9.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,109, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1908-9.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,137, for Centennial Park, for the year 1908-9.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,035, for Exports and Cold Storage, for the year 1908-9.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,650, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1908-9.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,757, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1908-9.

No. XIII.

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No. XIII.—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1908, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1907-8, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1907-8, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,328 3s. 10d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1907-8, Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. XIV.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1908, FOR URGENT CLAIMS, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEARS 1906-7, AND 1907-8, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £363,898 7s. 10d., for Services of the years 1906-7 and 1907-8.

Public Works Fund.

No. XV.—PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £985,956, for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

Closer Settlement Fund.

No. XVI.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000,000, to provide for the Acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—further sum.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Legislative Council."

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Legislative Assembly."

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Parliamentary Library."

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Parliamentary Reporting Staff."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £113, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Police."

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Department of Public Health."

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £204, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions and Bureau of Statistics."

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Government Asylums for the Infirm."

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services."

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,905, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Treasury."

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £280, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Explosives."

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £305, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Navigation."

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Administration of Old-age and Invalidity and Accident Pensions Act."

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Sydney Harbour Trust."

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £169, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Stores Supply and Tender Board."

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,203, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. V.—RAILWAYS.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Railways—Working Expenses Generally."

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No. VI.—PREMIER.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Premier."

No. VII.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice."

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "The Judges."

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Sheriff."

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Coroners."

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £171, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Petty Sessions."

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £299, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents."

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Industrial Court."

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,201, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Department of Lands."

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,854, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £651, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Establishment."

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,100, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Public Works and Services."

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £174, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Labour Bureau."

No. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,134, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Public Instruction."

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £154, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "State Children Relief Department."

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,625, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Department of Mines."

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. XII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,118, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Department of Agriculture."

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Botanic Gardens."

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge for the year 1908-9 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

Public Works Fund.

No. XV.—PUBLIC WORKS FUND—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,878, for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

For the completion of works already begun under sanction of Parliament from Loan Votes.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £110,010, for Sydney Harbour Trust, towards Construction of Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port—further sum.

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SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £219,425, for Railway Construction; being £17,880 for Manilla to Barraba—further sum; £5,000 for Temora to Barellan—further sum; £72,362 for Mudgee to Dunedoo Railway—further sum; £24,183 for Belmore-Chapel Road Railway—further sum; £100,000 for North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton)—further sum.
- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £104,800, for Tramway Construction—Tramways generally.
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £70,300, for Sewerage Construction; being £300 for Stanmore Road Stormwater Channel—further sum; £25,000 for Newcastle Sewerage—further sum; £15,000 for Parramatta Sewerage—further sum; £10,000 for Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally—further sum; £20,000 for Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally—further sum.
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £273,000, for Water Supply; being £3,000 for Compensation Weirs, Nepean River—further sum; £20,000 for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum; £250,000 for Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme—further sum.
- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,000, for Miscellaneous; being £30,000 for New Public Abattoir at Homebush Point—further sum; £10,000 for New Street, George-street to Regent-street, further sum.
- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £141,500, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage (to be carried out by the Board); being for Water Supply—£57,000 for General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes—further sum; for Sewerage—£84,500 for Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, Land, Buildings, &c., and for other purposes—further sum.
- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,800 for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: Water Supply—£2,000 for Extension of Reticulation—further sum; £5,300 for Improvements Water Supply, Maitland District; Sewerage—£500 for Reticulation Sewers.

New Works.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £39,990, for Sydney Harbour Trust, towards Construction of Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

- (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,105,000, for Railways; being £620,000 for Rolling Stock, to meet the large expansion of traffic; £485,000 for Additions to Railway Lines and Buildings, and for other purposes, including Duplication of Lines.
- (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £185,000 for Tramways; Additions to Lines, Workshops, and Buildings, Duplication of Lines, and for other purposes.
- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for purchase of Railway and Tramway Stores and Materials, which cannot properly be charged to appropriations of Parliament until actually issued for use—the amount to be carried to Special Deposits Account (Railway Store Advance Account)—further sum.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Railway Construction; being £30,000 for Narromine to Peak Hill; £30,000 for Lockhart to Clear Hills; £20,000 for Cowra to Canowindra—towards; £20,000 for Kyogle to Casino—towards.
- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £126,842, for Tramway Construction; being £122,250 for Tramways generally; £4,592 for Rolling Stock, Car Shed, and Junction Arrangements—Arncliffe to Bexley Tramway.
- (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £32,000 for Water Supply—Country Towns Water Supplies.
- (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £81,500, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; being £43,000 for Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes; £38,500 for Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, Land, Buildings, &c., and for other purposes.
- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Additions to Head Office.

Repayment of Loans.

- (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,749,500, to meet 4 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st January, 1909, issued under Loan Acts 38 Vic. No. 2, 40 Vic. No. 12, and 41 Vic. No. 4.
- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1908-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £816,854 to meet 4 per cent. Funded Stock falling due 10th August, 1909, issued under Loan Act of 1900.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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25. CLAIMS OF ANDREW RODGERS AGAINST THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS:—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Subject was referred on 29th September, 1908; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
26. PRINTING COMMITTEE—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
27. PAPERS:—
Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
(2.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended Form No. 68, under the Crown Lands Acts.
(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board, setting forth the reason for departure from the prescribed scale of increment provided for in Regulation No. 149, with regard to the salary of Mr. R. D. Maunsell, Draftsman, Department of Lands.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Rules under the Districts Courts (Amendment) Act, 1905.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
28. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 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:—
- (4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—
(a) For the Service of the financial year 1908-9 the sum of £9,847,510 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
(b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1907-8," for Services of the financial year 1907-8, the sum of £58,328 3s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
(c) For Services of the financial year, 1906-7 and 1907-8, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £363,898 7s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
- (5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—
For Works and Services, the sum of £1,005,834 be granted out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.
- (6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £1,000,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund of New South Wales.
- (7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £5,256,921 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, or pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services, and for the repayment of Loans.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.
29. APPROPRIATION BILL:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 4, 5, and 6), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1908, to the 30th day of June, 1909, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1907-1908," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments "Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund," for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1906-7 and 1907-8; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.
- (2.) Mr. Waddell 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 from the 1st day of July, 1908, to the 30th day of June, 1909, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1907-1908,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908, inclusive of both*"

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both *dâtes*; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1906-7 and 1907-8; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the Day.

30. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the Day.

31. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th December, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause add "Except in the case of the Electrical Engineer of the Department of Public Works, or of the holder of a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Sydney, or a person holding a qualification from any other educational body recognised by the Department of Mines, every person to be so appointed inspector shall be the holder of a certificate of competency as a mine electrician under the provisions of this Act."

Page 2, clause 3, line 4. After "electrician" insert "or possessing one of the other qualifications mentioned in section two"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

(2.) The Spit to Manly Electric Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from The Spit to Manly; and for other purposes,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

(3.) Harris-street to Evans-street, Balmain, Electric Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from Harris-street, via Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain; and for other purposes,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 17th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

(4.) Minimum Wage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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MINIMUM WAGE BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 17th December, 1908.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 4, clause 10, lines 3 and 4. *Omit "factory or shop" insert "building, room, or place where
" he has reasonable cause to believe a workman or shop-assistant is employed"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

32. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 disagreed to one, amended one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title, and made a consequential amendment.

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

33. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Waddell (after debate), the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed.*

Mr. Waddell 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 from the 1st day of July, 1908, to the 30th day of June, 1909, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1907-1908,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908, inclusive of both dates ; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1906-7 and 1907-8 ; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund ; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above 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 appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1908, to the 30th day of June, 1909, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1907-1908,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908, inclusive of both dates ; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1906-7 and 1907-8 ; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund ; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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34. LOAN BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed.*

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence,

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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35. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908.*

36. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) 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, including the amendment in the Title.

On the 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 Local Government Act, 1906; to amend the law relating to local government, and for that purpose to amend Acts relating to public health, water and sewerage and drainage, public watering places, public roads and public parks and cemeteries; to amend the Hawkers and Pedlars Act, 1901, the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, and the Audit Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908.*

37. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 10th December, 1908, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4,—but proposes to amend the clause by adding at the end thereof the words "Provided that the total amount leviable under this Part, or under this Part and the Principal Act, as the case may be, shall not exceed the amount which would be yielded by a rate of threepence in the pound on the unimproved capital value, and two shillings in the pound on the average annual value taken together of all ratable property in the City,"—because the proposed amendment, whilst limiting the total sum leviable by rates, allows the City Council to adopt in its entirety either the unimproved land value basis or the average annual rental basis,—and the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in this amendment.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 22, line 23,—but proposes to amend the amendment by reinserting the words "to be raised,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Proposes to further amend clause 22 by inserting after the word "Part," line 29, the words "or the provisions of Part II of this Act, as the case may be,"—as consequential upon the Council's amendments in the clause,—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, including the amendment in the Title.

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38. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill to extend the term of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
39. **WESTERN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—
- (1.) Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Moore presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
Mr. Moore then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Moore, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 - (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Moore, *passed*.
Mr. Moore then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board 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 extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908.*
40. **PURE FOOD BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 disagreed to some, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
41. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Morton, as Chairman, brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
42. **MINIMUM WAGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hogue, 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. Hogue, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908.*
43. **COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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. Wood, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"
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44. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway, Moree to Mungindi* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Moree to Mungindi.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway, Coramba to Dorrigo* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Coramba to Dorrigo.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

45. PURE FOOD BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lee, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 16th December, 1908, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Pure Food Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 6, line 36,—because the Government should have the unrestricted right to call for the services of the Professor of Chemistry.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 6, line 37,—because the amendment unduly limits the area of choice.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 27,—because the Government should have an unfettered choice in the appointment of analysts.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill.

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46. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Great Western Railway Duplication, Emu Plains to Blaxland* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of duplicating the Great Western Railway line between Emu Plains and Blaxland.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *South Coast Railway Deviation between Waterfall and Otford* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a deviation of the South Coast Railway line between Waterfall and Otford.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway, Hermidale to Nymagee* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Hermidale to Nymagee.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Railway, Peak Hill to Parkes* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Peak Hill to Parkes.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Railway, Bega to Eden* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Bega to Eden.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(6.) *Tramway, Bomaderry to Jervis Bay* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay.

Question put and passed.

(7.) *Electric Tramway, Military-road, North Sydney, to Cremorne Point* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of electric tramway from the Military-road, North Sydney, to Cremorne Point.

Question put and passed.

(8.) *Electric Tramway, Waverley to Bronte* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of electric tramway from Waverley to Bronte.

Question put and passed.

(9.) *Extension of Northern Breakwater at Newcastle Harbour Entrance* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the Northern Breakwater at Newcastle Harbour Entrance.

Question put and passed.

(10.) *Wharfgs at Carrington, Port of Newcastle* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle.

Question put and passed.

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- (11.) *Sewerage for Municipality of Goulburn* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a system of sewerage for the Municipality of Goulburn.
Question put and passed.
- (12.) *Sewerage for Municipality of Lithgow* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a system of sewerage for the Municipality of Lithgow.
Question put and passed.
- (13.) *Remodelling of Parliamentary Buildings, Sydney* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for the remodelling of the Parliamentary Buildings, Sydney.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (14.) *Completion of Fisher Library, Sydney University* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a proposal for the completion of the Fisher Library, Sydney University.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
47. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) 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 Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908. F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (2.) Pure Food Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 18th December, 1908, in reference to the Pure Food Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908. F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (3.) Western Lands Act Amendment Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908. F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (4.) Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 18th December, 1908, in reference to the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment, and also to the Assembly's consequential amendment in clause 22 in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908. F. B. SUTTON,
President.
48. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business postponed until after General Business.
49. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark was proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this Bill interfered with trade, and should, therefore, have been founded on a resolution from a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker referred to a ruling given by him on 19th November, 1907, when a similar Point of Order was taken, and ruled that the keeping of a registry office did not come within the meaning of trade, as contemplated by Standing Order No. 246.
Mr. Clark then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved the Previous Question.
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Dooley,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Becby,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Moehan,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. McGarry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Donaldson,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Robert Jones,	

And so it passed in the negative.

50. ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE CHURCH LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hindmarsh 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. Hindmarsh, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.

51. HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Nielsen, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.

52. SYDNEY BETHEL UNION EXTENSION BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Levy 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. Levy, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Nielsen, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Levy, passed.

Mr. Levy then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the powers of the trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union in dealing with their land and buildings in George-street, Sydney, and to enable them to sell, lease, or mortgage the said land and buildings, and to purchase other land and erect other buildings for the benefit of seamen visiting the Port of Sydney; to provide for the appointment of new trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union; to provide for the vesting of the trust property without conveyance or assignment, and to enable the trustees to accept certain land in exchange for land which has been resumed by the Government of New South Wales; and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

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 extend the powers of the trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union in dealing with their land and buildings in George-street, Sydney, and to enable them to sell, lease, or mortgage the said land and buildings, and to purchase other land and erect other buildings for the benefit of seamen visiting the Port of Sydney; to provide for the appointment of new trustees for the Sydney Bethel Union; to provide for the vesting of the trust property without conveyance or assignment, and to enable the trustees to accept certain land in exchange for land which has been resumed by the Government of New South Wales; and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th December, 1908.

53. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until the next sitting day :—

(1.) Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Colonel Onslow.*](2.) Accountants Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Broughton.*](3.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levien.*]

(4.)

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(4.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Price, "That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

"(1.) The number and area of all improvement leases granted since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, showing locality, area, price, and conditions.

"(2.) The names of the Ministers dealing with such papers and leases.

"(3.) The names of the solicitors appearing in such cases.

"(4.) The names of the land agents who dealt with same.

"(5.) The like information regarding exchanges of land.

"(6.) The whole of the papers placed before the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department by Mr. R. A. Price, together with the replies to such by the clerk of the Land Court.

"(7.) The reasons which induced the Royal Commissioner to state, through Mr. Houston, in reply, that the papers had not been sent for, as the Royal Commissioner's power did not cover such cases."

54. ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE CHURCH LANDS BILL,—on motion of Mr. Hindmarsh, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hindmarsh then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate and confirm certain grants of land to the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Lismore; to regulate the trusts of the Roman Catholic lands in the Diocese of Lismore, and to provide for the appointment and succession of trustees thereto; and to confer on such trustees powers to lease, mortgage, sell, and exchange the said lands.*"

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 validate and confirm certain grants of land to the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Lismore; to regulate the trusts of the Roman Catholic lands in the Diocese of Lismore, and to provide for the appointment and succession of trustees thereto; and to confer on such trustees powers to lease, mortgage, sell, and exchange the said lands,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th December, 1908.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE CHURCH LANDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th December, 1908.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 5, clause 10, line 26. After "and" insert "thereupon"

Examined,—

J. C. L. FITZPATRICK,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

55. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Deputy-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 from the 1st day of July, 1908, to the 30th day of June, 1909, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1907-1908,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1906-7, and 1907-8; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 18th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

56. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Order of the Day and Notices of Motions of General Business as far as Notice No. 19 postponed (after debate) until the next sitting day.

57. TRADE UNION AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of trades unions, and the protection of the funds thereof; to amend the law relating to conspiracy in certain respects; to amend the Trades Union Act of 1881, and the Industrial Disputes Act of 1908; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the regulation of trades unions, and the protection of the funds thereof; to amend the law relating to conspiracy in certain respects; to amend the Trades Union Act of 1881, and the Industrial Disputes Act of 1908; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

14th—18th December, 1908.

58. ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE CHURCH LANDS BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate and confirm certain grants of land to the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Lismore; to regulate the trusts of the Roman Catholic lands in the Diocese of Lismore, and to provide for the appointment and succession of trustees thereto; and to confer on such trustees powers to lease, mortgage, sell, and exchange the said lands.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

59. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Seven o'clock (Friday, 18th December), until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,
to wit.

(L.S.)

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

By His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may 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 HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the second day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. WOOD.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

1908.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 19 DECEMBER, 1908.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that a total of fifteen blocks in the parishes of Bonville, North Bellingen, South Bellingen, and Vautin, county of Raleigh, district of Bellingen, were surveyed some time ago for conditional purchase lease?
 - (2.) If such be the case, when will these lands be made available for application?
 - (3.) As these blocks are all in one district, will he so arrange that they be all made available on the one date?
2. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Rocky Creek and Whisky Creek subdivisions in the Dorrigo district be made available for settlement?
3. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has a tender yet been accepted for the construction of a new Court-house and police buildings at Bellingen?
 - (2.) If no tender has yet been accepted, what is the cause of the delay?
4. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has a tender yet been accepted for the drainage of Coorooboongatti Swamp in the Lower Macleay District?
 - (2.) If no tender has yet been accepted, what is the cause of the delay?
5. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Referring to his answer to a question submitted by the Honorable Member for Raleigh, on 4th November last, with regard to making available a portion of Forest Reserve 642 to enable Julius Anderson to apply for an additional area (see letter from Department dated 10th June, 1908, Misc. 08-8,552), will he state what decision, if any, has been arrived at?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the present area held by Anderson is quite inadequate for the maintenance of a home, and will he, if possible, expedite action in the matter, so that Anderson may increase his area?
6. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—With regard to the necessity for the appointment of a teacher for the children on Solitary Island, will he undertake to pay the ordinary minimum salary for a teacher in charge of the small school, provided that a male teacher can be induced to accept the position?
7. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—Will he endeavour to have the works expedited in connection with the school buildings at Dorrigo and Coramba during the school vacation?
8. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the incomplete portion of the road between Coramba and Dorrigo has been regraded, with the result that by means of a deviation the road has been shortened by 3 miles?
 - (2.) When does he propose to carry out the work of constructing this road, and thus completing the road through to Dorrigo?
9. MR. BRINER *to ask* THE PREMIER,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the promised return regarding pensions paid to Judges?
10. MR. KELLY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Has an application by S. J. Purcell, for Block 69, in the recent ballot for the Burrawang leases, been refused by the Condobolin Land Board?
 - (3.) Is it the practice that where an applicant for land has his application witnessed by a Justice of the Peace of another State, that the Land Board will not permit the applicant to re-swear his declaration before the Chairman of the Board?
 - (3.) Does he intend to amend the provisions of section 14 of the 1889 Act, with a view to allow the Chairman of a local Land Board to re-swear an applicant's declaration when any defect of a similar nature to that of S. J. Purcell may be disclosed in the original application?
 - (4.) In view of the many probable Victorian applicants for blocks on the Walla Walla and other closer settlement areas, will he take immediate steps to draw attention to the necessity of their declarations being witnessed by a New South Wales magistrate?

11. MR. E. M. CLARK to ask THE PREMIER,—
- (1.) Has the Government instructed Mr. J. Davis, Consulting Engineer to the Agent-General, to furnish plans or a scheme for a tunnel or tunnels to connect Sydney with the North Shore?
 - (2.) Has Mr. Davis recently forwarded from England proposals for tunnel communication between Sydney and North Sydney?
 - (3.) Has the Government any objection to tabling all the information received from England recently on this important matter?
 - (4.) Has the Royal Commission on Bridge and Tunnel Communication with the North Shore presented a report yet?
 - (5.) What time has elapsed since this Royal Commission held its last sitting?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the Royal Commission on City Improvement is unable to consider a number of important questions until it is in receipt of the report of the Bridge Commission?
12. MR. PETERS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Who is the contractor for the supply of butter to the Kenmore Asylum this year?
 - (2.) Who held the contract last year?
 - (3.) What is the present price per lb. paid, what advance is it upon last year's price, and how much is it above schedule price?
 - (4.) Has any increase in the price been granted since the tender was accepted?
13. MR. GRAHAME to ask THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—Referring to the burning fatality at the Wickham Public School, whereby a little girl scholar named Essie Blatchford lost her life by reason of lunch papers being burned in the school grounds,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the fatality referred to, the practice of destroying lunch papers by fire, during school hours, and getting scholars to assist thereat, still continues at some of the schools?
 - (2.) Is there in consequence considerable apprehension amongst parents for the safety of their children when at school?
 - (3.) Has he been made aware of the terms of the Coroner's rider at the inquest on Essie Blatchford; if so, will he forthwith issue imperative instructions that the practice be discontinued?
14. MR. BERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Have the officers of his Department recommended against Reserve No. 65, Atholldale, near Tarana, being made available for occupation by adjoining owners, and for what reason?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that this block of land is infested with rabbits, which are a nuisance to adjoining owners, and that it is practically valueless as a fishing reserve?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made into the matter, with a view of protecting adjoining owners from the rabbits?
15. DR. ARTHUR to ask THE PREMIER,—Will he take into consideration during the recess the expediency of amending the Factories and Shops Act, so as to provide for the more efficient ventilation of shops, warehouses, and factories?
16. MR. COLLINS to ask THE PREMIER,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a comparative statement showing the rates of pay of the men employed in the Police Force; and like information in regard to those employed in the Tramway Service under the recent award of the Wages Board?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Murray River Waters Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Lee.*]
2. Closer Settlement (Private Sales) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Moore.*]
3. Fire Brigades Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Wood.*]
4. Closer Settlement—Droubalgie Estate, near Forbes; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Moore, "That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 8,392 acres 2 roods 4 perches, more or less, of private land situate near Forbes, being the Droubalgie Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 8th July, 1908, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £5 5s. per acre."
5. Width of Tires Bill (No. 2); second reading. [*Mr. Lee.*]
6. University and University Colleges Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900, and the University and University Colleges (Amendment) Act, 1902; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Wade.*]
7. Inebriates (Amendment) Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Motor Traffic Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Wood.*]
9. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
10. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with resumptions at Parsley Bay, Port Jackson, showing the number and portions of lots resumed, the names of owners, the amounts of compensation claims put in by owners, the amounts offered by the Crown in settlement, and list of claims paid.

2. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of William Chamberlain, in respect to certain lands situated in Pitt-street, Sydney, upon which portion of the Royal Arcade is built, and now in the possession of the Hill family.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Broughton, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Briner, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Edden, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.
3. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Norman Selfe in connection with designs supplied by him to the Government for the North Shore Bridge.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Ball, Mr. Briner, Mr. Fell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
4. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That the Testator's Family Maintenance Bill (No. 2), which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
5. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Instruction Act, so as to make provision for the election of the members of School Boards by the parents of children attending the State schools within the control of such Boards.
6. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That the Testators' Family Maintenance Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
7. **MR. JOHN MILLER** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of that part of the Registrar-General's Department dealing with land titles.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Beeby, Mr. Barton, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hindmarsh, Mr. Nielsen, and the Mover.
8. **COLONEL RYRIE** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a claim for compensation by Henry Corish, on account of injuries received whilst employed by the Railway Department in the work of excavating for a new siding at Eskbank, on 9th day of May, 1907.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Colonel Onslow, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Cann, Mr. John Storey, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. David Storey, and the Mover.
9. **MR. PRICE** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Gustavo William Engel for compensation in connection with certain Oyster Lease Improvements in Port Stephens, and legal expenses incurred by him in the equity case of *Merewether v. Engel*.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Taylor, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Briner, Mr. Estell, Mr. Page, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Grahame, and the Mover.
10. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The cost of compilation and preparation of the original copy of the map of New South Wales published in nine sheets by the Lands Department.
 (2.) The number of years occupied in its compilation and preparation.
 (3.) The number of draftsmen employed on it, and for what periods.
 (4.) The number of copies published, and cost of publication.
 (5.) The number of copies sold, and total amount realised from such sales.
 (6.) The cost of reproducing this map on the smaller scale of 16 miles to an inch.
 (7.) The number of draftsmen employed in the reduction, and for what periods.
 (8.) The name of the draftsman employed to draw the map on stone, and the amount paid to him for that purpose, and how many years this work occupied.
 (9.) The number of copies of this edition published, and the selling price.
 (10.) The total amount realised to date from the sale of this map.
 (11.) The cost on each edition per map for mounting on rollers and varnishing ready for hanging.
 (12.) The total amount of money spent in connection with these two publications for compilation, drawing original maps, reductions, revisions, superintendence, material, and printing.
 (13.) The loss or profit on the whole transaction and the amount.
11. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of officers of the Public Service over the age of 60 years retired in the year 1896 giving (a) the names; (b) the amount of pension upon which they were retired, specifying the amount of abatement (if any) which they were called upon to pay; and (c) the total amount paid by them in the way of abatements up to the end of October, 1908.
12. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, In view of the fact that it is proposed in the near future to subdivide and sell in building allotments certain areas on the foreshores of Sydney Harbour which ought to be resumed for public recreation grounds, this House desires to express the opinion that a commission of inquiry ought to be forthwith appointed by the Government to investigate the whole question of foreshore resurreptions in time to enable the Government to take the necessary steps for the resumption of the aforesaid areas, before such action shall have become impossible.
13. **DR. ARTHUR** to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly, and for other purposes relating thereto.

14. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the tenders received and accepted by the Railway Commissioners during the past three years for wood and iron work, such as rolling stock, &c. ; also brass work, boiler mounting, &c., and steel work ; together with the names of tenderers and prices submitted.
15. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Early Closing Act, so as to provide for a universal Saturday half-holiday within the Metropolitan and certain other districts of this State, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
16. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be immediately appointed to inquire into the condition of the food supply of this State, and to report on the necessity, or otherwise, for legislation to deal with rings and combinations regulating the prices thereof.
17. MR. PRICE to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Agricultural Holdings, and to amend such other Statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.
18. MR. EDDEN to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the hours of labour in coal and shale mines in the State of New South Wales.
19. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That the City Council of Broken Hill having made satisfactory arrangements with the mining companies of the Barrier and undertaken the whole financial responsibility in connection with the construction of a supplementary water supply from the Umberumberka catchment, in the opinion of this House it is a matter of urgent necessity that the proposal for the carrying out of the scheme should be submitted during the present Session to the Public Works Committee so as to enable that body to hold the statutory inquiry during the coming recess.
20. MR. LEVIEN to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain shops for the sale of confectionery, fruit, and other refreshments, to be kept open during certain hours on Sundays, and to amend certain Acts relating to Sunday-trading.
21. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for a thorough inquiry into and revision of the Criminal Law of the State, with special regard to the expediency of introducing into our system of criminal jurisprudence and procedure the more humanitarian and scientific principles of penology that have been adopted within recent years by most civilised countries of the world.
22. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Superannuation Fund should be established for the officials employed in the various prisons of the State, on the same lines, as far as practicable, as the fund now in existence for the benefit of the Police Force.
23. MR. HOLMAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system of railway management disclosed by the answer of the Colonial Treasurer, No. 10 of 5th November, 1908, is contrary to the spirit of the Railway Act, and is directly responsible for the present shortage of stock and other trucks, and should be immediately discontinued.
24. MR. HOLLIS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the grievances of Henry Harding, William Stephen Stead, and others, arising from alleged negligence and error on the part of the Registrar-General in connection with Certificate of Title, volume 61, folio 224, dated 4th February, 1868.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Broughton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Reports from the Select Committees of the Second Session of 1904, and of Session, 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
25. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of T. H. Martyn against the Department of Public Works for certain additional payments in connection with the completion of a contract for excavating a tank at Trundle.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Fallick, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Briner, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Henley, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.
26. MR. HOLLIS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Public Servants except the police should have the ordinary civil and political rights, with a restriction only on their right to criticise the administration of the Department in which they are employed.
27. MR. BURGESS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all the papers in connection with,—
 (1.) The Pelaw Main (Brown's) coal-mining lease and special lease application for a township.
 (2.) The Caledonian Coal Company's application for a special lease for the purpose of erecting colliery buildings, coke ovens, electrical power-house, and manager's residence.
 (3.) The granting of the Helensburgh coal lease.
 (4.) The granting of suspension of labour conditions in the Hotton Coal Company's leases ; also a plan of those leases.
28. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the complaints of unfair treatment made by Madame Bell against the Public Instruction Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Macdonnell, Mr. Barton, Mr. Levien, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Lynch, and the Mover.

29. MR. MCGOWEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the members of the Police Force should be allowed,—(a) one Sunday per fortnight off duty; (b) railway fares at reduced rates, when travelling during their holidays.
30. MR. BROUGHTON to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases, and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.
31. MR. MOXHAM to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Superannuation Fund should be established for the attendants at the Hospitals for Insane, on the same lines, as far as practicable, as that now in existence for the members of the Police Force.
32. MR. HOLMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return showing,—
 (1.) The number of officers at present in the Lands Department of twenty years' and upwards continuous service in the country.
 (2.) Of this number, how many have made application to be transferred to Sydney.
 (3.) The number of officers now in Sydney who have had no country experience.
 (4.) What claims an officer is regarded as having for some period of service in Sydney.
33. SIR JAMES GRAHAM to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the merits of the Montgomery Safety Controller as applied to railway carriages and cars, to ascertain whether it offers advantages over the system now in use, and whether its adoption by the Railway Commissioners would be beneficial.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Henley, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Holman, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Storey, and the Mover.
34. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Elizabeth Agnes Doyle, of Bingara, with respect to the maladministration of the estate of her late husband by the Master-in-Lunacy and others.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Briner, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Gillies, Colonel Ryrie, and the Mover.
35. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the rapidly-increasing shipping trade of Sydney, and the scarcity of good harbour sites for its accommodation, it is desirable that the Government should at once resume a 200-foot frontage around all the bays and promontories from Gore Bay to Cremorne Point, on the northern side of Port Jackson, as the future sites for wharfs and docks.
36. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters relating to the granting of a Charter to the Australian Jockey Club and upon the conduct and management of such Club, &c.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Morton, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Gillies, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
37. COLONEL ONSLOW to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of W. S. Caswell, late Police Magistrate, with regard to his retiring allowance and pension.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Barton, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Briner, Mr. Horne, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.
38. MR. BRINSLEY HALL to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters affecting the case of the Attorney-General v. William George Magrath and all subsequent proceedings associated therewith.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Morton, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Page, Mr. Parkes, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover.
39. MR. DOWNES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the application for a mining lease at The Peaks, portion 78, parish of The Peaks, county of Westmoreland, by Michael Devitt, under the Mining on Private Lands Act.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Colonel Onslow, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Barton, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Charlton, and the Mover.
40. MR. MERCER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the resumption by the State of the Sydney Gas Company's business, with a view of placing the same under Municipal control.
41. MR. BROUGHTON to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Briner, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1901, the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1902, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1905, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.

42. MR. BARTON to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report whether the time has arrived for the erection of Grain Elevators in conjunction with our railway system, so as to afford producers in this State the most economical method of handling and exporting grain in bulk, and thus enable them to compete with other grain-growing countries.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Perry, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Treflé, Mr. McGarry, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Bull, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
43. MR. JAMES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the advisability of granting leases to the New Zealand and Australia Land Company, Limited, of the land comprised in the cancelled leases Nos. 943 and 944, for the same term and at the same rent, and subject to the same conditions as those mentioned in the cancelled leases, as recommended in the Message from the Legislative Council, of the 26th March, 1908.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Holman, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Treflé, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.
44. MR. G. A. JONES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should offer a prize of £1,000 each year for a period of five successive years, for the most effective and the cheapest method, to be submitted and adequately tested, for the eradication or destruction of prickly-pear.
45. MR. BEEBY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the summoning of a Convention, elected by the States of the Commonwealth on a population basis, to consider whether the functions of the Federal Government should be extended, and to determine generally what amendments of the Federal Constitution are necessary.
46. MR. CARMICHAEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the ferry services on the Sydney Harbour should be conducted by the State.
47. MR. G. A. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The amount of special grants made to each Shire in the State from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 (2.) The number of special grants, if greater than one, made to each Shire.
 (3.) The Parliamentary Electorate in which each Shire receiving special grant is situated.
48. MR. BALL to move, That, in view of the satisfactory results so far achieved by the construction of locomotives at the Railway Workshops, Eveleigh, this House is of the opinion that the Railway Commissioners should provide for the building of all locomotives required for the New South Wales Railways at their own works.
49. MR. JOHN STOREY to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.
50. MR. FALLICK to move, That, owing to the increasing demands from stockowners and others for trucks, and the inability of the Railway Department to supply same when wanted, this House is of the opinion that immediate steps should be taken by the Railway Department to obtain a reserve supply of trucks, for the purpose of meeting the demands made upon the Department.
51. MR. BEEBY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present administration of the Fisheries Department, particularly in regard to oyster culture.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Briner, Mr. Price, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Broughton, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.
52. COLONEL RYRIE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the striking off of the name of Thomas Buttle, of Queanbeyan, from the Commission of the Peace.
53. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the hours of labour in all industries; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to amend the Masters and Servants Act, the Industrial Disputes Act, and the Early Closing Act, in certain respects; and for other purposes connected with and incidental to the aforesaid objects.
54. MR. BEEBY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the disrating and retirement of Constable Alexander Fraser from the Police Force.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Miller, Mr. Page, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Levien, Mr. Horne, Mr. Wood, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
55. MR. BRINER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with Cudgel Creek Cutting, including particulars of the failure of the regulator, and all claims for damages made against the Crown.
56. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act of 1908, and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

57. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon and examine books of accounts, papers, bank accounts, &c., in the estate of the late E. M. Young; to ascertain and report upon the amount of commission paid in respect of the sale of Myall Creek Estate; and to ascertain to whom such commission was paid.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Henley, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Norton, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
58. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon matters affecting the Western Lands Royal Commission of 1900; the work and report of such Commission, and the introduction of the Western Lands Bill (based on the report of such Commission); the methods adopted to secure the passage of that Bill; the effects of the Act upon the general taxpayer and the results which accrued under same to the Crown tenants or their mortgagees.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Downes, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.
59. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to license and regulate the conduct and management of restaurants, eating-houses, and refreshment rooms.
60. DR. ARTHUR to move.—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Alfred Reid against the Government.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. James, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Fell, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.
61. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) The existing system of party Government does not provide for any clear expression of public opinion upon definite issues.
 - (2.) The Constitution should be so amended as to provide (a) that every Parliamentary representative be elected by an absolute majority of votes polled; (b) that upon the assembling of Parliament after each General Election, each and every Minister shall be elected by a majority of the whole House, and shall hold his portfolio only so long as he retains the confidence of a majority of Members of the House.
62. MR. DONALDSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the best interests of closer settlement, that provision should be made in any Amending Land Bill to enable holders of residential leases to convert them into freehold under extended payments.
63. MR. G. A. JONES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all books, including readers, histories, text-books, &c., required by the Education Department for use in schools, colleges, and similar public institutions, should be printed and bound in complete form within the State, in the Government Printing Office.
64. MR. HOLMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The date the Royal Commission to inquire into the Tramway System, presided over by Mr. Blacket, presented its report for recommendation.
 - (2.) What steps, since that date, have been taken to give effect to that recommendation.
 - (3.) The number of tramway conductors who have, since that date, been dismissed from the Service for dishonesty, upon the report of special officers.
 - (4.) The number of tramway conductors who have, during the same period, been dismissed from the Service for dishonesty, upon the report of the uniformed inspectors.
 - (5.) The number of cases, during the same period, wherein tramway conductors, reported against by special officers, appealed to the Appeals Board, and the charge against them was dismissed by the Appeals Board.
 - (6.) The number of cases, during the same period, wherein tramway conductors, reported against by special officers, appealed to the Commissioners, or to the Chief Commissioner, and the charge against them was dismissed.
65. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, inasmuch as coal is the primary basis of the whole industrial and commercial organism, and as the State controls the railways, the main arteries of transportation, trade, and commerce, and is thereby the principal local consumer of coal, it is essential that the State should possess coal-mines for the supply of its railways and other State-owned services.
66. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the reduction of fees in the University, and for the wider establishment of Scholarships and Bursaries, and that the Constitution of the Senate of the University should be so altered that it shall last for a specific term, on an elective basis, and with provision for representation of the State thereon.
67. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the full reflection of democracy in true representation cannot be attained without the adoption in our Electoral law of the Hare-Spence system of voting.
68. MR. MACDONELL to move, That the Shearers' Accommodation (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
69. MR. MEAGHER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports by officers of the Public Instruction Department, and all official papers or documents appertaining thereto, in reference to alleged conditions affecting children in rural parts of the State especially dairying districts.
70. MR. MCGARRY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the rapidly-growing values of agricultural lands within the reticulation area of the Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme, steps should be immediately taken for the resumption of all lands within that area suitable for closer settlement.

71. MR. BRINER to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing or Sessional Order, for submission to this House hereafter, for the purpose of fixing time limits to the speeches of Honorable Members, and making distinctions in fixing same between the various classes of debate which take place in this House.
72. MR. BEEBY to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to grant to tenants of agricultural and pastoral lands the right to compensation for all improvements made by them on lands held under lease, and to provide for the compulsory sale to tenants of lands held by them under lease, and to provide for the compulsory leasing of unused lands in certain areas, and for other purposes relating thereto.
73. MR. JOHN MILLER to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the desirability of establishing Schools of Mines in mining centres; and the most suitable sites for such schools.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Charlton, Mr. James, Mr. Donaldson, and the Mover.
74. MR. TREFLE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the demand for land for closer settlement being greatly in excess of the supply, steps be taken to review all improvement leases and scrub leases with the view of withdrawing or resuming those suitable for closer settlement, and the forfeiture of any of such leases that may be found to have been obtained by illegal means.
75. MR. DOOLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the nationalisation of the Iron Industry.
76. MR. HOLMAN to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant.
77. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers referring to a charge against two leading officials of stealing at Ultimo the property of the Railway Commissioners, as reported by a labourer and inquired into.
78. MR. EDDEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the nationalisation of sufficient coal mines to provide for the requirements of State Departments.
79. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The number of electric motor drivers employed on the Government Tramways of New South Wales.
 (2.) The number of conductors in the same Service.
 (3.) The number of electric motor drivers who suffered loss of conduct holidays for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
 (4.) The same information for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
 (5.) The number of conductors who suffered loss of conduct holidays in each of these two years, showing each year separately.
80. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Richard Augustus Willoughby Green, in respect to certain lands known as Brumby's Grant, Gore Estate, Willoughby.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Fell, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCoy, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Homing Pigeons Protection Bill; third reading. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]
2. Trade Union Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
3. Saint James' Parsonage Lands Amending Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Mahony.*]
4. Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Colonel Onslow.*]
5. Accountants Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Broughton.*]
6. Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levien.*]
7. Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Price, "That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 " (1.) The number and area of all improvement leases granted since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, showing locality, area, price, and conditions.
 " (2.) The names of the Ministers dealing with such papers and leases.
 " (3.) The names of the solicitors appearing in such cases.
 " (4.) The names of the land agents who dealt with same.
 " (5.) The like information regarding exchanges of land.
 " (6.) The whole of the papers placed before the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department by Mr. R. A. Price, together with the replies to such
 " by the clerk of the Land Court.
 " (7.) The reasons which induced the Royal Commissioner to state, through Mr. Houston, in reply,
 " that the papers had not been sent for, as the Royal Commissioner's power did not cover such
 " cases."
8. Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 19th December, 1908.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

1908.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1908.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committees.	Counts-out.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	36	73	.....	109
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	41	116	1	158
Barton, Charles Hampdon, Esq.	38	111	.....	149
Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq.	36	95	.....	131
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	29	82	1	112
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	23	23	1	52
Brown, William, Esq.	36	102	.....	138
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	46	115	.....	161
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	22	12	.....	34
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell, Esq.	43	88	.....	131
Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq.	52	116	.....	168
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	28	91	.....	119
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	39	1	1	41
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq.	23	60	.....	88
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	41	83	1	125
Davidson, Robert, Esq.	48	141	2	191
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	32	78	1	111
Dooley, James, Esq.	45	124	.....	169
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	33	104	1	143
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	32	73	1	106
Estell, John, Esq.	43	128	.....	171
Fallick, James, Esq.	50	138	.....	188
Fell, David, Esq.	23	73	.....	101
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	47	94	.....	141
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	23	51	.....	74
Gilbert, Owen, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	42	110	1	153
Gillics, John, Esq.	24	40	1	65
Graham, Sir James, Kt., M.D.	31	46	1	78
Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	44	106	.....	150
Griffith, Arthur, Esq. (<i>Resigned, 3 November; Re-elected, 13 November, 1903</i>)	27	57	1	85
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	30	46	1	77
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	37	106	.....	143
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	42	132	.....	174
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander, Esq.	53	141	.....	194
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	33	119	.....	155
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	34	113	.....	147
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq.	39	62	.....	101
Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	42	93	1	136
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	37	110	.....	147
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	39	104	.....	143
Jones, Robert, Esq.	41	113	.....	154
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	33	47	.....	80
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	51	135	.....	186

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred, Esq.	55	141	2	198
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	9	16	.....	25
Levy, Daniel, Esq.	49	121	.....	170
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	48	129	1	178
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq.	37	115	.....	152
Macdonell, Donald, Esq.	12	46	.....	58
Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	44	90	.....	134
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	...	...	.....	...
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	41	82	.....	123
McFarlane, John, Esq.	49	98	1	148
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	44	76	1	121
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	49	86	1	136
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	20	59	1	80
McNeill, John, Esq.	37	98	.....	135
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	7	1	.....	8
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	50	107	.....	157
Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq.	47	57	.....	104
Millard, William, Esq.	43	123	1	167
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	24	66	.....	90
Miller, John, Esq.	32	52	1	85
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	52	140	1	193
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	21	70	1	92
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	29	103	.....	132
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	15	21	.....	36
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>).	46	98	.....	144
Nobbs, John, Esq.	55	142	2	199
Norton, John, Esq. ... ..	...	...	.....	...
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William, Esq.	57	141	1	199
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur... ..	50	127	.....	177
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William	32	41	2	75
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	23	48	.....	71
Parkes, Varney, Esq.	45	94	.....	139
Perry, The Hon. John	49	135	1	185
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq.	44	130	.....	174
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	37	57	1	95
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq.	38	71	.....	109
Ryrie, Colonel Granville de Laune	36	70	.....	106
Scobie, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	16	35	.....	51
Storey, David, Esq.	5	16	.....	21
Storey, John, Esq.	43	112	.....	155
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	45	123	.....	168
Taylor, William, Esq.	47	96	.....	143
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	41	105	.....	146
Tr. flé, John Louis, Esq.	46	130	.....	176
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas, Esq.	52	134	1	187
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, Esq., K.C.	54	137	1	192
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert, Esq.	54	133	187

Legislative Assembly Office,
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1908.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1908.

1. New Writs issued										1
2. Select Committees:—										
On Public Matters										3
On Private Bills										1
										<u>4</u>
3. Standing Committees										5
4. Public Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent										29
Reserved										0
Otherwise disposed of										15
										<u>44</u>
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent										1
Otherwise disposed of										2
										<u>3</u>
5. Private Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent										1
Otherwise disposed of										0
										<u>1</u>
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent										3
Otherwise disposed of										1
										<u>4</u>
6. Petitions received:—										
Printed										94
Not Printed										1
										<u>95</u>
7. Divisions:—										
In the House										55
In Committee of the Whole										142
										<u>197</u>
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—										
Days of Meeting										62
Hours of Sitting										617 h. 57 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight										185 h. 2 m.
Daily Average										9 h. 58 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business										0
After commencement of Business										2
										<u>2</u>
9. Votes and Proceedings:—										
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done										630
Of Questions answered										675
										<u>1,305</u>
Daily Average										21
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions										1,107
Of Notices of Motion										4,586
Of Orders of the Day										1,307
Of Contingent Notices										27
										<u>7,027</u>
Daily Average										113
10. Contingent Notice Papers										5
11. Orders for Papers										3
12. Addresses for Papers										0
13. Other Addresses										1
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—										
By Message										53
By Command										293
In Return to Orders										4
In Return to Addresses										0
Reports from Standing and Select Committees										23
										<u>373</u>
Ordered to be Printed										111
Not ordered to be Printed										262
										<u>373</u>

15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on, which the House sat in the Second Session of 1908, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.		Entries in Votes.
					h. m.	h. m.	
1	21 July	Tuesday	{ 12 noon	12 24 o'clock p.m.	0 24	0 24	9
2	22 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11 31 " "	7 31	...	2
3	23 "	Thursday	4 " "	10 54 " "	6 54	...	4
4	28 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11 33 " "	7 33	...	3
5	29 "	Wednesday	4 " "	5 58 " a.m.	13 58	5 58	9
6	30 "	Thursday	4 " "	6 5 " p.m.	2 5	...	6
7	4 August	Tuesday	4 " "	1 45 " a.m.	9 45	1 45	20
8	5 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10 15 " p.m.	6 15	...	15
9	6 "	Thursday	4 " "	10 32 " "	6 32	...	12
10	11 "	Tuesday	4 " "	10 " "	6 0	...	6
11	12 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10 55 " "	6 55	...	6
12	13 "	Thursday	4 " "	10 20 " "	6 20	...	9
13	1 September	Tuesday	4 " "	7 2 " "	3 2	...	6
14	2 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11 8 " "	7 8	...	9
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17	9 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10 45 " "	6 45	...	7
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25	29 "	Tuesday	4 " "	10 15 " "	6 15	...	7
26	30 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11 29 " "	7 29	...	9
27	1 October	Thursday	4 " "	11 39 " "	7 39	...	7
28	6 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11 22 " "	7 22	...	8
29	7 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11 8 " "	7 8	...	8
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31	13 "	Tuesday	4 " "	1 34 " "	9 34	1 34	11
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35	21 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11 49 " "	7 49	...	12
36	22 "	Thursday	4 " "	1 38 " a.m.	9 38	1 38	13
37	27 "	Tuesday	4 " "	12 32 " "	8 32	0 32	12
38	28 "	Wednesday	4 " "	1 55 " "	9 55	1 55	11
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40	3 November	Tuesday	4 " "	1 3 " "	9 3	1 3	11
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45	12 "	Thursday	4 " "	11 15 " "	7 15	...	14
46	13 "	Friday	2 " "	6 10 " "	4 10	...	2
47	17 "	Tuesday	4 " "	12 15 " a.m.	8 15	0 15	11
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52	25 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10 58 " p.m.	6 58	...	4
53	26 "	Thursday	4 " "	2 1 " a.m.	10 1	2 1	8
54	27 "	Friday	2 " "	6 39 " p.m.	4 39	...	4
55	1 December	Tuesday	4 " "	6 35 " a.m.	14 35	6 35	11
56	2 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10 31 " p.m.	6 31	...	14
57	3 "	Thursday	4 " "	12 10 " a.m.	8 10	0 10	11
58	4 "	Friday	2 " "	6 37 " p.m.	4 37	...	16
59	7 "	Monday	4 " "	11 39 " "	7 39	...	12
60	8 "	Tuesday	4 " "	1 5 " a.m.	9 5	1 5	11
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Total					617 57	185 2	627

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