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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1882.

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 twentieth day of June, 1882.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

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

" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fourth  
" day of July next: Now I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, in pursuance  
" of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further  
" prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the twenty-second day of August 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-second day of August next, at twelve o'clock, at  
" noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City  
" of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively  
" are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

" Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twentieth day of June,  
" in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the forty-  
" sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" JOHN ROBERTSON.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—

(1.) That, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the present Legislative Assembly:—

For the Electoral District of Yass Plains,—in room of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, whose Seat had been declared vacant on the 13th December last by reason of the death of Mr. Fitzpatrick.

For the Electoral District of Northumberland,—in room of William Turner, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of Redfern,—in room of John Sutherland, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of Mudgee,—in room of Samuel Henry Terry, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of Wentworth,—in room of William Adams Brodribb, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of Tenterfield,—in room of John Dillon, Esquire, resigned.

(2.) That these Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the election of the following gentlemen,—

Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, to serve as Member for Yass Plains.

Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, to serve as a Member for Northumberland.

Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, to serve as a Member for Redfern.

Sir John Robertson, to serve as a Member for Mudgee.

Edward Quin, Esquire, to serve as Member for Wentworth.

Augustus Ryan Fraser, Esquire, to serve as Member for Tenterfield.

3. ELECTORATE OF EAST MACQUARIE:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House that during the recess Edmund Webb, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of East Macquarie, resigned his Seat; that thereupon he issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Webb; that that Writ had been returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Mr. Alfred John Pechey; that Mr. Pechey died, and in consequence of his death he issued another Writ, which had also been returned, with the Returning Officer's certificate thereon of the election of Mr. Sydney Smith.

4. MEMBERS SWORN :—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned :—
- Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire,—for Yass Plains.
  - Thomas Hungerford, Esquire,—for Northumberland.
  - Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,—for Redfern.
  - Sir John Robertson,—for Mudgee.
  - Edward Quin, Esquire,—for Wentworth.
  - Sydney Smith, Esquire,—for East Macquarie.

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 Sir Henry Parkes, at seventeen minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. PAPERS :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copies of Minutes of the Governor and Executive Council authorizing the application of certain sums from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

(2.) Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony for the year 1881, together with the Auditor General's Report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the 38th section of the Audit Act.  
Ordered to be printed.

7. CUDJEGONG TOWN HALL BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Cudjegang, representing that the Cudjegang Town Hall Bill, which passed this House during the last Session, and was sent to the Legislative Council, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill in this Session.  
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the said Petition being entertained,—  
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan then moved, That leave be given to re-introduce the Cudjegang Town Hall Bill, passed by this House during the last Session of Parliament.  
Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Cudjegang to erect a Town Hall and Municipal Council Chambers and Offices on a parcel of land situate in Market and Douro Streets in the Town of Mudgee and to borrow moneys for the purpose of erecting and completing the said buildings and for other purposes therein mentioned,* ”—which was read a first time.

(4.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a second time.

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

8. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL :—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary of War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,* ”—which was read a first time *pro forma*.

9. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

Although the Parliamentary recess has been somewhat longer than usual, owing to circumstances within your knowledge, I have called you together sufficiently early to enable you to transact the business more immediately pressing before the close of the year.

2. A Bill to extend the benefits of Local Government will be submitted for your consideration.

3. In consequence of the efforts made by unscrupulous persons to abuse the provisions of the Land Acts to their own advantage, you will be invited to consider a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Public Estate, with the view of carrying out more effectually the legitimate objects of occupation by lease and settlement by freehold.

4. Bills to convert the Public Securities into a form more acceptable to the general public, and to effect other financial changes, will be introduced.

5. A comprehensive measure to consolidate and amend the Criminal Law will be brought forward without delay.

6. Experience has shown that the existing Mining Act is defective in some of the more important of its provisions, and a measure will be introduced to give the miner more definite rights, and to afford greater facilities for legitimate mining enterprise, while more carefully protecting the interests of the Crown.

7. You will be invited to legislate in view of the better preservation and management of the Public Forests.

8. A Bill will be introduced to make more satisfactory provision for the acquisition and registration of Titles to Real Property, and to improve the administration of the law in relation thereto.

9. The adulteration of food and drink is a subject which concerns the dearest interests of all classes, and a Bill will be introduced to make more stringent provision against practices so prejudicial to the general health.

10. You will be invited to consider a measure for the regulation of the navigation of inland waters.

11. If the state of public business will permit, a Bill will be submitted for the regulation of the Civil Service, and also Bills for amending the law relating to seamen, for regulating the inspection of steam boilers, and for other purposes.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. The financial state of the Colony will be explained to you, and the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure submitted for your consideration on an early day; and it is confidently believed that the proposals of the Government will be of a nature to merit your approval.

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

13. I have to congratulate you on the continued buoyancy of the revenue derived from all the principal sources, and on the high position which the Public Securities have reached in the English money market, as evidenced by the brilliant success of the recent Loan. It is gratifying to know that there are few States whose credit stands higher than that of New South Wales, or whose prosperity is more generally acknowledged.

14. You will be glad to learn that the important Act passed in the last Session for regulating the trade in intoxicating liquors, though defective in some particulars, has worked generally for the public welfare. Notwithstanding the increase of population, the number of convictions for the offence of drunkenness at the Metropolitan Central Police Court for the first six months of this year was 2,983, against 3,980 for the corresponding period of 1881, showing a decrease of 997; while the convictions for the same offence at the Water Police Court show a decrease of 622 on the same periods. It is impossible to resist the conclusion from these figures that the sobriety of the community has been largely promoted by the present law.

15. In addition to the 996 miles of Railway in operation at the close of last year, 178 miles of new lines have since been completed, making a present total of 1,174 miles open to traffic. The new lines are calculated to affect the trade of the interior in a manner specially beneficial to the Colony; and the additional extensions which have been authorized, and which will be rapidly pushed forward, will still further promote the commercial relations between the distant parts of the country and the metropolis, while opening fresh fields for settlement and stimulating the development of our natural resources. The lines of Railway now in the course of construction will add an extension of 396 miles, which with the 639 additional miles authorized by Parliament, will form a total within the next two to three years of 2,209 miles.

16. It is the intention of my Advisers to ask your concurrence in the adoption of a system of light Railways, to act as feeders to the main lines, thus extending the advantages of railway communication to intermediate districts, increasing the volume of general traffic, and opening up valuable lands now comparatively little known.

17. Much preliminary work has been done towards the construction of tanks and wells in those districts of the Colony which suffer most from the want of water, and it is hoped that contracts will be taken for the execution of the greater number of them before the close of the year.

18. With respect to the important works for supplying the Metropolis with water from the abundant source of the Nepean, I am happy to inform you that, with the exception of the iron piping, the whole of the works, including the Prospect Reservoir, have been contracted for, and most of them are well advanced towards completion. The great Sewerage Works are also being advanced with as much rapidity as the many impediments to their progress will admit.

19. Since the close of last Session Her Majesty's Imperial Government have presented to the Colony the armed ship "Wolverene," lately under the flag of Commodore Wilson. The Government purpose converting this vessel into a Training and Gunnery Ship, for which it is believed she is admirably fitted. Regulations for her equipment and management, and for the reorganization and discipline of the Naval Brigade as a Defence Force in connection with her, will be laid before you.

20. Other matters of much interest and importance in relation to the Defences of the Colony will be submitted for your consideration.

21. It is hoped that time will permit of plans being submitted to you for carrying out material improvements in the City of Sydney and other of the principal cities and towns of the Colony.

22. I now leave you to your patriotic labours, and pray that the Almighty may direct all your endeavours to the promotion of good government and the prosperity of the Colony.

Mr. Sydney Smith then moved, and Mr. Quin seconded the Motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Brunner, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Quin, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

2. The important Bill to consolidate and amend the Land Acts will receive the most careful consideration at our hands, with the desire that a sound and comprehensive measure may be passed into law.

3. The other measures to be laid before us will receive our anxious attention when they are introduced.

4. We rejoice with your Excellency in the buoyant state of the public revenue, and the high credit of the Colony in England, and we join in the prayer that our labours may be directed to the advancement of the public welfare.

Mr. Sydney Smith then moved, and Mr. Quin seconded the Motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 5 :—

" But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1882.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
**EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL:**—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service.  
 Question put and passed.
2. **RIGHT OF CHALLENGE OF JURORS IN FELONY AND MISDEMEANOUR AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in reference to the right of Challenge of Jurors in cases of Felony and Misdemeanour.  
 Question put and passed.
3. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:**—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Cameron made his acknowledgments to the House.
4. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL:**—Mr. Garrard presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and regulate the liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their service,*"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th September.
5. **RIGHT OF CHALLENGE OF JURORS IN FELONY AND MISDEMEANOUR AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law in reference to the right of Challenge of Jurors in cases of Felony and Misdemeanour,*"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **CUDJEGONG TOWN HALL BILL,**—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Cudjergong to erect a Town Hall and Municipal Council Chambers and Offices on a parcel of land situate in Market and Douro Streets in the Town of Mudgee and to borrow moneys for the purpose of erecting and completing the said Buildings and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
**MR. PRESIDENT,**  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Cudjergong to erect a Town Hall and Municipal Council Chambers and Offices on a parcel of land situate in Market and Douro Streets in the Town of Mudgee and to borrow moneys for the purpose of erecting and completing the said Buildings and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 23rd August, 1882.*
7. **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. Sydney Smith,—That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,—  
*"To His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS,*  
*"Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies."*  
**"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—**  
 We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.  
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" 2. The important Bill to consolidate and amend the Land Acts will receive the most careful consideration at our hands, with the desire that a sound and comprehensive measure may be passed into law.

" 3. The other measures to be laid before us will receive our anxious attention when they are introduced.

" 4. We rejoice with Your Excellency in the buoyant state of the public revenue, and the high credit of the Colony in England, and we join in the prayer that our labours may be directed to the advancement of the public welfare."

Upon which Mr. Stuart had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 5,—

" But we desire respectfully to express our regret that Your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in Your Excellency's Speech,"—

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

Mr. William Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1882.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
ROADS THROUGH LANDS GRANTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott presented a Petition from Residents of Liverpool Plains and the Northern Districts, praying the House to adopt the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the necessity for opening Roads through, and making Reserves on, lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company.  
Petition received.
2. LIMITATION OF OATHS BILL:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the laws relating to the Administration of Oaths.  
Question put and passed.
3. ERADICATION OF THE PRICKLY PEAR:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear.  
Question put and passed.
4. LAND OFFICES AT WARIALDA, BINGERA, AND MOREE:—Mr. W. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the business transacted in the Land Offices of Warialda, Bingera, and Moree during the year 1881, and the first eight months of the present year, with respect to number of conditional purchases, aggregate area, deposit money, instalment on conditional purchases, interest on conditional purchases, number of pre-leases, aggregate area, rent of pre-leases, auction sales, after auction selections, miscellaneous receipts (Transfers, &c.), and total receipts.  
Question put and passed.
5. LIMITATION OF OATHS BILL:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Administration of Oaths*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th September.
6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—  
"By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
of New South Wales.  
"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint  
"James Henry Douglas, Esquire, | "William Hilson Pigott, Esquire,  
"Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire, | "John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,  
"Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., | "John See, Esquire,  
"Richard Lennon Murray, 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-fourth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.  
"G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
"Speaker."
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Right of Challenge of Jurors in Felony and Misdemeanor Amendment Bill postponed until to-morrow.



8. 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. Sydney Smith,—That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,—

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“ Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's  
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“ Speech, and to assure you of our deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's  
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“ 2. The important Bill to consolidate and amend the Land Acts will receive the most  
“ careful consideration at our hands, with the desire that a sound and comprehensive measure may  
“ be passed into law.

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“ high credit of the Colony in England, and we join in the prayer that our labours may be directed  
“ to the advancement of the public welfare.”

Upon which Mr. Stuart had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 5,—

“ But we desire respectfully to express our regret that Your Excellency was not advised to call  
“ Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration  
“ before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in Your  
“ Excellency's Speech.”

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

Dr. Ross moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the addition of the words  
“ especially to measures for adjusting or placing the taxation of the country on a sound and more  
“ satisfactory basis.”

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1882.

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

PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, the Honorable Member for The Clarence, has not since the date of his election himself, in conjunction with another person, held a contract for or on account of the Public Service, and derived therefrom an emolument arising from the same.

Question put and passed.

And in consequence of the name of Mr. Purves appearing in the Warrant laid upon the Table of the House yesterday by Mr. Speaker appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, Mr. Speaker asked for, and obtained, the permission of the House to the withdrawal of that Warrant.

2. ROADS THROUGH LANDS GRANTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott presented a Petition from Residents of Liverpool Plains and the Northern Districts, praying the House to adopt the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the necessity for opening Roads through, and making Reserves on, lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company.  
Petition received.
3. GUARANTEES LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Guarantees.  
Question put and passed.
4. PLANS OF SUBDIVISION OF LAND REGISTRATION BILL:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of Plans on the Subdivision of Land.  
Question put and passed.
5. LICENSING MAGISTRATES AT ARMIDALE:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the appointment of Licensing Magistrates at Armidale.  
Question put and passed.
6. GUARANTEES LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Guarantees*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th September.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Eradication of the Prickly Pear; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear;—*until Friday, 15th September.*  
(2.) Right of Challenge of Jurors in Felony and Misdemeanour Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

8. 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. Sydney Smith,—That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,—

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 “ Excellency's Speech,”

To which proposed amendment Dr. Ross moved the addition of the words,—“ especially to measures  
 “ for adjusting or placing the taxation of the country on a sound and more satisfactory basis.”

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. William Forster.  
*Tellers,*  
 Mr. Melville,  
 Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 74.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Badgery,	Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Edmund Barton,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Carter,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. See,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Douglas,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fullford,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Hezlet,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Holborow,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

Question put,—That the following paragraph proposed to be added to the Address be so added :—  
 “But we desire respectfully to express our regret that Your Excellency was not advised to call  
 “Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration  
 “before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in Your  
 “Excellency’s Speech.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,  
 Mr. John Brown,  
 Mr. Buchanan,  
 Mr. Copeland,  
 Mr. Farnell,  
 Mr. William Forster,  
 Mr. Garvan,  
 Sir Patrick Jennings,  
 Mr. McCulloch,  
 Mr. McElhone,  
 Mr. McLaughlin,  
 Mr. O’Connor,  
 Mr. Poole,  
 Mr. Reid,  
 Mr. Stuart.

*Tellers,*

Mr. W. R. Campbell,  
 Mr. Slattery.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Abigail,  
 Mr. Andrews,  
 Mr. Badgery,  
 Mr. Edmund Barton,  
 Mr. Russell Barton,  
 Mr. Beyers,  
 Mr. Bodel,  
 Mr. Bowman,  
 Mr. H. H. Brown,  
 Mr. Burns,  
 Mr. Byrnes,  
 Mr. Cameron,  
 Mr. George Campbell,  
 Mr. Carter,  
 Mr. Cass,  
 Mr. Henry Clarke,  
 Mr. William Clarke,  
 Mr. Combes,  
 Mr. Cooke,  
 Mr. Cramsie,  
 Mr. H. C. Dangar,  
 Mr. T. G. Dangar,  
 Mr. Davies,  
 Mr. Douglas,  
 Mr. Eckford,  
 Mr. Fawcett,  
 Mr. W. J. Foster,  
 Mr. Fullford,  
 Mr. Garrard,  
 Mr. Henson,  
 Mr. Heydon,  
 Mr. Hezlet,  
 Mr. Holborow,  
 Mr. Hungerford,

Mr. Jacob,  
 Mr. Kidd,  
 Mr. Lackey,  
 Mr. Levin,  
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
 Mr. Lynch,  
 Mr. Martin,  
 Mr. Melville,  
 Mr. Mitchell,  
 Sir Henry Parkes,  
 Mr. Pigott,  
 Mr. Proctor,  
 Mr. Quin,  
 Dr. Renwick,  
 Sir John Robertson,  
 Mr. Rutledge,  
 Mr. Ryrrie,  
 Mr. See,  
 Mr. T. R. Smith,  
 Mr. Suttor,  
 Mr. Tecco,  
 Mr. Tooth,  
 Mr. Trickett,  
 Mr. Vaughn,  
 Mr. James Watson,  
 Mr. Wilkinson,  
 Mr. Wisdom,  
 Mr. Withers,  
 Mr. Young.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Sydney Smith,  
 Mr. Burdekin.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency’s Opening Speech at a quarter to Four o’clock on Tuesday next.

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

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

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

“Edmund Barton, Esquire,  
 “James Henry Douglas, Esquire,  
 “Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire,  
 “Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G.,

“Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire,  
 “William Hilson Pigott, Esquire,  
 “John See, 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-fifth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one  
 “thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

“G. WIGRAM ALLEN, -  
 “Speaker.”

The House adjourned at twenty-minutes after Eleven o’clock, until Tuesday next at *half-past Three o’clock.*

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1882.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for your Address, and for the renewed expression of your deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I trust that the results of your patriotic labours will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of the Colony, and to the happiness and welfare of all classes of the community.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 29th August, 1882.*

2. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission under the Seal of the Colony, dated 24th August, 1882, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—

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

To all to whom these presents shall come,

*Greeting:*

In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize ANGUS CAMERON, ESQUIRE, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the forty-sixth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

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

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Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Andrews, Mr. Beyers, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. W. J. Foster, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Levin, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Dr. Renwick, Sir John Robertson, Dr. Ross, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Wisdom, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fourteen minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker*

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New South Wales.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1882.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Augustus Ryan Fraser, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Locomotive Steel Crank Axles:—*Mr. Frenlin*, for Mr. Poole, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he say how many locomotive steel crank axles were broken on the Government Railways during the years 1880 and 1881?

(2.) The total mileage run by these axles?

(3.) The total cost of these axles?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Seven crank axles were broken in 1880, and eleven in 1881.

(2.) The total mileage run was 1,781,278, giving an average of 104,781 miles per axle.

(3.) The cost of these particular axles cannot be given, as it was included in the price paid for the engines complete. The average cost of crank axles recently imported has been £141 17s. 9d. each.

(2.) Tanks on Narrabri and Moree Road:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true the Public Tank at Galathera, on road Narrabri to Moree, has been completed, full of water for some time, not let, and going to destruction for want of being fenced and cared for, and solely at the use of run lessees stock?

(2.) When will tenders be invited for the leasing of this and other Tanks on the same road, thus rendering them available to the public and their stock?

*Dr. Renwick* answered,—

(1.) I am informed by my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, that the Tank at Galathera is completed and is full of water, but will not be fenced for three weeks, as, though fencing was let in January, it has been impossible to draw in posts and rails on account of the drought, and consequent inability of cattle to work when rain fell.

(2.) When the fencing is completed, and this and the other Tanks are handed over to this Department, tenders will be invited without delay for leasing them.

(3.) Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney:—*Mr. Lynch* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the working plans be sufficiently advanced to enable tenders to be called for the Railway Extension, Murrumburrah to Blayney?

(2.) Will the contract be let in such a way that the work will be commenced from the Blayney end to the point to which the permanent survey has been completed?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Plans for a portion only of the Extension from Murrumburrah to Blayney have been approved by Parliament, viz., from Murrumburrah to Young. The plans for the remainder of the length, Young to Blayney, will be submitted for the approval of Parliament at an early date.

(2.) Tenders for the construction of the works on this length cannot be invited until such approval has been obtained.

(4.) Sydney Water Supply:—*Mr. Withers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of all tenderers for Prospect Dam, and the respective amounts of such tenders, and office quantities of the work to be done in the construction of the Dam?

(2.) What is the estimated cost for completing the whole of the Dam and outlet works, exclusive of the above tender?

(3.) The number and approximate cost of iron aqueduct or piping required on the above works from Prospect to Sydney?

(4.) The probable cost of the Nepean and Cataract Tunnels when completed? (5.)

(5.) The dimensions and length of the iron aqueduct required for the delivery of 50,000,000 gallons of water at the end of the open conduit from Prospect?

(6.) The estimate of the small reservoir near Prospect, from which the Government propose to supply Sydney pending the completion of the Prospect Dam?

(7.) Dimensions and probable cost per mile of the iron piping between the aqueduct on works Prospect to Sydney?

(8.) The length and estimated cost of the necessary flume or pipe to connect the small reservoir with the open conduit this side of Prospect?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will lay the information asked for by the Honorable Member, by way of a Return, upon the Table of the House.

(5.) Local School Boards:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) When is it intended to appoint Local School Boards for the Country Districts, and the cause of delay in doing so?

(2.) Does the Minister intend to adopt any measures for the education of scattered children in the Country Districts?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The work of defining Public School Districts, and the appointment of Public School Boards thereto, is being proceeded with as rapidly as the circumstances permit.

(2.) Provision has already been made for this purpose in the Regulations for Schools to be conducted by itinerating teachers.

(6.) Flap-boards on Tram-cars:—Mr. Martin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to have flap-boards constructed outside the wheels of all tram-cars to prevent or minimize the recurrence of so many serious and fatal accidents to life and limb?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Department has had several schemes under consideration, all more or less failing through some defect or another. An experiment is to be made shortly with sheet iron guards round the bogies of the cars, which it is thought may serve the object in view.

(7.) Pymont Bridge:—Mr. Martin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of the long delay in opening the Pymont Bridge free to the public, and will he state the date on which he purposes opening it?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The delay in the resumption of the Pymont Bridge has been caused by legal difficulties, which the Crown Law Officers are dealing with as actively as circumstances will permit.

(8.) Rookwood Cemetery:—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Funeral Trains to Rookwood Cemetery are not detained a sufficient period to enable the burial service for the dead to be performed?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view, if necessary, of causing the Trains to be detained a longer period?

(3.) Is he also aware that there are no seats, shelter, or accommodation on the platform at Rookwood Cemetery for the convenience of the large numbers of persons who visit the locality?

(4.) Will he cause some accommodation to be provided?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1 & 2.) From inquiry made it seems that opinions are divided as to whether the time allowed is sufficient or not. The burial ground of that section which represents that the time is not sufficient is nearer to the Mortuary Station than the burial ground of those who assert that the time is sufficient. The time has been altered more than once, and on the last occasion it was shortened to the present time at the express request of the clergymen who conduct the burial services. If the time is lengthened it must be for the morning train, extended twenty minutes, as otherwise the ordinary train service would be interfered with; five or ten minutes more time can be allowed to the afternoon Funeral Train if necessary.

(3 & 4.) It is reported that there are sufficient seats on both platforms. Shelter for persons waiting is required on the up platform, and will be provided.

(9.) Water Supply for Town of Emmaville:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to take any steps towards supplying the Town of Emmaville with water?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A preliminary report has been obtained in connection with this matter; but owing to the number of applications for water supply which have been received from all parts of the Colony, I am not in a position to state at once what will be done in this particular case.

(10.) Border Duties:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Levin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to invite the Victorian Government to a Conference, with a view to readjust the Border Duties so far as Colonial Produce is concerned?

Mr. James Watson answered,—This question of the collection of Border Duties has been brought under my notice by the Honorable Member, but no decision has yet been arrived at on the subject.

(11.) Railway from Homebush to Waratah:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of the Railway between Homebush and Waratah?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited for the length from Homebush to the Hawkesbury River early in October next.

(12.) Sale of Crown Lands:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to advertise any more Crown Lands for sale by auction, beyond what already appear in the *Government Gazette*, pending the introduction of the new Land Act?

Sir John Robertson answered,—Of course the Government will act under the law until the law is altered.



(13.) Railway from Redfern to Circular Quay:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay?

(2.) Will the Minister forthwith lay upon the Table of the House copies of plans of the routes for such extension surveyed, and in course of being surveyed, if any?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to obtain during the present Session the authority of Parliament for such extension?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) This question has not been decided.

(2.) Yes, as soon as possible.

(3.) This question is answered by the reply to question No. 1.

(14.) Dr. Roberts—Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does Dr. Roberts hold any official position under the Government; if so, what are the duties, and how much salary does he receive?

(2.) Who is responsible for the selection of the Prince Alfred Hospital site?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; President of the Board of Official Visitors of Hospitals for the Insane, and Member of the Railway Medical Board; combined salary, £350 per annum.

(2.) The Directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital applied for the site. The Senate of the University recommended to the Government in July, 1871, that it should be sub-granted to the Board of Directors for the purpose of a Medical School and General Hospital, and the recommendation was acceded to by the Government.

3. OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY:—Mr. W. J. Foster presented a Petition from Male Inhabitants of New South Wales, praying the House to give its sanction to any proposed measure which may tend to maintain the observance of the Day of Rest, and refuse to sanction any measure which may tend to subvert the objects for which the day was instituted.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Petition received.

4. ROADS THROUGH LANDS GRANTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Jesse Gregson, General Superintendent of the Australian Agricultural Company, praying for leave to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in opposition to the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on "Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company."  
Petition received.

5. TAMWORTH GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from the Directors of the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company (Limited), representing that the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company's Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Burdekin presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Tamworth,*"—which was read a first time.

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

Ordered, that the committal of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

6. INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS INCORPORATION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the President, Vice-President, and Acting Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the New South Wales Institute of Surveyors, representing that the Institute of Surveyors Incorporation Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the New South Wales Institute of Surveyors,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th September.

7. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Census of New South Wales, 1881 (Summary Tables).

(2.) Return to an Order made on 25th November, 1881,—"*Plants and Seeds distributed and received by the Curator of the Botanical Gardens, Sydney.*"

(3.) Returns under the Real Property Act, for 1881.

(4.) Statement of Moneys expended under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act during 1881.

(5.) Further Returns to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—"*Immigration*"—Ships "*Forfarshire*" and "*Samuel Plimsoll.*"

(6.) Despatch respecting Labour Trade in the Western Pacific.

(7.) Report of the Inspector General of the Insane, for 1881.

(8.) Report of the Inspector General of Police on the Police Department, for 1881.

(9.) Report on Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for 1881.

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

- (11.) By-laws, Sydney Hospital.
- (12.) By-laws of the Borough of Wallsend.
- (13.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Wallsend.
- (14.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Waratah.
- (15.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Waratah.
- (16.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Lambton.
- (17.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Lambton.
- (18.) By-laws of the Borough of Plattsburg.
- (19.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Plattsburg.
- (20.) By-law of the Borough of Parramatta.
- (21.) By-law of the Municipal District of Glen Innes.
- (22.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
- (23.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Windsor.
- (24.) By-law of the Municipal District of Yass.
- (25.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra.
- (26.) By-laws of the Borough of Victoria.
- (27.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly.
- (28.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood.
- (29.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Glen Innes.
- (30.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke.
- (31.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Molong.
- (32.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (33.) By-laws of the Borough of Waverley under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (34.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Goulburn, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, and the Goulburn Cattle Sale-yards Act of 1875.
- (35.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of The Glebe, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (36.) Blue Book for the year 1881.
- (37.) Report of the Protector of the Aborigines.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
- (2.) Despatch transmitting a copy of an agreement between Great Britain and Denmark relative to Merchant Seamen Deserters.
- (3.) Despatch respecting Tonnage Measurement.
- (4.) Correspondence respecting Wine Duties.
- (5.) Correspondence respecting the introduction into the Colony, and ravages of, the Codlin Moth.
- (6.) Trust Moneys Deposit Accounts, from 1st April, 1881, to 31st March, 1882.
- (7.) General Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarters ended 31st December, 1881, 31st March, 1882, and 30th June, 1882.
- (8.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the Management of the Quarantine Station at North Head, and the Hulk "Faraway."
- (9.) Second Report of the Commission on the same subject.
- (10.) Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Postmaster-General on the Departments under his Ministerial control.
- (11.) Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank, from 1st January to 31st December, 1881.
- (12.) Convention between the General Post Office of New South Wales and the Post Office Department of the United States of America on the Exchange of Money Orders.
- (13.) Despatch respecting a proposed Postal Convention proposed by the Government of New South Wales with the Batavian Postal Authorities.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notifications of Lands resumed in terms of the Act, 44 Victoria, No. 16.
  - (1.) For Works of Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs.
  - (2.) For Harbour Improvements at Newcastle and Port Macquarie.
  - (3.) For Sewerage Works for City of Sydney.
  - (4.) For Roads and Bridges.
  - (5.) For Public Cemetery at Colley Blue.
- (2.) Report on Grenfell Water Supply.
- (3.) Return showing Expenditure on Railway Stations, Sidings, and Buildings.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Second Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for the year 1881.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
- (6.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.
- (7.) Abstract of Land resumed for Public Purposes at Colley Blue.
- (8.) Return to an Order made on 9th December, 1881,—“Christie v. Hoskins.” (9.)

- (9.) Return to an Order made on the 15th November, 1881,—“ Mr. Samuel Wilson’s Conditional Purchase at Yass.”
- (10.) Return to an Order made on 16th November, 1881,—“ Public Cemetery at Coolac.”
- (11.) Return to an Order made on 3rd November, 1881,—“ Goodwin v. Futter.”  
Ordered to be printed.
- (12.) Return to an Order made on 11th October, 1881,—“ Alignment of Streets at Waverley by Surveyor Parrot.”
- (13.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1881,—“ James Morrison’s Conditional Purchase at Rylstone.”

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Third Annual Report on the Occupation of Crown Lands Branch of the Department of Mines.
- (2.) Additional Regulations relating to Gold Mining Leases.
- (3.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines, being for the year 1881.
- (4.) Return to an Order made on 19th December, 1881,—“ Land taken from Mr. Henry Halloran by the Borough of Ashfield.”
- (5.) Proclamation prohibiting the introduction of Stock from all places outside the Australian Colonies for two years.
- (6.) Notification of application of Regulations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878 to the Sheep District of Cobar.
- (7.) Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines, for 1881.
- (8.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 11th February, 1881,—“ Applications to Mine under Reserves.”
- (9.) Return to an Order made on 14th December, 1881,—“ Appraisalment of Runs in the New England, and Clarence, and Macleay Districts.”  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1881.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1881.
- (3.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1881.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for the year 1881.
- (5.) By-laws for the regulation of the Free Public Library, Liverpool.
- (6.) By-laws for the regulation of the Glebe Free Library.
- (7.) By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (8.) Correspondence relating to Sale of Land at Ashfield (Old Training College Site) to Mr. John S. Jamieson.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of Lands for Public School Purposes at Balmain East, Breeza, Camdensville, Croydon, Dungog, Dural, Esk Bank, Glanmire, Longbottom, Macquarie-street South, East Maitland, East Maitland (additional), Merriwa, Mount Pleasant, Parramatta North, Parramatta South, Pyrmont, Saggart Field, St. Peters, Stanmore, Summer Hill, Temora, Waldegrave, Waverley, Whittingham, and Yerong.
- (10.) Correspondence, &c., relating to the Exploration of the Caves and Rivers of New South Wales.  
Ordered to be printed.

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Question put and passed.
11. WATERING-PLACES AND RESERVES BILL:—Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering Places, and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—The Notices of Motions Nos. 6 to 17 inclusive postponed, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, to follow after Notice of Motion No. 32.
13. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for despatch of Business at Four o’clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.  
Question put and passed.
14. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

15. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.  
Question put and passed.
16. **FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House,—
- (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion' or Order of the Day," no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
  - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
  - (3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
  - (4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
  - (5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
- Question put and passed.
17. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.  
Question put and passed.
18. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.  
Question put and passed.
19. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7 shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
20. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House:—
- (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
  - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such list so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
- Question put and passed.
21. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.  
Question put and passed.
22. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.  
Question put and passed.
23. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Combes, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Edmund Barton, Mr. Burns, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

24. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Cameron, Sir Patrick Jennings, Dr. Renwick, Mr. James Watson, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
25. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Garrard, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Burns, Mr. James Watson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
26. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.  
Question put and passed.
27. **PRINTING PETITIONS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.  
Question put and passed.
28. **ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act relating to Cruelty to Animals.  
Question put and passed.
29. **COUNTRY LANDS OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the portions and area of country lands offered for sale by auction under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act from 1862 to 1881 inclusive, and showing the area and portions that have been offered for sale each year by auction, the area purchased, and the area not sold.  
Question put and passed.
30. **EVIDENCE IN SUMMARY CONVICTIONS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Defendants in all cases of offences punishable on summary conviction to give evidence on their own behalf.  
Question put and passed.
31. **DOWER ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Dower.  
Question put and passed.
32. **EVIDENCE IN SUMMARY CONVICTIONS BILL**:—Mr. Pigott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Defendants to give evidence on their own behalf in all cases of Summary Conviction*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th September.
33. **ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL**:—Mr. H. C. Dangar presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd September.
34. **DOWER ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Pigott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Dower*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th September.
35. **BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Slattery presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Acts to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
36. **WATER WORKS AT PROSPECT**:—Mr. Withers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a tabulated statement of the quantities and cost of all excavations and rubble lining, loose and in puddle, masonry in cement, for each section of the Prospect Works now under contract, and the schedule prices at which they are being done.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

37. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY GEORGE DAY AT THE URANA LAND OFFICE:**—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, petitions, applications, reports, minutes, letters, and all other documents relating or in any way appertaining to a selection taken up by George Day, at the Urana Land Office, in the month of October, 1876; and also copies of the evidence taken before the Chief Commissioner in the insolvent estate of the said George Day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

38. **ART GALLERY:**—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Having in view the large attendance of Sunday visitors at the Museum and Public Library, this House is of opinion that it is desirable to open the Art Gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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

Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Parkes 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.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In how many branches of his Department has the eight-hour system been adopted since the passing of the eight-hour resolutions of February, 1881?

(2.) In how many cases have applications been made for the adoption of the said system, and refused?

(3.) Is it intended to grant the eight-hour system to the men employed in the dredge service, in accordance with their application?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) In every branch of the Department where practicable.

(2.) It has been necessary to refuse the application of the eight-hours system in some of the branches where it was found that it could not be carried out with proper regard to the efficiency of the Service.

(3.) A final decision has not yet been come to, pending report from Engineer-in-Chief of Harbours and Rivers, as to how far the concession can be extended to the dredge service.

(2.) Friendly Societies Commission:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What has been the total cost to the country up to the present time of the Friendly Societies Commission, including salaries, printing, postage, travelling, &c.?

(2.) The amount paid as remuneration to the members of the Commission individually?

(3.) When is the Final Report of the Commission likely to be laid before Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) £1,774 5s.

(2.) To Mr. J. Gelding, £144 18s.; Mr. P. J. Newland, £144 18s.; Mr. J. F. Smith, £142 16s.; Mr. J. Slade, £142 16s.; Mr. P. R. Holdsworth, £142 16s.; Mr. E. Greville, £126; Mr. E. J. Rubie, £123 18s.; Mr. W. E. Langley, £88 4s.

(3.) The Commission has been extended to the end of September, to enable the Report to be furnished.

(3.) History in Public Schools.—Superior Schools:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to teach History in our Public Schools, as authorized by the Act; and if so, when will this be done; and will he say why it has been delayed so long?

(2.) How many Superior Schools have been established since the Act came into operation, and where are they situated?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to teach History in all Public Schools. The delay in introducing it has arisen from the fact that new standards of proficiency have been in preparation, and will shortly be issued, in which provision is made for teaching History as an ordinary subject in all Schools. There has also been some difficulty in selecting suitable text books.

(2.) Twenty; Balmain, Bathurst, Cleveland-street, Crown-street, Dubbo, Fort-street, Goulburn, Grafton, Maitland West, Mudgee, Newcastle, Newtown, Orange, Paddington, Richmond, Wagga Wagga, Wallscend, Wellington, Wickham, William-street.

(4.) Tramway from Darlinghurst to St. Matthias Church:—Mr. Hezlet asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the contract for the construction of the double line of Tramway from Darlinghurst to St. Matthias Church accepted yet; if so, when will the work be commenced, and how long will it take to finish the contract?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A tender for this work has been accepted. The work will be commenced at once, and will be finished by the 10th October.

(5.)

(5.) Tramways from Marrickville to Canterbury and Bankstown:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Pigott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the routes for Tramways from Marrickville to Canterbury, and from some Station on the Railway Line to Bankstown, been yet surveyed or decided upon?

(2.) What action has been taken in the matter by the Department of Works?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) An exploration of the country has been made prior to a detailed survey of the best route, which has not yet been decided upon.

(6.) Mineral Conditional Purchase made by *J. and A. Brown*:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Messrs. *J. and A. Brown*, by their Agent, lodge an application with the Land Agent at Newcastle for a Mineral Conditional Purchase of 640 acres, portion 17, in the Parish of Taralba?

(2.) Was the said application declared void?

(3.) Has the voidance been revoked?

(4.) Does he allow an application made by an Agent for a Mineral Conditional Purchase?

(5.) Did *Mrs. Mary Lane* tender an application to the Land Agent at Newcastle for the same land, and did the Land Agent refuse to accept the application?

(6.) Have Land Agents any power or authority to reject applications for Conditional Purchases?

(7.) Has the Minister given any decision as to who is entitled to the land hereinbefore mentioned?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) *Mr. Moriarty*, the Chief Commissioner, considered voidance the proper course, and so informed Messrs. *Brown*.

(3.) Subsequently *Mr. Moriarty* found, from the Crown Lands Agent at Newcastle, that the late Under Secretary for Lands had officially instructed him that “any such applications which were tendered to him by Agents should be accepted,” and that the application in question was so accepted; *Mr. Moriarty*, therefore, advised that the voidance he had contemplated should not be insisted upon, which I approved.

(4.) Practically answered by reply to No. 3.

(5.) Yes, apparently the same land.

(6.) No; but it is usual for Land Agents when an application appears objectionable to say so, and if insisted upon to refer to the Lands Department.

(7.) No; but in another case of selection by an Agent, and even also selected in a wrong district, the Attorney General lately advised that it would be best to leave the respective parties to their remedies, and thus this case remains.

(7.) Railway between Orange and Molong to Forbes:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be invited for the construction of the Railway between Orange and Molong to Forbes; and will he say what is the cause of the delay?

(2.) Is it true that a fresh Line (other than the one that has been sanctioned by Parliament) is now being surveyed in the vicinity of Orange; if so, by whose authority, and for what reason is the alteration being made?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Tenders will be invited in November next for the construction of a portion of the Railway from Orange towards Forbes.

(2.) No.

(8.) Proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba:—*Mr. Loughnan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the Report of *Mr. Surveyor Melrose* on the proposed Railway Line Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—There is no objection.

(9.) Branch Railway from Port Jackson to Railway Line from Homebush to Waratah:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the construction of the Branch Railway from the waters of Port Jackson to the point of junction with the Great Northern Railway Line from Homebush to Waratah?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—The construction of this Line has not been authorized by Parliament.

(10.) Lord Howe Island:—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When do the Government intend laying before Parliament, or communicating information in any shape, having reference to proceedings of the Honorable *John Bowie Wilson* in his recent capacity of Commissioner to *Howe's Island*, or to the removal or dismissal of *Captain Armstrong* from his position or office on that Island?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—A report from *Dr. Wilson* upon the present state and future prospects of *Lord Howe Island* will be laid upon the Table presently. The papers regarding the removal of *Captain Armstrong* from the position of Resident Magistrate, &c., will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

(11.) *Edmund M'Glede*:—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What course do the Government intend to pursue in the matter of *Edmund M'Glede* with respect to the payment to him of the sum of money, or any portion of it, voted by this House by way of compensation for loss and damage sustained by him from the so-called *Moonlight gang* of bushrangers?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—A sum of money was voted to the person *Edmund M'Glede*, but after the money was voted a Petition was presented to the Colonial Secretary from, I think, upwards of twenty residents in the neighbourhood, stating that the utmost injury that could possibly have been done to *M'Glede* would be covered by £5, and that many other persons had suffered from bushrangers in the neighbourhood where claims ought to be considered if *M'Glede's* were. In consequence



consequence of that I directed an inquiry to be made by the Police Magistrate, Mr. Henry Bayliss, a gentleman in the Public Service, who is considered to be of superior character and of good ability, and the result of his inquiry; after taking evidence was, that in his opinion M'Glede was "disentitled to any consideration whatever at the hands of the Government." This was supported by very strong evidence. In another part of Mr. Bayliss's report he stated that even if the case were one that ought to be compensated the outside amount would be £50. But he did not recommend that; on the contrary, the evidence disclosed that M'Glede, for reasons he stated, but which I do not care to make public, was disentitled to any consideration at the hands of the Government. In consequence, I did not feel disposed to make any recommendation.

- (12.) Bridge over the Billabong Creek at Clarendon:—Mr. William Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the construction of a Bridge over the Billabong Creek at or near Clarendon; if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter has been referred to the Local Officer for his report, which has not yet been received.

- (13.) County Map:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Map prepared in the Surveyor General's Office in 1879, showing approximately in each County in New South Wales the proportion of alienated, reserved, and Crown Lands, made up to 30th June, 1882, adding to the same the boundaries of the Electoral Districts and of the Pastoral Districts?

Sir John Robertson answered,—No; it shall be laid upon the Table so soon as it can be brought up to the date mentioned, which, I think, will be in a few days.

- (14.) Census for 1881 (Summary Tables):—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to explain, with reference to the Summary Tables of the Census for 1881 relating to the industrial occupations of the people, under what head Conditional Purchasers of Crown Lands are classed, and whether a distinction is made in that Return between selectors who have paid up their balances and those who have not; and also how they were classified in the Census for 1871?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar General:—In the Census Returns for 1881, Conditional Purchasers of Crown Lands are classed under Class VI,—Land, Sub-class 1, Agriculture. Wherever it could be ascertained that a selector had paid his balance he was included amongst freehold proprietors, No. 1; but in all other cases Conditional Purchasers are classed with tenant farmers, No. 2. In 1871, all farmers, whether freeholders or tenants, were classed together without distinction; but in 1881 an attempt has been made to distinguish, as far as practicable, the freeholder from the tenant farmer.

2. OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Female Inhabitants of New South Wales, praying the House to put a stop to Railway and Tram traffic on the Sabbath Day, and also not to sanction any request either for increased labour or for further facilities for pleasure which would lessen the sanctity of the Lord's Day.  
Petition received.
3. THE LAND LAWS:—Mr. Levin presented a Petition from Freeholders, Selectors, and others, of Corowa, Carnsdale, and Collendina, stating that they view with alarm the large area of land that is being alienated from the Crown, and the formation of large estates by Financial Companies; and praying that a Royal Commission may be appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Laws.  
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Petition received.
4. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table a Report on the present state and future prospects of Lord Howe Island.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.  
Question put and passed.
6. LAND MACHINERY REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of certain kinds of Machinery employed on Land and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.
7. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.  
Question put and passed.
8. VIOLATION OF CHILDREN BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Violation of Children.  
Question put and passed.
9. LAW OF SEDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Seduction.  
Question put and passed.
10. EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC WORKS IN THE COUNTY OF ASHBURNHAM (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all moneys voted and spent in the County of Ashburnham, and County of Gordon, in improvements of all kinds, from 1861 up to 30th June, 1882, designating the respective works on which money was so spent, and the locality.  
Question put and passed.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a system of Local Government. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a system of Local Government.  
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts and for other purposes.  
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On motion of Dr. Renwick, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Dr. Renwick *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make provision for the establishment of State Forests and Timber Reserves—for encouraging the Plantation of Timber Trees—for the eradication of Scrub on Crown Lands and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. VIOLATION OF CHILDREN BILL:—Mr. Buchanan *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Violation of Children*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Dr. Renwick *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
16. LAW OF SEDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Buchanan *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Seduction*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. WATERING PLACES AND RESERVES BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering Places, and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering Places, and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass and for other purposes.  
On motion of Dr. Renwick, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Dr. Renwick *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the regulation of Public Watering Places and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
18. FREEHOLDS IN THE COLONY EXCEEDING 100,000 ACRES IN AREA:—Mr. Heydon moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the acreage, and names of the holders, of all freehold holdings in the Colony which have aggregated to a total exceeding 100,000 acres in area at the latest date for which the same can be readily given.  
Question put and passed.

19. **THE PRISONER PLOMER**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Depositions in the case of the prisoner Plomer, who was tried and convicted of a capital crime against a girl under twelve years of age at the last Sittings of the Wagga Wagga Criminal Court, presided over by Mr. Justice Windeyer, and sentenced to death, together with all communications from the Judge to the Government or any member of it, including the Judge's written Report on the case; also all communications from the prisoner to the Government or any member of it, and all communications from the Police to the Government or any member of it; also all Minutes of the Executive Council, and all and every paper, document, or communication bearing on the matter and on the causes or reasons which led to the reprieve of the aforesaid prisoner Plomer.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. George Campbell,  
Mr. W. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Copeland,  
Mr. H. C. Dangar,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Fergusson,  
Mr. William Forster,  
Mr. Garvau,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Loughnan,  
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. McLaughlin,  
Mr. Melville,  
Mr. Quin,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Rutledge.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Badgery,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Edmund Barton,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Bodel,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Fullford,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hezlet,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Martin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

20. **ART GALLERY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Copeland,—

(1.) Having in view the large attendance of Sunday visitors at the Museum and Public Library, this House is of opinion that it is desirable to open the Art Gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. William Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Edmund Barton,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. John Brown,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. William Clarke,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. William Forster,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fullford,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Levin.
Mr. Loughnan,	
Mr. Martin,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Carter,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hezlet,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge to connect Sydney with the North Shore:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government entered into any contract with reference to the erection of a Bridge to connect North Shore with Sydney?

Mr. Lackey answered,—An agreement has been made for the erection of a Bridge to connect Sydney with the North Shore, on condition that an Act be introduced by the contractor, and passed by Parliament, giving the necessary powers, and approving of the amount to be paid and the conditions under which the work is proposed to be done.

(2.) Bridge over Oakey Creek, on Barraba Road:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the Bridge over Oakey Creek, near Mrs. Haydon's, on the Barraba Road, and will he say what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Drawings have been prepared, and tenders ordered to be invited locally.

(3.) Bridge over Millowender Gully, near Keepit:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the Bridge over Millowender Gully, near Keepit; and will he say what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The local officer has been instructed to invite tenders.

(4.) Bridge over the Peel River at Tamworth:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware the Bridge over the Peel River at Tamworth, when used, vibrates to such an extent that it will be necessary for extra supports to provide remedies for further injurious effects?

(2.) When will tenders be called for a Foot-way to the said Bridge; and will he say what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Bridge vibrates slightly, like most light iron bridges.

(2.) The Footway is nearly completed.

(5.) Bridge over the Manilla River:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been accepted for the Bridge intended to be erected over the Manilla River; if so, when will the work be proceeded with?

(2.) If not proceeded with, will he say what has been the cause of delay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Tenders have been accepted in England.

(2.) Waiting receipt of iron work.

(6.) Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that Tramway Conductors are expected to go on trial for a period of from ten days to a month without receiving any payment for the time, supposing they serve it satisfactorily and are engaged?

(2.) Are there any rules or system of classification as to position and pay of Tramway Conductors carried out in connection with the Service; if so, will the Minister state what they are?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; the men are so informed before they go to work, and they are paid directly they are reported to be efficient. Some men qualify themselves for the position of Conductors sooner than others.

(2.) There are rules for the employment and promotion of the staff, which have been duly formulated and published. Those referring to conductors are as follows:—Conductors,—8s. per day first twelve months; 8s. 6d. after twelve months and up to twenty-four months; after twenty-four

four months, 9s. per day. Good conduct and efficiency will in all cases be necessary to entitle men to the benefits of this classification. No one will be admitted into the Service for any position in the foregoing classification whose age exceeds thirty-five years, or who is unable to read and write. Every applicant must undergo a medical examination, and produce a certificate from the Medical Board that he is free from all bodily and mental infirmity, is physically able to perform the duties of the position he seeks, and that his eyesight and hearing are perfect; he must also produce approved certificates of good character. Every man must pass an examination in the duties, &c., before being appointed Assistant Conductor, and also before being promoted to Conductor. A good address and respectful bearing will be indispensable qualifications for Tramway Conductors.

(7.) Railway Cattle Trucks :—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many cattle waggons have the Government now in use?
- (2.) How many trucks of cattle have been brought from Dubbo since the 15th August instant?
- (3.) Did any cattle waggons pass Homebush on the 29th or 30th of August instant loaded with wood?
- (4.) Is the Minister aware that large numbers of fat cattle have been waiting some days at Dubbo for trucks?
- (5.) Do the Government contemplate increasing their rolling stock and making improvements in the present mode of carrying on the stock traffic?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) 203 on the Southern and Western Lines, and eighty-three on the Northern Railway Line.
- (2.) 393 trucks from the 15th to the 31st August, irrespective of trucks run from other Stations.
- (3.) Yes; one truck on the 29th August, and four on the 30th; they had gone to the Richmond Line loaded with stock, and brought back wood to save empty running; they were only a few hours under load with wood, and they could not possibly have been run to Dubbo and back to Homebush in time for the market.
- (4.) I am aware that trucks are in great demand, owing to the exceptionally good market for fat stock. Special trains are, however, being run every day, and more have been directed to be put on, and the Department is confident that it can meet all demands before next market day.
- (5.) Sixty-seven additional cattle trucks are now under construction; the demand for them recently has been unprecedented, but by the active measures taken all demands will be met.

(8.) Applications made by Mr. Thomas Garrett to Mine under Roads, Rivers, &c. :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have Mr. Thomas Garrett and Mr. Larnach applied for permission to mine for coal under the harbour of Newcastle?
- (2.) How many applications has Mr. Garrett made, either in his own name or associated with other names, for permission to mine under roads, rivers, harbours, and other places in the Colony?
- (3.) What is the total area that these applications cover?
- (4.) Have any of these applications, and if so how many, been granted?
- (5.) What area is covered by the applications granted?
- (6.) What guarantee have the Government got that mining operations will ever be commenced?
- (7.) How long will this permission to mine continue if no work is performed?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Twenty-three.
- (3.) Eighty thousand seven hundred and eight and a quarter acres.
- (4.) Yes, eight.
- (5.) Seven thousand three hundred and thirty acres.
- (6.) No guarantee, but the conditions subject to which the permit is granted.
- (7.) The Examiner of Coal Fields has been instructed to report upon the permissions granted in respect of coal lands, and upon receipt of his report the necessary steps will be taken to enforce observance of the conditions.

(9.) Accidents on Tramways :—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that on the 3rd July last, at the Railway Steps, Redfern, a man who was knocked down by a motor escaped being cut in two by having been caught by the sand-pipe and pushed ahead till the engine came to a standstill, when the man was rescued?
- (2.) In view of this escape thus effected, is it contemplated to have some kind of guard or cow-catcher which might more effectually prevent loss of life or injury to limb under similar circumstances?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that a person fortunately escaped with his life on the occasion referred to, but it was not saved in the way pointed out.
- (2.) Cow-catchers, I may remind the Honorable Member, are used to save the train, not to save the cow, which is invariably killed by the iron catcher. Experiments are now being made with two designs which have been suggested, and which it is thought may have the effect of removing a person from the track without injuring him to any great extent; but it is difficult to see how a person can be struck by a motor in motion without being injured or perhaps killed.

2. PAPER :—Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—Notification of Land resumed as a site for the erection thereon of a Magazine for the storage of Gunpowder and other Explosives, and certain buildings in connection therewith.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PYRMONT BRIDGE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, letters, papers, or other documents, having reference to the resumption by the Government of the Pyrmont Bridge.

Question put and passed.

4. **LANDS GRANTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of Mr. Jesse Gregson to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House respecting the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the necessity for opening roads through and making reserves on lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company in the Colony of New South Wales, be granted.  
Question put and passed.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Badgery moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Friday, 25th August, 1882, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
7. **RIGHT OF CHALLENGE OF JURORS IN FELONY AND MISDEMEANOUR AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That *Mr. Farnell* do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole for this day only.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. **TAMWORTH GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Farnell* reported the Bill, with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Burdekin (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**—Edmund Barton, Esquire, Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire, Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire, and John See, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
10. **BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery 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. Slattery, 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. Farnell* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
11. **VIOLATION OF CHILDREN BILL:**—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*  
(2.) Art Gallery; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 22nd September.*
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Mr. H. C. Dangar (*by consent*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until Tuesday next at Seven o'clock."  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Edmund Barton,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Fawcett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fraser,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Hezlet,	Mr. McLaughlin.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fremlin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Dr. Renwick,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. See,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Seven o'clock,—put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at seven minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at *Seven* o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Storage of Gunpowder and other Explosives:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What quantity of gunpowder and other explosives are at present stored at Goat Island, Spectacle Island, and on board the floating magazine?
  - (2.) What steps, if any, have been taken to give effect to the Vote passed by this House last Session for providing a powder magazine at a safe distance from the centres of population?
  - (3.) Is there a probability of the work being completed within the next two years?
  - (4.) Will he obtain two or three small vessels for use as floating magazines, and have them moored, say, at the head of Middle Harbour, Lane Cove River, and Hen and Chicken Bay, and so reduce the risk at present incurred by the inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

- (1.) I have caused a Return giving the desired information to be prepared, which I will presently lay upon the Table.
  - (2.) By proclamation recently issued an area of 217 acres of land has been resumed at a point on the Parramatta River, recommended by the Gunpowder Board as the site of a new powder magazine, and the Colonial Architect has been instructed to prepare the needful plans.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) Tenders are called for a suitable hulk for use as a floating powder magazine, but it is not yet decided where it will be moored.
- (2.) Payment of Wages to Railway Employés:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the employés on the rail and tramways have received scarcely any pay since June?
  - (2.) Are there any men employed on the permanent way who only receive their wages once a month; if so, to what class do they belong?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

- (1.) It is not a fact, as far as I can ascertain.
  - (2.) No, they are all paid twice a month.
- (3.) Schools at Botany:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the building of the gazetted Schools Nos. 2 and 3 at Botany be commenced?

Mr. Suttor answered,—At No. 2 School, building will be commenced immediately the site is secured; plans for No. 3 will be ready and tenders invited in about three weeks.

- (4.) Messrs. Alderson & Sons:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is Mr. Davies, the storekeeper at the General Post Office, a brother of Mr. John Davies, M.P.?
  - (2.) Has he the passing of mail-bags or other articles contracted for by Messrs. Alderson & Sons?
  - (3.) Is the Mr. W. M. Alderson, M.L.C., who took the Chair at John Davies's sympathy meeting the same person lately a member of the firm of Alderson & Sons, contractors to the Government, and now a Member of the Legislative Council?
  - (4.) Do the Government intend to call for fresh tenders for the contracts taken by Messrs. W. M. Alderson & Sons while that gentleman was a Member of the Legislative Council?
  - (5.) Are Messrs. Alderson's contract goods delivered direct at the General Post Office; and do other contractors have to take their goods to the Government Stores?

Sir



Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; the Superintendent of Stores under the Treasury Department is furnished by the Post Office, before tenders are invited, with samples of the mail-bags required. The successful tenderer delivers to the Stores Department, and not to the Post Office, the mail-bags so supplied. If the bags supplied by contractors are not equal to samples it would be the duty of the Superintendent of the Stores Department to take action in the matter, and if he happened to pass unsuitable mail-bags it would be the duty of the Post Office Storekeeper, who receives them from the Stores Department, of the Superintendent of the Mail Branch, or of any officer dealing with the making up of mails, to represent the matter.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No; such course was rendered unnecessary by the retirement of the Honorable W. M. Alderson from the firm of Alderson & Sons, and the existing contracts were duly assigned to his sons, who carry on the business.
- (5.) This is answered by No. 2.

(5.) Mr. John Davies, M.P.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a sum of public money paid to John Davies, Esq., M.L.A., to provide food, buns, &c., to the Children of the Public and other Schools, Randwick Asylum, and other Institutions, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation of the Queen's Statue; if so, what amount of money was handed to Mr. John Davies, M.L.A., to provide for above Children?
- (2.) Has Mr. John Davies rendered any account of the money received and paid; if so, will the Government cause the accounts to be printed and laid upon the Table of this House at an early date, with receipted accounts of the moneys paid to the different persons who provided food, buns, or other refreshments to the above Children?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Not any money whatever was paid to Mr. Davies on account of the entertainment given to the children of the Public Institutions referred to.
- (2.) The children on that occasion were entertained at the expense of the Government, but the money was paid directly into the hands of the caterer.

(6.) William and John Sims:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many persons of the name of Sims are employed in the Sheriff's Department?
- (2.) What are their names, and what position do they occupy, and what pay do they receive?
- (3.) Is he aware that one or other of these boys is nearly always in a buggy with the Sheriff (Mr. Cowper) acting as groom or coachman?
- (4.) If these persons or boys are not paid by the Government as groom or coachman for Mr. Sheriff Cowper, will he put a stop to the practice and dismiss them, or compel the Sheriff to find them work as bailiffs, &c.?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Sheriff:—

- (1.) Two; William Sims and John Thomas Sims.
- (2.) William Sims holds the position of Sheriff's Bailiff, and receives a salary of £150 per annum; he was recommended to the Minister of Justice by Mr. McElhone and others; he is a married man. John Thomas Sims is a clerk, and receives a salary of £75 per annum.
- (3.) Mr. William Sims has been in the Sheriff's buggy once lately in office hours. John Thomas Sims has not been in it at all during office hours since his appointment.
- (4.) When the Sheriff has official business of importance he takes some one from the office with him, and Mr. Sims has not been an exception; he has no need of either groom or coachman.

(7.) Loan of Books from Free Public Library to Country Libraries:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he arrange for the loan of books from the Free Library to Libraries in connexion with Schools of Art in Country Districts; and if so, when?

Mr. Suttor answered;—A sum of money will be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1883 for this purpose, and steps will be taken to carry out the arrangement suggested as soon as the money is voted.

(8.) Engine Drivers and Firemen on Great Western Railway:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a Petition from the engine drivers and firemen on the Great Western Line, asking for a reduction in the number of working hours; if so, what decision, if any, has been given?

Mr. James Watson answered,—I understand that the Locomotive Engineer has been addressed by the men on this subject, and that he is considering the question prior to his reporting thereon.

(9.) Railway Station Buildings at Emu Plains:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in erecting new Station Buildings at Emu Plains?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The delay has been caused by the difficulty of getting a suitable site. This matter has now been arranged, and the new Station will be proceeded with immediately.

(10.) Railway Passenger Traffic, Parramatta:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many season, excursion, and first and second class Railway Tickets have been issued from Parramatta to Sydney during the whole of the year 1881?
- (2.) How many of the like kinds have been issued from the same Station for Sydney from January 1st to June 30th, 1882?
- (3.) How many of the like kinds have been issued from Redfern Station to Parramatta during the first and second periods named?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

- (1.) Season tickets, 1st class, 273; 2nd class, 640; excursion tickets, 1st class, 12,991; 2nd class, 32,989; single tickets, 1st class, 11,863; 2nd class, 35,141; workmen's tickets, 1st class, nil; 2nd class, 673.

(2.) Season tickets, 1st class, 140; 2nd class, 292; excursion tickets, 1st class, 7,964; 2nd class, 20,760; single tickets, 1st class, 6,076; 2nd class, 18,999; workmen's tickets, 1st class, nil; 2nd class, 547.

(3.) Season tickets, 1st class, nil; 2nd class, nil; excursion tickets, 1st class, 11,659; 2nd class, 27,704; single tickets, 1st class, 9,931; 2nd class, 36,775; workmen's tickets, 1st class, nil; 2nd class, 374; season tickets, 1st class, nil; 2nd class, nil; excursion tickets, 1st class, 6,633; 2nd class, 16,863; single tickets, 1st class, 5,167; 2nd class, 20,034; workmen's tickets, 1st class, nil; 2nd class, 402.

(11.) The "Wolverene":—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the cost to this Colony (including passage money to England of officers and crew) of taking over the "Wolverene"?

(2.) Did the Government obtain any survey or report on the condition of the "Wolverene" before taking her over?

(3.) How long has the "Wolverene" been built?

(4.) What number of persons are now employed on the "Wolverene," and what are their various grades or callings, and what rate of salary or wages is paid to each?

(5.) Can he state what is the present approximate total monthly cost to this Colony for salaries, wages, rations, and expenses of maintaining the "Wolverene"?

(6.) How long has the "Wolverene" been maintained by the Colony?

(7.) How many times has the "Wolverene" been underway since she belonged to the Colony?

(8.) How many times has the Naval Brigade been exercised or drilled on board the "Wolverene" since she belonged to this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As the information required by the questions will be rather lengthy to read, I will lay a Return upon the Table in the course of an hour or so giving the necessary particulars.

(12.) Land resumed in connection with the Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he at an early date lay upon the Table of this House a tabulated statement showing what land has been resumed, the name of the owner, the quantity and the price per acre paid, agreed to be paid, or offered as compensation by the Government in each case with respect to the Sydney Water Supply?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes.

(13.) Gas for Railway Purposes:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he at an early date lay upon the Table of this House a copy of all contracts and agreements entered into with Mr. Castner and other persons for the supply of gas for Railway purposes?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes.

(14.) Tolls to Newtown and Annandale:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Mitchell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount received for tolls at Newtown and Annandale for the year ending 31st December, 1881?

(2.) The portions of road on which the receipts are supposed to be expended?

(3.) The amount expended on such portions during the year 1881, and the name of the officer in charge of the roads in question?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Annandale, £2,060; Newtown, £4,252.

(2.) Annandale Tolls:—Main Western Road from Sydney to junction Main South Road, £1,404; Main South Road, through Ashfield, £757. Newtown Tolls:—Sydney to Halfway House, Rocky Point Road, Newtown Railway Bridge to Undercliffe Bridge, Stanmore Road, Boland's Corner to Old Canterbury Road, Forest Road from Rocky Point Road to West's Corner.

(3.) Annandale Tolls:—£1,404 to Main Western Road; £757 to Main South Road. Newtown Tolls:—Sydney to Halfway House, Rocky Point Road, £2,526 12s.; Newtown Railway Bridge to Undercliffe Bridge, £554 6s.; Stanmore Road from Boland's Corner to Old Canterbury Road, £740; Forest Road from Rocky Point Road to West's Corner, 431 2s.; total, £4,252. Mr. Dyson is in charge of Main Western Road and Newtown Road; Mr. Millen is in charge of Main South Road. The Municipality of Marrickville is in charge of Stanmore and Marrickville Roads.

(15.) Special Jury Lists:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Who is responsible for getting up the Special Jury Lists?

(2.) Are ordinary labourers supposed to be put on Special Jury Lists; if not, is he aware that in a case lately tried before a Special Jury of twelve, where the Jurymen received £3 3s. per day, that some of the Jury were corporation labourers, receiving £2 2s. per week as wages?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) The Special Jury Lists are compiled from the Common Jury Lists by the Sheriff, with the aid of his Department.

(2.) Ordinary labourers are not specially disqualified, but every man who is described in the Jurors List as the owner or tenant of land or tenements of the yearly value of one hundred pounds is qualified and liable to serve as a Special Juror. I am not aware that in any case corporation labourers were Special Jurors.

(16.) Registrar General's Department:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the space and accommodation for the clerks, the public, and the custody of records, in all branches of the Registrar General's Office is quite insufficient for the purposes of the large business of the Department, and that the conduct of business is thereby greatly impeded?

(2.) Is he aware that the clerical staff in the Registrar General's Department wants augmenting, and that the public are greatly inconvenienced by reason of the delays in obtaining certificates, &c., under the Real Property Act?

(3.) Will he take steps to have these matters remedied?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Representations on the subject have been made by the Registrar General, and will be duly considered.

(2 & 3.) The Registrar General has asked for additional assistance in the Land Titles Branch, and the matter will receive attention when the Estimates are under consideration.

(17.) Railway Passengers Luggage:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to establish on the New South Wales Railways the system of forwarding and checking passengers luggage, now so successfully adopted on the American Railways?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes, as far as practicable.

(18.) Police Quarters and Court-house at Manilla:—Mr. Levien asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Department to erect Police Quarters and Court-house at Manilla; if so, will he have a sum placed on the Estimates for the above purpose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—By a report which I have received from the Inspector General of Police it appears that new buildings are not required at Manilla, the present accommodation, though rough, being considered sufficient for the present. Some necessary repairs, however, are in contemplation.

(19.) Gas-lamps on Peel River Bridge:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have Gas-lamps placed upon the bridge over the Peel River at Tamworth; and if so, will he give directions to have same erected at once?

Mr. James Watson answered,—It is not usual to light bridges; but apart from this, there are no funds voted from which it could be paid.

(20.) Police Barracks, Narrabri:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The names and amounts of each person's tender for the Police Barracks at Narrabri?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Tenders have been twice invited for this work, but as no tender has been accepted it would form an inconvenient precedent to publish the names of the tenderers or the amounts of their tenders.

(21.) Police Reserve at Nundle:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received a Petition from the Residents of Nundle, praying that a portion of the Police Reserve at Nundle, which is not fenced in, may be thrown open to the public and offered for sale by public auction; if so, will he grant the prayer of the Petitioners?

Sir John Robertson answered,—Yes; a report has been received from the District Surveyor, and a decision will be arrived at on an early date.

(22.) Borah Creek Road:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When will the new road at Borah Creek, near Quirindi, be opened?

(2.) Is he aware that the old road is in such a state that it is almost impassable?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) The road referred to is now established, it having been confirmed by notice in *Government Gazette*, 18th July, 1882, folio 3,752.

(2.) As to the second question, I must refer the Honorable Gentleman to my Honorable Colleague the Secretary for Public Works, as the Mining Department does not deal with the repair of roads.

(23.) Planting Public School Grounds with Ornamental Trees:—Mr. Levien asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to have placed upon the Estimates a sum of money for planting the various Public School Grounds throughout the Colony with ornamental trees?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A sum of money will be placed upon the Estimates for this purpose.

(24.) The Prisoner Plover:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How often was Plover, the man who was convicted at the last Wagga Wagga Assizes of the crime of rape and sentenced to death, convicted of crime before he was appointed Teacher of a Public School?

(2.) What were the crimes that Plover was convicted of before his elevation to the position of a Public School Teacher took place?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Four times.

(2.) Non-payment of debt, escaping from legal custody, false pretences, and illegally using a horse. All these offences were committed in the Colony of Victoria. It is only fair to add that not only was this Department unaware of these episodes in this man's life, but that he produced certificates from magistrates, clergymen, and others of the most respectable character; that he established a school at Yerong, and that those persons who had their children at the school asked that he might have the appointment of master, and after the fullest inquiry he was so appointed.

(25.) Telegraph Office, Sydney:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what grounds did the officials at the head Telegraph Office, Sydney, on the afternoon of 31st August last, refuse to receive and forward a telegram to a resident at Rose Bay?

(2.) Will steps be taken to prevent a similar occurrence taking place?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Postmaster General:—

(1.) No telegram to the western side of Rose Bay has ever been refused.

(2.) The 4th clause of the regulations provides for messages being delivered within a radius of 1 mile; and the Department does not undertake to deliver any telegram over that distance except when sent from the country. It is not intended to interfere with this arrangement.

(26.) Claim of James Daw:—Mr. Fremelin, for Mr. Roseby, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a Petition presented to this House in the year 1875, by T. Garrett, Esquire, M.P., and another in the year 1878, by J. Macintosh, Esquire, M.P., praying that the claims of James Davis should be considered as the discoverer of tin in this Colony?

(2.) Will the Minister make inquiries into the case, and determine whether the Petitioner is entitled to any consideration for those services?

Dr.

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) A petition was presented to the Legislative Assembly in December, 1875, on behalf of one James Daw, but no petition has been received from James Davis. In 1878 a letter was received from Mr. James Daw on the same subject. Both documents were referred for report, and upon those reports it was decided that no funds were available, and that it would not be justifiable to place a sum upon the Estimates for the purpose referred to.

(2.) I have gone over the papers connected with the case, and see no reason to depart from the former decision.

(27.) Police Station at Cobbora :—Mr. Cass asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did he promise the residents of Cobbora and the district that a Police Station should be established at that place; if such promise was made, how long is it ago?

(2.) Was any communication sent to the Inspector General of Police upon the subject; if so, was there any answer received to such communication?

(3.) Is it true that the Colonial Architect has already prepared plans, &c., for Police Barracks at the place named; if so, does the Minister intend to call for tenders without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) It does not appear that any such promise has been made.

(2.) A communication on the subject was received by the Minister of Justice, and by him forwarded to the Inspector General of Police, who answered it and obtained a tender for the work.

(3.) A plan has been prepared by the Colonial Architect, and the matter is now under consideration.

(28.) Public School at Curban :—Mr. Cass asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he rented premises for a Public School at Curban; if so, how long ago?

(2.) Has a teacher been appointed yet for the School alluded to?

(3.) Is he aware that over fifty children at the place named are without the means of education and have been for some time?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes, from 1st April, 1882.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The information supplied by the District Inspector shows that about twenty-two may be expected to be in regular attendance.

(29.) Small-pox :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) With reference to the case of the Fijian servant of Sir Arthur Gordon, recently a passenger by the steamship "Gunga,"—Have the medical authorities pronounced it to be a case of small-pox?

(2.) How much longer is it intended to keep the "Gunga" passengers in quarantine?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Yes, a case of small-pox, modified by successful vaccination.

(2.) The Members of the Board of Health meet to-morrow to consider this question.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table a Statement respecting the Transfer and Maintenance of the "Wolverene."

Ordered to be printed

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table a Return showing the quantity of Gunpowder and other Explosives at present stored at the several Powder Magazines.

Ordered to be printed.

## 3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

## 4. LANDS RESUMED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The area and situation of the respective landed properties resumed by the Government under the provisions of the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act.

(2.) The object of the resumption, and the Vote of Parliament chargeable therewith.

(3.) The names of the claimants in each case.

(4.) The names of the valuer or valuers in each case.

(5.) The amount of the claim.

(6.) The amount of the valuation.

(7.) The amount paid, or agreed to be paid, showing whether by verdict, compromise, or otherwise.

Question put and passed.

## 5. LETTERS OF REGISTRATION OF INVENTIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of all applicants for Letters of Registration (since the passing of the Letters of Registration Act of 1852), with the title of their Invention.

(2.) The name of the Examiner to whom each case was referred.

(3.) The amount of remuneration paid to such Examiner in each case.

(4.) How the balance of the £20 fee was disposed of.

(5.) The names of all Patent Examiners.

(6.) The date of, and by whom appointed.

(7.) The special qualification of each one.

(8.) Whether still on the Patents Board.

(9.) The number of cases considered.

(10.) The total amount paid to each one every year.

Question put and passed.

6. WATER SUPPLY FOR COOTAMUNDRA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports, and other documents having reference to the construction of a Reservoir or any other means of providing permanent Water Supply for the Town and District of Cootamundra.  
Question put and passed.
7. RAILWAY PREMISES AT COOTAMUNDRA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports, and other documents having reference to alleged insufficient public accommodation on the Railway Platform and Premises at Cootamundra.  
Question put and passed.
8. LICENSING BENCH, QUEANBEYAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the correspondence between Mr. Cunningham, late Chairman of the Queanbeyan Licensing Board, and the Department of Justice, in May and June last, in regard to the Licensing Court business, and of all the papers connected with his resignation.  
Question put and passed.
9. TAMWORTH GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burdekin, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Burdekin then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Tamworth.*"  
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 Tamworth Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Tamworth,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5th September, 1882.*
10. LICENSING BENCHES:—Mr. William Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Return of the Benches of Magistrates, or of the several Magistrates or other persons, invited or requested or authorized by the Government to nominate, or recommend for nomination or appointment to any Licensing Bench under the Licensing Act of last Session, any Magistrate or other person, specifying the names, localities, and other particulars, showing the cases in which and to what extent the recommendations were acted on, and the reasons (if any) for the course taken by the Government in each case.  
(2.) A Return of the Benches of Magistrates not so invited, requested, or authorized, and the reasons for the course taken in each case.  
(3.) A Return of all persons so recommended and not appointed.  
(4.) All correspondence, minutes, or other documents, having reference to the subjects above referred to.  
(5.) A Return of all letters written to the Government on any of the subjects above referred to and not answered.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Suttor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraph (3).  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1882, A.M.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question then,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Return of the Benches of Magistrates, or of the several Magistrates or other persons, invited or requested or authorized by the Government to nominate, or recommend for nomination or appointment to any Licensing Bench under the Licensing Act of last Session, any Magistrate or other person, specifying the names, localities, and other particulars, showing the cases in which and to what extent the recommendations were acted on, and the reasons (if any) for the course taken by the Government in each case.  
(2.) A Return of the Benches of Magistrates not so invited, requested, or authorized, and the reasons for the course taken in each case.  
(3.) All correspondence, minutes, or other documents, having reference to the subjects above referred to.  
(4.) A Return of all letters written to the Government on any of the subjects above referred to and not answered,—put and passed.

11. PAPERS :—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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 Dr. Renwick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts, and for other purposes.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1882.

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

- (2.) Forests Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the establishment of State Forests and Timber Reserves, for encouraging the plantation of Timber Trees, for the eradication of Scrub on Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1882.

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

- (3.) Watering Places and Reserves Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering Places, and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass, and for other purposes.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1882.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Government Railways used by Coal Companies at Newcastle:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) At what rate per train mile are the various Coal Companies allowed to run over Government Lines in the Newcastle District?

(2.) Do the Government provide all locomotives; if so, upon what terms?

(3.) What are the names of the Companies that use the whole of their own rolling stock, including locomotives?

(4.) Are all trains run by Coal Companies run in accordance with Government time-table, and under the direction or superintendence of the Department?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Coal Companies do not run trains over the Government Lines; but coal in owners trucks is carried at the following rates, including return of empties and free use of cranes for shipping the coal:—For any distance under 7 miles, 10d. per ton; above 7 miles and not exceeding 10 miles, 1s. per ton; above 10 miles and not exceeding 15 miles, 1s. 3d. per ton; above 15 miles and not exceeding 25 miles, 1s. 10d. per ton; above 25 miles and not exceeding 35 miles, 2s. 4d. per ton; and corresponding charges for longer distances.

(2.) The locomotives are provided by the Government. The above charges include everything.

(3.) No Company's engine runs on the Government Line.

(4.) All coal trains are run on the Government Line under the direction and control of the Department, but there are no pre-arranged time-tables for such running.

(2.) Mr. R. H. Acheson:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How long has Mr. R. H. Hutchison been in the Civil Service?

(2.) What offices has he filled, and at what salaries?

(3.) Was he a clerk in the Surveyor General's Office at £150 per annum?

(4.) What office does he now occupy, and what salary does he receive?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any person of the name mentioned by the Honorable Member, but there is a gentleman named R. H. Acheson, who has been in the Civil Service since 5th August, 1879.

(2 & 3.) This officer has been a clerk in the Account and Record Branches of the Survey Department, at the salaries of £100 and £175 per annum respectively, and subsequently Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent, &c., Warialda, at the salary of £350 per annum.

(4.) Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent, &c., at Cooma, at salary of £400 per annum; but it was decided in the month of August last to separate the offices, and to reduce the salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions to £300 a year from the 1st October next.

(3.) Alexander Lindsay:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that a man named Alexander Lindsay was convicted of perjury some twelve months ago at the Maitland Quarter Sessions and sentenced to two years imprisonment?

(2.) Is it true that Lindsay was liberated after serving a few months of his sentence?

(3.) Will the Minister state the reasons which led to this man's liberation?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Ycs.

(2.) Lindsay was liberated before the end of the seventh month of his sentence.

(3.) There were two petitions for his release, but the special ground upon which it was recommended was a report from the Gaol Surgeon that he was in so feeble and low a condition that further imprisonment would endanger his life.

(4.) Holiday in connection with the Northern Agricultural Association:—Mr. Bowman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a public holiday asked for by the Northern Agricultural Association for Thursday, the 31st of August last, to include the districts from Newcastle to Murrurundi?

(2.) Was it granted; if so, how was it that West Maitland was not included in the number?

(3.) Was any communication sent by any person or persons to exclude West Maitland from the list, and by whom was it sent?

(4.) If so, will the Minister have any objection to lay all correspondence upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, it was granted, except as regards West Maitland, which was omitted upon the personal representation of the Member for the district.

(3.) No; but a representation signed by merchants, storekeepers, &c., was handed in by the Member of the district requesting that in future no holiday should be proclaimed for the district except upon the application of the Mayor or the local Member.

(4.) There will be no objection to lay a copy of this communication upon the Table.

(5.) Suppression of Larrikinism:—Mr. Fremlin, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill during the present Session for the suppression of larrikinism?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—My Honorable Friend the Attorney General will introduce a Bill this afternoon in which provision will be made against this evil.

(6.) Attendants at Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Fremlin, for Mr. Byrnes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the Estimates for 1883 for the purpose of increasing the pay of the Attendants of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this question, I may say that Government will feel it to be its duty to ask Parliament when in Committee of Supply to grant an increase to the Police, and also to officers of similar grade throughout the Colony. This will sufficiently answer the question.

3. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Wisdom presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 30th August, 1882,—“*Water Works at Prospect*.”

(2.) Information respecting Contracts for Water Supply Works for Sydney and Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 19th July, 1881,—“*Reports of Railway Trial Surveyors*.”

Sir



Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address adopted on 16th December, 1881,—“Captain P. B. Walker, Tornado and Signalling Corps.”
- (2.) Electric Telegraphs.—Regulations regarding Press Messages and reduction of Charges.
- (3.) Sixth Annual Report of the Inspector of Charities.
- (4.) Letter to the Colonial Secretary from Merchants, Storekeepers, and others, of West Maitland, respecting Public Holidays.  
Ordered to be printed.

5. FIRE BRIGADES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.  
Question put and passed.
6. SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Question put and passed.
8. PLAINTS FOR TRESPASS TO LAND FILED IN DISTRICT COURTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gannon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of complaints for trespass to land filed in the several District Courts of the Colony (excepting the County of Cumberland) during the three years ending March, 1882.  
Question put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. WATERING PLACES AND RESERVES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Burns,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cransie,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Kerr,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Bowman,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Combes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McLaughlin.
Mr. Fergusson,	
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. William Forster,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Poole,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

12. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.

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

(2.) Mr. Watson *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. LAND MACHINERY REGULATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of certain kinds of Machinery employed on Land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of certain kinds of Machinery employed on Land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Watson *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of certain kinds of Machinery employed on Land and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public School, Golspie :—Mr. Holborow asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will plans and specifications be completed, and tenders invited, for Golspie Public School and Teacher's Residence ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The plans and specifications are now ready ; tenders will be invited at once.

- (2.) School Attendance Officers :—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The names of the Attendance Officers appointed under the Public Instruction Act, the names of their respective districts, the salary each receives, and the date of each appointment ?  
(2.) The number of reported cases of non-attendance of children at school from each district, and the number of prosecutions on such reports ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A Return embracing these particulars will be laid upon the Table of the House at an early date.

- (3.) Police Protection for Goolagong :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he provide in the Estimates for 1883 for Police protection for the Township of Goolagong ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The application for a Police Station at Goolagong is now under consideration, and if the project be sanctioned there will be sufficient provision made on Estimates to cover the expense.

- (4.) Schools at Balmain East and West Leichhardt :—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When will tenders be invited for the new School at Balmain East ?  
(2.) What steps have been taken to give effect to the Petition for a School at West Leichhardt ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Plans and specifications are prepared ; tenders will be called for to-morrow.  
(2.) It has been decided to build a Public School ; a site has been selected, and the Architect instructed to prepare the necessary plans.

- (5.) Iron Cove Bridge :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that in March last several men lost their lives, and others were severely injured, while working in the cylinders of the Iron Cove Bridge ?  
(2.) Were the injuries caused by the excessive pressure of air forced into the cylinders by the orders of the engineer-in-charge (Mr. Rothwell) or his assistant (Mr. Evans) ?  
(3.) Is it true that the injured men, and the survivors of those killed, have repeatedly petitioned for some compensation for the injuries and loss sustained ?  
(4.) Is he aware that owing to their inability to work, in consequence of the injuries sustained, many of these persons are in distressed circumstances ?  
(5.) Will he cause relief to be given them, pending an equitable adjustment of their claims ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Only one man died after being in the air-lock.  
(2.) There was no unnecessary pressure used, and most of the men employed were in no way injured, though they had been in the cylinders much oftener than those who complain.  
(3.) Yes ; several applications have been received.  
(4 & 5.) I am not aware ; but the Department is now in negotiation with some of the injured men, and is desirous of arriving, without prejudice, at an equitable settlement, though advised that the question as to legal liability is one that should be determined by the Supreme Court. (6.)

- (6.) Railway Mail Guards:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the Mail Guards on the Southern Line of Railways are receiving larger salaries than those employed on the Western Line; if so, is it the intention of the Postmaster General to equalize their salaries?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Postmaster General:—It is not the case that any special distinction is made in regard to the salaries of Mail Guards employed respectively on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway. There are two classes of Mail Guards, one at £175, the other at £150 per annum; but any one of these Guards is available for duty on either the Western or Southern Line, as the necessities of the service demand, regard being as far as possible had to the convenience of the officials themselves.

- (7.) Architectural Branch of Department of Public Instruction:—Mr. Poole asked the Minister for Public Instruction.—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House at an early date a Return showing the names, duties, salaries, and travelling expenses, respectively, of all the officers employed in the Architectural Branch of the Department of Public Instruction?

(2.) The names of all private architects employed by the Department since the 1st of January, 1881, specifying in each case the name and locality of the school buildings for which they have prepared, or are preparing, plans and specifications, and the rate of remuneration for preparing such plans and specifications?

(3.) For their services in superintending the erection of the school buildings, stating if assisted by the officers of the permanent staff; and if so, to what extent?

(4.) The estimated or real cost of the buildings in each case, and the estimated or ascertained amount of remuneration paid or payable to each architect or firm?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Yes; such a Return is being prepared.

- (8.) Tramway Accidents:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say which officer in the Tramway Department is primarily blameworthy for the accident at the Liverpool-street Junction on the 11th ultimo, and for which accident the motor driver (Sheedy) was tried and acquitted?

Mr. Lackey answered,—If Driver Sheedy was not primarily blameworthy for this accident, no one is to blame; even if the sand pipes were out of order it was within the power of the driver, by probing the pipe, to put them in order. The driver who took Sheedy's place on the motor had no difficulty in making the pipes run free. The decision of the Court will of course be respected; but the officers charged with the administration of this business are still convinced that no one but Sheedy was to blame for the accident.

- (9.) Railway Station, Blacktown:—Mr. Jacob, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will new Railway Station and Platforms be erected at Blacktown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited before the end of this month.

- (10.) School Teachers Classification:—Mr. Teece asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What percentage of marks must be obtained by successful candidates for the I A classification?

Mr. Suttor answered,—An average of 85 per cent. must be obtained by successful candidates for the I A classification.

- (11.) Singleton Railway Station:—Mr. Buchanan, for Mr. John Brown, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to have the Singleton Railway Station classed as a Second-class Station?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes.

2. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Dr. Renwick read a third time, and *passed*.

Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts 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 further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th September, 1882.*

3. IMMIGRANT SHIPS "SMYRNA" AND "CAMPERDOWN" (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Surgeons Superintendent of the Immigrant Ships "Smyrna" and "Camperdown" and the Agent for Immigration, on the occasion of the visits of the said Ships to this port in 1878 and 1880.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting the presentation to the Colony of H.M.C.S. "Wolverene."

(2.) Regulations for Her Majesty's Colonial War Ship "Wolverene."

(3.) Regulations for the Volunteer Naval Brigade.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister for Public Instruction for the year 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—  
 (1.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.  
 (2.) Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. **FIRE BRIGADES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire within the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire within the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.  
 On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. **FORESTS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Debate continued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. James Watson, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
**AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,** *Message No. 4.*  
*Governor.*  
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of alterations and additions to Railway Station Buildings and Siding Accommodation, to meet increasing Railway Traffic.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 7th September, 1882.*  
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
9. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
 (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1882 a sum not exceeding £50,000 for alterations and additions to Railway Station Buildings and Siding accommodation, to meet increasing Railway traffic.  
 On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
 (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1882 the sum of £50,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for alterations and additions to Railway Station Buildings and Siding Accommodation, to meet increasing Railway Traffic.  
 On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL** :—  
 (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. James Watson, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1882.  
 (2.) Mr. Watson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1882,*"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School Teacher at Pokolbin:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Did the Minister of Education some time ago receive a Petition from the inhabitants of Pokolbin, complaining of the conduct of the Public School Teacher there, and asking for his removal?
  - (2.) Is it true that most of the inhabitants have taken their children away from the said School in consequence of the Teacher's misconduct?
  - (3.) Is it true that an inquiry was held as to the Teacher's conduct by Mr. Inspector Morris?
  - (4.) Is it true that the language made use of by the Schoolmaster was so filthy that the Inspector conducting the inquiry requested the witnesses to write it down for the Minister's perusal?
  - (5.) Was it so written down, and did the Minister peruse it?
  - (6.) Was it proved in evidence that during Christmas week the School was used for gambling?
  - (7.) Is it true that the attendance at this Public School was at one time over forty, but since this Schoolmaster's misconduct it has fallen to eight, and that the Minister has sent up an Attendance Officer to summon those parents who refuse to send their children to this School?
  - (8.) Does the Minister intend to continue this Schoolmaster in the Service, notwithstanding these complaints?
  - (9.) Will the Minister lay all the papers in the case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Some of the inhabitants have taken that step.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) The Inspector requested the witnesses to write down certain expressions said to have been made use of by the Teacher.
  - (5.) Yes.
  - (6.) The Teacher was charged with playing at cards in the schoolroom.
  - (7.) The attendance of pupils formerly amounted to forty, but the reports do not show that it has fallen to eight. It is not true that the Minister sent an Attendance Officer to the locality for the purpose alleged.
  - (8 & 9.) The Inspector's report upon the case only reached me the day before yesterday; but I may inform the Honorable Member that I have determined to suspend this Teacher, and call upon him to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service.
- (2.) Bridge over Narrabeen Lagoon:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on next year's Estimates for a Bridge over the Narrabeen Lagoon; and if so, at what point?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—A sum of money is now available, and tenders would have been invited before this but for difficulties about land. Tenders will be invited in two weeks for Bridge close to present road.
- (3.) Dam on the Billabong at Jerilderie:—Mr. Hay asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to put a sum on the Estimates of next year for the construction of a Dam on the Billabong at Jerilderie for the purpose of supplying that town with water?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—I cannot at present say what will be done in this case, or if it would be necessary to ask for a Vote. I have previously explained that the Department is overwhelmed with applications of a similar nature from all parts of the Colony.
- (4.) George's Head Battery:—Mr. Copland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How often have tenders been called for the construction of George's Head Battery?
  - (2.) If more than once, will he say why was not a tender accepted in the first instance?
  - (3.) Will the Minister furnish the House with the names of the parties who tendered for this work in the first instance, also the bulk sum of their respective tenders?
  - (4.)

(4.) Will he also furnish the name of the person whose tender was ultimately accepted, and if he tendered more than once will the Minister state the amount of difference in the bulk sum of his tenders?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Twice.

(2.) Because the lowest tender, that of Messrs. Cameron & Britton, was, at the request of the tenderers, withdrawn in consequence of an error made by them in their schedule of prices.

(3.) The following tenders were received in the first instance, viz. :—Jell & Iveson, £18,267 9s. 11d.; D. Davis, £18,728 8s. 1d.; Isaac Banks, £18,102 15s. 5d.; W. Cains, £20,777 3s. 5d.; W. H. Jennings, £19,819 12s. 9d.; J. Russell, £19,643 8s. 11d.; Johnson & Co., £20,218 4s.; A. Lovelidge, £21,418 12s. 7d.; J. Young, £21,391 15s. 6d.; Cameron & Britton, £15,481 3s. 11d.; J. McLeod, £20,000 10s. 1d.; J. Moxon, £25,320 12s.

(4.) The tender of Messrs. McLeod & Noble, £16,927 9s. 5d., was ultimately accepted. This firm did not previously tender, but Mr. McLeod did; the difference between his tender and the tender accepted being £3,073 0s. 8d. lower.

(5.) Tramway for North Shore:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When do the Government contemplate extending the Tramway system to North Shore, as promised to a recent Deputation?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As soon as Parliament has made provision for the Line.

2. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL:—*Mr. Garrard* presented a Petition from Delegates of the Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales, praying the House to pass this Bill.  
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Petition received.
3. INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS INCORPORATION BILL:—*Mr. Young* presented a Petition from certain Surveyors, practising in the Colony of New South Wales, praying the House before proceeding with this Bill to obtain the opinion of the Surveyor General and the officers of his department thereon.  
Petition received.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—*William Hilson Pigott, Esquire*, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Garrard* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of *Mr. Garrard*, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of *Mr. Garrard* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Institute of Surveyors Incorporation Bill postponed until Friday, 22nd September.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at Eleven o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 14th September, 1882, in Committee Room No. 2.
8. EVIDENCE IN SUMMARY CONVICTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Pigott* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of *Mr. Pigott*, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and with an amendment in the Title.  
On motion of *Mr. Pigott* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. DOWER ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Pigott* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Bodel,	Tellers,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Fremlin,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Roseby,	

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Mr. Burns,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Lackey,	Tellers,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Garvan,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. McLaughlin.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

10. **BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Slattery (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 22nd September:—  
(1.) Violation of Children Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
(2.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. **RAILWAY FROM REDFERN TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY**:—Mr. Pigott moved, That the Motion standing in his name on the Business Paper for to-day in reference to the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay be postponed until Tuesday, the 10th of October.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 34.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Roseby.

## Noes, 6.

Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Bodel,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McElhone.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. McLaughlin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Watson, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Wharfage Rates at Circular Quay :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) The total amount received for wharfage rates at the Circular Quay for each of the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, and 1881, and for 1882 to the 1st September, distinguishing import from export?  
 (2.) The amount of rebate allowed during same periods?

Mr. James Watson answered,—In the course of the day I will lay the information on the Table of the House in the shape of a Return, as it is rather too elaborate for a reply to a question.

- (2.) Railway from Boggabri to Narrabri :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The time fixed for completion of the Railway from Boggabri to Narrabri?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Station Buildings at Narrabri will not be completed until some considerable period after 1st October next, and long after the completion of the line?  
 (3.) In such case, considering the bad season prevailing, and the North-western District being in a state of starvation from their inability to procure carriers to convey their supplies, will arrangements be made to open the Railway to Narrabri for goods and wool on 1st October next, notwithstanding the permanent buildings will not be completed?  
 (4.) Will the mails and passengers also be conveyed to and from Narrabri on and after 1st October next?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) 30th September, 1882.  
 (2.) The whole of the Station Buildings will not be completed by 1st October; but this will not delay the opening of the line.  
 (3.) Yes.  
 (4.) Yes.

- (3.) Stock Road from Moonbi to Tamworth :—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did he receive a letter from me with reference to having a Stock Road granted from Moonbi to Tamworth?  
 (2.) If he did receive the letter, what date did it bear, and what has been done in the matter; and is it the intention of the Minister to grant the Road?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Yes; dated 4th May, 1882. It has been reported upon by the Inspector of Stock, Tamworth, and referred to the Department of Lands. That Department has, I understand, just received a report from the District Surveyor, which is now under consideration.

- (4.) Bridge to connect Sydney with North Shore :—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the answer given by the Minister to my question of the 1st instant,—Can he obtain and communicate to the House any information showing whether the Bill to give effect to the agreement between the Government and the Contractor for the erection of the North Shore Bridge is being prepared, and when the Bill is likely to be introduced?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am informed that the Bill is now in the hands of the Printer, and will be ready in a few days.

(5.)

- (5.) Tramway Accounts:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the Tramway Accounts being kept in such a manner as to allow of separate balance sheets being issued?
  - (2.) Will they be issued separately from the Railway Accounts; and if so, will it be quarterly, half-yearly, or annually?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) They will be issued separately, in the way shown in the Report for 1880. The Report for 1881 will be published in a few days.
- (6.) Railway Station at Narrabri Terminus:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Railway Station at the Narrabri terminus of the North-western Railway is situated nearly two miles from the township of Narrabri?
  - (2.) Has there been a demand for the sale of a part of the Travelling Stock Reserve, or the leasing of it, on which the terminus is situated?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to sell or lease the same; and if so, when?
- Dr. Renwick answered,—
- (1.) Yes, about two miles.
  - (2.) There have been three applications for leases for building stores.
  - (3.) I am informed that my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Lands, has specially directed a feature survey of the land and a full report to be made, particularly as to any buildings which may have been erected. On receipt of the survey and report the matter will be considered.
- (7.) Post Office at Quirindi:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Post Office at Quirindi?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders for this building can be invited in about a fortnight.
- (8.) Contract for Bricks:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Government entered into any contract with the Junction Brick Company, at Granville or elsewhere, to supply the Government with 300,000 bricks; if so, when was the contract made?
  - (2.) What is the price per 1,000 to be paid for the bricks?
  - (3.) Were tenders invited before the contract was made for the supply of the bricks?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) The demand for bricks has been so great that the Department has been glad to obtain a contract for them from any person able to supply. Numerous tenders have been accepted. The tender of the Junction Brick Company was accepted on the 19th June, 1882, for the supply of 200,000 bricks, and on the 7th July for the further supply of 200,000.
  - (2.) 52s. 6d. per thousand for the first 200,000, and 57s. 6d. per thousand for the second 200,000.
  - (3.) The prices of the brickmakers were obtained previous to these tenders being accepted, and the Junction Brick Company's prices and conditions of supply were the most eligible.
- (9.) Court-house at Quirindi:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the reason that the erection of the Court-house at Quirindi has not been proceeded with?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The work is being proceeded with; some of the materials for the building are on the ground; and I have ascertained that the contractor has other portions of the work in a forward state, although not yet brought on to the site.
- (10.) Bridge over Bohemia Creek:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How long has the Bridge over Bohemia Creek, between Tarawan and Molly, been completed (road Tarawan to Walgett)?
  - (2.) Will he state the cause of delay in making the approaches; and when will such be done, to render the Bridge available to the public?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) The Bridge was completed and final payment made in April last.
  - (2.) The local officer has been instructed by telegram to push on the approaches so as to have Bridge available without delay.
- (11.) School Attendance Officers:—Mr. Heydon, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the number and names of the Attendance Officers in the employ of the Department of Education, and their respective districts?
  - (2.) The salaries and travelling expenses paid to each up to the 30th of June last?
  - (3.) The number of convictions for non-attendance of children at school in each district?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—A Return, embracing these particulars, is now in course of preparation, and will shortly be laid upon the Table of the House.
- (12.) Tramways:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Minister say if the Trams were in a variety of instances not run to their usual places on the occasion of the Races; and if so, will he state the reason?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—For a period of 45 minutes, between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of the 7th instant; the Trams were started from the north end of Elizabeth-street in consequence of a car having broken down in Hunter-street and blocking the road.
2. EVIDENCE IN SUMMARY CONVICTIONS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Pigott, read a third time, and *passed*.
- Mr. Pigott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Defendants to give Evidence in all cases of Summary Conviction.*"
- Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Defendants to give Evidence in all cases of Summary Conviction,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1882.*

3. BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Slattery, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court 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 amend the Acts to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1882.*

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

Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1882.*"

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 a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1882,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1882.*

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table a Return showing the amounts received for Wharfage and Tonnage Dues at the Circular Quay for the years 1877 to 1882 inclusive, and the rebate allowance thereon.

Ordered to be printed

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumption of Lands for Public School Purposes at Banks Meadow, Corowa, Numba, and Triangle Flat.

Ordered to be printed.

6. LANDS GRANTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY:—Mr. Speaker having called upon Mr. Joseph P. Abbott to make the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Business Paper for this day, in reference to this subject,—

Mr. Burns moved, That Charles James Manning, Esquire, Counsel learned in the Law, be now heard at the Bar of this House respecting the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the necessity for opening roads through, and making reserves on, lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company in the Colony of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

The learned Counsel (C. J. Manning, Esq.,) was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution of the House of Friday, 1st September, 1882, under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration,—and then withdrew.

Mr. Abbott then moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company," brought up on the 13th December, 1881, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 29th September.

7. MRS. CLYNE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1883 a sum not exceeding £1,000, to compensate Mrs. Clyne for losses sustained by her through having been deprived of a Conditional Purchase at Burrawong, in the county of Gordon.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report on the claim of Mrs. Clyne for losses sustained by being deprived of her Conditional Purchase."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Dr. Ross, Mr. Melville, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Martin, Mr. Burns, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover."

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

Question.

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

Question then,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report on the claim of Mrs. Clyne for losses sustained by being deprived of her Conditional Purchase.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Dr. Ross, Mr. Melville, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Martin, Mr. Burns, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover,—put and passed.

8. **MR. COLIN SIMSON** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The date on which Mr. Colin Simson was returned as Member for Balranald.

(2.) The date on which he ceased to be Member for Balranald.

(3.) The number of Reserves on his Mungadel or other Runs near Hay, the date or dates on which such Reserves were made, and the purposes for which they were made.

(4.) The area of each Reserve, and the total area of all Reserves on Mr. Colin Simson's Mungadel or other Runs near Hay.

(5.) The date or dates on which each of the Reserves on Mr. Colin Simson's Mungadel or other Runs near Hay were cancelled; the reasons for which they were so cancelled.

(6.) The names of the purchaser or purchasers of the land contained in each and all of the above Reserves.

(7.) The area of land which Mr. Colin Simson was allowed to purchase out of each of above Reserves, and total area out of all the Reserves in virtue of improvement, or any other purpose except auction, whilst he was Member of Parliament for the Electorate of Balranald.

(8.) The area of land purchased by auction by Mr. Colin Simson whilst he was Member of Parliament out of each Reserve, and the total area so purchased out of all the Reserves by him.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. **HEAD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON KEOGH'S RUN** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A plan of any Conditional Purchase taken up at Coonamble by Mr. Joseph Head, or any other person of the name of Head, and said to be on a reserve, on the run or runs named Warrina and other runs, near Coonamble, lately held by Mr. W. F. Buchanan, and now held by Mr. Keogh.

(2.) A copy of any and all applications by Mr. T. Garrett, or any and all other persons, with names of those who applied on behalf of Mr. Head, or Messrs. Head, to cancel the whole or any part of such reserve of which Mr. Head's conditional purchase formed part.

(3.) The result of such applications, and the area (if any) cancelled out of such reserve to enable Mr. Head to hold his conditional purchase.

(4.) A copy of any and all applications made by Mr. H. H. Brown, M.L.A., or H. H. Brown & Co., or any other person or persons on behalf of Mr. Keogh, to revoke such cancellation of part of the reserve and restore the land to the reserve.

(5.) Also all copies of any correspondence on above matter by any person or agent of Mr. Head or Mr. Keogh regarding Mr. Head's conditional purchase, and result of such application or correspondence.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. **MINERAL LEASE AT VEGETABLE CREEK** :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which a lease of mineral lands at Vegetable Creek was refused to Messrs. Frazer and Party.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Poole, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Cass, Dr. Renwick, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL** :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases.

Question put and passed.

12. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Employers Liability Bill postponed until Friday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 14.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sunday Railway and Tramway Traffic:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How much money was received from sales of tram tickets at the Government depôts on each of the four Sundays of last month?
  - (2.) How many passengers travelled on Government trams on each of the four days mentioned?
  - (3.) How many men, all told, were employed by the Government on each of those days in connection with the trams?
  - (4.) What number of passengers travelled by rail within the limits of the Suburban Railways, and what number of men were employed in connection with the Railways within that radius on each of the four Sundays mentioned?
  - (5.) How many goods trains were despatched from the various terminal stations on those days, with the number of tons carried and the amount of freight derivable therefrom?

Mr. Lackey answered,—	6th August.	13th August.	20th August.	27th August
(1.)	£120	£86	£134	£150
(2.) No. of passengers	28,234	38,460	33,742	38,301
(3.) No. of employés	212	225	262	260
(4.) No. of passengers	6,730	5,853	5,639	6,822
No. of employés	156	154	156	155
(5.) No. of trains	4	3	3	7

The tonnage and the amount received have not yet been ascertained.

- (2.) School at Castle Mountain:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—  
When will the new School at Castle Mountain be opened for the reception of children?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A Teacher was appointed on the 6th instant, the day after that on which the Architect reported that the School Buildings were ready for occupation.

- (3.) Pymont Bridge:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the legal difficulties said to cause the delay in the taking over by the Government of the Pymont Bridge due to Government Officials, the Crown Law Officers, or the Pymont Bridge Company's Board of Management?
  - (2.) Have the Company sent in full particulars of their claim, and is the Minister satisfied as to the justice of such claim; if not, what steps does he propose taking to settle the question speedily, in the interests of the public?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Crown Solicitor, on the 19th ultimo, wrote to the Chairman of the Pymont Bridge Company offering to pay £41,300 for the Bridge. On the 2nd instant Mr. Williams received a reply from the Company declining to accept the offer. Instructions have therefore been given to Counsel to prepare the necessary information in equity, calling upon the Company to complete the purchase by the Government of the Bridge. I may further add, that the Company have sent in particulars of the cost of the Roads and Bridge; but as the Government have purchased the former, it is contended that the latter has now only to be paid for, but the account in question does not accurately distinguish the cost of one from the other.

- (4.) Water Service to Government Buildings:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
What Government Buildings in Sydney have the Paddington High-level Water Service laid on, available in case of fire?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Parliamentary Buildings, the Garden Palace, the Government Printing Office, the Hyde Park Asylum, the General Post Office.

(5.)

(5.) **Tramways** :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the extension of the Tramway from the Glebe, through Camperdown, Leichhardt, and Elswick Estates, in accordance with a promise given by the Minister to a Deputation some time ago?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited when permanent surveys, plans, and sections have been completed, and they will be ready in about a fortnight from this date.

(6.) **Public Schools at Pymont** :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the new Public Schools at Pymont?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Plans and specifications are in course of preparation, and will be completed in about six weeks, when tenders will be invited.

(7.) **Water Supply for Albury** :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a contract accepted for the boiler, engine, and pumping machinery for the Albury Water Supply?

(2.) If such contract has been accepted, was any bond given by the contractors for the completion of the work within a specified time, and what time was allowed?

(3.) When is it expected that the machinery will reach Albury; and when will the work be commenced there?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 & 3.) As the work is being performed by an English Firm, these particulars have been left to the Agent-General to settle, concerning which I have not yet been advised.

(8.) **Public School at Stroud** :—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it likely that tenders will be invited early for the erection of a Public School at Stroud?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Plans and specifications of School Buildings have been prepared, and tenders will be invited as soon as the school site has been secured, which, I trust, will be in a few days.

(9.) **Pound at Stroud** :—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it the intention of the Department to erect a Pound at Stroud, about which there have been many interviews and considerable correspondence for a length of time?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The Department does not erect Pounds, but grants a sum of money towards their erection upon the application of the Local Bench. There has been some delay in this case in consequence of the necessity of leasing the land for the site of the Pound referred to. If such application be now made by the Bench, the usual aid will be granted.

(10.) **Gunnedah Railway** :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any steps been yet taken to comply with the order of this House made on the 6th of September, 1881, for a Return in reference to the Gunnedah Railway?

(2.) When will the order be complied with, and will he say what has been the cause of the delay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Return was prepared according to the letter and not the spirit of the resolutions, and would not in the shape furnished have been of any service to the Honorable Member; a proper return was directed to be prepared.

(2.) The order will be complied with in a few weeks. The delay has been caused for the reason above given.

(11.) **Post Office, Bourke-street, Surry Hills** :—Mr. *Jarnell*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a Post Office in Bourke-street, Surry Hills, near Mr. John Davies's residence?

(2.) What is the name of the Postmistress, and is her husband in the General Post Office, and what salary does he receive?

Mr. Suttor answered,—As I was the Minister who approved this change, I will answer the question of the Honorable Member.

(1.) Yes; a Post Office has existed in Bourke-street for the last twenty-three years; and it now appears that a recent change of position placed it a few yards nearer Mr. John Davies's residence than formerly, but the locality of Mr. Davies's residence was not known to the Minister (Mr. Suttor) who approved of the change, nor to the Officers who reported on the matter; and certainly Mr. Davies made no representations on the subject. The facts are that on the 18th ultimo the Postmaster tendered his resignation, to take effect from first instant. No other person having applied up to the 28th ultimo, the wife of a Clerk in the Head Office was appointed on the usual terms, viz., a salary of £30 a year, she providing premises and office fittings—an Inspector having first visited the locality and reported her premises as being more favourably situated with regard to population than the late Office.

(2.) Eliza Jane Leon, wife of S. J. Leon, a Clerk in the General Post Office, at a salary of £200 per annum.

(12.) **Adamstown Mechanics Institute** :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has a promise been made to send maps, &c., to the Adamstown Mechanics Institute; if so, is it his intention to send them, and when?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No such promise has been made; but arrangements are in progress for distributing among the Mechanics Institutes and kindred Institutions of the Colony the maps, for which a sum of £500 was voted by Parliament.

(13.) **Conduct List, Railway Locomotive Branch** :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a monthly conduct list is posted up in all the engine sheds in the Colony, giving the names of all the employés in the Locomotive Branch who have been guilty of offences against the rules and regulations, with the nature of the offence, and the punishment inflicted in each case?

(2.)

- (2.) Was due notice given to all concerned that this publicity, which has the effect of increasing the punishment a hundredfold, would be given to all cases of offences against discipline ?
- (3.) Will the Minister for Works take measures to prevent such lists being exhibited until such time, at least, as will admit of all the employes being duly notified that any infraction of the rules will be dealt with in this manner ?
- (4.) Is he aware that the posting above list has caused great dissatisfaction amongst the men ; and is the same thing done or intended to be done to the Civil Servants in the Works Department, and all other Departments under Government ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that a monthly conduct list is posted in the Inspector's Office at each of the locomotive depôts (eight in all), but not at all engine sheds in the Colony.
- (2.) Due notice was given, and all the Locomotive Inspectors expressed themselves in favour of the plan, as it would have a beneficial effect generally.
- (3 & 4.) Some of the men were dissatisfied with the posting of this list, and when the first was posted a deputation of these men waited upon the Acting Locomotive Engineer and stated their objections, when that officer explained his reasons, &c., for publishing the list, and the men expressed themselves satisfied, provided the list was in future posted in the Inspector's Offices for one week each month, instead of in the running shed as before, and this has been done.
- (14.) Road from Denman to Coolah :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What money is available out of Roads Vote of 1881 and 1882 for repair of Road from Denman to Coolah ?
- (2.) What amount of money voted for 1882 has been spent on Road as above, and what balance is left out of 1882 Vote ?
- (3.) How much per mile is voted for Road from Denman to Coolah ; has the amount per mile been reduced ; if so, on what grounds, and when ?
- (4.) Will the Minister have the sum of £50 per mile for Road Denman to Coolah put on the Estimates or Supplementary Estimates about to be voted this Session of Parliament, as the Road is in a very bad state ?
- (5.) What salary is paid to Superintendent of above Road, when was he appointed, and what is the total number of miles of road he is supposed to look after ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) No part of 1881 Vote ; £951 4s. 9d. of 1882 Vote.
- (2.) £983 15s. 3d. expended ; £951 4s. 9d. balance.
- (3.) £25 per mile from Denman to Cassilis ; £15 per mile from Cassilis to Coolah. Amount per mile was reduced on 1881 Schedule, as the Mudgee Railway will take much of the traffic off the Road.
- (4.) It is intended to increase that part of the Road from Muswellbrook and Mudgee Road to Merriwa to £50 per mile ; the present classification to be retained on the remainder.
- (5.) The part from Denman to Cassilis is in charge of Mr. R. Lawrenson, appointed to this District on 1st April, 1881 ; salary, £300, and travelling allowance of £125 ; he has 550 miles of road in his district. From Cassilis to Coolah is under care of Mr. D. S. Wilson, who took charge this month at a salary of £200, and £125 travelling allowance ; and he has 370 miles of road in his district.
2. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
3. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** :—Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. **PAPERS** :—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Campbelltown.
- (2.) Amended Regulations under the Fisheries Act of 1881.
- (3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Orontes.”  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **CUDGEONG TOWN HALL 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 Council of the Borough of Cudgegong to erect a Town Hall and Municipal Council Chambers and Offices on a parcel of Land situate in Market and Douro Streets in the Town of Mudgee and to borrow moneys for the purpose of erecting and completing the said Buildings and for other purposes therein mentioned*,”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th September, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
President.

**CUDGEONG TOWN HALL BILL.**

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 13th September, 1882.*

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,  
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 17. Omit “five” insert “three”

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

6. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wisdom 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. Wisdom, 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 fifteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post Office at Copeland:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it probable that the Post Office at Copeland will be finished, about which there have been frequent promises?

(2.) Does the delay lie with the General Post Office or the Colonial Architect?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Tenders for the necessary repairs and alterations to this building will be invited in about a week.

(2.) There has been no unnecessary delay, the work having been attended to as early as more pressing matters would permit.

(2.) High-level Railway Bridge at Petersham:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the High-level Bridge be erected over the Railway Line near the Petersham Public School?

(2.) When will the High-level Bridge be erected from Wardell-street to the present High-level Bridge at the Petersham Railway Station?

(3.) When will the improvements promised by the Works Department be carried out on the Canterbury Road, near the Eight Arches, Petersham?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Arrangements have now been made for the erection of this Bridge.

(2.) At once, now that the new yard arrangements have been provided for.

(3.) As quickly as possible. The question was decided on the 1st of this month only.

(3.) Railway Bridge at William-Henry-street:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that men have to be stationed at night near William-Henry-street portion of the Railway, Ultimo, to prevent accidents to people crossing the line?

(2.) Will he say what is the cause of delay in proceeding with the Bridge decided upon some time ago for this position?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It has not been decided to erect a Bridge at this position. A proposition was made that the Government should erect the Bridge, and that the City Corporation should make the approaches thereto. The Government is still prepared to do its portion of the work, and are awaiting the decision of the City Council.

(4.) Stock Returns:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it intended to instruct the Stock Inspector to collect the Stock Returns for the future in lieu of the Police?

Dr. Renwick answered,—It has been found impracticable to do so up to the present time, but arrangements are being made to carry out this suggestion as far as possible.

(5.) Site for Roman Catholic Church Purposes at Walgett:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has an application been received from the Roman Catholic Church Committee at Walgett for a site for Church purposes, as marked on the lithograph of that town, and said to be promised before the Resolution of the Assembly restricting further grants for Church purposes?

(2.) What decision has been arrived at in the matter; will the site be granted, or submitted to public auction; and if so, when?

Sir

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) An application has been received for a grant for Roman Catholic Church purposes at Walgett. There is no land marked on the plan alluded to by the Honorable Member for a Roman Catholic Church; there is, however, land marked for Church purposes. So far as I can learn no land in Walgett was ever promised to the Roman Catholic Church.

(2.) It is in contemplation to submit the land to auction.

(6.) Weir across the Lachlan River:—Mr. Bodel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an estimate to be made of the probable cost of erecting a Weir across the Lachlan River at Forbes, so as to conserve the water for household, mining, irrigation, and manufacturing purposes?

Mr. Lackey answered,—An officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department is either now at Forbes or on his way to that town for the purpose of reporting on the Water Supply question.

(7.) Cadets in Roads Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many Cadets have been articled to Mr. Bennett since he was appointed Engineer for Roads?

(2.) What are the names of such Cadets, and the amount of premium paid by each or any of them?

(3.) Who received these premiums, and by what attorneys were the agreements drawn up?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Seven.

(2.) Jas. T. Atchison; Wm. Patten, £150; V. Blomfield, £200; Alfred Martin, J. P. Bassett, W. S. Wells, R. D. Fitzgerald.

(3.) Mr. Bennett received the premiums as above, £350 in all, but has not taken any since 1878, since which date he has refused five premiums amounting to £1,500, as he could not give up his spare time to the instruction of the young men. The agreement in the case of Blomfield was drawn up by Mr. Spain; there is no record in the other cases.

(8.) District Court for Merriwa and Cassilis:—Mr. McLaughlin asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is no District Court holden within forty miles of either Merriwa or Cassilis?

(2.) Is he satisfied that there is a necessity for the establishment of a District Court for these Districts; if so, when will the establishment of such a Court be gazetted?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; steps are now being taken to establish, and hold a Court as soon as the necessary preliminaries will permit.

(9.) Recreation Reserve at Hunter's Hill:—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will Trustees for the Hunter's Hill Recreation Reserve be appointed, and when will the Reserve be formally dedicated?

Sir John Robertson answered,—It is not understood to what particular Recreation Ground the Honorable Member refers. If to the proposed Recreation Grounds within the Field of Mars Common, I may say that they will be dealt with so soon as the subdivision of the Common has been finally approved of.

(10.) The Prisoner Plomer:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay the Judge's report in the case of Plomer upon the Table of this House, not for the purpose of printing or publication, but simply to afford Honorable Members an opportunity of reading it?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—There can be no objection to this course.

(11.) Cruelty to Animals:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to take any steps to set aside the decision of Mr. Stipendiary-Magistrate Buchanan in reference to the case of very great cruelty to a bullock, tried before him the other day?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—The Inspector of the Animals Protection Society was the complainant in this case. It is open to him to apply to the Supreme Court to set aside the decision if he be dissatisfied with it; but the Minister of Justice cannot do so, not having been a party to the proceeding.

(12.) Railway Mail Guards:—Mr. Kerr asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Mail Guards on Nos. 2 and 3 South receive a larger amount for expenses than the Mail Guards on No. 2 West; if so, is it the intention of the Postmaster General to equalize the amount allowed for expenses?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I have been requested by the Postmaster General to say that twenty-one Mail Guards and Sorters are employed in the postal vans on the Southern and Western Railways. Of these, nine are compelled to reside at Cootamundra, and receive a special allowance of £3 5s. per month each in lieu of the usual travelling allowance which the remaining twelve receive of 2s. per night when on duty (or about 30s. a month to each man). The special allowance was originally given as it was found the officials could not procure houses at Cootamundra, and would have to live at hotels; but as inquiries recently made show that this difficulty does not now exist (although rents are said to be extremely high at Cootamundra), an early opportunity will be taken of reconsidering the matter with a view to equalizing, if practicable, the allowances to the whole of the Railway Sorting Staff.

(13.) The Customs Department:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is the Minister aware that the continual disagreements that have and are daily taking place with the present and also the late Collector of Customs and the Landing Surveyor is causing inconvenience to the public and confusion amongst the officers in the Department; if so, is it the intention of the Minister, in the public interest, to apply a remedy for this state of inconvenience and confusion?

Mr. James Watson answered,—I am not aware—and I am informed by the Collector of Customs that he is not aware—of any disagreement between himself and the Landing Surveyor; that no complaints of any kind have reached the Collector from the public, and that no confusion exists amongst the officers of the Department in relation to their duties.

2. ART GALLERY :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Ministers of the Gospel resident in and around Newcastle, stating that they view with alarm the proposal made for opening the Art Gallery at Sydney on the Lord's Day; and praying the House not to sanction the proposal.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on the State Children's Relief Department.
- (2.) Despatch respecting an Inquiry made into Outrages committed in the Western Pacific Islands.
- (3.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Petersham.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Road Trust Accounts for the half-years ended 30th June and 31st December, 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WORKS OF ART IN THE ART GALLERY AND GARDEN PALACE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The cost of each of the various Works of Art contained in the National Art Gallery, and on whose authority such works were purchased.

(2.) The value of each of such Works of Art obtained through donations, and the name of the donor in each case.

(3.) The like information with regard to the Statuary exhibited in the Garden Palace, and whether it is intended to transfer any of these exhibits to the Art Gallery.

(4.) A copy of any correspondence which has taken place between the Government or any member thereof and the Trustees of the Art Gallery in reference to the last-mentioned exhibits being placed in the National Art Gallery.

(5.) The cost of the two paintings recently purchased in London, and on whose authority the purchase was made.

Question put and passed.

5. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.

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

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1882*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th September, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
President.

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post and Telegraph Office at Wingham:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office at Wingham, for which £2,000 was voted last Session?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Colonial Architect had plans prepared for a Post and Telegraph Office at Wingham, but the design having been considered too costly, plans for less expensive buildings are now being prepared, which will be ready within a month, when tenders can be invited.

- (2.) Obstruction to Entrance of Port Macquarie Harbour:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to cause the removal of the wreck of the "Ballina" from the entrance to Port Macquarie Harbour?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes; and instructions have been issued to survey the site of the wreck, with a view to determine upon a plan for its removal.

- (3.) Tramways:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to open the Tramway to Newtown; and will he also state when he intends calling for tenders for construction of Tramway to Camperdown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The line will be completed about the end of the present month.  
(2.) Tenders will be invited in about a fortnight from this date.

- (4.) Report of Commission on Quarantine:—Mr. Tarrant asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to take any further action upon the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the management of the Quarantine of this port?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The Government have already taken action in this matter, and further steps will be taken, details of which will be submitted to Parliament for its approval.

- (5.) Roads in the County of Gordon:—Mr. Jacob, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all correspondence, petitions, maps, reports, and other documents having reference to the various Roads now in dispute at Burrawong and Cumnock, and Dilga, Baldarudgery and Burrawong, &c., in the County of Gordon?

Dr. Renwick answered,—I think the Honorable Member should apply for these papers by motion; if he takes that course there will be no objection to their being laid upon the Table?

2. PAPERS:—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Regulations issued under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, 1880, and Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act, 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Letters of Registration of Inventions for 1879.  
(2.) Ditto ditto ditto for 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **LIMITATION OF OATHS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 29th September.
4. **GUARANTEES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Trickett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Trickett, 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. Trickett, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. **PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL**:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear.  
 On motion of Mr. Abbott, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
 (2.) Mr. Abbott *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear*,”—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 29th September.
6. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL**:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases.  
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
 (2.) Mr. Farnell *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases*,”—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 29th September.
7. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Mr. William Forster moved, That the question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 6, and 9.”  
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Abigail.	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Cass,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. William Clarke,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Jacob,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Luckey,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Martin,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McLaughlin.
Mr. William Forster,	
Mr. Fraser,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Pigott,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Ser,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Quin.
Mr. Cameron,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Cass,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,  
Mr. W. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. William Forster,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. McLaughlin.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Seo,  
Mr. Byrnes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service.*"

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 and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th September, 1882.*

8. CUDJEGONG TOWN HALL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the 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. Stuart, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Cudjegong to erect a Town Hall and Municipal Council Chambers and Offices on a parcel of Land situate in Market and Douro Streets in the Town of Mudgee and to borrow moneys for the purpose of erecting and completing the said Buildings and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th September, 1882.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Referring to answers given by the Minister on the 31st ultimo to questions asked by the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter in reference to a certain conditional purchase of Crown Lands at Newcastle,—Has the Minister any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the letter from the Department of Lands, in which the Crown Lands Agent at Newcastle was officially instructed to accept applications of intending free selectors of mineral conditional purchases when made by an agent and not by the selector in person?
- (2.) Have any other Crown Lands Agents in the Colony received similar instructions; and if so, whom?
- (3.) If not, will he say why this instruction was only given to the Crown Lands Agent in Newcastle?
- (4.) Has the Minister any objection to lay upon the Table a copy of the Ministerial authority; or, if there was none such, name the Regulation or provision of the Land Laws under which the official instructions referred to were issued by the Department of Lands?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I shall have no objection to lay the papers referred to upon the Table; indeed, I intend to do so; but, as I informed my Honorable Friend some time ago, the question is now before the Law Courts, and I think it better to withhold the papers until the matter is decided.

- (2.) Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The names of all the Public and Private Lunatic Asylums in the Colony?
- (2.) The number of places visited by Dr. Roberts and the other medical visitors respectively; the dates of such visits during last year; and whether any, and if so what fees are received by them from the proprietors of Private Asylums or keepers of lunatics in private houses?

Sir John Robertson answered,—These questions will most conveniently be answered in the form of a statement which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) The "Wolverene":—Mr. Stuart asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the case that no boys are admitted to the service, or on the books of the "Wolverene," unless such as are drafted from the "Vernon"?
- (2.) What number of boys have been admitted to such service?
- (3.) How many of these have been drafted from the "Vernon"?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Thus far, all the boys have been drafted from the "Vernon."
- (2 and 3.) All of them. I may add, that until we see what Parliament is going to do about the Estimates for this service it would be very unwise to take any other boys than those from the "Vernon."

- (4.) Lands Titles Department:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that in the Office of the Chief Draftsman of the Lands Titles Department there is a large quantity of work in arrear, owing to the want of additional assistance; if so, will he take steps to provide the requisite assistance, and thus save the public from the inconvenience they are at present suffering?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The work of the Chief Draftsman in the Lands Titles Department is in arrear, and the question of increasing the staff in that branch will be considered when the Estimates are brought forward.

(5.)

- (5.) Salaries of Clerks in the Department of Lands :—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. H. H. Brown*, asked the Secretary for Lands.—Is he aware of the very great difference that exists between the salaries of the Clerks in the Lands and Conditional Sales Division of his Department; if so, will he cause inquiry to be made when preparing his Estimates?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—Yes; there are differences in the rates of salaries which obtain in certain branches in some cases, as is inevitable in all large establishments.

- (6.) Post and Telegraph Office, Stroud :—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will tenders be invited for the Post and Telegraph Office at Stroud, for which money was voted last Session?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—I find the plans for this work are in course of preparation, and tenders will probably be invited in about a month.

- (7.) Reserve Pamphlets :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The dates up to which the several Reserve Pamphlets in the various Pastoral Districts of the Colony have been prepared?

(2.) Is it intended, and if so how often, to revise such, striking out cancelled, adding the Reserves made, and noting any alterations made in the character of such Reserves?

(3.) Are such Pamphlets (so revised) ready for sale at the Government Printing Office, or when will they be?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—

(1.) Albert, 31st July, 1875; Bligh, 31st October, 1875; Clarence, 29th February, 1876; Darling, 31st October, 1875; Gwydir, 31st December, 1875; Lachlan, 29th February, 1876; Liverpool Plains, 31st March, 1876; Macleay, 31st December, 1877; Murrumbidgee, 30th September, 1876; Monaro, 31st December, 1877; New England, 31st December, 1876; Warrego, 3rd December, 1876; Wellington, 31st December, 1876; Settled Districts, 31st December, 1876; Gold Fields, 31st July, 1877.

(2.) Yes. The following have already been revised :—Albert, Bligh, Darling, Gwydir, Lachlan, Liverpool Plains, and New England Districts.

(3.) Yes; may be obtained at the Government Printing Office and the local Land Offices. The revision of the Warrego District is complete, and the pamphlet will be published in a few days. The Wellington and other Districts will follow as speedily as possible.

- (8.) Gundagai Commons :—*Mr. Joseph P. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it true that the Attorney General has approved of the Rules of the Trustees of the Gundagai Permanent and Temporary Commons, authorizing the Trustees to charge 4s. a head for any sheep any commoner may depasture on the Commons?

*Dr. Renwick* answered,—On the 27th March, 1877, the Rules referred to were approved by the Attorney General; and one of the Rules provides that the fee for license for the depasturing of sheep shall be at the rate of 4s. per head per annum.

- (9.) Railway Buildings at Turrawan :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to state the probable cost of constructing waiting-shed, platform, station-master's house, and other works at Turrawan (on Railway line Gunnedah to Narrabri), tenders for which are invited to be received up to 19th of this month?

(2.) Is the Minister aware these buildings are proposed to be erected in a pine scrub where no population exists, or likely to be for a considerable time to warrant the expenditure, when a platform, siding, or picking-up station would answer all the purposes required?

(3.) Will the acceptance of a tender for these works be delayed pending further inquiry?

(4.) Is he aware that the stock-yards at Narrabri Railway Terminus are very small in comparison to the requirements of the district, and will steps be taken to afford additional accommodation?

*Mr. James Watson* answered,—

(1.) The estimated cost is £3,000.

(2.) The following information has been furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways :—

The distance from Boggabri to Narrabri is about 32 miles, and the only station at present proposed is Turrawan; others will no doubt be asked for. Turrawan is 12 miles from Narrabri, and opposite to the road-bridge over the Namoi River, distant from the Railway about 2 miles.

The District Engineer was asked to report on the best positions for stations on this length, and he considered Baamba and Turrawan the most suitable.

He says of Turrawan,—“The passenger traffic would be inconsiderable. Tarriaro Run produces from 250 to 300 bales of wool annually, which would be more conveniently trucked at or about 240 miles 40 chains (Turrawan) than elsewhere. The produce of the Norfolk Run might contribute to the traffic eventually; there is fine timber in the neighbourhood for fencing—pine rails and ironbark posts, also ironbark piles.”

The proposed station at Turrawan is to consist of a platform, a waiting-shed with booking office, and ladies room, a small house for the station-master, and a goods warehouse of the smallest size, 70 feet by 16 feet; estimated cost about £3,000.

If a station is to be provided at all, less accommodation cannot be given, and as the wool traffic may in time be considerable a shed of some kind will be necessary.

*Mr. Wade* says that *Mr. Moseley* is about to erect a shearing-shed close to Turrawan. He shears about 70,000 sheep, and will offer the use of the shed to the neighbouring squatters.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Inquiry will be made.

- (10.) Stock Road to Narrabri Railway Terminus :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has *Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst* furnished his report (82/3859 reference No.) as to granting a Stock Access Road on the north side to the Narrabri Railway Terminus, thus preventing stock from having to cross so many roads near the town?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—No, but it will probably be furnished at an early date.



- (11.) Harris-street Tramway:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the Harris-street Tramway, and when is it likely the work will be commenced?

*Mr. James Watson* answered,—The cause of the delay is the demand of the City Municipal Council that the Government in making the Tramway shall pave the roadway with wooden cubes from gutter to gutter. Under the Tramway Act the Government is not bound to do more than maintain the roadway for the space of 18 inches on either side of the outer rail, and provision for this amount of work only has been made by Parliament. What would seem to be an equitable arrangement, in regard to the contribution to be made by the Government and the Municipal Council in carrying out the work as the latter propose, has been attempted to be made with the Council, but that body have declined to abate their demand that the whole expense of the work shall be borne by the Government. The Government have, of course, the power to carry out the Tramway in terms of the Act without reference to the demand of the City Council, but seeing that that body is constitutionally in charge of the streets, the Government is unwilling to take any course affecting the streets to which the Council shows so strong an opposition as they have done in this case, and therefore the construction of the Tramway has been postponed for the present.

- (12.) Junction Brick Company:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice,—  
 (1.) Was a list of the shareholders of the Junction Brick Company registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies on the 21st of June, 1882?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that such Company consists of only eleven shareholders?  
 (3.) Does it appear from such list that a Mr. Russell Barton is the Chairman of that Company?  
 (4.) Is such Chairman the Honorable Member for Bourke?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—I am informed that,—

- (1.) A list of shareholders was registered on the 21st July, 1882.  
 (2.) The said list gives only eleven shareholders.  
 (3.) No.  
 (4.) I am not in a position to answer this question.

- (13.) Public School, Glenmore Road:—Mr. Trickett asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the building of the Public School, Glenmore Road, be commenced?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—A tender for the erection of the School has been accepted, and the work will be proceeded with immediately.

- (14.) Tolls on Roads:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the Government intend to introduce a measure during this Session to deal with the South Head Roads and other Roads now under the control of Commissioners, and to abolish the Tolls on such Roads?

*Mr. James Watson* answered,—It is the intention of Government during the present Session to bring in a Bill to deal with the South Head Road, but no decision has yet been arrived at with regard to the abolition of Tolls.

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

Delivered by Sir John Robertson,—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 5.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1882,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 19th September, 1882.*

Delivered by Mr. James Watson,—

- (2.) Land Machinery Regulation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 6.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with "A Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of certain kinds of Machinery employed on Land and for other purposes in connection therewith."

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 19th September, 1882.*

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

3. PAPERS:—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table a Statement respecting the Public and Private Lunatic Asylums in the Colony.  
 Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. James Watson* laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the alleged Adulteration of Wines, Beers, and Spirits.  
 Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. W. J. Foster* laid upon the Table,—Report of His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer on the case *Regina v. John Plomer—Rape.*

4. **THE EGYPTIAN WAR**:—Sir John Robertson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House concurs in the following joint Address to be telegraphed through His Excellency the Governor to the Queen:—

May it please Your Majesty:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our devoted loyalty, and to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the triumphant success of the British Arms in Egypt.

That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council inviting its concurrence.

And Mr. Stuart having seconded the Motion,—the Question was put and passed unanimously.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That a Deputation, consisting of Sir Henry Parkes, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. William Forster, accompany the Speaker to present the Address, so agreed to by this House, to the Governor, at such time as may be appointed by His Excellency, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty.

Question put and passed.

5. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—Dr. Renwick presented a Petition from the Officers and Members of the New South Wales Social Purity Society, referring to the proposed amendments to be made in the Criminal Law Amendment Bill; and praying that it be enacted that every one who carnally knows any girl (with or without her consent) under the age of fifteen years shall be guilty of felony.  
Petition received.
6. **MINERAL LEASE AT VEGETABLE CREEK**:—Mr. Poole presented a Petition from William G. Weston, Legal Manager of the Great Britain Tin-mining Company Limited, alleging that the interests of the said Company are involved in the matters referred to the said Committee; and praying for permission to appear before the Committee, on behalf of the said Company, in person or by Counsel, and, if necessary, to produce papers and witnesses.  
Petition received.
7. **MRS. CLYNE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE**:—Dr. Ross (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the correspondence in reference to the Conditional Purchase of Alexander Clyne, laid on the Table of the House on 23rd August, 1881, the Petition of Susan Clyne, presented on the 15th November, 1881, and the Petition from inhabitants of the County of Gordon, presented on the 16th November, 1881, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase."  
Question put and passed.
8. **MR. OLIVER SAUNDERS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all complaints made in reference to the conduct of Mr. Oliver Saunders, a Justice of the Peace at Cassilis, and of all letters, statements, and minutes written in reference to the same, and of the report of John Garrett, Esq., Police Magistrate of Scone.  
Question put and passed.
9. **MR. RICHARD YETMAN HOLMES (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A copy of the information laid against Richard Yetman Holmes, Esq., a Justice of the Peace, and Sydney George Holmes, for stealing a bullock, the property of Mr. George Dines, at Warialda; also copies of the depositions taken by the Magistrates at Warialda, upon such information, on the 13th December, 1880, and of the warrant of commitment of those persons; together with copies of all minutes of the Crown Prosecutor thereon, and of all letters written by the Police Magistrate or any other person thereon.  
(2.) A copy of all the proceedings taken in the Police Office at Warialda against the said Richard Yetman Holmes, Esq., a Justice of the Peace, for illegally using a bullock, the property of Mr. George Dines; together with the minute of conviction of the said R. Y. Holmes.  
(3.) Copies of letters written by Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P., to the Colonial Secretary, in reference to the conduct of the said R. Y. Holmes, Esq., J.P., and of all replies thereto.  
Question put and passed.
10. **SALE AND SUPPLY OF GAS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Sale and Supply of Gas in the Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes; and to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend, by Message, that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.  
Question put and passed.
11. **LAND IN MACQUARIE-STREET, PARRAMATTA (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and minutes having reference to the claim made by Joshua Hughes to, and to the application of the Borough Council for, a piece of land situated in Macquarie-street, Parramatta, including the evidence taken before the Commissioners for the Court of Claims, and their reports upon the case.  
Question put and passed.
12. **GUARANTEES LAW AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Trickett, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Trickett then moved, "That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Guarantees.*"  
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

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

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1852.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. GAOL CHAPLAINS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the granting money from the State to Gaol Chaplains is inconsistent with the principle of the State-aid to Religion Abolition Act, and ought to be abolished.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Henson.
Mr. William Forster,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Dr. Ross,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Burne,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Kyrie,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Fraser,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Hezlet,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Hungerford,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. TITLES CONFERRED ON COLONISTS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the practice of the British Government of conferring titles on the people of this country is inconsistent with the spirit and character of our democratic institutions, and ought to be discontinued.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. William Forster moved the Previous Question.

Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Buchanan,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Burdekin,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. William Forster,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Poole.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Henson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Cooke,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Copeland,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. William Forster,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Hungerford,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Patrick Jennings,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Heydon.

And so it passed in the negative.

16. IMMIGRANT SHIP "ORONTES":—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence which took place between the Agent for Immigration and the Surgeon of the Immigrant Ship "Orontes" upon the occasion of the recent visit of that vessel to this port.  
Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

**THE EGYPTIAN WAR:**—Ordered, on motion of Sir John Robertson, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having adopted a congratulatory Address to Her Majesty the Queen on the triumphant success of the British Arms in Egypt, transmits herewith a copy of the said Address, and invites the concurrence of the Legislative Council therein.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1882.*

To the Queen's Most Gracious Majesty:—

May it please Your Majesty:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our devoted loyalty, and to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the triumphant success of the British Arms in Egypt.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Blankets for Aborigines at Gosford:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many blankets have been sent to Gosford for distribution amongst the blacks or aborigines of the Gosford District in the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, and how many were distributed?

(2.) How many blacks or aborigines were returned as belonging to the Gosford District as living during 1880, 1881, and 1882?

(3.) Is he aware that the last aboriginal of the district was drowned some nine or ten years ago?

(4.) Is he aware that a bale of blankets has been sent every year to Gosford, inclusive of this year, for distribution amongst the aborigines, and what has become of them?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) No blankets have been asked for, or sent to Gosford, for distribution to the aborigines, since the year 1874?

(2.) Six; stated to be living as civilized persons in homes appropriated to them for their exclusive use, or else in domestic service.

(3.) No.

(4.) Answered by No. 1.

(2.) Transmission of Telegraphic Messages to London:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that any telegram at any time published in the *London Times* or *Daily News*, or other English Paper, purporting to be a Press telegram, and to convey intelligence of a Governor's speech, or any such public question, but also therewith other matter, was paid for, or that any portion thereof was paid for from the public funds of this Colony?

(2.) If so, out of what particular fund, and by what authority?

Sir

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—

(1.) For many years past it has been the practice to send brief outlines of the Financial Statements, and the Quarterly results of the Public Revenue, to the Agents of Reuter's Telegram Company in Sydney for transmission to London, with a view to their insertion in the principal Newspapers of the United Kingdom. Occasionally, also, when it was considered that it would be advantageous to the Colony to do so, brief outlines of the Governor's Speeches to Parliament have been similarly sent.

(2.) The expense of such telegrams has generally been charged, on the authority of the Colonial Treasurer, to the Votes taken annually for transmission of telegraphic messages.

(3.) **Railway Passenger Traffic to Singleton:**—*Mr. John Brown* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of tickets issued at Tamworth, Boggabri, and Gunnedah, for Singleton by the early trains, catching the 7.50 a.m. Special at Murrurundi, on Thursday the 31st August last?

(2.) The total number of tickets issued at all Stations on the Great Northern and North-western Railways to Singleton on Tuesday the 29th, Wednesday the 30th, and Thursday the 31st August last, and amount of revenue derived therefrom?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—I will lay this information on the Table of the House in the shape of a Return within a day or two.

(4.) **Railway Crossing at Junee Junction:**—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government decided upon closing the existing crossing over the Railway Line at Junee Junction and opening another?

(2.) Has any protest or remonstrance, or any petition, or memorial, been presented to the Government against such decision?

(3.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they propose taking, to prevent or remedy the public and private injury and inconvenience alleged by the protestors or remonstrants?

(4.) Are the Government aware, or has any information reached them, to the effect that the Chief Inspector of Railways, being a resident at or near Junee Junction, possesses considerable property near the proposed new crossing, which property will be largely benefited by the alteration?

(5.) Have the Government consulted or acted on any report or advice from the said Chief Inspector?

(6.) What other officers have reported or been consulted in the matter?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Not finally, as regards the present crossing. An additional crossing has been allowed, which, it is thought, will have the effect of reducing the traffic at present crossing, which it was decided should be maintained for foot passengers.

(2.) Yes, within the last few days.

(3.) Both crossings will be maintained; but it is hoped that the opening of the second crossing will have the effect of lessening considerably the traffic at first crossing, as it is very close to the station, and dangerous to those using it, on account of the shunting operations carried on across it.

(4.) The Inspector reports that he possesses no property in the neighbourhood; he is in treaty for some; but prior to making his report on the subject of the crossing had no idea of purchasing the property in question.

(5.) The decision was arrived at upon the report of the local Inspector, the Traffic Manager expressing his concurrence with it.

(6.) The Traffic Manager and District Engineer; the latter, however, while concurring in the propriety of closing this crossing for vehicular traffic, represents that several persons interested will be opposed to it.

(5.) **Licensing Benches:**—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) In how many cases has the Clerk of Petty Sessions been appointed to the Licensing Bench of his own district?

(2.) In how many cases has any Clerk of Petty Sessions not been so appointed?

(3.) In how many cases has any Clerk of Petty Sessions been so appointed for another district than his own?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Clerk of Petty Sessions of a neighbouring district has been appointed to the Licensing Bench at Cootamundra, while the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cootamundra was not so appointed, though unanimously recommended by the local Bench?

(5.) If so, what provision has been made for the performance of his own local duties by the Clerk of Petty Sessions of the neighbouring district during his absence therefrom?

(6.) Is it a fact that although the recommendation of the local Bench in favour of the appointment to the Licensing Bench at Young of *Dr. Keeley*, Medical Officer to the Government and Returning Officer at Young, was not complied with on the ground of his holding the two other appointments, yet that *Dr. Noyes*, holding two similar appointments at Deniliquin, has nevertheless been appointed to the Licensing Bench at Deniliquin?

(7.) Is it a fact that while the recommendations of the local Bench in favour of the appointment of *Dr. T. T. Keeley*, *Mr. A. McKay*, and *Mr. G. K. Greene*, to the Licensing Bench at Young was not complied with, *Mr. E. J. Allen*, partner of *Mr. W. J. Watson*, M.P., was appointed to the same Licensing Bench?

(8.) Are the Government aware, or have they any information to the effect, that *Mr. G. K. Greene* was or was understood to be an opponent of the Government or of their candidate at the last election?

(9.) In how many cases has a Member of any Licensing Bench resigned?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—

(1.) In eight cases; the Clerk of Petty Sessions, not holding the combined offices of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, has been appointed. In one of these cases another Magistrate was substituted before the Court took any action.

(2.) Fifty-one cases.

(3.)

(3.) In two cases. The Police Magistrate, who was by law a Licensing Magistrate, but was also Clerk of Petty Sessions, was appointed for an adjoining district.

(4.) Yes; the Police Magistrate at Yass, who also holds the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place, was appointed to be the Licensing Magistrate of the Cootamundra Licensing District.

(5.) No special arrangements, other than what are usual throughout the Colony when such gentlemen leave their own Petty Sessions Districts to preside at other Courts of Petty Sessions as Police Magistrates.

(6.) It is a fact; but I was not aware until to-day that Dr. Noyes held these appointments.

(7.) There were no recommendations of the local Bench in favour of any of these gentlemen, except Dr. Keeley; but it is a fact that Mr. Allen was appointed. I am informed that he is not a partner of Mr. W. J. Watson in his business, but I believe they are jointly interested in some stations.

(8.) I have never heard of this, if it be a fact.

(9.) Seventeen.

- (6.) Planting Reserves on Blue Mountains:—*Mr. McEllhone*, for Mr. Garrett, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What has been the cost of planting each tree (including preparing the ground and fencing) upon the Reserves on the Blue Mountains?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—All the Reserves on the Blue Mountains are under separate Trusts, and the Government has no direct means of obtaining this information. In the case of the Reserve at Lawson, however, the Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens is one of the Trustees, and in that case the cost of preparing the ground is about 3s. 6d. per tree, and the cost of fencing about 18s. 6d. per tree.

- (7.) Post and Telegraph Office, Tamworth:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the plans ready for the Telegraph and Post Office, Tamworth, and have tenders been called for the erection of these buildings; if not, when will tenders be called, and what is the cause of the delay?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—Plans for this work are now under consideration, and when approved tenders will be invited at once.

- (8.) Branch Tramway to Bondi:—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the reason of the delay in the construction of the Branch Tramway to Bondi, and when is such work likely to be commenced?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—It has not yet been decided to construct a branch line to Bondi; the line is not included in the lines approved of by Parliament, and no provision has been made for it. With a view to the question being considered, surveys are being made, and will shortly be completed.

- (9.) Records of Punishments in Public Schools:—*Mr. O'Connor*, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) In how many Public Schools in the Colony is there a punishment record kept?

(2.) What means do the Department use for ascertaining that all punishments are recorded?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—

(1.) A punishment record is kept in all Public Schools in the Colony.

(2.) Inquiries made by Inspectors at their visits to the Schools.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—*James Henry Douglas*, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. PAPERS:—*Sir John Robertson* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Redfern, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

(2.) Statistical Register of the Colony of New South Wales for the year 1881. Part III, Trade and Commerce.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.

*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

6. THE EGYPTIAN WAR:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the joint congratulatory Address to Her Majesty the Queen on the triumphant success of the British Arms in Egypt, proposed by the Legislative Assembly in its Message of the 20th September, 1882.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 20th September, 1882.*

JOHN HAY,

President.

*Sir John Robertson* informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor to receive the Deputation with the Address at noon to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

**THE EGYPTIAN WAR:**—Mr. Speaker reported that the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, accompanied by deputations of Members appointed by the respective Houses of Parliament, had this day presented to the Governor the joint congratulatory Address to the Queen on the triumphant success of the British Arms in Egypt, with a request that His Excellency would be pleased to forward the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty, and that he would communicate the contents of the Address to Her Majesty by telegraph,—to which request His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

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

I shall have great pleasure in transmitting by telegraph to Her Majesty's Secretary of State the Address you have placed in my hands for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

I need scarcely assure you that the expression of your devoted loyalty, and your heartfelt congratulations on the triumphant success of the British Arms in Egypt, will be most gratifying to Her Majesty.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 21st September, 1882:*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Police Force:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a Petition been forwarded by the members of the Police Force to the Governor and Executive Council asking for the redress of certain alleged grievances?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary kindly inform the House if it is intended to comply with the request of the Petitioners?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—A Petition has been received, and in common with the whole of the employés in the lower grades of the Public Service the increase of their salaries is under the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Dredging and Discharging Silt:—*Mr. Poole* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at an early date, lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing, for the decade ending with the year 1881, the number of tons of silt annually dredged up from the outlet of the sewers and drains discharging into the harbour on the south side from Woolloomooloo Bay to Johnston's Bay, both inclusive; and also the total annual cost, including interest on and depreciation of the plant in use for dredging and discharging the silt, as above specified?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—I have given orders for the preparation of the Return asked for by the Honorable Member, and will lay it upon the Table in the course of a few days.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Office, South Creek:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will tenders be called for the Post and Telegraph Office, South Creek, for which the money was voted by Parliament last Session?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—I understand that tenders have been invited for this work, to be opened on the 17th of October.

- (4.) Engine-drivers and Guards on Western Railway:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend sending additional engine-drivers, guards, and shunters to relieve the men on the Western Line who have been compelled to work from ninety to one hundred hours per week?

Mr.



Mr. Lackey answered,—From inquiries made, it appears that none of the employés at Penrith have worked the hours named. They have worked overtime, and have been paid for it; but upon it being ascertained that the extra running, which was thought to be of a temporary character, was likely to be permanent, additional engine-drivers and guards were sent to Penrith so that the hours of actual work of the staff might be reduced to about fifty hours per week for six days. The exigencies of the traffic at times necessitate the men occasionally working longer hours; but directions have been given to take on more men rather than the men should be over-worked, even though they got extra pay for it.

- (5.) Bridge on Western Road, South Creek:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in erecting Bridge on the Western Road, South Creek, near Mr. Guild's store, for which tenders were called some time since?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders had to be invited a second time; bond was signed on 15th August. Contractor has had to quarry stone at Campbelltown, and pending its supply is engaged on the reconstruction of a Bridge on the Western Road, at the Cattle Sale Yards, which is more urgent than that at South Creek.

- (6.) Police Paddock at Murrurundi:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was the land now used as a Police Paddock at Murrurundi ever granted, or promise of grant made, or dedicated as a Racecourse, or for Recreation purposes?
- (2.) If so, was the grant or promise of grant or dedication revoked?
- (3.) If not, has he any objection to grant to or allow the Murrurundi Agricultural Society to use a portion of it, and erect sheep-sheds, &c., on it for the purpose of holding a Show on the ground, it being the only available site fit for the purpose in the town of Murrurundi?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1 & 2.) The records of the Department do not show that any promise of a grant of the land in question for the purposes mentioned was made.
- (3.) The area was appropriated in January, 1869, for Police purposes, for which it is reported to be wholly required.

- (7.) Iron Cove Bridge:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Iron Cove Bridge be completed, and what steps have been taken towards the forming and making of the road between the Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges, and when will the road be ready for traffic?

Mr. Lackey answered,—In a month. All the road between the Bridges requiring immediate formation has been put in hand, and will be complete at the time of opening of Bridge. It is not intended to do anything to the 70 chains of good natural road near Iron Cove Bridge at present, pending decision as to tramways.

- (8.) The Eight-hour System of Labour—Public Holiday:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the request of the Eight-hour Demonstration Committee,—That the first Monday in October should be proclaimed a Public Holiday; and if so, what is the nature of such decision?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—Yes; but in deciding upon a question such as the one submitted, the Government are bound to consider the varied and complicated interests of industry and commerce throughout the Colony, and a General Public Holiday would cause much inconvenience in many places without promoting even the object of the Deputation. It is not, therefore, considered advisable to proclaim the 2nd of October a Public Holiday under the Act. So far as the Public Workshops are concerned, there will be no objection to granting a Holiday to the Government employés on the day named; but this must be done with such limitation as may be necessary to secure the convenience of the public on the Railways, and otherwise.

- (9.) Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to the withdrawal by the Honorable Member for Boorowa of his motion to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court, on the assurance that the matter was then before the Cabinet,—When will the Government announce to the House how it intends to deal with the question?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—I can only answer that the matter is now under the consideration of the Government, and I shall give an answer at an early date.

- (10.) Public School Buildings at Jugiong:—*Mr. Buchanan*, for Mr. William Forster, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What has been done since the date at which tenders were invited for the erection of Public School Buildings at Jugiong; and when is it probable that such buildings will be begun?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A tender has been accepted, and the buildings will be begun forthwith.

- (11.) Public School at Bridgewater:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has any person been appointed to take charge of the Public School at Bridgewater, near Molong; if not, what is the cause of the delay, and when will the appointment be made?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A Teacher has been instructed to take charge of the Public School at Bridgewater. Delay was caused by the necessity for settling certain matters connected with the lease of the school buildings.

- (12.) Resumption of Land for Railway Purposes at Newtown:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he prepared a Bill to resume the land adjoining the Station Ground at Newtown for the purpose of giving more accommodation for the traffic; if not, will he do so at once?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is thought that this will not now be necessary, as the Engineer has contrived so that additional sidings can be provided on the land the property of the Government.

(13.) Railway Bridge, Newtown:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to have the Bridge over the Railway, at the intersection of King and Queen Streets, Newtown, widened, before any serious or fatal accident takes place; if so, will he state what steps he is taking to have it done?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Engineer has reported that in his opinion it is not necessary to widen this Bridge; it was widened in 1879 by 32 feet, and is now 90 feet wide.

(14.) Newtown Road:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state what he intends to do with regard to the Newtown Road prior to opening the Tramway to Newtown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As the Tramway will be opened on the 1st October, there will not be time to do anything to the road beyond the limit of the Tramway; but the portion of the road occupied by the Tramway will be in good order by the day of opening.

(15.) Contract for the Albury Extension of the Great Southern Railway:—Mr. McCulloch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount in dispute between Messrs. Cornwell, Mixner, & Company and the Government on the completion of the Albury Extension of the Great Southern Railway?

(2.) When was the amount paid to them?

(3.) Did any Member of Parliament act as agent for Messrs. Cornwell, Mixner, & Company in obtaining a settlement; if so, will he give the name of such Member?

(4.) Did any Member of Parliament interview the Honorable the Minister for Works or Commissioner for Railways with the object of obtaining such settlement; and if so, will he give the name of such Member?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Nothing in dispute connected with the contract; the account for the carriage of material was disputed, and the final certificate was held as security, in accordance with agreement.

(2.) The traffic account was adjusted as far as possible on the 7th August last. There are still some items in dispute, as to which inquiry is being made.

(3.) No.

(4.) No; Mr. Cornwell himself conducted the settlement of the matter.

3. ROADS IN THE COUNTY OF GORDON (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, petitions, surveys, reports, maps, and other documents, having reference to the various roads now in dispute at Burrawong, and Cumnock and Dilga; also between Burrawong and Baldarudgery, in the County of Gordon. Question put and passed.

4. STEAMSHIP "OCEAN":—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from George Richard Stevens, representing the firm of George R. Stevens & Co., alleging that they have sustained pecuniary loss through the action of the Government in placing the Steamship "Ocean" in Quarantine; and praying the House to appoint a Committee to inquire into the matter. Petition received.

5. INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS INCORPORATION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Farnell presented two Petitions from Surveyors of the Colony of New South Wales, praying the House to give this Bill favourable consideration.

(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a similar Petition from Citizens of New South Wales. Petitions received.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.

7. CONSOLIDATED STOCK BILL:—Mr. James Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Consolidated Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto. Question put and passed.

8. GENERAL SAVINGS BANK BILL:—Mr. James Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a General Savings Bank, with Government guarantee, by the amalgamation of the Savings Bank of New South Wales with the Government Savings Bank. Question put and passed.

9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir John Robertson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That James Squire Farnell, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

10. MINERAL LEASE AT VEGETABLE CREEK:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott presented a Petition from Messrs. A. Frazer & Company, alleging that the interests of their firm are involved in the matters referred to a Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which a Lease of Mineral Lands at Vegetable Creek was refused to Messrs. Frazer and Party; and praying for permission to appear before the said Committee in person, or by Counsel or Attorney. Petition received.

11. THE ART GALLERY:—Mr. Roseby presented a Petition from the Reverend George Martin, President of the New South Wales and Queensland Wesleyan Conference, praying the House not to sanction the opening of the Art Gallery on Sundays. Petition received.

12. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1882, A.M.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd (*by consent*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until Tuesday next."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at half-past Three o'clock A.M., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from James Hoskins, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Tumut.

Whereupon Sir John Robertson moved, That the Seat of James Hoskins, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Tumut, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Hoskins, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Moore Park:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many acres of land are there in the Sydney Common, or the portion of it known as Moore Park?

(2.) Is the said land vested in the City of Sydney Corporation as Trustees?

(3.) Are the twenty-five acres of it which the Agricultural Society have fenced in part of the Park which is vested in the Corporation as Trustees?

(4.) Are the fifteen acres joining the twenty-five acres now fenced by the Agricultural Society and the cricket ground of the Cricketing Association, and which fifteen acres the Agricultural Society have got permission to fence in, part of the Sydney Common or Moore Park?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) 490 acres.

(2.) Yes.

(3 & 4.) The City Council of Sydney has been referred to for answers to these questions.

(2.) Tramway from Newcastle to Wallsend:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the trial surveys for Tramway from Newcastle to Wallsend be finished?

(2.) What route is proposed to be taken?

(3.) When will tenders be called for the laying down of the Tramway from Newcastle to Wallsend?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The survey is finished; the plans and sections will be completed in about three weeks.

(2.) It is undesirable to name the route proposed until it has been finally determined upon.

(3.) When Parliament has approved of the plans, &c., as provided by the terms of the Tramway Act.

(3.) Public School Teachers:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many Teachers of Superior Schools have passed a first-class examination in Latin?

(2.) How many have passed a like examination in French?

(3.) How many first-class Teachers of Superior Public Schools are qualified by examination to teach (1) physical science; (2) drawing; (3) the piano?

(4.) What percentage of marks in every subject was obtained by Messrs. Thornton and Friend, and by Mrs. Bardwell, for their first-class certificates, and what was their standard for practical skill?

(5.) What are the qualifications of the Training Masters by examinations?

(6.) What is the classification of Inspector John Kevin by examination?

(7.) Will he say why Teachers wives are not allowed to act as sewing mistresses in their husbands schools when the salary is more than £12 a year?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Four.

(2.) Five.

(3.) In physical science, none; in drawing, eighteen; in the piano, no examination yet held or required.

(4.) A Return in answer to this question will be laid upon the Table of the House this afternoon.

(5.) The Training Masters have undergone examination for second-class certificates in which they proved successful. First-class certificates were ultimately awarded them.

(6.)

(6.) There is no record in the Examiner's Office on this point; but class I.B. was ultimately awarded by the Council of Education.

(7.) It has been the rule for many years not to appoint a Teacher's wife to the office of work-mistress in any case where from the large number of pupils too great a demand would be made upon the time necessary for the discharge of her domestic duties. There is, however, no absolute regulation prohibiting such appointments; and in certain cases now under consideration there may be found reason for departing from the usual practice.

(4.) Mr. Charles De Boos:—Mr. William Forster asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has any complaint been made to the Government at any time, but especially since the beginning of the year 1881, against Mr. Charles De Boos, Police Magistrate and Warden at Temora, for any sort of misconduct?

(2.) If so, what were the grounds and nature of such complaint, and how often was any such complaint or any similar complaint made?

(3.) Have any large number of letters, petitions, or memorials been addressed to the Government on the subject of any sort of misconduct on the part of Mr. De Boos?

(4.) What course have the Government taken at any time, or do they intend to take, with reference to such complaints?

(5.) Has any inquiry been made into Mr. De Boos conduct in consequence, and how often?

(6.) Has Mr. De Boos ever been suspended, or reprimanded, or punished, or threatened with removal or dismissal for misconduct?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Repeated complaints have been made respecting decisions given by Mr. De Boos. There were some complaints of his partiality, others of insobriety, and others of improper language used by him.

(3.) Yes, several upon the subjects above-mentioned.

(4 & 5.) An inquiry was directed to be held in the end of June last, respecting the alleged misconduct of Mr. De Boos, but it was allowed to remain over, inasmuch as the principal charges had been preferred in the name of one Abel Trevehan, of Temora, who could not be discovered, and the witnesses named by him denied that there was any truth in the charges. Mr. De Boos was required to clear his character from aspersions in a local newspaper, and produced an ample apology and withdrawal of the charges by the proprietor of the paper in question.

(6.) Mr. De Boos has been reprimanded and threatened with removal in case of repetition of his misconduct; in some instances the complaints were not substantiated. But there is an inquiry now set on foot, by my direction, which will be conducted by H. E. Cohen, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, of which it is undesirable to say more at present.

(5) Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to the withdrawal by the Honorable Member for Boorowa of his motion to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court, on the assurance that the matter was then before the Cabinet,—When will the Government announce to the House how it intends to deal with the question?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—I can only answer that the matter is now under the consideration of the Government, and I shall give an answer at an early date.

(6.) Telegraph Office, Murrurundi:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many clerks are employed at the Telegraph Office, Murrurundi, and what is the salary of each?

(2.) What are the average receipts per week for telegrams sent for the past six months?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) One station-master, at £200 per annum; one operator, at £150 per annum; one operator, at £104 per annum; one line repairer, at £150 per annum; and one messenger, at £26 per annum.

(2.) The average revenue per week for the past six months is £3 13s. 1d. The officials employed at Murrurundi are in excess of the usual number at places of equal importance, as the office is open till 10 o'clock, and a large amount of repeated business passes through Murrurundi for cross-country Stations, which renders it necessary that constant attention should be given to the instruments.

(7.) Mineral Leases, Vegetable Creek:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he had any reports as to the compliance with the labour conditions on mineral leases, Vegetable Creek, within the last three months?

(2.) Is he aware that a large number of leases are being held without compliance with the labour conditions in that and Tingha Districts; if so, will he take steps to have the conditions fulfilled?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Reports have been received during the last three months from the Vegetable Creek and Tingha Districts, and all the leases reported on, except two, have been or are in course of cancellation.

(2.) I am not aware that a large number of leases are being held without compliance with the labour conditions in the Districts named; but I am now awaiting a further report from the Wardens on the subject.

(8.) Gaol at Forbes.—Police Buildings at Parkes:—*Mr. Cooke*, for Mr. Bodel, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for erecting the new Gaol at Forbes?

(2.) When will tenders be called for erecting the new Police Buildings at Parkes?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Plans have been prepared, and when approved tenders will be at once invited.

- (9.) Industrial Education :—Mr. Reid asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the Government taken into consideration the representations made on the 7th April last by a Deputation from the Builders and Contractors Association and the Trade and Labour Council of New South Wales, urging the adoption of a comprehensive system of Industrial Education under the auspices of the Department of Public Instruction ; if so, what decision has been arrived at ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Government have given attention to these representations, and have now under consideration a plan for promoting industrial education. A decision cannot, however, be arrived at until the scheme is further matured.

- (10.) “Dummyism” :—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any persons been officially reported to the Department of Lands as liable to prosecution for the criminal offence commonly known as “dummyism” since the Act of 1875 (9th section) was passed ?

(2.) If so, how many of such persons have been prosecuted at the instance of the Department of Lands ?

(3.) How many of such prosecutions, if any, have ended in a conviction ?

(4.) Have any criminal proceedings of this kind been initiated recently ?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) Attention has been called to several cases which have appeared to fall within the penal provisions of the clause referred to, but evidence sufficient to warrant a prosecution has not been obtainable, except in a very few instances.

(2.) In one instance a prosecution was instituted, and a committal obtained, but the jury having disagreed the prosecution was not proceeded with. In another case the information was dismissed by the Magistrate.

(3.) Not any.

(4.) No criminal proceedings have actually been instituted recently, but several cases are at present under preliminary inquiry after consultation with the Crown Solicitor. I may add, however, that during the existence of the law, those who have attempted to dummy, and otherwise evade its conditions, have forfeited upwards of 2,000,000 of acres of selected land and £500,000 in cash, which has become a portion of the Consolidated Revenue. Irrespective of this, improvements to a large extent have also been forfeited, and on sale of the land upon which they stood the Consolidated Revenue has gained largely by them also.

- (11.) Court of Petty Sessions, Girilambone :—Sir Patrick Jennings asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he received a Petition from the residents of Girilambone, praying for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions there, and setting forth the inconvenience sustained by having to travel a distance of forty miles to Cannonbar to have their cases adjudicated upon ?

(2.) Will the Minister authorize the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions without delay, to avoid further inconvenience to the large and rapidly increasing population of the District of Girilambone ?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) I cannot find that a Petition has been received upon the subject ; but a letter appears to have been addressed by the Honorable Member for Forbes calling attention, among other subjects, to the want of a Court of Petty Sessions at Girilambone on the grounds stated.

(2.) There are at present difficulties in the way of establishing a Court of Petty Sessions. The matter is now under consideration, and as soon as it is found to be practicable it will be done.

- (12.) Railway Station near Girilambone :—Sir Patrick Jennings asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

Is it intended to construct a Railway Station on the Great Western Line at a convenient point near to the township of Girilambone, to accommodate the traffic of that important and rapidly increasing settlement ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is intended to erect a Station at this place.

- (13.) Tank for Girilambone :—Sir Patrick Jennings asked the Secretary for Mines,—Are any steps being taken to comply with the petition presented to him from the residents of Girilambone, praying for the making of a Tank for the use of the township ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The Inspector of Public Tanks and Wells has received instructions to visit Girilambone, and as soon as his report is received the matter will at once be dealt with.

- (14.) Delivery of Telegrams within the City :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Secretary,—

Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the new regulations issued by the Postmaster General with reference to the delivery of telegrams within the City of Sydney ; if not, do the Government intend to make any alteration in the present system of delivering telegraphic messages ; and if so, what alterations, if any, do they propose making ?

Sir John Robertson answered,—Yes, so far as the citizens of Sydney, in whose interests these regulations were framed, are willing to take advantage of them. The proposed system of delivering telegrams without receipts, partly through the Post Office and partly by special messengers, has been carried out in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America for many years past, and it is believed that its introduction here (as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce) will lead to a more speedy and less costly mode of delivery than that now in force.

- (15.) Public School at Kangaroo Valley :—Mr. Kidd asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the proposed Public School at Kangaroo Valley ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I hope that tenders will be called for in to-morrow's Papers.

- (16.) Mr. James Dalton, J.P. :—Mr. Cooke asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that one James Dalton, a Justice of the Peace residing at Orange, presided over a meeting of the Irish Land League recently held in the School of Arts in that town ?

(2.) If so, does he intend to take any steps in the matter ?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes, upon inquiry, it appears that such was the case.

(2.) Yes ; further inquiry is now being made in the matter.

(17.)

(17.) Court-house at Emmaville:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the erection of the Court-house at Emmaville be commenced?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—I am informed that a tender for this building has been accepted, and the work will be commenced at once.

(18.) Post and Telegraph Office, Emmaville:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have tenders been accepted for the Post and Telegraph Office, Emmaville; if so, when will the work be commenced?

Sir John Robertson answered,—Plans have been prepared, and are now awaiting approval.

(19.) Inspector of Weights and Measures:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is there a Government Inspector of Weights and Measures; if so, what are his duties; what is his age; has he an assistant; and how long have the standard weights, scales, and measures which he is using been in use, and when were they tested by the Home authorities?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes; Mr. Thomas Mitchelson. His duties are to inspect all weights and measures brought to his office for the purpose, to stamp those found correct, and to test all weights and measures on the premises at which they are used in the whole Metropolitan Police District. He is eighty years of age; has no assistant. The present weights and measures have been in use about thirty years, and have never been tested by the Home authorities since they came into use, but they have frequently been compared with the standard weights at the Colonial Treasury.

### 3. OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY:—

(1.) Dr. Renwick presented a Petition from Female Inhabitants of New South Wales, stating their desire that the Sabbath Day may be preserved to the people of this Colony according to God's command; and praying the House to put a stop to Railway and Tram traffic on that day; and also not to sanction any request either for increased labour, or further facilities for pleasure, which would lessen the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. W. J. Foster presented the following Petitions, praying the House to give its sanction to any proposed measure which may tend to maintain the observance of the Day of Rest, and refuse to sanction any measure which may tend to subvert the objects for which the day was instituted:—

(a.) From Male Inhabitants of New South Wales.

(b.) From Inhabitants of Bathurst and neighbourhood.

Petitions received.

### 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notifications of resumption of Land for Public School purposes at Adelong Crossing, Chatsworth Island, and Mulgoa.

(2.) By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1882,—“Licensing Bench, Queanbeyan.”

Ordered to be printed.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Trickett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

### 6. SALE OF CROWN LANDS BY AUCTION:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from R. C. Luscombe, for and on behalf of a Public Meeting of Colonists held in the Temperance Hall, Sydney, in favour of the immediate stoppage of all Sales of Crown Lands by Auction; and praying the House to cause such alterations to be made in the existing law as will effect that object.

Petition received.

### 7. THE ART GALLERY:—

(1.) Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Residents of the City of Newcastle and adjacent parts, in favour of opening the Art Gallery on Sunday.

(2.) Mr. Copeland presented a Petition to the same effect from Residents of Armidale and neighbourhood.

Petitions received.

(3.) Mr. Copeland presented a Petition to the same effect from Residents of Sydney and adjacent parts.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Petition received.

### 8. RAILWAY SLEEPING CARS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence from the agents, or other person, offering to supply the Government with sleeping cars manufactured in America, showing the price which such American manufacturer or his agent offered to supply such sleeping cars at each.

(2.) A Return showing the number of sleeping cars supplied by Hudson Brothers, showing the dates on which each was supplied, and the price paid for each sleeping car, since such offer to supply sleeping cars by the American Company, or the agent of the American Company.

Question put and passed.

9. **ROADS THROUGH MR. COLLINS'S LAND, AND THROUGH THE SEGENHOE ESTATE** (*Formal Motion*):—  
Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) Copies of all correspondence in reference to any and all applications for a second road through the land of Mr. Matthew Collins, Dartbrook, near Scone, with the names of the persons applying for this road; and all letters, &c., opposing the opening of this road.  
(2.) Copy of the plan showing the area of Mr. Collins's land, and position of road asked for.  
(3.) Copies of all correspondence, petitions, &c., in reference to application for opening a road through the Segenhoe Estate, of Messrs. White, from the people of the Rouchel and others; also copies of all correspondence from Messrs. White, and any and all Government officials, against opening a road through the Segenhoe Estate.  
(4.) Copy of the plan showing the area of the Segenhoe Estate, the number of roads through it, and the road asked for from the Rouchel to Scone by petition presented by Mr. McElhone on behalf of the people of the Rouchel.  
Question put and passed.
10. **MR. LAMONT YOUNG** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. William Forster, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, memorials, and petitions, having reference to the mysterious loss or disappearance of Mr. Lamont Young, late Geological Surveyor to the Government, supposed to have been drowned or murdered at or near Bermagui, with the exception of such papers as may injuriously affect the character of such persons as have been induced from promises of reward or pardon to give information of importance.  
Question put and passed.
11. **REMOVAL OF POLICE FROM CLARENDON** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery*, for Mr. William Forster, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports, and other papers, since the date of the last laid upon the Table, having reference to the removal or absence of Police from Clarendon.  
Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Animals Protection Bill postponed until Friday, 13th October.
13. **ART GALLERY**:—The Order of the Day having been read, for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Copeland,—  
(1.) Having in view the large attendance of Sunday visitors at the Museum and Public Library, this House is of opinion that it is desirable to open the Art Gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—  
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1882, A.M.

Question put,—

- (1.) Having in view the large attendance of Sunday visitors at the Museum and Public Library, this House is of opinion that it is desirable to open the Art Gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Edmund Barton,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cass,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Combes,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Young.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levion,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abigail,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Andrews,	
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Ryris.
Mr. Carter,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. W. J. Foster,	
Mr. Fullford,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hazlet,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Poole,	
Dr. Renwick,	
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. James Watson,	
Mr. Withers.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Institute of Surveyors Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*): second reading;—  
*until Friday, 6th October.*  
(2.) Violation of Children Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of } *until Tuesday next.*  
Mr. Buchanan, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
(3.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading.



15. SALE AND SUPPLY OF GAS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Poole moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Sale and Supply of Gas in the Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes; and to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend, by Message, that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 13th October.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Prisoner Bechet:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any fresh evidence come to light in the case of Prisoner Bechet, convicted of arson; and if so, is it his intention to take the matter into consideration, and when?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—No fresh evidence has been made known to me, since the matter was last reported upon by the Judge who tried the case. A letter from the prisoner has been placed before me, but nothing to call for a re-opening of the case.

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Office, St. Leonards:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at St. Leonards?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—Plans are being prepared, and when approved tenders will be at once invited.

- (3.) Government Advertisements:—*Mr. O'Connor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Government Advertisements tendered for; if not, through whose agency do they go?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—The Government Advertisements are not, and never have been, tendered for; they are sent direct to the Sydney and Suburban Papers, and through the registered agents to the Country Press.

- (4.) Insurance of Government Property against Fire:—*Mr. O'Connor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—After the disastrous fire at the Garden Palace, do the Government contemplate insuring their properties against fire?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—It is, I believe, not the intention of the Government to insure, as suggested.

- (5.) The Garden Palace:—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend, and if so how soon, to lay before Parliament an estimate of the probable loss and damage of public property caused by the burning of the Exhibition Buildings?

(2.) Can they state in round numbers, or approximately, how many pastoral runs, leases, or holdings will have, in consequence of the fire, to be to any considerable extent or entirely re-surveyed or re-adjusted?

(3.) In how many cases will any considerable delay in the construction or commencement of Railway Lines be caused thereby?

(4.) What time, in such cases, is likely to elapse before the several plans, sections, and other necessary preliminaries will be equally available as before the fire?

(5.) In how many cases have such plans, sections, and other records been so destroyed as to render it necessary to have all the work done over again?

(6.) In particular, how will the Railway between Gundagai and Cootamundra be affected thereby, or will the Government still be able to fulfil their promise of inviting tenders for this Line on a certain day?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Government have been frequently requested by officers of the several Departments, or any other persons, to remove public records or other valuable public property from the Exhibition Buildings, or to secure such records or property by safes or other expedients?

(8.) In how many and what particular instances have such requests been made and not attended to?

(9.) Can the Government state approximately the total amount of loss or damage done?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—

(1.) The Government do intend practically to do so, and without unnecessary delay.

(2 to 9.) The Colonial Secretary's Department has communicated with the other Departments to which the Honorable Member's questions refer, in order to obtain as speedily as may be the information asked for.

(6.)

- (6.) Mails between Sydney and Clarendon:—Mr. William Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to remove the inconvenience complained of in the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Clarendon, and to meet the wishes of applicants for a direct route between Clarendon and Illabo?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is intended to invite tenders for the conveyance of mails twice a week between Illabo Railway Station and Clarendon from 1st January next.

- (7.) Railway from Orange to Wilcannia:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Have any of the plans of the Railway, Orange to Wilcannia, been destroyed by the late fire?  
 (2.) If so, will he take the necessary steps to have the plans reproduced without delay?  
 (3.) Will he order the Survey Staff now encamped near Forbes to proceed with this work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The working plans, sections, field and level books for sixty miles of the extension from Orange to Wilcannia have been destroyed, also the whole of the trial survey plans and sections.  
 (2.) Early steps will be taken to replace the plans and sections destroyed.  
 (3.) Yes.

- (8.) William Hoswell's Conditional Purchase:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one William Hoswell's selection (No. 78-263) of land, improved by himself, has been declared void, and that his agent's letters, dated 15th September, 1881, 23rd September, 1881, and 12th October, 1881, have not received departmental attention or reply?  
 (2.) Also, that selector has declared as to fulfilment of conditions, and that payments thereon still remain suspended?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) No; but William Hoswell did select 228 acres in June, 1878, and was informed on 2nd August, 1878, that 119 acres only were available, the remainder being barred by improvements, a refund order for the balance being at the same time forwarded to him. His agent's letters were attended to and replied to in February, 1882; but the agent appears to have confounded this with a previous application by the same applicant, which had been declared void on account of the land being on a reserve.  
 (2.) The selector has declared as to fulfilment of conditions, and his declaration is under examination with other cases of the like character.

2. APPLICATIONS BY AGENTS FOR CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the letter addressed to the Crown Lands Agent, Newcastle, by the Department of Lands, instructing him to accept applications for conditional purchases not tendered in person; also, copy of Ministerial or other authority for the issue of the instructions referred to.  
 Question put and passed.

3. THE QUEEN v. OWEN (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all complaints, depositions, reports, and other papers taken in the case Queen v. Owen, at the Police Office at Molong, on Tuesday, 5th September last; also, a copy of all Police reports having reference to the said case.  
 Question put and passed.

4. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY THE MESSRS. WHITE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. McElhone, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) A copy of all correspondence, minutes, &c., in reference to any mineral conditional purchases taken up by J. F. & H. White, or any other person, with their names, on Bando Station, or any other station held by the Messrs. J. F. & H. White in the district of Liverpool Plains.  
 (2.) Also, copy of a plan showing such mineral conditional purchases tinted red, and all conditional purchases on said runs tinted blue.  
 (3.) The like in regard to any mineral conditional purchases or conditional purchases on any properties owned by them in the Upper Hunter Electorate.  
 Question put and passed.

5. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.

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

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Evidence in Summary Convictions Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Defendants to give evidence in all cases of Summary Conviction*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 27th September, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
 President.

- (2.) Barristers Admission Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 27th September, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
 President.

(3.)

## (3.) Tamworth Gas and Coke Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Tamworth,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
President.

## TAMWORTH GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th September, 1882.*

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,  
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 5, clause 10. At end of clause *add* "or other careful authority"  
„ clause 12, line 30. *Omit* "five" *insert* "seven"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1) Diamond Drills:—Mr. Beyers asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What number of applications have been received from the different Gold-fields for the use of the diamond drills?
- (2.) What number of applications have been received for the use of the diamond drills to bore for minerals other than gold?
- (3.) What number of applications have been received to bore for water?
- (4.) Under what conditions are the drills supplied?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Six.
- (2.) Twelve.
- (3.) Eight.
- (4.) The conditions published in the *Government Gazette* of the 3rd February last, page 622.

(2) The Garden Palace:—Mr. Farnell, for Mr. Stuart, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were any objections to or remonstrance against the keeping of public documents in the late Garden Palace made to the Government by heads of departments or other officers in whose custody such documents were placed; and if so, by whom, and of what nature?
- (2.) Was any recommendation made by any such officer that fire-proof safes, strong rooms, or vaults should be provided or constructed for the greater safety of such documents; and if so, by whom, and of what nature; and how far were such recommendations carried out?
- (3.) How many watchmen were employed; and what were the hours during which they had to watch; and what instructions were given to them as to action in case of fire?
- (4.) Under whose supervision were these watchmen; and what check or precautions were taken to ascertain whether the watchmen were regular in the performance of their duty?
- (5.) Was any request made by these watchmen, or any recommendation from any one having the supervision of them, that the hours of their watching should be reduced; and if so, what was the nature of such request or recommendation?
- (6.) Were any lights or fire allowed during the night within the buildings; and if so, of what nature, and under what precautions?
- (7.) On the evening before the fire, were any persons at work by artificial light either in connection with the Flower Show or the exhibition of Paintings or otherwise; and if so, until what hour; and what was the light used, and under what supervision or control?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 & 2.) Some time ago the officer in charge of the Railway Surveys in the Garden Palace called the attention of the Engineer-in-Chief to the necessity for making several improvements in the building, in the interest of the comfort of the employés there, including that their rooms should be heated. Subsequently he suggested that the Colonial Architect should be instructed to make provision for iron safes, or for a fire-proof room, for the greater safety of the valuable documents there; this was done. The Secretary for Works desires me to say that he had forgotten this matter when the subject was under consideration on the motion for adjournment yesterday.

(3.) One night watchman, whose hours were from 6 o'clock in the evening to 6 o'clock in the morning; also a caretaker, whose hours were from 6 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening; both of these men being members of the Insurance Fire Brigade, and they were well initiated with the use of the telephone connected with the Fire Engine Station and the thirty fire-cocks and hose inside the building, as well as the fire engine for use, in need, on the upper portion of the building, and the twelve hydrants outside the building; they were well instructed as to their duties

duties in case of accident by fire. In addition to the night watchman and caretaker, a carpenter and labourer were constantly employed in and about the building, their hours being from a quarter to 8 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the evening.

(4.) The night watchman was under the supervision of the Police Department, the building being visited by constables at different times during the night, to see that the watchman was attending to his duty.

(5.) No application was made to have the hours reduced, but the night watchman had complained of having to be at the building every night, in consequence of which arrangements had recently been made for putting on a third man, by which the twenty-four hours might be divided into eight-hour shifts.

(6.) A candle in a lantern was allowed for use in making the rounds of the building, and a small gas stove, which was 2 feet from the floor, was provided in the watchman's room, situated in the corner of the west tower, the floor under the stove being lined with iron, as a precaution against fire.

(7.) No person was at work in the building under my department on the evening before the fire, nor was any light used, that I am aware of, with the exception of the night watchman's candle-lantern before referred to. This is signed by the Colonial Architect.

I wish to add that, as far as I can make out, no public documents were stored in the Garden Palace except such as were necessarily in use by the departments located there.

(3.) Road from Narrabri to Bingera:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Road from Narrabri to Bingera been finally surveyed, gazetted, and proclaimed for public use; if so, the date of proclamation and distance; also if scheduled, and to what extent?

(2.) Has all the clearing on this line been completed (particularly at the Bingera end), to thus enable the farmers to get their produce to Bingera mill, and others to reach Narrabri Railway Station?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Road has been surveyed; it will be gazetted and proclaimed open for public use in due course. This road is on schedule as 80 miles 3 chains, £1,200.

(2.) The clearing to amount of available funds has been done, or is in hand, and more money has been expended on the Bingera end than on the Narrabri end of the road.

(4.) Electorate of St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the number of Electors returned on the Electoral Roll for the Electoral District of St. Leonards for the years 1882 and 1883 have reached 3,082, thereby entitling the said Electorate to return an additional Member?

(2.) Is he also aware that the number of Electors returned on the Electoral Rolls for the said Electoral District during the then next preceding twenty-four calendar months has not been less by one-fifth of the prescribed number entitling the said Electorate to return an additional Member?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to declare by proclamation that the Electoral District of St. Leonards is entitled to return an additional Member?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the number of Electors on the Electoral Roll for St. Leonards is 3,082, and I believe the condition required by law has been fulfilled. I may state that the question will be considered without loss of time.

(5.) Recreation Reserve, Jugiong:—Mr. William Forster asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to meet the wishes of the residents at or near Jugiong with reference to the Recreation Reserve?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The papers relative to the matter are under reference to the Surveyor of the district. He has been requested to expedite his report.

(6.) Messrs. Munford and Blomfield:—Mr. William Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend taking any steps to relieve Messrs. Munford and Blomfield in the matter of their Petition to the Legislative Assembly, received on 17th August of last year?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No; the case was disposed of many years ago; there were two Committees of the House on it.

(7.) Road between Coolac and Gobarralong:—Mr. William Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend placing on the Estimates a sum for the construction of the Road between Coolac and Gobarralong; if so, when, and how much?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No; but a sum of £300 will be given from Unclassified Vote, 1883, when obtained—most likely in January.

(8.) Powder Magazine at Mud Island:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to construct a Powder Magazine at Mud Island, near Newington?

(2.) Who are the gentlemen forming the Board that recommended the construction of the Magazine in that locality?

(3.) Do any of them reside in the neighbourhood?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Captain G. K. Mann, Chairman; Colonel Richardson, and Messrs. Barnet, Moriarty, and Hixson.

(3.) I am not aware.

(9.) Electorates entitled to Additional Representatives:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any Electorates become entitled to an additional Representative by reason of the increase of the voters on the Electoral Roll since the last General Election?

(2.) Will proper steps be taken to ensure all Electorates which have become so entitled obtaining such additional representation at the next General Election?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as I have been able to make out, there are five Electorates which, I think, are entitled to an increase of Members; these are Balmain, Bourke, Canterbury, Redfern, and St. Leonards. Balmain at present returns one Member, and is entitled to two; Bourke one, entitled to two; Canterbury two, entitled to three; Redfern, two, entitled to three; and St. Leonards one, entitled to two. I will see that attention is given to this subject at a very early date, and that what is necessary shall be done before any General Election.

- (10.) Railway Station, Mittagong :—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the dimensions of the addition to the Railway Station at Mittagong; how long has it been building; and what will be the cost?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Seventeen feet four inches by seventeen feet four inches. The work has been in hand four months; the cost will be about £330. The delay has been caused by the difficulty of obtaining bricklayers.

- (11.) Singleton Railway Station :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Singleton Railway Station been lately declared a Second-class Railway Station; if so, when?

(2.) Is it not a fact that there is more traffic at Murrurundi Railway Station than at Singleton?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made in the matter, with the view of making Murrurundi a Second-class Railway Station, if the traffic, &c., justifies it?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) It is proposed to make Singleton a Second-class Station from the 1st January, 1883.

(2.) No, considerably less.

(3.) Yes.

- (12.) Wages of Railway Employés :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the bricklayers in the Permanent-way Department of Railways have during the present year had their wages raised; if so, how much per day?

(2.) Have the carpenters also had their wages increased during the present year; if so, how much per day?

(3.) Have firemen in Locomotive Department also had their pay increased during same period; if so, how much per day or week?

(4.) Have the Permanent-way men also had their pay increased during same time; if so, how much per day or week?

(5.) Did the Locomotive Department men ask for an increase of pay on or about July last; if so, was it refused; and will he cause them to be paid the same rate of increase as men in other departments got?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; it was found that the bricklayers outside the department were in receipt of higher wages, and we experienced great difficulty in obtaining the services of bricklayers at the authorized rates, the wages were therefore temporarily increased from 1s. to 2s. per day.

(2.) Yes, for the same reason, from 1s. to 1s. 6d. per day.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes, application was made. The rule observed in this department of the Railway Service is to pay the employés the average rate paid in private establishments. When the dispute about wages between the employers and employed, which is now going on, is settled, the average rate paid will be ascertained, and if it be found that the men employed in the iron trade in the Railway Department are paid less than the average the wages will be readjusted.

- (13.) Catering for Refreshment Rooms at Singleton and Murrurundi :—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When do the Government intend to call for tenders for the catering for the Refreshment Rooms at Singleton and Murrurundi?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be called for at once.

- (14.) Railway Buildings at Windsor :—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say if it is the intention of the Government to erect a new Station and Goods-shed at Windsor; and if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There is no necessity for a new Goods-shed at Windsor; the present one was enlarged and improved a year or two ago, and is equal to requirements. The platform is too narrow, and as this cannot be widened without interfering with the Station Building, it is proposed to erect a new Building at once.

- (15.) Telegraphic Communication with North Richmond :—Mr. Bowman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Postmaster General received a Petition praying that a Telegraph Office might be established at North Richmond?

(2.) Is it a fact that he refused to entertain the prayer of the Petition, notwithstanding that a guarantee was offered?

(3.) Did the Postmaster General call for a report from the officer in charge at Richmond, and what was the purport of such report?

(4.) If he has decided against erecting the Telegraph Office, will he have any objection to the inhabitants erecting the line of telegraph at their own cost?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Postmaster General :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; but arrangements have been made for the delivery by special messenger of telegrams within a radius of ten miles of Richmond from the 1st proximo.

(3.) No; but a special Inspector was sent to inquire into the matter fully, and his report was unfavourable. He stated that there was nothing to justify the conclusion that there would be sufficient business

business to pay expenses; that telegrams received at Richmond for residents on the north side of the river (averaging about seven or eight weekly) are mostly for visitors to Kurrajong, and can be delivered as quickly by post from Richmond; further, that he found, on inquiry, that floods seldom caused delays to traffic, and did not prevent the use of boats, and that in the case of very high floods the telegraph line would be quite useless, as it would be submerged or destroyed by force of water over the flats adjoining the river.

(4.) It is contrary to the provisions of the Telegraph Act to allow private persons the privilege of erecting telegraph lines.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table a Return showing the number of Railway Tickets issued for the Singleton Show in August, 1882, and the amount received for the same.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table a Return respecting the Architectural Branch of the Department of Public Instruction.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. STEAMSHIP "GUNGA" (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, memorials, petitions, and other documents, having reference to the recent quarantining and keeping in quarantine of the Steamship "Gunga," or her passengers and crew.

(2.) Copies of all opinions, decisions, minutes, and reports by the Principal Health Officer, the Board of Health, or any medical man, on the case of the Fijian removed from the "Gunga" to the Little Bay Hospital.

Question put and passed.

4. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been given thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order*, as follows:—

That an amendment to omit certain words with a view of inserting other words having been carried on division, and the Chairman having submitted, or put, the words proposed to be inserted, it was proposed to amend these words; the Chairman ruled that there could be no debate, and no amendment proposed to the words proposed to be inserted, before taking a division.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was in order to propose an amendment to the words proposed to be inserted before taking a division, and in support of this ruling quoted from the 8th edition of *May*, p. 301.

On motion of Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*The Case of Mr. Purves, Member for The Clarence*):—

(1.) Mr. Jacob, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, together with Appendix relative to the question referred to them on the 25th August last, as to whether Mr. Purves had not, since the date of his election himself, in conjunction with another person, held a contract for or on account of the Public Service, and derived therefrom an emolument arising from the same.

Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 25th August, 1882, to whom was referred on the same day The question whether John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, the Honorable Member for the Clarence, has not since the date of his election, himself, in conjunction with another person, held a contract for or on account of the Public Service, and derived therefrom an emolument arising from the same—have agreed to the following report:—

"1. That, in the opinion of the Committee, John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, the Honorable Member for The Clarence, has, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, held a contract for or on account of the Public Service, and that the said John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, neither directly nor indirectly derived therefrom an emolument arising from the same."

"2. The Committee further report that, in its opinion, the said John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, entered into the said contract inadvertently, and that before any profit could accrue to the said John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, he withdrew therefrom."

No. 2 Committee Room,  
28th September, 1882.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman.

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

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Jacob moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.  
Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Real Property Act:—*Mr. Fremlin*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Registrar General reported unfavourably upon the working of clause 4 of the Real Property Act further Amendment Act of 1877?
- (2.) Have complaints been made that this clause is working injuriously to the general public?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to repeal the said clause?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) He has not.
- (2.) Yes; and the Registrar General is of opinion that this clause does an injustice to the general public.
- (3.) It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill.

(2.) The University and the Technical College:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The several amounts paid to the University and the Technical College at the School of Arts, respectively, for the years 1880 and 1881, and for the year 1882 up to the present time?
- (2.) The number of Professors or Teachers in the University and Technical College respectively?
- (3.) The number of classes in each institution?
- (4.) The number of pupils attending classes or lectures at the present time in each institution?
- (5.) Do the Government propose to continue the support given in former years to the Technical College?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The several amounts paid are the following:—University, 1880, £6,450; 1881, £6,000; 1882, £11,588 14s. 8d. Technical College, 1880, £1,500; 1881, £2,100; 1882, £450. Payment of a further sum of £1,000 has been authorized.
- (2.) The number of Professors or Teachers was: In the University, 9; in the Technical College, 28.
- (3.) The number of classes in each institution is: University, 8; Technical College, 30.
- (4.) The number of pupils is: University, 96; Technical College, 618.
- (5.) It is the intention of the Government to contribute a portion of the funds voted for Technical Education towards the maintenance of the Technical College.

(3.) Recreation Ground for Newtown:—*Mr. Martin*, for Mr. Mitchell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a piece of ground for a Park or Recreation Ground for Newtown?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are no funds now available for the purchase of additional land for recreation purposes. I will in a short time lay a statement on the Table showing how the money voted has been appropriated, and what land has been secured. But I may state that to provide Recreation Grounds for all the places that have applied would at least take £200,000, in addition to the sum already voted.

(4.) Road from Nymagee to Nyngan:—*Mr. Quin*, for Mr. Russell Barton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did the Nymagee Copper Mining Company, in January, 1881, that is, one year and eight months since, in view of the extension of the Railway to Nymagee, urge upon the Department the necessity of surveying a direct road from Nymagee to Nyngan?
- (2.) In view of the large quantity of copper awaiting transit by this road, is it the intention of the Department to afford the residents of Nymagee and district direct road communication with Nyngan; and if so, when?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) The Company referred to requested the survey of the road from Nymagee to Nyngan in June, 1881, and instructions for the survey of the road were issued shortly afterwards.

(2.)

(2.) I am informed by the Surveyor General that the survey has been effected, but that from various unavoidable causes the plan has not yet been received at the head office. I have taken steps to obtain immediate attention to the matter.

- (5.) Letter Carriers:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant an increase of pay to the Letter Carriers in their employ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may say that these servants of the public will be considered when the general question of the pay of similar officers of Government is under consideration.

- (6.) Circuit Courts at Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it intended to establish Circuit Courts at Narrabri, it being very inconvenient and expensive to take all connected therewith from Narrabri and other districts to Tamworth—a very long distance?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—It is not proposed to establish Circuit Courts at Narrabri at present. Similar inconvenience is experienced in several other towns, which it is not possible to remedy by the establishment of such Courts.

- (7.) The Prisoner Plomer:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he get a few copies of the Judge's report in Plomer's case printed for the use of Honorable Members of this House in discussing the motion on Plomer's reprieve, set down for debate on Tuesday, the 14th November?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—I cannot authorize the printing of these records.

- (8.) Railway from Homebush to Waratah:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the plans for the Railway from Homebush to Waratah were consumed by fire at the Garden Palace; and if so, when will the Government be prepared to invite tenders for the first section of the Line?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The whole of the plans of the Line from Homebush to Waratah were not consumed by the fire in the Garden Palace. About thirty miles of these surveys are not quite finished, and consequently had not been forwarded to Sydney. It is impossible to state the exact date when tenders will be invited for the extension from Homebush to the Hawkesbury, but every exertion will be made to complete the surveys at the earliest time practicable.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th August, 1882,—“Licensing Magistrates at Armidale.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Vaccination for the year 1881.

(2.) Twenty-sixth Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company postponed until Friday, 13th October.

5. LIMITATION OF OATHS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress.

6. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Joseph P. Abbott proceeding to move the second reading of the Bill,—

Mr. Cameron requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this Bill, which appropriated a part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, was properly before the House, not having been recommended by a Message of the Governor, as required by the 54th clause of the Constitution Act.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was not regularly before the House, not having received the recommendation of the Crown.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill postponed until Friday, 20th October.

8. TAMWORTH GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burdekin (*with the concurrence of the House*), 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 27th September, 1882, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company's Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 10, but proposes to amend it by omitting the word “careful” and substituting the word “lawful,” in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 12.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th September, 1882.*

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

CUDGEGONG TOWN HALL BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Cudgegong to erect a Town Hall and Municipal Council Chambers and Offices on a parcel of land situate in Market and Douro Streets in the Town of Mudgee and to borrow moneys for the purpose of erecting and completing the said Buildings and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 29th September, 1882.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Warner & Sons Conditional Purchase at Moree:—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he please state the cause of the delay in surveying B. Y. G. B. Warner & Sons conditional purchase, selected on Cambadelo Run, Moree, more than seven months ago?

(2.) Is it true that all the surveyor's time is taken up in measuring nearly half a million acres in auction blocks for sale in Moree District?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I understand from the Surveyor General that the cause of the delay is—

(1.) Extraordinary pressure of work, and necessity for giving attention to prior instructions for conditional purchases.

(2.) No; the surveyor has measured nothing for auction sale that had been applied for subsequent to the date of Warner's conditional purchase, and in every case the twelve months provided by law had nearly expired before measurement.

(2.) Kiama Public School:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the accommodation for the pupils attending the Kiama Public School is insufficient?

(2.) Will he make early provision for extending the school buildings?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that the accommodation for pupils attending the Kiama Public School is insufficient; on the contrary, I understand that provision has been made for 260 pupils, while the average attendance does not exceed 245.

(2.) Provision will be made for extending the school buildings as soon as there appears to be any necessity for that course.

(3.)

- (3.) Police Paddock at Murrurundi:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the area of the paddock used by the Police at Murrurundi for their horses?
  - (2.) Has he any objection to grant to the Agricultural Society of Murrurundi, or to allow the Society to occupy or use an area of about 10 acres, or whatever quantity of land is necessary, for them to erect sheep pens and sheds, &c., out of the above paddock used by the Police?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police,—
- (1.) About 35 acres, less a portion 2 chains wide reserved for Railway purposes.
  - (2.) If 10 acres more be taken, the remainder, which is badly grassed, would not be of much use as a horse-paddock. I will make inquiry to ascertain whether land cannot be obtained for the purpose required.
- (4.) Narrabri Railway Terminus:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that people are building on the Narrabri Railway Terminus or the Reserves in that locality on south side of the Namoi River; if so, has permission been given to purchase or lease any of the said land, and on what terms?
  - (2.) Whose duty is it to remove such trespassers, and will steps be taken to do so?
  - (3.) Is it intended to sell any of the above land, to the injury of those who have bought land in the town of Narrabri, on the faith that such land would be reserved?
- Sir John Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Temporary buildings have been erected in the vicinity of the Narrabri Railway Terminus, some under authority from the Commissioner for Railways, others without authority. It is represented by the Railway Department that by means of temporary buildings stores have been provided for employes on the Railway line, which has facilitated the works.
  - (2.) The duty of removing trespassers rests with the Occupation of Lands Branch, Department of Mines, which department will be communicated with.
  - (3.) The sale of the lands will depend on whether or not it becomes desirable to do so. No persons have bought land at Narrabri on the faith that these lands shall be reserved.
- (5.) Mr. Oliver, Assistant Inspector of Fisheries:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Martin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of correspondence, including a report from the Police, about the conduct of Mr. Oliver, Assistant Inspector of Fisheries at Eden, relative to the removal of that officer and the appointment of his successor?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—These papers have not been reported to me from the Fisheries Commission. There will be no objection to lay them on the Table, but I cannot see any use in having them printed.
- (6.) Applications by Agents for Conditional Purchases:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that a large portion of the land lately alienated in the district of Molong has been taken up through the assistance of Agents; if so, have any instructions been issued to Land Agents by the Lands Department, permitting them to receive applications from such Agents, and under what clause of the Lands Act is such a practice allowed?
- Sir John Robertson answered,—It is impossible to say to what extent applicants have been indebted to the assistance of Agents, but no applications for original selections have been received unless made by the applicants in person. No general instructions have been issued to Land Agents permitting them to receive applications from Agents, but in some instances they have been allowed to receive from Agents applications for additional selections when the original selection has been made in person, and the applicant is known to the Land Agent to be of capable age. This course has been taken in accordance with a view of the law which has prevailed since 1875, to the effect that the requirement of the Act passed in that year was not applicable to additional selections.
- (7.) Mr. George Day's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers moved for by the Honorable Member for Albury, Mr. Day, on the 30th of August, regarding the selection of Mr. G. Day, be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Sir John Robertson answered,—This Return will, I hope, be laid upon the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 4th instant.
- (8.) Railway Surveys—Grafton to Tenterfield, and Grafton to Glen Innes:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have any of the plans, reports, or field books in connection with trial Railway surveys of the Lines from Grafton to Tenterfield, and Grafton to Glen Innes, been destroyed by the late fire?
  - (2.) If so, what papers, &c., have been so destroyed in the Garden Palace fire?
  - (3.) If any have been destroyed, what steps do the Government intend to take to replace them?
  - (4.) Will he state if the Government intend to submit to Parliament this Session a proposal to adopt either of the above Lines; if so, about when?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The plans, sections, and field books of the trial surveys from Grafton to near Tabulam have been lost, also the plan and section of amended survey from Tabulam to near Tenterfield (the books of which have been saved.) The plans, sections, and field books of the original trial surveys from South Grafton to Glen Innes have been destroyed, also the plan, sections, and books of amended survey from the foot of the Big Hill to junction with the Northern Railway, North of Tenterfield.
  - (3.) Fresh surveys will be made as early as practicable.
  - (4.) It is impossible to say now whether the Government will be enabled to do this this Session.
- (9.) Tramways to Canterbury and Bankstown:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have any, and if any what, steps been taken in respect to the survey of routes for Tramways to Canterbury and Bankstown?
  - (2.) Will he cause such surveys to be at once proceeded with and completed?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) An exploration of the country has been made, to be followed by a detailed survey of proposed route.
  - (2.) They will be proceeded with as early as possible.
- (10.) District Survey Office at Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it intended to establish a District Survey Office at Narrabri, Tamworth being at the extreme end of the district and unsuited from its position for the convenience of the public and land business?
  - (2.) Has any report ever been received on this subject from the Surveyor General or District Surveyor; if so, will there be any objection to place a copy of same upon the Table of the House, or state the nature thereof?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) It is intended to establish a Sub-district Survey Office at Narrabri.
  - (2.) Yes, and a sum of money has been proposed in Estimates for the erection of a suitable building. It does not seem necessary, therefore, to lay the papers on the Table; but I should not object.
- (11.) Railway between Murrumburrah and Blayney:—Mr. George Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Would he say what portion, if any, of the plans, &c., of the Railway between Murrumburrah and Blayney was consumed in the late fire at the Garden Palace?
  - (2.) If any portion of such plans has been destroyed, will he say if it is likely to lead to any great delay in the carrying out of the work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The working plan, section, cross sections, and field books of the permanently staked line from Blayney to a point about 4 miles south of Carcoar.
  - (2.) The destruction of these plans will lead to some delay; but every exertion will be made to replace them in the shortest time practicable.
- (12.) Art Gallery:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Combes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to inform this House as to the intentions of the Government with reference to the erection of a new Art Gallery?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to sanction the erection of a building of a permanent character on the site of the Garden Palace, and I shall this afternoon give notice of a series of resolutions on the subject.

3. MRS. CLYNE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Ordered, on motion of Dr. Ross, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase," and the Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Francis Lord, a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1882.*

4. PAPER:—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table a Letter from the Town Clerk respecting the occupation by the Agricultural Society of a portion of the Sydney Common.
5. MRS. MARIA ANNIE SCOTT:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Eckford, presented a Petition from Mrs. Maria Annie Scott, representing that her husband devoted the greater part of his life to the introduction of the Sugar Industry into this Colony, and that in consideration of his services Parliament granted him a pension; that he died without making any provision for his family, and that she is now in distressed circumstances; and praying the House to take her case into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Rylie moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. STORAGE OF POWDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copy of the advertisement for a hulk in which to store powder.
  - (2.) The names of the tenderers, and the amount of their respective tenders.
  - (3.) A copy of all reports on the fitness of the various hulks or vessels which have been inspected for the purpose, with copies of all minutes and correspondence respecting them.
- Question put and passed.
8. MR. H. CZERWONKA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Secretary for Public Works, the Commissioner for Roads, Mr. H. Czerwonka, and all other persons, from the 1st of October, 1879, up to this date, regarding in any way the said H. Czerwonka, who was dismissed from the Sewerage Branch on the 8th of February last.  
Question put and passed.
9. DUTY ON TEA AND WHEAT:—Mr. Heydon moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the import duty now imposed on Tea should be removed, and that an import duty in lieu thereof should be imposed on Wheat.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.

Question

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Roseby,  
Mr. Vaughn.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Heydon,  
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Beyers,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Cameron,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Fullford,	
Mr. Hezlet,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. See.
Mr. Lackey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. LAND IN MACQUARIE-STREET, PARRAMATTA :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the application of the Borough Council of Parramatta to the Government for, and claim made by any person to, a piece of land situated in Macquarie-street in that Borough.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Poole, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Teece, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
11. EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS :—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the table of this House a Return showing the questions asked at the December Examination in 1881, and the June Examination in 1882, together with the names of all Candidates for Class I, and the number of marks obtained by the successful Candidates, and by those who have appealed against the decision of the Examiners, in every question in all the subjects at both Examinations.
- Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of General Business postponed until Friday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Captain Armstrong:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it probable that the papers having reference to the removal or dismissal of Captain Armstrong from the residency or superintendence, or other office, at Howe's Island will be laid upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay these papers on the Table this afternoon.

(2.) Removal of Railway Employés from Wagga Wagga to Junee:—Mr. Douglas asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of Railway Employés, amounting to about sixty, with their families, have of late been removed from Wagga Wagga to Junee?

(2.) If so, by whose order was this done?

(3.) Has any provision been made for their accommodation there?

(4.) Is he aware that a large number of those men had bought land and formed homes for themselves in Wagga Wagga, in the faith of the assurances given by the Department to the Members for the Murrumbidgee that the Railway workshops and engine-cleaning sheds were to be erected and remain there?

(5.) Is the Minister aware that a sum of from £25,000 to £30,000 has already been expended there in obtaining the necessary water supply, and in building sheds, &c.?

(6.) Has any change of proposed site of workshops been determined upon; and if so, when, and by whom?

(7.) How has Junee Junction been supplied with water during this year?

(8.) What has been the cost of carrying water by rail from the Murrumbidgee and elsewhere to Junee Junction since the 1st January, taking it at lowest Railway freight?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Twenty-seven men have recently been removed from Wagga Wagga to Junee.

(2.) The Locomotive Inspector removed these men to Junee to attend to the engines employed on the South-Western Railway.

(3.) Temporary provision was made for them, and additional houses are in course of erection.

(4.) None of the men removed had purchased land or built houses at Wagga Wagga. Their removal does not affect the question of site for the workshops.

(5.) I am aware that a large expenditure has been incurred for these purposes both at Wagga Wagga and Junee.

(6.) No.

(7 and 8.) No water has been required at, nor carried to, Junee for locomotive purposes; the engines running there take their water at other places on the line.

(3.) Recreation Grounds:—Mr. John Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The amount of money placed on the Estimates for the year 1881 to purchase Recreation Grounds?

(2.) The names of all applicants for Recreation Grounds?

(3.) The number of acres in each Recreation Ground?

(4.) The amount per acre given, or promised to be given?

(5.) Where, and how situated?

(6.) The total amount of money given for each Recreation Ground?

(7.) The amount of money, if any, left out of the said grant?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall be prepared to lay upon the Table in a few days a statement which will afford a partial answer to these questions; but, with regard to many of the Recreation Grounds, full information on the several points of inquiry is not at the present time obtainable.

(4.)

(4.) Railway Station, Hulong:—*Mr. Douglas*, for *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much excavation was made at Hulong Station for the purpose of filling up round the platforms, &c. ?

(2.) Have any steps been taken to provide a permanent supply of water at that Station ?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) 1,852 cubic yards of excavation have been made for forming approaches to siding at Hulong. No excavation has been made for filling up round platforms.

(2.) Not as yet; but it is proposed to put a bore down to ascertain whether water can be obtained.

(5.) Road from Deniliquin to Urana:—*Mr. Douglas*, for *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How much money has been expended in earthwork on the road from Deniliquin to Urana, between Conargo and Forest Creek, on Hartwood Run ?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—£1,468 10s. 2d.

(6.) Free Public Library, Forbes:—*Mr. Bodel* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he say why the Municipal Council of Forbes has not received the £200 for a Free Public Library, as applied for over two years ago ?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—The sum in question cannot be paid at present, inasmuch as the Municipal Council, although twice written to on the subject, has not complied with the provisions of the 141st section of the Municipalities Act, which requires that by-laws shall be framed for the regulation of Free Libraries. Such by-laws, moreover, must be confirmed by the Governor and Executive Council and published in the *Government Gazette*. The letters to the Council Clerk on the subject were dated 4th November and 1st December, 1881, respectively, and no acknowledgment of their receipt has yet reached the Department.

(7.) Tramway to Miller's Point:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the extension of the Tramway from George-street South to Miller's Point, and what will be the route ?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—Tenders will be invited when the route has been finally surveyed; it is now being proceeded with. The proposed route is from Parramatta-street, by Quay-street and Thomas-street, across Hay-street to Sussex-street, thence by Liverpool-street to Kent-street, along Kent-street to Argyle-place, and along Fort-street to its junction with George-street.

(8.) Public School, Forest Lodge:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the Public School at the corner of Ross-street, Forest Lodge ?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—Tenders have already been obtained, and a contract for the erection of the buildings was entered into on 28th September last.

(9.) Mineral Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. W. R. Campbell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is the Government aware that mineral conditional purchases are daily taken up on land where it is well known no minerals are to be found, and with the direct object of defeating the free selection clauses of our Land Law; if so, have they any intention of preventing the evasion of the Act, by regulation or otherwise ?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—Attention has been directed to land being conditionally purchased under mining conditions in localities in which minerals are believed not to exist, and presumably with the object of securing by this means land that might be conditionally purchased under the ordinary conditions by others. The law already provides for any such evasions being dealt with, and means have already been taken for giving effect to its provisions applicable to such cases. Irrespective of the putting in force of the provisions of the law to which I have alluded, I may add, that I believe that the taking up of mineral lands for the purpose alluded to has been effectually prevented for the future by the action which I have established of refusing such mineral conditional purchasers pre-emptive leases in virtue of such holdings. While for pastoral purposes it might possibly, in some cases, have been beneficial to pay £320 for the use of 640 acres for three years, and with that 640 acres other 1,920 acres by pre-emptive lease. I think that now that no pre-emptive lease follows those who have gone in for that kind of evasion of the law will find that they have burnt their fingers.

(10.) Safety-guard for Tram Motors:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a rough plan of a safety-guard for tram motors was furnished several months ago to the Department by one De Meurs, and that at first the guard was pronounced impracticable because it was "contrary to mathematical science," but afterwards its practicability was admitted, and met with the allegation that the guard had been used for many years in America under the name of "Cowcatcher" ?

(2.) Is *Mr. De Meurs* proposal one of the "two designs" referred to by the Minister in his reply on 1st September last to questions of *Mr. Jacob* on the subject of protection from motors, about which he stated experiments were being made ?

(3.) What has been the result of the experiments with the two designs ?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) A rough plan of a safety-guard was submitted by *Mr. De Meurs*, who was informed that the design would not accomplish the object he had in view; its practicability was not admitted either then or subsequently.

(2.) No.

(3.) One has been fixed, but not yet reported upon.

(11.) Railway between Gundagai and Cootamundra:—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the loss of plans, or other records, affect in any way the construction of the short Railway between Gundagai and Cootamundra ?

(2.) If so, how, and to what extent ?

(3.) Do the Government still feel themselves in a position to fulfil the promise of the Minister at the head of the department to the effect that tenders should be invited for the said Railway on or about a certain day ?



Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) To the extent of fresh working plans and sections having to be made.
- (3.) Tenders cannot be invited at the date promised, as the whole of the plans and sections were destroyed at the Garden Palace fire. The work, however, will be got through with as little delay as possible.

- (12.) Public School, Condobolin:—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Cooke, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of Public School Premises at Condobolin?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Tenders will be invited for the erection of this School in a few days.

- (13.) Safes used in the Garden Palace:—*Mr. Fremlin*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the makers of each of the Safes lately used by the Government in the Garden Palace?
- (2.) Were all or most of the documents contained in any of these Safes destroyed by the late fire; if so, will he state in which of such Safes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A Safe used in the Mining and Geological Museum of the Department of Mines was made by Wearne, of Pitt-street, Sydney. A Safe used by the Colonial Architect's Department was made by Milner.
- (2.) All the papers contained in the former were more or less injured, but the mineral specimens in it suffered little or no injury. None of the books or papers contained in the latter were destroyed, but the covers of the books were blistered.

2. PAPERS:—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR GOLD LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of applications for Gold Leases received during the existence of the present Mining Act.
- (2.) The number of such applications which have been granted, the number refused, and the number withdrawn, up to date.
- (3.) The number of such applications which were granted, the number refused, and the number withdrawn within six months, and the like information within twelve months, eighteen months, and two years respectively of the date of such applications.
- (4.) The number of applications for Gold Leases received since the publication of the Amended Regulations of 4th April last, and how many of them have been finally dealt with.
- (5.) The dates of the latter applications, with the dates of their being granted, refused, or withdrawn.

Question put and passed.

4. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from John Simons, of Goulburn, Innkeeper, and Augustine Matthew Betts, of the same place, Solicitor, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture, dated the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and made between George Slocombe, of the first part, Eliza Simons, of the second part, and Charles Newman and John Simons, of the third part, and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such sale for the persons entitled under such Deed, and for other purposes in this Act mentioned.

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

Petition received.

5. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.

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

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 3rd instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Francis Lord, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1882.*

JOHN HAY,  
President.

(2.)

## (2.) Tamworth Gas and Coke Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 29th September, 1882, in reference to the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company's Bill, agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in the said Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1882.*

JOHN HAY,  
President.

## 7. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the removal of the Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island.
- (2.) Immigration Regulations.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo, under the same Act.
- (5.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Northern Monarch.”

Ordered to be printed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

## New South Wales.

No. 26.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Insurance of Public Buildings:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to state the approximate value of all the Public Buildings in New South Wales, and the probable sum of money that would be required to pay the premium for insuring the same at current rates?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No objection whatever; but considerable time will be required to furnish the information asked, if considered necessary.

(2.) Tramways:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The distance, and fares charged upon the Trams, from King-street Station to Woollahra and Waverley respectively?

(2.) The same with respect to Waterloo, Newtown, Forest Lodge, and Glebe Point?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) King-street to Woollahra ...	Distance, 2 miles 75 chains.	Fare by ticket,	3d.
"    Waverley ...	"    4    "    0    "	"    "	4d.
(2.) King-street to Waterloo ...	"    2    "    78    "	"    "	2d.
"    Newtown ...	"    3    "    0    "	"    "	3d.
"    Forest Lodge ...	"    2    "    40    "	"    "	3d.
"    Glebe Point...	"    2    "    55    "	"    "	3d.

(3.) Civil Service Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Civil Service Bill during the present Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to undertake to bring in this Bill at the present time.

(4.) Tram Conductors:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many Tram-guards or Conductors have been in the Service over twenty-four months?

(2.) How many are getting increased pay by virtue of such length of service?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Ten men have been Conductors for twenty-four months.

(2.) The whole ten are getting increased pay by virtue of such length of service.

(5.) Court-house, Uralla:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) On what date were instructions issued to the Colonial Architect for the preparation of plans, &c., for the new Court-house, Uralla?

(2.) Are such plans completed; if not, who is responsible for the delay?

(3.) Is the Minister aware that sitting in the present Court-house during winter is equivalent to serving a sentence in Siberia?

(4.) When will tenders for the erection of new Court-house be called for?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) On the 25th May last; plans were then prepared as soon as more important works would permit.

(2.) Plans are completed.

(3.) Never having been in the Court-house, nor in Siberia, I am not aware.

(4.) Tenders have been invited, to be opened on the 31st instant.

(6.)

- (6.) Sir Saul Samuel:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government, or any Member of it, recommended or suggested in any way, or to any one, that the honor of knighthood should be conferred on Sir (then Mr.) Saul Samuel, or that they were, or that any of them was, in any way privy or a party to any such recommendation, or instrumental in obtaining the honor for the Agent-General?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I might answer this question with one word, No; but I should be sorry for any answer I give to be held to imply that the Government in any way whatever disapprove of the distinction conferred on Mr. Samuel. So far as I have knowledge, I may add, that while in London I read a letter from Lord Kimberley to Sir Saul, then Mr. Samuel, in which he was asked whether it would be agreeable to him to accept the honor of a K.C.M.G., in which case Lord Kimberley would have much pleasure in recommending him to the Queen. I may say for myself that I know no person in New South Wales more worthy of the distinction.

- (7.) Road from Warren to Coonamble:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Cass, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the road lately surveyed from Warren to Coonamble be opened?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The road passes through Crown land, and I am informed that action is now being taken by the Department of Lands towards the withdrawal from lease of the land embraced by the road.

- (8.) Sale of Land at Nyngan:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Cass, asked the Secretary for Lands,—On what date will the Town Allotments at Nyngan be offered for sale?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The design of the Town of Nyngan has not been approved, and therefore sale cannot take place. There will be no unnecessary delay.

- (9.) Guards on Western Railway:—Mr. R. T. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a Petition been forwarded by the Guards on the Western Line asking for redress of certain grievances?
- (2.) Will he kindly inform this House if it is intended to comply with the request of the Petitioners?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No Petition has been received.

- (10.) Engine-drivers and Firemen on Western Railway:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been given to the Locomotive Inspector of Western Line to reduce the hours of labour of engine-drivers, firemen, and guards, to fifty hours per week, as per answer to T. R. Smith's question on 21st September?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It was stated that additional hands had been sent to Penrith, so that the hours of actual work of the staff might be reduced to about fifty hours per week for six days. Beyond this no instructions have been given, and it would be impracticable to fix any hard and fast rule in this respect. It may be stated that sixty hours for the week is the recognized standard, but efforts have been made to reduce them below that number.

- (11.) Locomotive Workmen on Western Railway:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received a Petition from locomotive men asking for an appearance book, so that their time could be booked when they commence and leave off work?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the answers to T. R. Smith's question of 21st September were taken from time-table and not from time-sheet?
- (3.) Are goods trains on Mountain Line frequently late from one to three hours; if so, are these extra hours accounted for in time-sheet, or is it a fact that the Commissioner for Railways is not aware of the long hours the men on this line are compelled to work?
- (4.) Will he inform this House of the number of hours the engine-drivers, firemen, and guards, on Western Line were on duty, according to time-sheets, from 6th to 23rd September?
- (5.) Were they paid for the overtime they made, in accordance with time-sheet or time-book?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes; their time is booked when they come on duty.
- (2.) The information afforded as to the hours the men worked was taken from the time-sheets.
- (3.) Yes; the goods trains are frequently delayed, but the extra time is calculated in estimating the hours the men are at work.
- (4.) This information will be laid upon the Table of the House when compiled.
- (5.) They were paid for the overtime made, in accordance with the time-sheets.

- (12.) Employés on Western Railway:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he kindly inform the House who gave the answers to T. R. Smith's question of 21st September, wherein it is stated that none of the employés on the Western Line worked from ninety or one hundred hours, and that they had been paid overtime?
- (2.) Is it a fact that some of the engine-drivers and firemen worked twenty-eight hours, with only a break of three hours, the night the question of 21st September was answered?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Locomotive Engineer and the Traffic Manager were directed to make a joint inquiry in the matter, and it was upon the information afforded in their report that the Honorable Member's question was answered.
- (2.) Inquiry has been made, and the local Inspector at Penrith, whose duty it is to know the hours the men work, reports that no driver or fireman worked twenty-eight hours on the 21st September with only a break of three hours.

- (13.) School of Arts, Bathurst and Orange:—Mr. Cooke asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a Meeting in the interests of the Irish Land League held in the Hall of the Bathurst School of Arts on Thursday, the 21st day of September last?
- (2.) Is the Hall erected on land granted by the Government for a School of Arts?
- (3.) Have the Trustees or Committee of the Bathurst School of Arts received any subsidy from the Government for the erection of the buildings; if so, how much?

(4.) Do the Trustees or Committee of the Bathurst School of Arts receive a yearly subsidy from the Government; if so, how much?

(5.) Also similar information as to the School of Arts at Orange?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,— *Bathurst.*

(1.) It is so reported in the public press.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; but I cannot at this moment state the exact amount.

(4.) Yes; in the proportion of £1 for every £2 obtained by cash subscriptions.

*Orange.*

(1.) It is so reported in the public press.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes; but I cannot at present state the exact amount.

(4.) Yes; in the usual proportion.

(14.) *Railway Officials on Western Line*:—*Mr. Kerr* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to allow the Railway Officials on the Western Line any remuneration for the extra work performed by them on account of the number of trains travelling on Sundays?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—The Officials who are paid at a daily rate are allowed overtime payment for Sunday work; those on fixed salaries are allowed holidays at convenient times.

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

(1.) Evidence in Summary Convictions Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 8.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Defendants to give Evidence in all cases of Summary Conviction*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1882.*

(2.) Barristers Admission Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 9.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the Admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1882.*

3. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Teece* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture, dated the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and made between George Slocombe, of the first part, Eliza Simons, of the second part, and Charles Newman and John Simons, of the third part, and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such sale for the persons entitled under such Deed, and for other purposes in this Act mentioned. Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Teece* having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture dated the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and made between George Slocombe of the first part Eliza Simons of the second part and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such sale for the persons entitled under such Deed and for other purposes in this Act mentioned*,"—read a first time.

4. NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART.—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House approves of the "site" lately occupied by the Garden Palace being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art.

(2.) That this House approves of a suitable portion of the land now occupied by the Benevolent Asylum and the residence of the Inspector General of Police, in Pitt-street South, being set apart and appropriated as the site of a Free Public Library.

(3.) That competitive designs for both Edifices be invited from all the Australasian Colonies, and that the designs shall provide for an elevation by dome or tower, which shall form a conspicuous object of attraction in the approaches to the City from the sea on the one side and by land on the other.

(4.) That the designs adopted by the Government, with an estimate of cost, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament for the term of one calendar month before any contract is entered into for the erection of the said Edifices.

(5.)

(5.) That, subject to the foregoing conditions, and the appropriation of money for the purpose, the erection of both Edifices shall be commenced and carried out to completion with the least possible delay.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Copeland requested Mr. Speaker's opinion whether these Resolutions did not involve the expenditure of public money, and therefore should have been recommended by a Message of the Governor, and have originated in a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the 3rd Resolution involved a charge upon the public revenue, and consequently required the recommendation of the Crown, and to be considered in a Committee of the Whole; but that when a Question was proposed consisting of several Resolutions, each Resolution was the subject of a separate question, and therefore while so deciding in regard to the 3rd Resolution he thought that the other four Resolutions were properly before the House.

Debate on Main Question continued.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word "site" in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "at the top of King-street occupied by the Colonial Architect's Office and adjoining ground being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art and Free Public Library."

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

Debate continued.

Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Female Teachers in Public Schools:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—  
Is it his intention to make alterations in the regulations issued to Female Teachers so as to allow of their sitting during a portion of school hours?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No regulation prohibiting Female Teachers from sitting during a portion of school hours has ever been issued, nor do I think such a regulation desirable.

(2.) Aborigines in District of Forbes:—Mr. Bodel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause a portion of land on the Lachlan River to be reserved for a farm and home for the aborigines in the Forbes District?

(2.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates for improving such reserve, so that the aborigines may be provided with shelter, and have an opportunity of growing their own food?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot give a positive answer to this question at the present time, but I promise the Honorable Member the matter shall be considered by the Government.

(3.) Training-masters for Public Schools:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) For what grade of the second-class was each of the Training-masters successful by examination?

(2.) Did one or both of them fail in examination for first-class?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) At the time of the Training-masters examination in 1856 all Teachers were examined upon the same papers, and classifications were awarded in accordance with the proficiency exhibited. Class II., section B, was gained by the Training-master at the first examination he underwent, and II. A. at the second, both examinations being held in the same year. The Assistant Training-master was examined for Class I. (not for Class II., as inadvertently stated in my reply to a previous question asked by the Honorable Member), and obtained Class II., section A.

(2.) As above stated, the Assistant Training-master failed in examination for first-class.

(4.) Technical Education:—Mr. Martin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will the Government speedily distribute the sums voted by Parliament for the furtherance of Technical Education at the Mechanics Schools of Arts of the Colony, as promised to a Deputation from these Institutions several months ago, in order that the vote may not lapse?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The question of the distribution of these sums is under the consideration of the Government, and I trust before long to be in a position to assist Mechanics Schools of Arts in the Colony when it is considered desirable to establish classes in connection with Technical Education.

(5.) Licensing Act:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Licensing Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

(6.) Mr. Charles De Boos:—Mr. William Forster asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has it been decided that the inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Charles de Boos should be held at Temora on Wednesday, 4th October?

(2.) Was any public notice given of this intention, or any notice given or summons issued to complainants or other parties in the matter, or is it intended to give such notice or issue such summons to all complainants?

(3.) If so, when, and in what form, and to how many, or what persons or classes of persons?

(4.)

(4.) Is any inquiry being made, or intended to be made, into charges against Mr. De Boos by Captain Thomas Mathews, or Mr. J. Hawkins, or Mr. James Green, or Mr. W. Able, or Mr. H. Margules?

(5.) Have charges been made by these persons?

(6.) If so, have they been disposed of, or is it intended to dispose of them, and in what way, and when?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes; the inquiry was held on the 4th and 5th of October.

(2 & 3.) An intimation appeared in the *Temora Star* of Tuesday, the 3rd October, and in the *Temora Herald* of Wednesday, 4th October, that the inquiry would be held at Temora on 4th October, so that persons wishing to give evidence would have the opportunity of doing so. Seven witnesses were personally requested by the Police to attend. Mr. Abel Trevethan, who had made charges in writing against Mr. De Boos, was diligently sought for on this as on a previous occasion, but could not be found by the Police. Three other witnesses were sent for during Mr. Cohen's inquiry.

(4 & 5.) Charges have been made by all these persons, except, so far as I can at present find, by Messrs. Hawkins and Able. All these cases have been previously dealt with either by the Department of Justice or that of Mines.

(6.) I am unable at present to say whether it will be necessary to make further inquiry in respect of some of Mr. Margules' complaints. The cases under investigation by Mr. Cohen have not yet been disposed of. The rest have been dealt with by the Departments concerned.

(7.) Stephen Murphy:—Mr. William Forster asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has any complaint been made to the Minister of Justice, or to the Government, by or on behalf of Stephen Murphy, employed upon Public Railways, of failure of justice or of redress in Courts of Law, or by reason of neglect, partiality, or indifference, on the part of legal officials, in a matter of litigation between the said Stephen Murphy and a certain Benefit or Friendly Society?

(2.) Do the Government propose to take, or have they taken, any steps to remedy the wrong so alleged, or to afford redress to the said Stephen Murphy?

(3.) If so, when, how, and to what extent?

(4.) Are there any papers in the case which might be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 & 3.) I have inquired into the matters complained of by Mr. Murphy, and he has been informed that I do not see any matter requiring my interference. There is a charge of partiality, but nothing to establish it. If Mr. Murphy thinks the Judge's conduct wrong in law, his course is to apply to the Supreme Court to set him right.

(4.) Yes, if it is considered necessary to the public interests that they be called for in the usual manner.

(8.) Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the provisions dealing with the evasions of the Mineral Conditional Purchases to which the Minister alluded in reply to my questions of the 4th instant?

(2.) Under what provisions in the Crown Lands Acts does the Minister propose to refuse to grant pre-emptive leases to Mineral Conditional Purchasers?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) The provisions are that 10s. per acre must be paid as a deposit on such selections in the first instance, and an expenditure of 24s. per acre in mining operations within three years, under penalty of forfeiture. An extension of two years for a further expenditure of 16s. per acre may be allowed, but only on the Minister being satisfied. Measures have been taken to scrutinize carefully the conditions of all such selections and the circumstances attending them, and instructions have been given for the general provisions as to measurement, and as to the reservations of sites for and sources of water supply, &c., being given due effect to.

(2.) The 12th section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 affirms that pre-emptive leases of Crown Lands to the extent of three times the area of the land held by any applicant therefor may be granted. Of course, this is merely permissive, and not mandatory. Clause 36 of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875 reaffirms the provision in the law of 1861 to which I have alluded, and provides that an applicant for a pre-emptive lease may, upon approval by the Minister, enter upon and occupy, &c., &c. In cases of applications for pre-emptive leases in virtue of Mineral Conditional Purchases where no mining operations are being carried out on these purchases, I have on my own responsibility as Minister for Lands declined to approve.

(9.) Advertising on Railway Stations:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders invited for the privilege of advertising on the Railway Stations and Lines in the Colony?

(2.) Was the privilege granted for three years, for the sum of £1,000 a year, to Messrs. Jackson & Hayes?

(3.) Did such Contractors give up their contract, and was it re-let to their bondsmen at £650 without fresh tenders being called for?

(4.) Was an extension for two years after the end of the prior three years granted to such bondsmen at £650 a year, without calling for fresh tenders?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The contract was let for three years, viz., from 1st January, 1879, to 31st December, 1881, to Jackson & Hayes, at £700 per annum.

(3.) The Contractors having failed to carry out the contract, it was taken up by their bondsman, Mr. A. Bennett, not at £650 per annum, but for the same amount as paid by Jackson & Hayes.

(4.) Mr. Bennett stated that he had taken up the contract burdened with a loss of over £700; only eighteen months were to elapse before the contract would have to be given up, and it was represented



represented that in that time he would be unable to recoup himself or to work up the business so as to make it a success to himself and the department. Loss had also been caused to the Contractors through the advertisements being displaced by alterations at many stations. Under these circumstances, it was decided that the contract time might be extended for two years at the original contract price.

- (10.) Police Buildings, Mudgee :—Mr. Beyers asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the erection of the Police Barracks in the town of Mudgee be commenced ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There seems to be some error in the Honorable Member's question. I know of no Police Barracks about to be built at Mudgee, but there is a Lock-up about to be erected there. Plans of this Lock-up will be completed in about a fortnight, when, if approved, tenders will be invited.

- (11.) Judge Forbes :—*Mr. Farnell*, for Mr. Buchanan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Judge who tried the Grafton Bank robber is reported to have said in passing a sentence of two years imprisonment upon him, "That he would send him to a gaol presided over by a very kind man, and that he would be very comfortable and kindly treated?"

(2.) If this is true, as reported in the daily papers, will the Minister adopt such measures as will prevent this Judge from repeating conduct such as this?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—I cannot say what may be reported. I am informed that the Judge said nothing of the kind to the prisoner in sentencing him; but that, in answering a request from prisoner's father to have prisoner sent to Grafton Gaol to be near his friends, Judge Forbes informed him that Mr. Gates, the gaoler at Young, was an excellent officer and a humane and good man, and that his son would not be more harshly or cruelly treated there than he would be at Grafton.

2. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Alexander Walker Scott, of Ferndale, near Double Bay, and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alexander Walker Scott and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, the Trustees of the Real and Personal Estate of the Blandford Proprietary School, to wind up the affairs of the same, to sell and convey the Real Estate situate at Blandford, in the County of Brisbane, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said Real and Personal Estate.

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

3. THE LAND LAWS :—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from Freeholders, Selectors, Mechanics, Storekeepers, and others, of Moama, stating that they view with alarm the practice of alienating large areas of Crown Land, and the formation of large estates by financial companies; and praying that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the general working of the Land Acts of the Colony.  
Petition received.

4. PERICOOTA RESERVES :—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from Residents of Moama and District, asking attention to the manner in which *bona fide* settlement of the land was frustrated in connection with the selection of the Pericoota Reserves; and praying that steps may be taken for having these reserves again proclaimed open for selection.  
Petition received.

5. CONNECTION OF SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAYS :—Mr. Vaughn presented a Petition from Residents of the Town of Grenfell and surrounding Districts, stating their desire of bringing under the notice of Parliament the urgent necessity for connecting the Main Southern and Western Trunk Lines of Railway by means of a loop-line from Murrumburrah *via* Young, Grenfell, and Forbes; and praying that a Line may be constructed for carrying this into effect.  
Petition received.

6. TRAMWAY FROM NEWTOWN TO COOK'S RIVER :—Mr. Henson presented a Petition from Inhabitants of St. Peters and Cook's River, representing that an Act was passed authorizing the construction of a Tramway from Newtown to Cook's River, and that money was voted for carrying out the work, but that up to the present time no action has been taken, the Government having abandoned their intention of constructing the said Tramway; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.  
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Petition received.

7. VOLUNTEER AND PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A copy of all applications for appointments or promotions in the Volunteer and Permanent Artillery Forces from Officers occupying positions above the rank of Captain in either branch of the Service.

(2.) A copy of all papers and documents dealing with such applications; also, of all objections taken by one branch of the Service against promotions in the other branch.

(3.) A copy of all papers, documents, and minutes respecting the applications for leave of absence, and any extension of same, granted to the Commandant Colonel Richardson, and the same with respect to Colonel Roberts.

(4.) A copy of all reports, correspondence, &c., from Colonels Scratchley, Richardson, and Roberts, or any other Officer or public functionary, in respect to the arrangements suggested or carried out for the performance of the duties of Commandant and Officer Commanding Artillery Forces during the absence of Colonels Richardson and Roberts from the Colony.

(5.) The particulars of additional expenditure made necessary by granting leave to Colonels Richardson and Roberts to be both absent at the same time from their commands.

Question put and passed.

8. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tecce moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Badgery, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Byrnes, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Farnell proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—
- Mr. Speaker said that this Bill contained provisions not authorized by the order of leave, and therefore was not properly before the House.
- Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 of General Business postponed until Friday next.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 28.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Eight-hour System of Labour on Dredges:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers yet reported on the practicability of granting the eight-hour system to the men in the Dredge Service; if so, what is the nature of such report?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The following is a copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the subject:—"Reducing the working hours of the dredges to eight in the day will make a serious reduction in the amount of work performed by some of the dredges—as much as 33 per cent. in some cases; I am unable, therefore, to recommend it; but I think we might, without any serious loss, reduce the summer working hours to nine, thus making summer and winter the same."

- (2.) Railway Passenger Rates:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In the reductions of the general passenger rates, will he make a proportionate reduction also in the season-ticket rates?

(2.) Considering that the mountain residents do not travel on an average more than once a week all the year round, will he cause a more nominal season-ticket rate to be charged for distances beyond Emu Plains than has hitherto been the custom, and so encourage summer residence on the Mountains?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The season-ticket rates are already very low, and no further reduction is considered to be necessary.

(2.) The present rates are quite low enough to encourage travelling to and from the Mountains.

- (3.) Main Road near Lawson:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that drain pipes for a Culvert have lain alongside the Main Western Road at Lawson for considerably over a year?

(2.) Will he give instructions for the construction of this Culvert without further delay, and the repair at the same time of the Main Road at the Sydney side of Lawson?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The pipes in question were sent there under a misapprehension, and in the absence of the Superintendent put in place by a working man without any authority from the Department; they have been taken up and ordered to be used elsewhere. The attention of the local Officer will be drawn to the locality, but it is believed that there is no great necessity for repairs.

- (4.) Railway Tourist Trains:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to issue tickets by the Saturday Tourist Trains at the same special excursion rates charged for places from Sydney side of Emu Plains to Bowenfels, and to allow persons temporarily sojourning on the Mountains the same privileges in visiting the points of interest on the Blue Mountains accorded to residents of the County of Cumberland?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is not considered that this is either necessary or desirable. The ordinary excursion rates have recently been largely reduced, and no further reduction can be made at present.

- (5.) Road to Livingstone Falls:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a sum of money recommended by the late Superintendent of Roads, Mr. Cronin, to be expended upon opening out a Vehicle Road to the Livingstone Falls, on the southern side of Lawson, some two years ago?

(2.) Will he give effect at his earliest convenience to this recommendation?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Mr. Cronin stated that no expenditure was required except for a footway, for which he recommended £90. (2.)

- (2.) The Commissioner reported that it was not an urgent work, that too much money had already been spent at this place, and the sum was not given.
- (6.) Railway Station, Springwood:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he cause new Station Premises to be erected at Springwood, to replace the present cramped-up wooden structure and dangerous platform?  
 Mr. Lackey answered,—The question of improved accommodation at Springwood is now under consideration. Plans are being prepared for a new Station-house, &c.
- (7.) Telegrams from Stations on the Blue Mountains:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to deliver Telegrams from Stations on the Blue Mountains for distances not exceeding half-a-mile at such Stations where the same is practicable, as at Lawson, Springwood, Katoomba, and Blackheath?  
 Mr. Lackey answered,—There are not more than one or two public messages a day sent to these places for delivery, and messengers could not well be kept for the special object of delivering them. As far as practicable the operators deliver the messages, but as their services are required at the instrument they cannot be absent for any lengthened period, and consequently only messages for places within short distances can be delivered.
- (8.) Technical Instruction:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Martin, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Was the sum of £450 paid to the Sydney School of Arts Committee during the present year for the general work of Technical Instruction, or for the rent of the large Hall of the Institution?  
 (2.) Has any sum been paid this year towards the salaries of Professors and Teachers or the purchase of appliances, &c.?  
 (3.) Is the Government aware that the operations of the College have been seriously hampered for want of money, so much so that the Committee have the closing thereof under anxious and serious consideration, and that they have incurred liabilities in order that the work of the College should be continued?  
 (4.) Is the Minister aware that the Committee prepared a special report, at the request of his predecessor, and were given to understand, in response to a Deputation, that certain sums of money would be entrusted to them for Technical purposes?  
 (5.) Will the Government have any objection to pay such sums at stated periods to the Technical College Committee as will enable the efficiency already arrived at to be maintained until some definite arrangements are made with regard to Technical Education generally?  
 Mr. Suttor answered,—  
 (1.) The sum of £450 was paid as rent of the large Hall of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts for the general work of Technical Instruction.  
 (2.) Yes; £1,000.  
 (3.) The Committee of the Technical College have stated that they needed funds for carrying on the work of the Institution.  
 (4.) I am aware that a report was prepared, and I understand my predecessor promised to assist the Committee; but I am not aware that any certain sums of money were promised them for the purposes of Technical Education.  
 (5.) The Government will have no objection to assist the Technical College Committee, provided it can be shown that the money is judiciously spent.
- (9.) Resumption of Land for Extension of Redfern Railway Station:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, the Engineer for Existing Lines, or the Commissioner for Railways, reported on the necessity for resuming the Devonshire-street Cemetery, or the land occupied by the Benevolent Asylum, for Railway Extension purposes, or for the purpose of extending the Redfern Railway Station; if so, will he lay a copy of such reports upon the Table of the House on Tuesday?  
 (2.) If such reports have not been already furnished, will he obtain a report from each of the above officials as to the necessity or otherwise of resuming these lands for the purposes stated above, especially as to extending the Redfern Railway Station, and lay the same upon the Table on Wednesday next, in time for the resumption of the Debate on the motion to erect a Public Library on the site of the Benevolent Asylum?  
 Mr. Lackey answered,—  
 (1.) No; and no necessity has arisen for taking the land referred to for Railway Extension purposes.  
 (2.) The Government do not consider it necessary to take this land for Railway purposes.
- (10.) Board appointed to Inquire into Railway Goods Rates:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Combes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—For information respecting the Board appointed to inquire into the Rates charged for the conveyance of goods by Railway, viz., the amount paid to the Members as fees, their expenses, cost of witnesses, and all other items making the total cost to the country of such Board?  
*Mr. Lackey* answered,—Amount paid to Members of Board as fees, £390 12s.; Secretary and Shorthand Writer, £175 3s.; Messenger, £4 10s.; cost of printing, £109 5s.; total, £679 10s.
- (11.) Free Public Library:—*Mr. Reid* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Were any steps taken, or reports called for, with a view of building the Free Public Library on the site preferred in Resolution of this House adopted on 15th March, 1881, from the time that Resolution was adopted up to the present date?  
 Mr. Suttor answered,—So far as I am aware, no steps have been taken with a view to the building of the Free Public Library on the site referred to.
- (12.) Broken-back Bridge Toll-bar:—*Mr. Beyers*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that tolls are collected at the Broken-back Bridge Toll-bar, at Parramatta, from travellers on the Governor's Arms Road to and from Parramatta, although those travellers do not use two hundred yards of the Windsor Road?  
 (2.)

- (2.) Is it his intention to stipulate that such collection shall not be continued after the expiration of the present lease?  
 (3.) Who are the Trustees of the road from the Broken-back Bridge Toll-bar to Rouse Hill?  
 (4.) Who is the present lessee of the toll-bar?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The site of the toll-bar was fixed, and the lease given, by a regularly constituted trust, with which the Government cannot interfere.  
 (2.) Even the Trustees could not make such a stipulation, which would be an infringement of the Act 14 Victoria No. 5 clause 8.  
 (3.) Messrs. James Byrnes, Andrew Payton, Neil Stewart, W. Goodin.  
 (4.) W. Goodin, junior.

2. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
 Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the alienation and occupation of Crown Lands, and for dealing with certain Lands set apart for Public Purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th October, 1882.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole.

3. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alexander Walker Scott and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, the Trustees of the Real and Personal Estate of the Blandford Proprietary School, to wind up the affairs of the same, to sell and convey the Real Estate, situate at Blandford, in the County of Brisbane, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said Real and Personal Estate.  
 Question put and passed.

4. STEPHEN MURPHY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports, complaints, petitions, memorials, and other documents, having reference to any complaint of Stephen Murphy, employed upon the Public Railways, of failure of justice, or of partiality or improper conduct on the part of legal officials in a matter of litigation between the said Stephen Murphy and a certain Benefit or Friendly Society.  
 Question put and passed.

5. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL:—Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Alexander Walker Scott and The Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child the Trustees of the Real and Personal Estate of the Blandford Proprietary School to wind up the affairs of the same to sell and convey the Real Estate situate at Blandford in the County of Brisbane in the Colony of New South Wales and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said Real and Personal Estate,*"—read a first time.

6. NEW HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that "no further delay should take place in the construction" of new Houses of Parliament.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "no further" "delay should take place in the construction," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the necessary steps should be taken at an early date for the erection."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Beyers,  
 Mr. Byrnes,  
 Mr. Cooke,  
 Mr. Farnell,  
 Mr. Fawcett,  
 Mr. William Forster,  
 Mr. Fullford,  
 Mr. Garvan,  
 Mr. Hezlet,  
 Mr. Hungerford,  
 Mr. Jacob,  
 Mr. Proctor,  
 Mr. Roseby,  
 Mr. Stuart,  
 Mr. Teece,  
 Mr. Vaughn,  
 Mr. Wilkinson,  
 Mr. Young.

Tellers,

Mr. W. R. Campbell,  
 Mr. McLaughlin.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Abigail,  
 Mr. Russell Barton,  
 Mr. Burns,  
 Mr. Cameron,  
 Mr. Cass,  
 Mr. Henry Clarke,  
 Mr. Combes,  
 Mr. H. C. Dangar,  
 Mr. T. G. Dangar,  
 Mr. Davies,  
 Mr. W. J. Foster,  
 Mr. Fraser,  
 Mr. Gurrard,  
 Mr. Holborow,  
 Mr. Kidd,  
 Mr. Lackey,  
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
 Mr. Lynch,  
 Mr. Martin,  
 Mr. McCulloch,  
 Mr. O'Connor,  
 Sir Henry Parkes,

Mr. Pigott,  
 Mr. Poole,  
 Dr. Kenwick,  
 Sir John Robertson,  
 Dr. Ross,  
 Mr. Slattery,  
 Mr. R. B. Smith,  
 Mr. Sydney Smith,  
 Mr. Suttor,  
 Mr. Tooth,  
 Mr. James Watson,  
 Mr. Wisdom,  
 Mr. Withers,  
 Mr. Wright.

Tellers,

Mr. William Clarke,  
 Mr. Mitchell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Abigail,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Cameron,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Cass,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. H. C. Dangar.
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Beyers,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fawcett,	
Mr. William Forster,	
Mr. Fullford,	
Mr. Hezlet,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Young,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that the necessary steps should be taken at an early date for the erection of new Houses of Parliament.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

7. CHARLES WAUDBY :—Mr. William Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other documents, having reference to any complaint of or on behalf of Charles Waudby against the City Coroner, for delay or neglect or failure of duty or misconduct in the matter of the death of an infant child of the said Charles Waudby.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Bodel,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. William Forster,
Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Trickett.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,
Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. See,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Dr. Renwick,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO CIRCULAR QUAY :—Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should not later than during the next Session lay upon the Table plans, and ask the authority of Parliament, for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to a point at or near the Circular Quay.

Debate ensued.

Question put

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Pigott.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Tarrant,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Wilson,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Bodel,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Burns,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. William Forster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Hezlet,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Melville,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Members comprising the Legislative Council when the present Government came into office, on the 21st December, 1878.

(2.) The number and names of the gentlemen who have been appointed Members of the Legislative Council since the present Government came into office, on the 21st December, 1878, and the dates of their appointments respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 29.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Station Buildings at Junee Junction.—Trucking Yards at South Wagga:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Douglas*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it intended to erect the new Station Buildings at Junee Junction, in lieu of those last year destroyed by fire?

(2.) When will the permanent Refreshment Rooms and accommodation for the travelling public be restored there?

(3.) Pending such buildings being proceeded with, will the Minister cause a Lavatory and such temporary accommodation required by the public to be provided?

(4.) When will the Trucking Yards at South Wagga be completed?

(5.) Will the Government provide material to erect huts for the fettlers, who are now compelled to reside in tents on the Railway Line passing over the plains between Narrandera and Hay?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) The plans will be completed in about three weeks from this time.

(2.) Plans are being prepared for a Refreshment Station.

(3.) A temporary Lavatory for gentlemen will be at once provided. There is already one in the ladies room.

(4.) The Trucking Yards at South Wagga Wagga are now completed.

(5.) There is no reason for departing from the usual practice with regard to fettlers huts on this particular line. The same course is followed with these fettlers as with other fettlers; they are allowed to occupy Railway land at a nominal rental, and they erect their own huts.

(2.) Recreation Reserve for Wallsend and Plattsburg:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the purchase of the ground for Recreation Reserve for Wallsend and Plattsburg be completed?

(2.) When will the gentlemen whose names have been submitted to the Government be gazetted as Trustees for same?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The papers in connection with this Recreation Ground are now with the Crown Solicitor for completing the purchase, and as soon as that is done steps will be taken for the appointment of Trustees.(3.) Road from Conargo to Hartwood:—*Mr. Hay*, for *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What would have been the cost of opening up the Ten-chain Road as surveyed from Conargo to Hartwood, including purchase of land and removal of fencing, as per survey made some time ago?*Dr. Renwick* answered,—I am informed by the Surveyor General that the total cost referred to was estimated at £604.(4.) Road from Bourke to Wanaaring:—*Mr. Hay*, for *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a survey been made of the proposed Road from Bourke to Wanaaring?

(2.) Have any sites for Tanks been marked out on the line?

(3.) Has anything been done with a view to securing water on the line?

*Dr. Renwick* answered,—(1.) No survey has yet been made, but instructions were issued in June last to *Mr. Surveyor MacFarlane*, who will be asked to expedite action.(2.) The sites of Tanks cannot be actually marked till the road has been surveyed; but the *Inspector of Tanks and Wells*, from his own observation and from information received, has recommended certain positions along the road where Tanks or other works should be placed.

(3.) Three water augers are on the road to Bourke, and parties of men are awaiting their arrival to commence boring for water at intervals along the line of road now referred to.

(5.)



- (5.) Mr. Charles de Boos:—Mr. William Forster asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it true that an auctioneer's license was granted on 4th October at Temora by Mr. Charles de Boos, Resident Magistrate there, to a person named Thomas Park, and that the application of the same person for a publican's license at Young had been previously opposed by Sergeant Oliver, of the local Police, and refused by the Bench on the ground of the notorious bad character of the applicant?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—Yes; I am informed that on the 3rd of October instant an auctioneer's license was granted in the usual way to one Thomas Park, there being no Police objections; and that the same person was refused on or about the 22nd September, 1880, a publican's license by the Bench of Magistrates at Young on account of several Police objections having been lodged against the granting of the application.

- (6.) Conservation of Water in Country Districts:—Mr. Bodel asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a large sum of money on the next Estimates for the conservation of water by Weirs, Tanks, and Dams in the Country Districts?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The conservation of water in the interior of the Colony has been considered by the Government, and provision will be made for the purpose.

- (7.) Extension of Moore-street:—Mr. Beyers, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum sufficient to defray the cost of extending Moore-street from Castlereagh-street to Elizabeth-street?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Application has already been made to the Government in this matter. It was thought, however, that it was a work which should be dealt with by the Corporation.

- (8.) Plans of Railway from Homebush to Newcastle:—Mr. Beyers, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were the whole of the plans and specifications for the Great Northern Railway from Homebush to Newcastle destroyed in the late fire at the Garden Palace?
- (2.) If they have been destroyed, will it entail much delay in calling for tenders?
- (3.) How long a time will elapse before calling for tenders for the first section from Homebush to the Hawkesbury?
- (4.) Is it his intention to call for tenders for all the sections simultaneously?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Not the whole; about 30 miles of these surveys had not been quite finished, and consequently had not been forwarded to Sydney.
- (2 & 3.) It is impossible to state the exact time within which tenders can be invited, but no unnecessary delay will take place.
- (4.) This question has not been decided.

- (9.) School Accommodation at Two-mile Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have any complaints been made, by Petition or otherwise, of the insufficient school accommodation at Two-mile Creek, on the Wellington Road; if so, when will the matter complained of be attended to; and when will tenders for new and more suitable School Premises be called for?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Complaints have been made by Petition, dated 16th August, 1882, of the unsuitableness of the existing building at Cundumbul, near Molong. The Local Inspector has now reported on that Petition. He states that new buildings are urgently required, and recommends that they be proceeded with as soon as practicable. I have approved of this recommendation, and the necessary steps will now be taken to have the new buildings erected.

- (10.) Cheques received in Payment for Crown Lands:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the following notice is now to be seen stuck up in the Land Office at Molong, viz. :—“Notice.—In future no cheques will be received as payments in this Office unless marked ‘good’ by Managers of Banks on which the cheques are drawn?”
  - (2.) Have any instructions been issued by the Lands Department to Land Agents authorizing such a notice; and if so, is such an intimation not calculated to subject the general public to inconvenience?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Such a notice was authorized. In my opinion the intimation is not calculated to subject the general public to inconvenience, inasmuch as the Banks are situated near to the Land Office. Irrespective of this, however, Crown Lands Agents are held personally responsible for all cheques accepted by them in payment for land, and they receive no allowance to cover possible losses occasioned by bad cheques. I think it much better that a general notice should be posted in the Land Office, so that the unpleasantness of refusing unendorsed cheques tendered by persons unaware of the regulation may be avoided.

- (11.) Cleaning Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is any allowance or provision made in regard to sweeping or the keeping clean of Public Schools in the Metropolis; if so, is it the intention of the Government to extend the same allowance or provision to Teachers in Country Districts; and when will the change come into operation?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No such allowance has hitherto been made. It is intended, however, to place a sum on the Estimates for 1883 to defray the cost of cleaning Public Schools.

- (12.) Prison at Trial Bay:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the Prison at Trial Bay yet completed; and if so, when will it be opened for the reception of prisoners?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the boundary wall is not quite completed, and that a further Vote will be required for the work.

- (13.) Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many wooden buildings are there at the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta occupied by lunatics ?
  - (2.) What provision has been made for the extinction of fire should it break out in any of the wooden buildings of the establishment ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Two ; but a portion of one of these buildings is of brick.
  - (2.) The several buildings are surrounded by a water main supplied both by the Corporation water-works and the pumping engine of the Hospital ; in addition to which there is at the Hospital a powerful fire engine with suction hose, a quantity of spare hose, and other requisite appliances, including fire-buckets, hand-pumps, &c., also a fire extinguiser.
- (14.) Coroners Inquests in Gaols :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Minister of Justice :—
- (1.) Is it a fact that at inquests held by Coroners touching the death of prisoners in Her Majesty's Gaols, Juries are composed of half prisoners and half free men ?
  - (2.) If so, has this course been adopted by order of the Government ?
  - (3.) Will the Government consider, if they have not already done so, the desirableness of altering this practice, and ordering that all Juries in such cases shall be composed of free men ?
- Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—
- (1 & 2.) Yes. I am informed that it had been the practice for many years at all gaols, except at Darlinghurst, where it had been discontinued, for Coroners at inquests on prisoners to empanel mixed juries, one half free and the other prisoners, and I understand the practice has been continued under an opinion given by a former Attorney General in 1875.
  - (3.) Yes ; the subject is at present receiving the most careful consideration.
- (15.) Endowment of Municipalities :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates a sum of money as a Special Endowment to all Municipalities ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Parliament will be invited to authorize a special endowment for Municipalities.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address made on 30th August, 1882,—  
“ Conditional Purchase made by George Day at the Urana Land Office.”

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of Land resumed for the site of a Gaol at Bathurst.
  - (2.) Copy of all Contracts and Agreements entered into with Mr. Castner and other persons for the supply of Gas for Railway Purposes.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, praying the House to agree to the proposal now before Parliament to erect the Free Public Library on the site of the Benevolent Asylum.  
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Petition received.
4. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Cass presented a Petition from James Samuels the younger, William Moffatt, Joshua Gill, Edwin Davies, and Julius Caro, Trustees and Directors of the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited), and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo.  
And Mr. Cass having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Dubbo Express*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—  
Petition received.
5. CROWN LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands, and for dealing with certain Lands set apart for Public Purposes.  
Question put and passed.
6. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Blandford Proprietary School Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Brown, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Martin, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART.—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—
- “ (1.) That this House approves of the ‘ site ’ lately occupied by the Garden Palace being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art.
  - “ (2.) That this House approves of a suitable portion of the land now occupied by the Benevolent Asylum and the residence of the Inspector General of Police, in Pitt-street South, being set apart and appropriated as the site of a Free Public Library.
  - “ (3.) That the designs adopted by the Government, with an estimate of cost, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament for the term of one calendar month before any contract is entered into for the erection of the said Edifices.
  - “ (4.) That, subject to the foregoing conditions, and the appropriation of money for the purpose, the erection of both Edifices shall be commenced and carried out to completion with the least possible delay.”

Upon

Upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, by way of amendment,—That all the words of the first Resolution after the word “site” in the first line be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “at the top of King-street occupied by the Colonial Architect’s Office and adjoining ground being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art and Free Public Library,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Wilson requiring that the Resolutions be put *seriatim*,—  
Question,—That the Resolutions be put *seriatim*,—put and passed.  
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1882, A.M.

Resolution proposed,—

(1.) That this House approves of the “site” lately occupied by the Garden Palace being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art.

Upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “site” in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “at the top of King-street occupied by the Colonial Architect’s Office and adjoining ground being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art and Free Public Library.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Burdekin,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Cameron,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. See,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fullford,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Kidd,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. O’Connor,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Farnell,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Young.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. McCulloch,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Question put,—

(1.) That this House approves of the site lately occupied by the Garden Palace being set apart and appropriated as the site of a National Gallery of Art.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Bowman,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Brunner,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Burdekin,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. See,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Eckford,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Fullford,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. O’Connor,
Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Farucll,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Wright,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Loughnan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Murray,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Resolution put,—

(2.) That this House approves of a suitable portion of the land now occupied by the Benevolent Asylum and the residence of the Inspector General of Police, in Pitt-street South, being set apart and appropriated as the site of a Free Public Library.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Abigail,  
Mr. Andrews,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Carter,  
Mr. Cooke,  
Mr. T. G. Dangar,  
Mr. Davies,  
Mr. Eckford,  
Mr. Fawcett,  
Mr. W. J. Foster,  
Mr. Henson,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Lynch,  
Sir Henry Parkes,  
Dr. Renwick,  
Sir John Robertson,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Vaughn,  
Mr. James Watson,  
Mr. Wisdom.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. See.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. R. P. Abbott, Mr. McCulloch,  
Mr. Beyers, Mr. Melville,  
Mr. Bowman, Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Brunker, Mr. Pigott,  
Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Pilcher,  
Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Reid,  
Mr. William Clarke, Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Combes, Mr. Slattery,  
Mr. Copland, Mr. R. B. Smith,  
Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Stuart,  
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tarrant,  
Mr. Fraser, Mr. Tecce,  
Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Tooth,  
Mr. Fullford, Mr. Trickett,  
Mr. Garvan, Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Hay, Mr. Young.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. O'Connor,  
Mr. Hungerford, Mr. McLoughlin,  
Mr. Jacob,  
Sir Patrick Jemings,  
Mr. Loughman,

And so it passed in the negative.

Resolutions (3) and (4) *by consent* withdrawn.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Weather-sheds for Cabmen:—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government make some provision whereby the large sums of money accumulated from Cabmen's Licenses and Fines may be legally expended in providing Weather-sheds or Shelters for them throughout the Metropolis and Suburbs?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners, having taken the opinion of Counsel on the subject, are advised that they have no power to dispose of these moneys in the manner suggested.

(2.) Electric Light at Redfern Railway Station:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many electric lights are there erected at the Redfern Railway Station, and what has been the actual cost of maintaining the same, compared with the price paid for ordinary gas lamps, during the time they have been in use at the Station?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the electric light, or to substitute the same for the ordinary gas lamps?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) At present there are ten lights; the actual cost of maintaining them has not been ascertained.

(2.) This question has not been decided.

(3.) Eliza O'Brien:—Dr. Ross asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) Is it true that one Eliza O'Brien was, on the 25th September last, committed for trial at the next Circuit Court by the Goulburn Bench for the alleged offence of fortune-telling, receiving 2s?

(2.) Is it a fact that the old woman was entrapped to commit the said offence by a Constable in the Police Force going to her in plain clothes, accompanied by a lady friend, and then subsequently laying an information against her; if so, is it the intention of the Attorney General, under such circumstances, to place the woman upon her trial?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It appears from the depositions that a Constable in plain clothes, named Walter Dorman, did call upon Eliza O'Brien in company with a lady. I have declined to file a bill against the accused, to which effect the Goulburn Bench were apprised on the 29th ultimo.

(4.) Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the Hospital in Macquarie-street, Parramatta, established for the purpose of receiving erysipelas patients only?

(2.) Is it true that according to the report of the Manager of Government Asylums for 1881 it is an "Institution which will open its doors to all cases of infection, whether they be erysipelas, leprosy, scarlet fever, measles, cancer, &c."?

(3.) Have any other cases besides erysipelas been admitted into this Hospital since its establishment; if so, of what kind, and how many of the various diseases mentioned?

(4.) In view of the fact that the Hospital is situated in the centre of the town, will the Government take steps to prevent cases other than erysipelas being received and treated there?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes, in the latter part of the year 1875.

(2.) When the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute became very crowded in 1876 and 1877, part of the dilapidated buildings at the Erysipelas Hospital were repaired for the reception of paupers and of cases of infection which were refused admission to the Sydney Hospitals.

(3.) Three lepers were transferred from Little Bay to Parramatta, and then to Newington Asylum, where they are at present. Many cases of scarlet fever, measles, cancer, &c., have been admitted to the isolated wards of the Erysipelas Hospital during the past five years. (5.)

- (5.) Half-time Schools:—Mr. Farnell asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Have any applications been made for the payment of Teachers salaries, and the rent of buildings for Half-time Schools?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to grant salaries to Half-time School Teachers, and to grant an allowance for rent for such Schools?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—Provision has already been made by Regulations, dated 14th December, 1880, for granting salaries to Teachers of Half-time Schools. These salaries are paid in the same way and at the same periods as salaries of other Teachers. School buildings for Half-time Schools are provided by the persons interested; and as this arrangement has been found to work satisfactorily there appears to be no necessity for change in that respect.
- (6.) Compensation to School Teachers for loss of Income:—Mr. Farnell asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many Teachers are still uncompensated for loss of income through the operation of the regulations under the Public Instruction Act?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to recoup such Teachers; if so, when?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—Teachers who claimed compensation for loss of income through the operation of the Regulations under the Public Instruction Act have received the amounts to which they were found to be entitled.
- (7.) Public School at Molly:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in erecting the long promised Public School at Molly, Namoi River, which has not yet been commenced?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—The cause of the delay has been the difficulty of obtaining a proper survey of the site with a view to its dedication for Public School purposes. The survey has now been made. Tenders will be called immediately the site is dedicated.
- (8.) Opening of Railway to Dubbo and Warren:—Mr. Cass asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim Friday, the 20th instant, a Public Holiday in the District of Dubbo and Warren, on the occasion of the opening of the Railway to the latter place?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—There is to be no official demonstration on the occasion of the opening of this Extension, partly on the ground that it would be exceedingly inconvenient for Ministers to attend on account of the pressure of Parliamentary and other public business, and partly because of there being no accommodation for visitors in the vicinity of the Railway Terminus at Warren Road. For these reasons it is probable that the proclamation of a Public Holiday would not be acceptable to the residents of the District of Dubbo and Warren; but the Government will have no objection to proclaim a Public Holiday for this occasion if it be the desire of the inhabitants to have one.
- (9.) Breakwater at Coonamble:—Mr. Cass asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the present year for the erection of a Breakwater at Coonamble, in accordance with a Petition presented to him from the Municipal Council of Coonamble?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—No decision has been arrived at; but matters of this kind have generally been left in the hands of Municipal Councils. The only exception was in the case of the Council of West Maitland, where a sum was voted by Parliament on condition of a like amount being subscribed by the Council, and because High-street, which was the place affected, formed part of the Great Northern Road.
- (10.) Public School at Stanmore:—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Pigott, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the erection of the Public School at Stanmore, for which land has been resumed, be commenced?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—The sketch plan of the intended buildings has been prepared, and full plans will be ready in about three weeks, when tenders will be invited.
2. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Mining Act of 1874.  
Question put and passed.
3. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cass moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited), and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo.  
Question put and passed.
4. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Dr. Renwick presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Act 37 Victoria No. 13,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
  - (2.) Return to an Order made on 7th September, 1882,—“Immigrant Ships “Smyrna” and “Camperdown.””
- Ordered to be printed.
6. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Wisdom (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

7. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, - on motion of Sir John Robertson, 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 Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands, and for dealing with certain Lands set apart for Public Purposes. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands, and for dealing with certain Lands set apart for Public Purposes.

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

8. **CONSOLIDATED STOCK BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Consolidated Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Consolidated Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.

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

9. **GENERAL SAVINGS BANK BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a General Savings Bank, with Government Guarantee, by the amalgamation of the Savings Bank of New South Wales with the Government Savings Bank.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a General Savings Bank, with Government Guarantee, by the amalgamation of the Savings Bank of New South Wales with the Government Savings Bank.

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

10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 6, and 7 of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.

11. **WATERING PLACES AND RESERVES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

12. **MINERAL LEASE AT VEGETABLE CREEK**:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petitions of William J. Weston, presented on the 19th September, and Messrs. Fraser and Party, presented on the 21st September, praying for permission to appear in person, or by Counsel or Attorney, before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Vegetable Creek," be referred to the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fire-proof Safes:—*Mr. Poole*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to questions asked by *Mr. Wright* in reference to the Safes destroyed in the late Garden Palace fire,—Are there any of *Wearne's Safes* now in use in the Public Offices in Sydney; and if so, do the Government intend to continue using such Safes in preference to those which stood the test of the fire?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—Yes. *Mr. Thomas Wearne* has been contractor for the supply of Iron Fire-proof Safes to the Government since 1872, and no complaints have been made to the Stores Department or to the Treasury respecting them. His contract will terminate on the 31st December next, up to which date the supply of any Safes required for the Public Service will be obtained from him.

- (2.) Fire Brigades Bill:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Bill to regulate Fire Brigades be brought in?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—This Bill will be introduced in the course of a fortnight or so.

2. TAMWORTH GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Sir Henry Parkes*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Tamworth,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 13th October, 1882.

3. PAPERS:—

*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) A Statement respecting Recreation Grounds.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1882,—"*Removal of Police from Clarendon.*"
- (3.) Return to an Address adopted on 19th September, 1882,—"*Mr. Oliver Saunders.*"
- (4.) Despatch forwarding the Fugitive Offenders Act of 1881, and Instructions thereunder.

Ordered to be printed.

*Sir John Robertson* laid upon the Table,—Copy of Correspondence between the Honorable *Sir John Robertson* and *Jesse Gregson, Esq.*, General Superintendent of the Australian Agricultural Company, respecting Roads through the Company's Estate, Warrab.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Suttor* laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the presentation to the Government, by *T. Woolner, Esq.*, of a Picture by the late *J. M. W. Turner, R.A.*, entitled "*London—Autumnal Morning.*"

Ordered to be printed.

4. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—*Mr. Cass* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo,*"—read a first time.



5. DISTRICT COURTS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the District Courts Acts.  
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Animals Protection Bill postponed until Friday, 10th November:
7. SALE AND SUPPLY OF GAS:—The Order of the Day respecting this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Poole, discharged.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
 (1.) Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company; resumption of adjourned Debate;—  
*until Friday, 27th October.*  
 (2.) Violation of Children Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of  
 Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."  
 (3.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading: } *until Friday next.*
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEPHEN CAMPBELL BROWN, M.L.C.:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, That this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock to-morrow, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Honorable Stephen Campbell Brown, a Member of the Legislative Council, and formerly a Member of this House, who died yesterday.

And Mr. Stuart having seconded the motion,—

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at five minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at *Seven* o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. William Forster*, for Mr. Garrett, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Of how many Clerks of Petty Sessions were the salaries reduced last year, or on the last Estimates submitted?
- (2.) To what extent, generally speaking?
- (3.) Have all or any of these Clerks, after such reduction, been required to perform the duties of Government Land Agents, and in that capacity to receive applications for sale or conditional purchase of public lands, and payments by way of deposit and otherwise, and to execute other functions in connection therewith?
- (4.) Have all or any of such Clerks received any commission or remuneration for such extra work?
- (5.) If so, how many, and to what extent?
- (6.) For instance,—What reduction was made in the salaries of the Clerks of Petty Sessions at Eden and Moruya respectively?
- (7.) Have these Clerks been required since to perform the duties of Land Agents, as already specified?
- (8.) How much land has been sold, and how much money received through Clerks of Petty Sessions all over the Colony, and how much at Eden and Moruya in particular, and respectively?
- (9.) Is it intended by the Government to increase the salaries of all or any of these officers, or in any shape to afford them remuneration for their extra work?
- (10.) If so, how, when, and to what extent?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—

- (1.) About fifty-seven Clerks of Petty Sessions are paid lower salaries than the aggregate amount of remuneration from all sources previously received by them; but in some instances the Clerks of Petty Sessions have been relieved of a portion of the duties formerly discharged by them.
- (2.) The reductions vary in amount according to the circumstances of each case, the maximum salary of a Clerk of Petty Sessions having been fixed at £450 per annum, while the emoluments of their several offices in many instances previously exceeded that amount.
- (3.) Yes, in many instances.
- (4 & 5.) No.
- (6.) A small reduction appears to have been made in the salary of the Officer at Eden, while a small increase was voted for the Officer at Moruya.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) Upon inquiry, I find that this information cannot be compiled in sufficient time to answer this question, more particularly as no period is specified.
- (9 & 10.) I cannot at present say; but the Estimates of Expenditure for 1883, when tabled, will show the proposal in respect of each case.

- (2.) Immigration :—*Mr. William Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any proposal or application been recently made to the Government by or on behalf of Miss Kate Raby to employ herself, or some other qualified person, in selecting, or in regulating or supervising the selection of domestic female servants, in Great Britain and Ireland, to be sent as Immigrants to this Colony in the Government Immigration Vessels, and by authority of the Government?
- (2.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of such proposal or application?
- (3.) What steps were taken by the Government, or by the Colonial Secretary during his late visit to England, to improve our existing system of Immigration, or place it on a better footing?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge of Miss Kate Raby having offered her services to select Immigrants in England; but this lady made a proposal to me some time ago to open an office for getting situations for young women, and she stated that a committee of ladies would be formed to supervise this office. On that occasion I find I wrote the following memo. :—“Inform Miss Raby that if she can enlist the sympathies and support of private persons in her efforts to establish a well-organized home for female servants, and at the same time obtain the supervision of a committee of ladies as a security for the proper conduct of the projected institution; and if the whole arrangements are such as the Government can approve, I shall be prepared to ask Parliament to vote a sum equal to the amount privately raised.” But Miss Raby failed to comply with these conditions. I know nothing more about the matter. With regard to the efforts made by the Government, or by myself individually, to improve the system of Immigration, I may state that the Government have in various ways endeavoured to improve the system by which Immigrants are sent out; and during my stay in London I had several conversations with the Agent General, and made many inquiries with reference to this subject, and I think upon the whole the system is very good indeed, and the class of Immigrants sent out are equal to those going to any part of the world.

(3.) Captain Armstrong :—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the inquiry recently held at Lord Howe Island by the Honorable J. Bowie Wilson into certain charges against Captain Richard R. Armstrong, and the subsequent removal of the said Captain Richard R. Armstrong from his office of Resident Magistrate on the Island,—

- (1.) Was Captain Armstrong furnished with full particulars of the charges for a reasonable time before the inquiry?
- (2.) Was the inquiry made by Mr. Wilson in his Magisterial capacity, or in what capacity?
- (3.) Was it made publicly and with open doors?
- (4.) Were complainants or witnesses examined on oath?
- (5.) Was Captain Armstrong invited or permitted to cross-examine witnesses against him?
- (6.) Was Captain Armstrong invited or permitted to produce evidence, or summon witnesses in his own behalf, and were the usual facilities afforded him for the purpose?
- (7.) Was Captain Armstrong invited or permitted to make any statement, orally or in writing, in his defence?
- (8.) Was any such statement taken into consideration and examined in connection with the evidence by Mr. Wilson before coming to a decision?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The inquiry was instituted to ascertain the nature of the charges which the inhabitants had to make against Captain Armstrong; and as to Mr. Moore's charge, Captain Armstrong was well aware of its nature, as the charge had been previously inquired into by the Inspector General of Police.
- (2.) In his capacity as a Commissioner, and not in his Magisterial capacity.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No.
- (6 & 7.) Captain Armstrong was present, and afforded facilities for taking down all the statements made, and allowed several days to prepare his defence, which he made in writing.
- (8.) Yes.

(4.) Ammunition for King's School Cadet Corps :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Pigott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the ammunition supplied to the King's School Cadet Corps has been reduced to thirty rounds per annum for each cadet?
- (2.) Will the Government cause the regulation, if any, authorizing such reduction to be rescinded, and the same quantity of ammunition supplied as was granted before such reduction?
- (3.) Will the Government cause the King's School Cadet Corps to be inspected by regular and competent Staff Sergeants or other Inspecting Officers at such stated periods as may be deemed advisable?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Acting Commandant :—

- (1 & 2.) No reduction in the amount of ammunition to be supplied has been made for the current year; but in consequence of some deficiency in the quantity of Enfield ammunition in the Colony, and the necessity for economising it until a further supply has been received at the Ordnance Stores, a reduction in the annual issue has been directed to take place on the 1st January next—from sixty to thirty rounds per cadet. It is hoped, however, that it may not be necessary to carry out the reduction at all.
- (3.) This cannot, as a rule, be done without expense of a character that the Government has not undertaken to bear in connection with Cadet Corps. As a matter of fact, such inspections are always arranged for when applications to such effect are made, and no unauthorized expenditure will be thereby entailed.

(5.) Dedication of Land in the Electorate of the Namoi :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to include in any Bill shortly to be submitted to Parliament the following dedications of land (vesting such in Trustees), or have such been made :—

- (1.) Site for School of Arts, Walgett?
- (2.) Recreation Ground, Coonabarabran?
- (3.) Site, 10 acres, for Coonabarabran Agricultural and Pastoral Show Ground?
- (4.) Walgett Recreation Ground and Racecourse, 147 acres, portion of reserve No. 1,200?
- (5.) Reserve for Public Recreation, marked on the lithograph of the Town of Walgett for such purpose, between Namoi River Bridge and Monkeilla-street?
- (6.) Site for Church of England, Narrabri (reference No. 82/14,109, Lands)?

Sir

Sir John Robertson answered,—A Bill is unnecessary. The cases will be dealt with under the 5th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 and the 32nd section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

- (1.) The papers relative to a site for a School of Arts at Walgett are under reference to the Surveyor.
  - (2.) The dedication of the Recreation Ground at Coonabarabran will shortly be notified.
  - (3.) The plan of the land at Coonabarabran proposed to be dedicated as an Agricultural and Pastoral Show Ground has recently been received, and is now being dealt with in the Survey Office.
  - (4.) The dedication of the Recreation Ground of 147 acres at Walgett will be notified shortly.
  - (5.) The Recreation Ground referred to, as marked on the lithograph of the Town of Walgett, will probably require to be re-surveyed in connection with the approaches for a bridge over the Namoi River.
  - (6.) The dedication of the site for a Church of England at Narrabri will shortly be notified.
- (6.) School Buildings at Little Plain:—Mr. Murray asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the Little Plain School Buildings be proceeded with?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A tender for the erection of School Buildings at Little Plain was accepted on the 25th July, 1881, and on the 10th August following certain of the residents requested that a different site from that already agreed upon might be selected. After inquiry, the proposed site was approved, and application made for the same to the Minister for Lands. Pending the grant of this site building operations cannot be commenced, but they will be proceeded with as soon as the new site has been dedicated for Public School purposes, which, I hope, will be in the course of a few days.

- (7.) Court-house, Tingha:—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for additions to Tingha Court-house?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This work will be ready for inviting tenders in about a fortnight.

- (8.) Public School at Gilgai:—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Survey Department deal with the site for the Public School at Gilgai, the plan of which was sent in some time ago?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The survey has been dealt with, and the dedication will now be proceeded with.

- (9.) Railway Accident near Woodford:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
  - (1.) Did not one of the carriages attached to the 1.45 p.m. train run off the rails near Woodford on Saturday, the 7th instant?
  - (2.) How far did the train run before the engine-driver discovered that a carriage was off the line, and before he stopped the train?
  - (3.) Does the Government intend to adopt the system of telegraph signals to connect the carriages and engine, so that passengers could communicate with the engine-driver in case of need or danger?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) One hundred and twenty-five yards.
  - (3.) Yes; the instruments have already been ordered.
- (10.) Draw-bridge at Lismore:—Mr. Carter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
    - (1.) What is the Draw-bridge at Lismore likely to cost over the estimated or contract price?
    - (2.) Are they likely to get sound bottom for the cylinders, and what depth are they now below the bed of the river; and how much per foot extra does the contractor get for every foot he goes down past the depth specified in the contract; and what is the specified depth?
    - (3.) Is it a fact that the Bridge crosses to the front of Leicester's Creek?
    - (4.) Is the Minister aware that some four hundred yards at the next street, higher up the river, is a ridge formation, which carries a hard bottom right across the river?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) It is impossible to say until all cylinders are sunk; the additional depths will probably cause an excess of over £1,500.
  - (2.) A secure bottom has been obtained 29 feet below bed of river. £16 5s. for 7 feet oval, and £8 for 3 feet 6 inches round cylinders.
  - (3.) The Bridge is placed above junction of Leicester Creek, at the urgent instance of the inhabitants.
  - (4.) I am not aware, nor is it likely that hard sub-strata exist higher up; and the site would be out of the centre of population. Present site has been approved of by two officers of the Department.
- (11.) Resumption of Land for Railway Purposes occupied by the Benevolent Asylum:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did the Honorable J. Sutherland, when Minister for Works, recommend that the land now occupied by the Benevolent Asylum and the Devonshire-street Cemetery should be resumed for Railway Purposes; if so, will he lay a copy of such recommendation upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House the only paper that can be traced which seems to have indirectly some bearing upon the question, but which cannot be said to be a recommendation within the terms stated in the Honorable Member's question.

- (12.) Tramway to Glebe Point and Forest Lodge:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the correspondence which has passed between the Member for The Glebe and the Commissioner for Railways as to the fares charged upon the Trams to Glebe Point and Forest Lodge, and having in view the answer given to my questions as to the distance,—Is it the intention of the Minister to reduce the charge, and so make it uniform with that paid upon other lines?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Inquiry has been made, and it has been found that a reduction in the fares at present charged upon the Tramways to Glebe Point and Forest Lodge would directly and indirectly lead to such a loss of revenue as to make the Tramways unremunerative. No reduction can therefore be made.

(13.) Boiling-down Establishment near Glebe Island :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that the stench arising from the Boiling-down Establishment on the north side of Glebe Island has become an intolerable nuisance, and is seriously affecting the health of the inhabitants of Balmain?

(2.) Is it true that early in this year, in answer to a Deputation on this subject, a promise was given that this Establishment should be removed?

(3.) Will he cause this to be done at once, and so decrease the danger to public health?

Mr. James Watson answered,—My attention for some time past has been directed to the Establishment at Glebe Island which is used exclusively for the melting of fat from the Abattoir; and I find upon inquiry, and after examination by a competent officer, that it is quite possible to abate the nuisance, if any, that may arise therefrom by making certain additions to the building. Before causing the removal from the Island of an almost indispensable adjunct to the business of slaughtering, I purpose having the needful additions effected, and when this is done will be able to determine if any further action be necessary. With respect to the first part of the Honorable Member's question, I am not aware "that the Establishment has become an intolerable nuisance, and "is seriously affecting the health of the inhabitants of Balmain." I may however add, that should it be found that it is a nuisance action will be taken with a view to its removal.

(14.) Iron Cove Bridge :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that several of the men injured through working in the cylinders of the Iron Cove Bridge are in very distressed circumstances?

(2.) Will he inform the House as to when it is likely their claims for compensation will be decided?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) I am aware of only one case where a handsome sum, offered without prejudice, has been refused.

(2.) It is impossible to say, as actions at law have been commenced.

(15.) Wages of Workmen in Government Workshops :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the application sent in some two months since by the Workmen in the Government Workshops for an increase of pay be dealt with?

(2.) Is he aware that private employers in similar departments of trade have granted their employes an increase of 7 to 13 per cent., with other trade privileges?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made in reference to this matter; and if correct, will he give instructions for the Government Workmen to be placed on the same footing as their fellow-workmen in private workshops?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Now that the question in dispute between the employers and employed in private establishments has been settled, the rates of wages paid to the workmen in the like trades in the Railway Workshops will be re-adjusted so as to correspond with the average rate paid in private establishments.

(2.) I am aware that a rise of wages has taken place.

(3.) Yes.

(16.) Land Offices at Warialda, Bingera, and Moree :—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose to lay upon the Table of this House the papers respecting the Lands Offices at Warialda, Bingera, and Moree, ordered on the 24th August last?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Return will probably be laid upon the Table of the House next week.

(17.) Cabmen's Licenses and Fines :—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to state what becomes of the moneys derived from Cabmen's Licenses and Fines?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—By section 21 of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873 it is provided that the moneys received under this Statute shall be applied "in the payment of all authorized expenses and charges incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of the Act." I understand that there was at the end of the year 1881 at the credit of the Metropolitan Transit Fund an unexpended balance of £1,865 1s. 11d. The Act does not provide for the disposal of such a balance; but it is believed that the income from the principal source of revenue (namely omnibuses) will be materially affected when the Tramway lines are completed.

(18.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Uralla :—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the Post and Telegraph Offices at Uralla?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Plans have been approved, and tenders will be invited at once.

(19.) Campbell-street :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates a sum sufficient to defray the cost of resuming land to widen Campbell-street at its intersection with Elizabeth-street, in view of the danger to vehicle traffic caused by the great Tramway traffic at that junction?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The question has not received any consideration, and this is the first time the assumed necessity for widening Campbell-street from the cause stated has been brought under attention.

(20.) Goulburn-street :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates a sum sufficient to defray the cost of resuming land for extending Goulburn-street from Brisbane-street eastward, in view of the danger attending the vehicle traffic caused through the construction of the Tram-lines through Oxford-street?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It has not been found that the vehicle traffic is attended with danger from the cause stated. The question of extending Goulburn-street is receiving consideration, but it has been advocated on other grounds than those given.

(21.)

(21.) Salaries of District Court Judges and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates:—Mr. McLaughlin asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to consider the advisableness of increasing the salaries of the District Court Judges and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates at the same time as the Supreme Court Judges salaries?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—All these matters are now under the consideration of Government.

(22.) Lands Titles Office:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having regard to the alleged great delay and inconvenience caused to the public by the present state of the Lands Titles Office, will he state when a Bill will be introduced, or steps taken, to improve the present state of affairs?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Bill to deal with this matter will be introduced in sufficient time for its consideration. Any other steps will be explained when the Estimates are brought forward.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 6th September, 1882,—“Plaints for Trespass to Land filed in District Courts.”

(2.) Correspondence respecting the death of an Infant Child of Charles Waudby.

(3.) Return to an Address adopted on 27th September, 1882,—“The Queen *v.* Owen.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Papers relating to Unarmoured Gun-boats, Cruisers, and Guns,—with Tracings and Photographs.

The Papers were ordered to be printed; the Tracings and Photographs were laid upon the Table as Exhibits only.

(2.) Report from the Agent for Immigration for 1881.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 19th September, 1882,—“Immigrant Ship ‘Orontes.’”

(4.) Statistical Register for 1881,—Parts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. J. Foster moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Wisdom moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 7, 8, 41, 47, 65, 69, 139, 153, 158, 159, 160, 210, 274, 290, 291, 294, 298, 299, 340, 341, 342, 383, 415, 417, 421, 439, and 469, and for the consideration of six new clauses.”

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

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 7, 8, 41, 47, 65, 69, 139, 153, 158, 159, 160, 210, 274, 290, 291, 294, 298, 299, 340, 341, 342, 383, 415, 417, 421, 439, and 469, and for the consideration of six new clauses,—put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1882, A.M.

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

4. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Sir John Robertson presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands and for dealing with certain Lands set apart for Public Purposes,*”—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Case of M'Glede:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government received any further report or information in the case of M'Glede to enable them to state what course they intend taking in his case, whether or not to pay him all or any portion of the money voted by way of compensation to him for loss or damage from the Moonlight gang of bushrangers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will be remembered that, in answering a question from the Honorable Member on this subject, I stated that I had requested Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate at Wagga Wagga, to report upon the whole case, and that he had reported that in his judgment M'Glede was not entitled to anything whatever from the Government. Since the Honorable Gentleman put the notice upon the Paper I have referred the matter back to Mr. Baylis, asking him whether he had received any fresh information, or whether he could, upon reconsidering the case, recommend any payment to M'Glede. I have his report in my hand, and it thus concludes,—“In reply thereto, I have to state that I have not received any further information on the subject, and that on reading over to-day my report on the case, I am more than ever convinced that the opinion I then formed upon it was a thoroughly correct one.”

(2.) Manufacture of Explosives:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any proposition been made to the Government to establish a manufactory for Explosives on some convenient spot of the Nepean Watershed?

(2.) Would the establishment of such a manufactory have the effect of reducing the large quantity of Explosives stored in the Magazines of Port Jackson?

(3.) Will he cause a report to be made by competent persons as to practicability of such a scheme?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Not that I am aware of.

(2.) I find that an opinion has been expressed upon this point by the Storage of Gunpowder Board, who consider that the establishment of a local manufactory of Gunpowder would afford additional safety to the public, consequent on the reduction in the quantity that would be stored in the Magazines.

(3.) A communication, dated 25th July last, made through the Agent General, is now before the Government from Messrs. John Hall & Sons, the well-known powder manufacturers, with a view to the establishment of powder-works in the Colony. This communication has been referred to the Storage of Gunpowder Board, whose report is expected shortly, when immediate action will be taken thereon.

(3.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the Iron Cove Bridge be open for use?

(2.) Is he aware that the Roads over Glebe Island and along the western part of Pyrmont are at present dangerously over-crowded?

(3.) When the Bridge is opened, how is it proposed to accommodate the large traffic from the Ryde District?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) On 1st November.

(2.) No.

(3.) For the present along the ordinary routes; should the traffic prove too much for the ordinary roads, it may be necessary to provide other routes, or widen the existing ones.

(4.)



(4.) Holiday in Wagga Wagga Public School:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it true that Mr. Inspector Hicks gave the Public School Children a holiday last week to attend the Races?
- (2.) Does the Minister approve of this; and if not, will he take such action as will prevent its repetition?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Inspector Hicks granted a half-holiday to the pupils of the Wagga Wagga Public School to enable them to witness "a trial of sheep dogs and of trotting ponies."
- (2.) I consider that Mr. Hicks committed an error of judgment in authorizing the closing of the School for such a purpose, and he will be informed accordingly.

(5.) Business of Supreme Court and Circuit Courts:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General,—

- (1.) Will he state the number of Cases set down for hearing last term that were not heard but stand over as remanets?
- (2.) Will he state the number of Cases that stood over during the term immediately before a fifth Judge was appointed?
- (3.) How many acting Judges have been appointed during the present Assizes?
- (4.) Will he state the number of Criminal Cases for trial at the various Circuit Courts, stating the number at each Court?
- (5.) In view of the very small number of Criminal Cases for trial at the various Circuit Courts, will he say why the business was not done by the ordinary Judges?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose that the present salaries of the Supreme Court Judges be increased?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

- (1.) Banco Court, 23; Jury Court, 26; total, 49.
- (2.) Banco Court, 30; Jury Court, 18; total, 48.
- (3.) Two.
- (4.) The requisite information cannot be compiled in sufficient time to answer this question to-day.
- (5.) The Chief Justice being unable to go on Circuit, it became necessary to provide for the Circuit, which would otherwise have been taken by him.
- (6.) This matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

(6.) T. F. Mackenzie's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Thomas Fitzherbert Mackenzie take up 220 acres of land, known as lot 70, Newbold Run, Clarence River?
- (2.) Did he ever reside upon said land, fully improve it, or make the necessary declaration?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The selection was an additional selection to an original selection made in 1864, and on which residence and improvements were duly declared to. The additional selection does not appear to have been resided upon by the applicant, nor was it necessary that it should be, but declaration has been made to the effect that it has been improved to the value of £170.

(7.) Land occupied by Mr. Anderson at Middle Harbour:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a Mr. Anderson has taken possession of 200 acres of Crown Lands at Middle Harbour for an Artizans Working College and Agricultural Training School?
- (2.) What are the terms and conditions upon which the Government permit Mr. Anderson to hold the land in question?
- (3.) Is it the same land that was applied for as a grant and refused by the Minister for Lands?
- (4.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the disclosures of the treatment and conduct which the children have received at the above Institution, as described in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 17th October?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes, for the so-called object.
- (2.) Mr. Anderson is understood to be in possession on no legal authority, but has merely taken possession as master under a Committee of Gentlemen, of whom Sir Alfred Stephen and others are managers.
- (3.) A large Deputation waited upon me, I think, when I was Minister for Public Instruction—not Minister for Lands—from which time the matter of holding the land has been undisturbed, upon the understanding that Sir Alfred Stephen should introduce a Bill in order that the will of Parliament might be taken.
- (4.) I understand that my Honorable Colleague, the Colonial Secretary, has taken action in reference to the matter of the management and treatment of the boys employed.

(8.) Gundagai Hospital:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that a certain sum of money due by the Government to the Gundagai Hospital for the Bethungra and Cootamundra Collections has been paid in mistake to the Burrangong Hospital?
- (2.) If so, how long do the Government intend to keep the Gundagai Hospital out of the money so due to that Institution?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

- (1.) Yes, amounting to £14 5s.
- (2.) Application has been made to the Committee of the Burrangong Hospital for a refund of the over-payment, and when received it will be handed to the Gundagai Hospital.

(9.) The Garden Palace:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many watchmen or care-takers were generally employed in taking care of the Exhibition Buildings when they were in charge of Sir Patrick Jennings and the other Commissioners?
- (2.) Is it true that any Minister, or person authorized by a Minister, personally made objections to the number of such watchmen or care-takers?
- (3.) Has the number of watchmen been since or lately reduced?
- (4.) If so, when, and to what extent?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) One Constable was employed at and before the time the building was handed over by the Commissioner to the Colonial Architect (the 1st November, 1880) on day and night duty. About that date also a day care-taker was employed; a fireman had been employed, but was discharged about the beginning of the previous October.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3 & 4.) No. Up to 17th June, 1881, the building was in charge of a Constable during the day and night. On the date named the Inspector General of Police withdrew the Constable, and the fireman was employed as night-watchman, the care-taker being employed during the day.

(10.) Forests Bill.—Local Government Bill:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it probable that the second reading of the Forests Bill will be proceeded with?

(2.) Do the Government intend going on with the Local Government Bill this Session, or do they otherwise intend to follow the precedent of the two last Sessions by abandoning it at or near the close?

(3.) Will the Local Government Bill be withdrawn, or not proceeded with if the Colonial Secretary's health should not enable him to attend to it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Three weeks ago I made a statement to the House explaining the course the Government proposed to take with respect to the public business. At the time this question was on the Paper, and the Honorable Gentleman being apparently satisfied with the statement, withdrew it. I have nothing to add to that statement, which I think was clear and explicit on the subject.

(11.) American Duty on Australian Wool:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Sir Henry Parkes commissioned by the Government of this Colony, and by the Governments of some of the other Australasian Colonies, to endeavour during his recent visit to the United States to bring about the repeal of the American duty upon Australian wool?

(2.) If so, has Sir Henry Parkes made any report to the Governments concerned as to the result of his efforts in that direction?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) In reply to question 1, I might simply say, Yes.

(2.) I can scarcely afford a reply to the second without making personal references to myself, which I certainly am not desirous of doing; and if I make these references I hope I shall be excused in my wish to give the information the Honorable Gentleman wants. When in America I spent about a week at Washington endeavouring to carry out these objects; I saw the Secretary of State, being accompanied on my visit by the British Minister. I also saw several Senators, and represented the case as fully and as forcibly as I knew how. But I could not remain at Washington longer, and I could not remain in America much longer; but I arranged before I left New York to return to Australia by way of America, when I purposed again to visit Washington. While in London I had an assurance from the Secretary of State, the Earl of Kimberley, that as far as representations through the Foreign Office to Washington might serve, the Government would do anything they could to promote the objects I had in view. Until towards the end of June it was my purpose to return to Sydney by way of America, but some time after the middle of that month the physician who attended me in England, Dr. Kidd, a very well-known man indeed, peremptorily forbade my return either by way of America or by the Red Sea, and acting on his advice, I relinquished my intention. Of course that disconcerted my arrangements for revisiting Washington. When my effects were packed in London some papers, among others copies of letters relating to this matter, were inadvertently packed in a case which was delivered in Sydney only last week. It was not, therefore, convenient to write to the Australian Governments until I received these papers. This will explain why I have not offered any report to these Governments. I might also say that during a portion of this time it was quite impossible for me to give attention to anything of the kind, but as soon as I can obtain the requisite leisure from other duties I shall write a circular letter describing what has been done in this matter.

(12.) The Garden Palace:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the work of removing the ruins of the Garden Palace from the Inner Domain be commenced?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Full instructions were given some days ago with regard to this matter; but the first thing to be done is to have the ruins searched, as far as they can be, by the departments which occupied the building, in order to recover anything worth recovering, especially in the Technological Museum. Until this search has been thoroughly made the ruins cannot be removed; even then some consideration has to be given as to whether the material can be turned to account. For instance, a definite object has been suggested for the use of the bricks. As soon as these preliminary matters can be disposed of no time will be lost in clearing away the ruins.

(13.) Electric Light at South Head:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will the new Electric Light at the South Head be used?

(2.) Has any difficulty or reason for delay arisen in connection with this matter?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) The Colonial Architect reports that the Electric Light will be ready for use shortly. The building and apparatus are near completion, but they are still in the contractor's hands.

(2.) No difficulty; but delay is occasioned from want of rain, the gasometer and engine-tanks being dry.

(14.) Contracts for Government Works without Competition:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing all Public Works and Public Supplies arranged for by his Department since the 1st January last, otherwise than by public competition, such Return to show (1) name of contractor; (2) nature of contract; (3) rates and amounts; and (4) the reasons for not taking the contracts in the usual way?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No objection whatever. A Return will be laid upon the Table as soon as prepared, which will be with the least possible delay. (15.)

- (15.) Bridge over Sandy Creek, at Ryan's Crossing :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a Bridge over Sandy Creek, on the road Grenfell to Temora, at Ryan's Crossing ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited in a week.

- (16.) Water Supply at Cobar :—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Minister for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed by the Coroner of Cobar to the fact that the water in the Government tanks at Cobar is unfit for domestic use in consequence of its pollution by drainage from the township and its proximity to the Smelting Works ?
  - (2.) Have not similar representations been made by the Great Cobar Copper Company ?
  - (3.) Has not Mr. Watt, Government Analyst, reported that the water in the said tanks is unfit for drinking purposes ?
  - (4.) In view of the foregoing representations, what steps do the Government intend taking to avert the consequences which must arise from the enforced use of the water referred to ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) I am not aware that such representations have been made by the Company referred to.
  - (3.) Yes ; certain temporary remedial measures have been recommended.
  - (4.) The Inspector of Tanks has been instructed to inspect and report, and on receipt of his report the matter will receive the careful consideration of the Government.
- (17.) Salaries of Civil Servants in Electorate of Bourke :—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that in consequence of the severe drought that has visited the Colony during the last two years, and the fact that carriage to the interior has increased fourfold, all the necessaries of life are at least 100 per cent. higher than in ordinary seasons ?
  - (2.) Do the Government know that the district that I represent has suffered in an exceptional degree in this respect ?
  - (3.) Has it been brought under their notice that in consequence of the high price of provisions Civil Servants in many parts of the Colony, but more especially in Northern Riverina, have had very great difficulty in providing for the wants of their families ?
  - (4.) Will the Government take such action as they may deem best to relieve these gentlemen from the consequences of this state of things ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government is aware, from various sources, of the distressed state of the district to which the Honorable Member alludes, and some steps have been already taken. For instance, some little time ago I approved of a special allowance for the Police in the district ; and the case of the other officers of the Government there will be fully considered, and anything the Government can legitimately do to alleviate the distress will be done with pleasure.

- (18.) New South Wales Savings Bank :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The names of all the Trustees of the New South Wales Savings Bank ?
  - (2.) The number of meetings, and the names and dates of attendance of each Trustee for the last two years ?
  - (3.) The name of each Trustee who is connected with other Banks or Money Lending Establishments ?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The Honorable Gentleman gave notice of this question only yesterday, and the Government have not yet been able to receive the information. As soon as it is obtained it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (19.) The Rabbit Pest :—Mr. Quin asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he received information that the rabbit pest is continuing to spread in the south-western portion of the Colony ?
  - (2.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of the House any reports which he may have received on the subject ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes, in a few days.
- (20.) Railway from Orange to Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are any Surveyors at present engaged at work in re-surveying and re-producing the Railway Plans which were destroyed in the Garden Palace of the Extension from Orange to Molong ; if so, how many, and how long is it supposed it will take to complete the work, so that tenders may be called for the construction of the Line ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Three Surveyors are at present employed in re-surveying the length referred to, and the work will be completed as early as practicable, but it is impossible to say when tenders can be invited for the construction of the Line.

- (21.) Planting Wattles on Southern Railway Line :—Mr. Gannon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) By whose authority are Plantations of Wattles being sown along the Southern Line of Railway ?
  - (2.) For what purpose ?
  - (3.) At what expense ?
  - (4.) Is the Minister aware that when the trees grow up they will intercept the view of locomotive drivers, particularly along the curves ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) By the authority of the Government.
- (2.) To increase the supply of bark for industrial purposes.
- (3.) The expense will not be large ; the actual expense cannot be given till the planting is finished.
- (4.) Representations have recently been made to this effect, and inquiry is being made ; but it is probable that the plantations can be so arranged as not to interfere with engine-drivers view of the road. The wattle has been planted with success on the banks of the Victorian Railways.

(22.) Bank Holiday in Northern Districts :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say for what reason the 18th instant was proclaimed as a Bank Holiday in the Districts of Murrurundi, Quirindi, Gunnedah, Tamworth, Uralla, and Armidale?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The holiday was given at the request of the Tamworth Farmers Society, on the occasion of their holding their Spring Show at Tamworth.

(23.) Wharfage Rates and Rebates at Circular Quay :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he continues a system of wharfage rates and rebates at the Circular Quay less favourable to the importers or agents than is allowed at private wharfs?

(2.) Is he aware that this has resulted in drawing large business to those private wharfs; and is not the Government Wharf, Circular Quay, during the greater portion of the year almost deserted by shipping?

(3.) Does the Colonial Treasurer propose to alter the existing system above referred to, and when?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) The wharfage rates, which are fixed by Act of Parliament, are the same at private wharfs as at the Circular Quay; but I am aware that more favourable rebates are allowed at private wharfs than at the Circular Quay.

(2.) If a larger business is done at private wharfs it arises from circumstances altogether irrespective of rebates.

(3.) Some needful alterations in the existing system will be effected at an early date.

2. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from Henry McCrummin Keightley and William Foxton Hayley, Executors and Trustees of the Will of Henry Rotton, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will, and for the other purposes therein mentioned.

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

3. PAPERS :—

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

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the Engagement of a Lady Principal for the Female Training School, Hurlstone.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Directors of the Albury Gas Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Albury.

And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Albury Banner*, and the *Border Post*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. BRIDGE TO CONNECT SYDNEY AND NORTH SHORE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, minutes, or agreements, written to or received from, or made with, any person or persons, with reference to the erection of a Bridge between Sydney and the North Shore.  
Question put and passed.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Guarantees Law Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Guarantees*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 19th October, 1882.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(2.) Congregational Union Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Congregational Union of New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 19th October, 1882.

JOHN HAY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Dr. Renwick, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th October.

7. CRIMINAL LAW 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 this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup>, with further amendments.

Mr. Lackey (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Wisdom moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 374, 383, and 400."

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

Question,—

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 374, 383, and 400,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 3<sup>d</sup>, with further amendments. On motion of Mr. Wisdom (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

8. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Burdckin,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Cameron,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Copeland,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Craamsie,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Douglas,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Faruell,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Fremlin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Murray.
Mr. Hezlet,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Day,  
Mr. McElhone.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,  
Mr. W. R. Campbell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Dr. Renwick, the report was adopted.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Botanical Gardens:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the large majority of persons who visit the Botanical Gardens before 1 p.m. on Sundays are compelled to make a long detour so as to gain admittance by the back entrances?

(2.) Is there any necessity for keeping the front gate closed up to this hour; if so, will he state the reason?

(3.) In the event of no insurmountable difficulty being in the way, will the Minister kindly give instructions to have the front gate opened as well as the back entrances during the time the Gardens are open to the public?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The lower Garden is open to the public from about 6 o'clock a.m. to about 6 o'clock p.m. on Sundays. The entrances to this part of the Botanic Gardens are from Macquarie-street and from near the Corporation Baths, Outer Domain.

(2.) The reasons for keeping the upper Gardens closed till 1 o'clock p.m. on Sundays are to enable the men who have to watch to go to Church in the forenoon, and to afford the employes connected with the aviary an opportunity, without interruption, of feeding the animals and birds and cleaning the places in which these are located.

(2.) Pedestal for the Queen's Statue:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend now to proceed vigorously with the erection of the Pedestal for Marshall Wood's Statue of the Queen?

(2.) Is it true that the Government intend to erect a Miniature Garden Palace on the Pedestal when completed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must confess I hardly understand this question; but I may take the opportunity to say that the contractor has, I believe, completed the pedestal, and that it is about to be erected. With regard to the object of the pedestal, Parliament will be asked for the necessary sum to commission a Sculptor to execute a Statue of Her Majesty.

(3.) Tolls on the Newtown and Cook's River Roads:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Tolls on the Newtown and Cook's River Roads?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The matter is now under consideration, and I hope to give the Honorable Member a definite answer in a few days.

(4.) Bridge to connect Sydney and North Shore:—Mr. Jacob, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Upon what date was the offer of the contractor with reference to the erection of the North Shore Bridge accepted by the Government?

(2.) What is the name, occupation, and address, of the contractor?

(3.) Did the contractor submit any plans or specifications with his offer?

(4.) Was the offer accepted privately, or was competition invited in any way?

(5.) Did the Head of the Roads and Bridges Department advise the Government to close with the offer of the contractor, or did he report against it?

(6.) Is it a part of the agreement with the contractor that the Government are to support the Bill about to be introduced to give effect to their agreement with the contractor?

(7.) Is it a part of the agreement that the contractor shall be guaranteed from the Colonial Treasury interest upon something like a million sterling, or upon a less amount?

(S.)

(8.) When will the Government take the House into their confidence in connection with this matter, by communicating to this House the nature of the agreement arrived at, and copies of all the papers relating to the same?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The information asked for in these questions will be included in the papers which the Government stated would be laid on the Table in reply to motion of Mr. Byrnes on the same subject.

(5.) Sydney Sewerage Scheme :—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any contracts been taken yet in connection with the Sydney Sewerage Scheme, for which funds were appropriated by Act of Parliament more than three years ago?

(2.) At the present rate of progress, how many years will probably elapse before the imminent dangers to the public health which may arise from the present state of affairs will be removed?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes, six.

(2.) One contract is completed, the second will be completed at the end of the year, others in January, April, and July, 1884. Tenders for two more contracts will be invited within a month. It is hoped that by the end of 1884 all the works will be finished.

(6.) Lands Resumed for Public Purposes :—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return-ordered by this House on the 5th September in connection with resumption under the "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act" be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Lackey answered,—In the course of a week.

(7.) Newtown Railway Station.—Court-house, Newtown :—*Mr. Mitchell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amounts received for goods traffic at the following Stations for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, viz. :—Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, Auburn, Granville, and Parramatta?

(2.) The amounts of money expended upon Station-houses, Waiting-rooms, Platforms, and Sidings, during the said years, 1880, 1881, and 1882, specifying the amounts received and expended separately during the above period?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to erect a Waiting-room at Newtown for the use of the public travelling by the Trams?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Minister to call for tenders at once for the erection of Court-house at Newtown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will be glad to give the Honorable Member this information embodied in a Return in a few days.

(8.) Railway Surveys from Glen Innes to Inverell :—*Mr. Murray* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Were the plans of Railway Surveys from Glen Innes to Inverell destroyed in the late fire; if so, will a re-survey be at once proceeded with?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes; a re-survey will be made as early as possible.

(9.) Salaries of Judges of the Supreme Court :—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend to take the necessary steps during the present Session to provide for increasing the salaries of their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Bill will be introduced during the present Session to fix the salaries of Judges of the Supreme Court.

(10.) Water Supply for Singleton :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report been received from the Surveyor who was instructed to examine the best means of providing Singleton with water; if so, do the Government intend to act on such report, and when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A progress report has been received, but no determination can be arrived at until the final report and survey has been sent in; an engineer is still employed in working out the necessary details.

(11.) Water Supply for Richmond and Windsor :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the necessary works for a Permanent Supply of Water to the Townships of Richmond and Windsor be commenced?

(2.) Is it still the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Town and Country Water Supply Bill; if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The only answer I can give at present is that the whole matter is under consideration.

(12.) Deductions from Wages of Labourers on the Northern Railway :—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a deduction was made from the wages of some of the labourers on the Northern Railway who took the proclaimed holiday for the Singleton Show?

(2.) Will he cause the money to be paid to these persons?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The men are not paid for holidays proclaimed for special districts, but only for those proclaimed for the community generally.

(13.) The Case of Janet M'Aughy :—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a woman named Janet M'Aughy recently admitted as a patient into the Sydney Infirmary?

(2.) How long was she in the Infirmary, and on what date was she discharged from it?

(3.) Why was she discharged, and upon whose application?

(4.) Was the death of the said Janet M'Aughy reported to the authorities of the Infirmary; and if so, on what date?

(5.)

(5.) Is it true that an application was made to the Medical Officer of the Infirmary who attended the patient for a certificate of the cause of her death, and that he refused to give the same unless upon payment of a fee of one guinea?

(6.) What is the name of the medical gentleman who attended the patient?

(7.) When did Janet M'Aughy die, and on what date was she buried, and upon whose certificate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the 2nd September last.

(2.) Twenty-seven days; discharged 28th September.

(3.) She was discharged at her own request and that of her relatives against the advice of the Resident Medical Officer.

(4.) Some days after her discharge application was made for a death certificate; date unknown.

(5.) Application was made for a death certificate, and as is usual in such cases where death occurs outside the Hospital, a fee of one guinea was asked.

(6.) Dr. Henry Sinclair.

(7.) I am not in a position to answer this question.

(14.) Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the proposed Crossing-place for the Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River, at Dangar Island, has been changed to some other part of the river; if so, to where; and what is the reason of the proposed change?

(2.) Will the Minister at an early date lay upon the Table of this House a plan and section showing the lands on both sides of the river at the proposed Crossing-place, and also the lay of the country for about a quarter of a mile inland from such Crossing-place, together with the level of the rails as proposed to be laid marked on the section?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Crossing-place has been changed from Dangar Island to a point on Long Island, opposite to Mullet Creek. The change was made in consequence of the difficulty in obtaining good foundations for the cylinders at the Dangar Island site.

(2.) Plan and section will be laid upon the Table of the House at an early date.

(15.) Parliamentary Refreshment Room:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Meetings have the Parliamentary Refreshment Room Committee held from the 1st of January, 1880, to the 1st of October, 1882?

(2.) The names of the Members at each Meeting when a quorum was present?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am quite unable to answer this question, which I think the Honorable Gentlemen should put to the Member of the House who is Chairman of the Committee. I am sorry to say I have never attended any of the Meetings.

(16.) Tramway from Newtown to Cook's River Dam:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Tramway from Newtown to Cook's River Dam?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It has been decided to await the effect of the Railway to Illawarra in meeting the requirements of the residents in the neighbourhood; the Tram-line to Cook's River would run parallel with and only a short distance from the Railway.

(17.) Mr. E. J. Coman:—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. E. J. Coman, of Candelo, recommended for appointment to the Commission of the Peace; and if so, by whom was he recommended, and on what date?

(2.) If recommended, will the Colonial Secretary say why he was not appointed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is quite true that Mr. E. J. Coman was recommended for appointment as a Justice of the Peace, but it is not usual to give the names of gentlemen who recommend persons for the Magistracy. I desire to say that it cannot be admitted that every person recommended should be appointed, nor do I think it would be proper for the Government to give reasons why these appointments are not made.

(18.) Measurement of Conditional Purchases in District of Molong:—Mr. Garrard, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any complaints been made by Selectors in the District of Molong, by petition or otherwise, of the difficulty and delay in getting selections measured, and when so measured of the frequent alterations, discrepancies, and irregularities that subsequently occur in the said measurement; if so, is it the intention of the Government to take any action in the matter?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Surveyor General reports that no petition in the terms stated has been received. Letters have, however, been received at different times from Conditional Purchasers in the Molong land district complaining of delays in measurement and other matters in connection with their purchases. Action has already been taken in all cases which have been received by him. The Surveyor General further reports that he has experienced the greatest difficulty in getting surveys made during the recent drought; Licensed Surveyors could not be induced to take the district, and he was obliged to send Surveyors on temporary salary when their services could be spared.

(19.) Erysipelas Hospital, Parramatta:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that the Hospital in Macquarie-street, Parramatta, was established for the reception of erysipelas patients only, will the Government take steps to prevent cases other than erysipelas being received and treated therein?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot give a positive promise of what the Government will do in this respect; but I will inquire into the matter in a very short time, and will inform the Honorable Member of any decision we may come to.



2. **THE LAND LAWS**:—Mr. Levin presented a Petition from Freeholders, Selectors, Mechanics, Store-keepers, and others, of Kindra and Berry Jerry, stating that they view with alarm the practice of alienating large areas of Crown Land, and the formation of large estates by financial companies and others; and praying that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the general working of the Land Acts of the Colony.  
Petition received.
3. **RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM NARRABRI TO WALGETT**:—Mr. Thomas Dangar presented a Petition from Residents of the Town and District of Walgett, and others, in favour of the extension of the Great North-western Railway from Narrabri to Walgett; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.  
Petition received.
4. **FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Teece, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th October, 1882; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 3rd November.  
Question put and passed.
5. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Notification of Resumption of Land for the following purposes:—  
(a) For Works in connection with the Supply of Water to the City of Bathurst.  
(b) For Works in connection with the Supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.  
(2.) Paper respecting a recommendation made by the Honorable John Sutherland, when Minister for Works, with reference to the Resumption of Land occupied by the Benevolent Asylum and the Devonshire-street Cemetery.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(3.) Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1882,—“Railway Premises at Cootamundra.”  
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return showing the Strength and Distribution of the Police Force on the 30th September, 1882.  
(2.) Return to an Address adopted on 10th October, 1882,—“The Legislative Council.”  
Ordered to be printed.
6. **DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Jacob, for Mr. Cass, moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jacob, Mr. Day, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Poole, Sir Patrick Jennings, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
7. **ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will, and for the other purposes therein mentioned.  
Question put and passed.
8. **ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Albury.  
Question put and passed.
9. **LICENSING DISTRICTS OF FORBES, PARKES, AND CONDOBOLIN (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Cooke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, and minutes, in connection with the forming of the Licensing Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin; and also copies of like papers in reference to the appointment of Licensing Magistrates to these Districts.  
Question put and passed.
10. **MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, read a third time, and passed.  
Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “An Act to further amend the Act 37 Victoria No. 13.”  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to further amend the Act 37 Victoria No. 13,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th October, 1882.
11. **ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Combes having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will and for the other purposes therein mentioned,”—read a first time.

12. **ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL:**—Mr. Day having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Albury,*"—read a first time.
13. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Teece, and the Mover."  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then put,—  
(1.) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Teece, and the Mover,—  
And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
14. **VIOLATION OF CHILDREN BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Cameron, discharged.  
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Law of Seduction Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 17th November.
16. **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES:**—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the grant in aid of Agricultural Societies should be £1 for £1 on the receipts of the Societies.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

ELECTORATE OF TUMUT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 26th September last, declaring the Seat of James Hoskins, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Hoskins; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Thomas Chrysostom O'Mara, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Tumut.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over Black Creek, near Branxton:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Bridge over Black Creek, near Branxton, for which the sum of £600 has been granted by Parliament?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited for the erection of this Bridge in the next *Gazette*.

(2.) Tramway to Potts Point:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is a survey being made for a Tramway from South Head Road or Oxford-street to Potts Point, Macleay-street?

(2.) Do the Government intend to make a Tramway to Potts Point; if so, is he aware that the inhabitants of Macleay-street are opposed to a Tramway?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) There is no present intention of constructing a Tramway to Potts Point.

(3.) Sale of Land at Randwick:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When the Government sold land at Randwick some years ago, was it not sold in large blocks, and with the provision that only one house was to be erected on each block, to prevent the Water Supply of Sydney being contaminated with sewage matter?

(2.) If this is the case, is he aware that the blocks of land at Randwick are being subdivided, sold, and numerous houses built on them, which must contaminate the Sydney water; and will he put a stop to subdividing and selling the lots until Sydney is supplied with water from the Nepean?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) The terms of the land sales of the 27th and 30th September, 1862, made such provision, and on those lands two houses and two small wooden cottages have been improperly erected. The attention of the Crown Law Officers has been called to the matter. Several others of the allotments have been subdivided and sold, but that does not appear to be contrary to the terms of sale.

(2.) The most of this question is answered by my answer to question number one; but I may add now that the Worshipful the Mayor has had his attention called to nuisances on certain of the lands.

(4.) Refreshment Rooms at Singleton and Murrurundi Railway Stations:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he say why tenders are not invited separately for the Refreshment Rooms at Singleton and Murrurundi Railway Stations?

(2.) Will he cause separate tenders to be invited?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There is nothing in the specification or conditions to prevent persons tendering for the lease of the Refreshment Room at each Station.

(5.) Railway to Wilcannia:—Mr. Bodel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state when the plans and sections of the Railway to Wilcannia from Manildra Creek to Forbes will be laid before Parliament?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As early as practicable.

(6.) Conditional Purchases made by Agents:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has there been a uniform practice in the Department of Crown Lands as to the recognition of conditional purchases (whether mineral or otherwise) when taken up by means of agents?
- (2.) If not, what were the differences in the practice, and the respective periods of the same?
- (3.) If the practice has been uniform, what has it been, to pass the selections, or to declare them void?
- (4.) What course in this matter will be pursued by the Department of Lands for the future?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The practice cannot be said to have been entirely uniform, because it varied with changes in the law at different periods. Up to 1875 it was customary to recognize all conditional purchases whether made by agents or not. Since that year no original conditional purchase, except for mineral purposes, has been recognized unless made by the applicant in person; but, under legal advice, applications for additional conditional purchases and for conditional purchases for mining have from time to time been received from agents. With regard to the latter, since March, 1881 (in consequence of an opinion expressed by the late Minister for Lands), the practice has been to require that the purchases should be applied for in person.

(4.) Should the new Land Bill become law there will be no more new mineral conditional sales, but mineral lands will only be obtainable on lease. Additional conditional purchases may be made by an agent, but not so the original conditional purchase in virtue of which the additional are sought.

(7.) Evening School at Tamworth West:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he received an application with reference to establishing an Evening School at Tamworth West; if he has, will he grant the application?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—It does not appear that any application of the kind has been received.

(8.) Manilla Public School:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Did he receive a report from the District School Inspector of the want of increased accommodation at the Manilla Public School, and what was the purport of such report?
- (2.) If the report recommended increased accommodation, will he have tenders called for same at once?
- (3.) What is the number of children upon the roll of such School?
- (4.) What is the average attendance?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—

(1.) The District School Inspector has reported that the existing schoolroom is large enough for the present requirements, being 26 feet long, 17 feet wide, and furnished with sufficient desks and forms to seat sixty pupils.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) The number of children upon the roll of such School for the quarter ending 30th June, seventy-seven; for the quarter ending 30th September, seventy-six.

(4.) The average daily attendance for the same periods was forty-one and fifty-one respectively.

(9.) Bridge at Manilla:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a Bridge at Manilla; and will he have it attended to at once.

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—Tenders were invited nearly twelve months ago, and the ironwork has been let in England; delivery will be commenced in March. Fresh tenders for the erection will be invited within a month.

(10.) Prisoners for trial at Tamworth:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that prisoners who are in custody, and have to attend trial at the Circuit Court, or Quarter Sessions, or prisoners on remand who are brought from the Gaol at Tamworth, have to do so in an open vehicle?
- (2.) Will he have this practice discontinued, and a closed vehicle provided instead?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a covered vehicle is not provided at Tamworth.

(2.) The matter shall receive due consideration.

(11.) Prisoners for trial at Parramatta:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the prisoners in custody at the Gaol at Parramatta when required to answer charges have to walk through the town to the Court-house?
- (2.) Will he have a closed vehicle provided for their conveyance from the Gaol to the Court-house?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—I am informed that an omnibus is used when necessary.

(12.) New Court-house at Manilla:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Did he receive a petition or report from the Magistrates at Manilla as to the desirableness of erecting a new Court-house in that township, and what was the purport of that petition or report?
- (2.) Did *Mr. Henry*, the Inspector of Public Buildings, report that a new Court-house was necessary; or what was the purport of his report?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to place a sum upon the Estimates for the erection of a new Court-house in that town?

*Mr. W. J. Foster* answered,—

(1.) Such a petition has been received pointing out the necessity for more commodious premises.

(2.) No report in the matter appears to have been received from *Mr. Henry*.

(3.) This matter is still under consideration, and will be determined shortly.

(13.) Parramatta Court-house:—*Mr. Levien* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the increased population and business transacted at the Parramatta Court, have the length of the proposed new building increased?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—A tender has already been accepted, which will increase the Court-room considerably.

(14.) Approaches to Tumberumba Bridge:—*Mr. Levin*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will instructions be issued to proceed with the approaches to the Tumberumba Bridge?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—Tenders will be invited at once.

(15.) Auction Sales of Crown Lands at Moree and Narrabri:—*Mr. W. R. Campbell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does the Government intend to stop the wholesale alienation of Crown Lands by auction until this House has decided upon the provisions of the proposed new Land Bill, especially the 8,873 acres on two Runs alone, advertised for sale at Moree on the 1st of next month, and again 9,043 acres on the same Runs on the 15th, and another 5,370 acres on the 29th at Narrabri?

(2.) Is it a fact that these Pastoral Lessees have had large portions of their Runs surveyed for auction sale, while Conditional Purchases in the same district remain unsurveyed for months?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—

(1.) I am seeking from the Surveyor General information as to the accuracy of certain allegations in the Honorable Member's questions.

(2.) Probably I shall be able to answer to-morrow.

(16.) School Attendance Officers:—*Mr. Beyers* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the remainder of the thirty Attendance Officers under the Public Instruction Act be appointed, for whom provision was made in the Estimates for 1882?

*Mr. Suttor* answered,—The compulsory clause of the Public Instruction Act is being gradually brought into force in the Country Districts, and these officers are appointed as their services are required.

### 3. PAPERS:—

*Dr. Renwick* laid upon the Table,—Reports on the prevalence of the Rabbit Pest in the Colony, recently received from various Inspectors.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Suttor* laid upon the Table a Return showing the results of examination of Messrs. Thornton and Friend, and Mrs. Bardwell, for first-class certificates as School Teachers.

Ordered to be printed.

4. MR. ELLIOTT, PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AT QUIPOLLY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Levien* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters forwarded to the Minister for Public Instruction signed by *Mr. Frederick Burden*, *Mr. John Conlon*, *Mr. James Taylor*, and *Mr. William Waddell*, with reference to certain charges alleged by those gentlemen against *Mr. Elliott*, Public School Teacher at Quipolly.

(2.) Also copies of all letters and reports sent by the said *Mr. Elliott* to the Minister for Public Instruction, and all letters and documents relating to this matter.

Question put and passed.

5. ALLOTMENT 8 OF SECTION 5 HOSKINS-STREET, TEMORA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Levien* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all papers, transfers, and documents, relating to Allotment 8 of Section 5, Hoskins-street, Temora, in the name of *Mrs. Bennett*, and *William Able*, and *Charles Hills*.

(2.) Copies of the evidence taken in the Warden's Court, Temora, in the case of *O'Malley v. William James Hills*, agent for *Mary Bennett*, and *O'Malley v. William Able* and *Charles Hills*, in respect of said allotment, and the Warden's decision or finding on the hearing of the said cases.

(3.) Copies of all correspondence to and by the Mines and Lands Departments in connection with, or in any way relating to, the said allotment.

(4.) Copies of all papers showing why the decision of *Mr. Warden De Boos* in the complainant's favour in the case of *O'Malley v. Able* and *Hills*, heard in the Warden's Court, Temora, on the 17th day of August last, was not recognized by the Department of Lands.

Question put and passed.

6. THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF STOCK (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, and other documents relative to any complaint of or on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Sheep Directors of the Young District against the Chief Inspector of Stock.

Question put and passed.

7. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Combes* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon Rotton's Estate Bill.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. R. P. Abbott*, *Mr. Byrnes*, *Mr. George Campbell*, *Mr. William Clarke*, *Mr. Douglas*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Fraser*, *Mr. Hungerford*, *Mr. Kerr*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Levin*, for *Mr. Day*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Albury Gas Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Jacob*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Cass*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Copeland*, *Mr. Joseph P. Abbott*, *Mr. Levin*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Farnell*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Wisdom*, read a third time, and passed.

*Mr. Wisdom* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th October, 1882.*

10. MANAGEMENT OF THE QUARANTINE STATION AND THE HULK "FARAWAY":—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House, having considered the reports of the Royal Commission appointed on the 13th September, 1881, to inquire into and report upon the management of the Quarantine Station, North Head, and the hulk "Faraway," and the evidence taken, feels bound to express its profound regret at the mismanagement of the Quarantine Station and the treatment of the people detained there during the late outbreak of small-pox in this city, and desires especially to disapprove of the instructions given by the Treasury Department prohibiting the free use of the telegraph wire by persons confined in quarantine desirous of communicating with their relatives and friends.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Copland,  
Mr. Fergusson,  
Sir Patrick Jennings,  
Mr. Melville,  
Mr. O'Connor,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Stuart.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Slattery,  
Mr. Tarrant.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Byrnes,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. George Campbell,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. See,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Hezlet,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Lackey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Immigration:—Mr. Bodel asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he state if he has made any arrangement by which the British Government will assist the emigration of Labourers from the United Kingdom to this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge of any arrangement of the kind.

(2.) Resumption of Land at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Davies, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money has been paid to the Government witnesses in the Darling Harbour Resumption Cases, the names of witnesses in each case, and the amount paid to each witness?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Return is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as it is completed.

(3.) Doughboy Hollow Run:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is the lease of the Doughboy Hollow Run still in force?
- (2.) Is the Village of Doughboy Hollow a Reserve out of that lease?
- (3.) What is the area of it?
- (4.) When was it proclaimed?
- (5.) Has it been withdrawn from lease; if so, when; and if not, will it be?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) 640 acres.
- (4.) The reserve from sale for the 640 acres was proclaimed on the 24th December, 1861.
- (5.) Yes; it was withdrawn from lease as No. 8 on the 9th March, 1858.

(4.) Claim of Joshua Hughes to Land at Parramatta:—*Mr. McElhone*, for Mr. McLaughlin, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Joshua Hughes, of Narrandera, blacksmith, through the Court of Claims, instituted a claim in his own right to a piece of land at Macquarie-street, Parramatta, known as Lot No. 15 Section 12?

(2.) Is it a fact that the claim of the said Joshua Hughes was, after due notice to all parties, duly inquired into on the 25th day of May, 1880, before the Court of Claims, consisting of Commissioners Holroyd and Owen?

(3.) Is it a fact that evidence on oath was taken, and the Commissioners, after a careful hearing of the case, reported in favour of the issue of a grant to the claimant?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Government adopted the Commissioners report, and directed the grant to issue?

(5.) Is it true that, owing to some influence used on behalf of or at the instance of the Borough of Parramatta, the issue of the grant was withheld, and a re-hearing of the case directed by the Government?

(6.)

(6.) Is it a fact that the claimant, Hughes, by his Solicitors, protested against the hardship and expense of another re-hearing, and that notwithstanding the same, after due notice to all parties, and after special notice to the Borough of Parramatta, such re-hearing took place on the 9th day of June, 1881, before the Court of Claims, consisting of the Commissioners, Messrs. Holroyd and Wilkinson; that witnesses for and against the claimant were sworn and gave evidence, and that the Court reported in favour of the claimant.

(7.) Is it a fact that there is no other *bonâ fide* claimant; if not, will the Government supply the name of such other claimant, and the grounds of his claim?

(8.) Is it true that the Government upon such report advised and directed the issue of the grant to the claimant, Joshua Hughes?

(9.) Has such grant issued; if not, will he say when it will issue?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) I believe so.

(2.) I believe so.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No; the Governor has not approved of it, nor has he been so advised.

(5.) A re-hearing was, I understand, suggested by my predecessor in office.

(6.) Only a re-hearing has been authorized, and that I understand was objected to, as stated by the Honorable Member. The Court again reported in favour of the claimant.

(7.) The Government have a claim for breach of conditions by original lessee of the land, who had a right of purchase.

(8.) No; the Governor has not approved, nor been so advised.

(9.) No; the matter is now in the hands, for inquiry, of a Select Committee of this House, and I shall offer no advice until I see their report.

(5.) Site for New Houses of Parliament:—Mr. Bodel asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say if it is his intention to ask Parliament to approve of the land lately occupied by the Garden Palace being set apart as a site for the new Houses of Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have never entertained the idea of selecting the site of the Garden Palace as the site of new Houses of Parliament.

(6.) Tanks on Railway Reserves:—Mr. Bodel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a clause to be inserted in all Railway Construction Contracts to provide for the excavation of Tanks to conserve water along the Railway Reserves in the interior?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is not considered desirable to add this work to the Contract for Construction of Railways; nor, if the Tanks are to be used for public purposes, can the Railway Votes be made available for them. If such Tanks are required for Railway purposes they will be provided.

(7.) Captain Armstrong:—Mr. William Forster asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to a series of Questions numbered 3 on the Business Paper of 18th October, and in particular to question 3 of the series, and the answer thereto of the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the inquiry held in a tent or in an ordinary building?

(2.) If a tent, was it open to the public?

(3.) Was any public intimation given to that effect?

(4.) Were other persons present than the officials and parties directly concerned?

(5.) Have the Government come to any decision upon the other charges besides the one relating to the illegal sale of liquors?

(6.) Have any other charges or complaints been made against Captain Armstrong than those dealt with by the inquiry before Mr. Commissioner J. Bowie Wilson?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) In a tent.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A public intimation was made that the inquiry would be held.

(4.) I am not aware. No one was prevented from entering the tent.

(5.) No.

(6.) No.

(8.) Horses for Telegraph Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is the contractor for the supply of ponies or horses for the Electric Telegraph Department for the present year?

(2.) How many has he or they supplied up to date, and what is the contract price per head paid for them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) There is no contractor for the supply of ponies or horses for the Electric Telegraph Department.

(2.) Six ponies have been purchased from various parties, at a cost of £10 each, since the 1st of January last.

(9.) Mr. Oscar Meyer:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Copland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. Oscar Meyer accredited to the Vienna Geographical Congress as the Representative of this Colony; if so, what monetary consideration was Mr. Meyer to receive by virtue of his occupying such position at the Congress?

(2.) Has Mr. Meyer furnished any report of the Congress; and if so, will the Minister lay such report upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Mr. Oscar Meyer was appointed to represent this Government at the Geographical Congress which was held at Venice (not Vienna) in September, 1881. No salary was offered to Mr. Meyer; but he undertook the office on condition that his expenses of attending at Venice were paid, and these expenses were limited to £200.

(2.) Mr. Meyer's report has not yet been received in Sydney, though I believe it has been forwarded to the Agent General.



(10.) Mr. Baker :—Mr. Fremlin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Police Authorities prosecuting earnest inquiries about the missing Mr. Baker, who has not been heard of since the 9th September?

(2.) Is it a fact that he cashed a cheque for £150 before noon on that day, was afterwards seen in company with a man going towards the Railway Station, and nothing more heard of him from that time?

(3.) How long was the matter in the hands of the Police before reporting it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Baker cashed a cheque obtained from a Building Society on the 9th ultimo for £150, but it has not been ascertained that he was seen on that day in company with a man going towards the Railway Station.

(3.) Mr. Baker's disappearance was reported to the Police at No. 2 Station between 8 and 9 p.m. on the 11th ultimo; his description was immediately circulated in the usual manner, and the Police instructed accordingly.

(11.) Destruction of the Garden Palace :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to offer a substantial reward with the view, if possible, of leading to the discovery of some clue being obtained to the origin of the destruction of the Garden Palace by fire?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to offer any reward, and the Police Authorities report that it would be very inexpedient to do so.

(12.) Recreation Grounds at Molong, Cudal, and Eugowrie :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in having the land applied for as a Recreation Ground or Racecourse at Molong, Cudal, and Eugowra, dedicated for public purposes?

Sir John Robertson answered,—There has not apparently been any delay in dealing with these matters. The proposed dedication of the Molong Recreation Ground is now before the House. The application for the Cudal Recreation Ground is with Mr. Surveyor Pinnington for report and survey. The survey of the Recreation Ground at Eugowra has been received, and is being dealt with in the Survey Office.

(13.) Railway Sleeping-cars :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the Sleeping-car is taken off the Western Line; if so, will he say for how long, and why?

(2.) Would he state the number of Sleeping-cars that are now available for public use, and on what Lines are they used?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; from Wednesday to Saturday (inclusive) of this week. The stream of traffic on the days named will be to Melbourne, and the Sleeping-cars are more urgently required on the Southern Line, where they will be filled, whereas on the Western Line they are seldom filled.

(2.) Six large Sleeping-cars and two "Hudson" cars; they are used on the Southern and Western Lines.

(14.) Report of Commission on Theatres :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he be good enough to inform the House if any report has been made by the Royal Commission on Theatres?

(2.) If so, what action has been taken by the Government?

(3.) Is it intended to lay any report upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Commission has not made its final report; but a Progress Report, dated the 1st of August, has been received.

(2 & 3.) No course has been determined upon in respect to that report, and it is not usual to consider a matter of the kind until a final report has been made, unless in the case of some very pressing emergency.

(15.) Great Northern Road at Armidale :—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he reply to my correspondence in reference to blocking up the Great Northern Road at the entrance to Armidale by the Railway?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A reply will be sent to the Honorable Member in a few days.

2. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire within the City of Sydney and its Suburbs*,"—which was read a first time.

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

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th October, 1882,—

"Licensing Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the Trustees of the New South Wales Savings Bank.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 3rd October, 1882,—"Storage of Powder."

Ordered to be printed.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, had been pleased, under the powers conferred by the Electoral Act of 1880, to declare by Proclamations published in the *Government Gazette* that the following Electoral Districts are entitled, by reason of the increase of the number of Electors on the Rolls, to return severally at the next General Election one additional Member to the Legislative Assembly, viz.:—Balmain, Bourke, and St. Leonards, now returning one Member each, and Canterbury and Redfern, now returning two Members each.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
President.

DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th October, 1882.*

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,  
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 1. *After "presides" insert "In the case of a new district or in any emergency the Minister may appoint the Returning Officer and in that of existing districts the Chairman of the outgoing Board of Sheep Directors shall be the Returning Officer"*
- " clause 2, lines 6 and 7. *Omit "result of the voting" insert "voting papers with a statement thereof"*
- " clause 2, lines 7 and 8. *Omit "thereupon make up and declare the poll" insert "as soon as practicable on a day and hour to be fixed announce the result of the election and publish the same in the Gazette Provided that in all cases of doubt or dispute the decision of the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer as the case may be shall be final and conclusive Provided also that any vacancy in a Board of Directors caused by death resignation absence of more than six months from the district or otherwise shall be filled up by the Board at a special meeting of which not less than ten days notice shall be given to the Members of the Board No candidate shall be eligible for election unless he shall have been nominated in writing by two persons qualified to vote and the nomination paper with the candidate's consent thereto shall have been placed in the hands of the Returning Officer at least fourteen days before the day of election In the event of only five persons being nominated the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the said persons to be duly elected."*

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Employers Liability Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to extend and regulate the liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their service*,"—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 October, 1882.

JOHN HAY,  
President.

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th October, 1882.*

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,  
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 26. *At end of sub-section 2 add " Provided that where a rule or by-law has been approved or has been accepted as a proper rule or by-law by any department of the Government under or by virtue of any Act of Parliament it shall not be deemed for the purposes of this Act to be an improper or defective rule or by-law."*
- " clause 2, lines 30 to 37. *Omit "entrusted with any duties of superintendence in or over that department in which the defect or negligence existed whether such superintendent be ordinarily engaged in manual labour or not unless the injured person should himself perform duties of superintendence in which case such person must have given notice to the employer or to a person entrusted with any superintendence over himself" insert "superior to himself in the service of the employer"*
- " clause 2, line 37. *After "unless" insert "he was aware that"*
- " clause 2. *After clause 2 insert the following new clause:—*
- " 3. The amount of compensation recoverable under this Act shall not exceed such sum as may be found to be equivalent to the estimated earnings during the three years preceding the injury of a person in the same grade employed during those years in the like employment and in the district in which the workman is employed at the time of the injury."
- " clause 3, line 41. *Omit "twelve" insert "six"*
- " clause 3, line 42. *Omit "twelve" insert "six"*

Limit of sum  
recoverable as  
compensation.

- Page 3, clause 5, lines 4 to 7. *Omit* "All the provisions of this Act shall have effect and be  
 "enforced by every Court in every case notwithstanding any contract or agreement  
 "excluding all or any of the provisions of this Act or otherwise interfering with the  
 "operations thereof Provided that"  
 ,, clause 5, line 9. *Omit* "the Court shall take into consideration"  
 ,, clause 5, line 11. *After* "injury" *insert* "shall be taken into consideration"  
 ,, clause 7, lines 49 and 50. *Omit* "and that the defect or inaccuracy was for the purpose  
 "of misleading"  
 ,, clause 8, line 56. *Omit* "or domestic"  
 Page 4, clause 10. At end of clause *add* "and shall continue in force till the thirty-first day of  
 "December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five and to the end of the then next  
 "Session of Parliament and no longer unless Parliament shall otherwise determine and  
 "all actions commenced under this Act before that period shall be continued as if the  
 "said Act had not expired."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

6. WATERING PLACES AND RESERVES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
 On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
7. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson 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. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
 On motion of Mr. Watson, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Supply for Township of Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What course do the Government intend taking in reference to the Water Supply for the Township of Greta?

Mr. Lackey answered,—An officer of the Department will be sent to report on the matter.

(2.) Tolls on Newtown and Cook's River Roads:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Tolls on the Newtown and Cook's River Roads?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The matter has been engaging the attention of the Government, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

(3.) Light on South Head of Botany Bay:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to put a light on the South Head of Botany Bay to prevent such serious losses as have recently occurred in Port Hacking bight?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The Government, on the advice of the Marine Board, do not consider it necessary to place a light on the place indicated, which is only about ten miles distant from the Macquarie light.

(4.) Police Magistrates at Orange and Dubbo:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The amount allowed to the Police Magistrate of Orange in the shape of travelling expenses when visiting Molong and Toogong; the rate per trip or mile, and the amount paid annually during the last five years respectively; also the amount of extra salary (if any) that is allowed?

(2.) The same with regard to the Police Magistrate of Dubbo visiting Obley?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) The amount allowed to the Police Magistrate, Orange, for visiting Molong, was as follows:—1877, £31 5s.; 1878, £31 5s.; 1879, £32 10s.; 1880, £25; 1881, £30. For visiting Toogong, 1877, £37 10s.; 1878, £41 5s.; 1879, £45; 1880, £37 10s.; 1881, £45. The rate allowed is 25s. per diem, but no extra salary.

(2.) The amount allowed to the Police Magistrate, Dubbo, for visiting Obley, was as follows:—1877, £22 10s.; 1878, £38 15s.; 1879, £32 10s.; 1880, £11 5s.; 1881, £43 15s. The rate allowed is 25s. per diem, but no extra salary.

(5.) Railway Extension, Murrumburrah to Blayney:—Mr. George Campbell, for Mr. Ryrie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether he has received a Petition signed by a large number of the residents of the Town and District of Young, setting forth objections to the construction of that portion of the Railway Line—"Extension Murrumburrah to Blayney, part 1"—which affects the Town of Young; and if so, whether the objections set forth in the said Petition have been considered by the Governor and Executive Council pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Council 22 Victoria No. 19; and is it intended to "confirm or alter," and confirm with alterations the map or plan and book of reference of the said Line?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Petition was duly received, and has been reported upon by the Engineer-in-Chief, who is of opinion that the route adopted would do the least damage to the Town of Young, and gives a more favourable site for a Station than could have been provided on the deviation proposed by the Petitioners. The suggestions made by the Petitioners will, with the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, be considered by the Governor and the Executive Council, in pursuance of the provisions of the Railway Act before the plan of the Line is finally adopted.

- (6.) Mr. J. Stocks, J.P. :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Carter, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he say when the papers respecting complaints made against Mr. J. Stocks, J.P., ordered on the 14th December, 1881, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—Some of the papers have unfortunately been mislaid, but I will endeavour to have them completed and laid upon the Table without delay.

- (7.) Streets in the City of Sydney :—*Mr. Douglas*, for Mr. H. C. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is any Government Department responsible (and if so, which) for the aligning, widening, and opening of such Streets in the City of Sydney as may be required for the convenience of the Citizens?

(2.) Has the attention of that Department been drawn to the fact that a large store is in course of erection on the alignment of Moore-street, Pitt-street, facing the eastern front of the General Post Office, and preventing the proposed widening of that Street?

(3.) Is any action in respect of this building contemplated?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No Government Department is responsible in this case.

(2.) No.

(3.) The City Corporation seems to be the proper authority to deal with these matters.

2. MR. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL :—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Roche Ardill, representing that he is a Licensed Surveyor of New South Wales, and in that capacity made certain surveys in the Districts of the Lachlan and Wellington, and that the Surveyor General declined to receive them, on the ground that they were incorrect, and also removed his name from the list of Licensed Surveyors whose work would be acknowledged by the Government; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.

3. TRAMWAY TO BONDI :—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from the Owners and Occupiers of property at Bondi, and in the City of Sydney, alleging that they suffer great inconvenience from the want of sufficient transit accommodation between Bondi and the City; and praying the House to take into consideration the necessity for constructing a Tramway Line to connect Bondi Beach with the existing Tram-line at the Waverley Tea Gardens.  
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 12th September, 1882,—“Mr. Colin Simson.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1882,—“Applications by Agents for Conditional Purchases.”

(3.) Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the Frauds committed by H. V. Harris, late Accountant of the Department of Lands, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.  
Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1882,—“Roads in the County of Gordon.”

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 26th September, 1882,—“Roads through Mr. Collins’s Land, and through the Segenhoe Estate.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 11th October, 1882; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 17th November.

Question put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. W. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

Delivered by Sir Henry Parkes.

(1.) Fire Brigades Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 12.*

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

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

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

(2.)

## (2.) Local Government Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

*Message No. 13.*

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

*Government House,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

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

## (3.) Sale and Supply of Gas Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

*Message No. 14.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale and Supply of Gas and for other purposes.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

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

Delivered by Mr. W. J. Foster.

## (4.) Judges Salaries and Pensions Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

*Message No. 15.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

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

Delivered by Dr. Renwick.

## (5.) Pastures and Stock Protection Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

*Message No. 16.*

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

*Government House,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

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

8. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
9. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect Pastures and Stock.  
Question put and passed.
10. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL :—Mr. W. J. Foster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. WATERING PLACES AND RESERVES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Sir John Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be recommitted" for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 5."  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 5,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.

On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

12. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.*"

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 Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

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

14. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Dr. Renwick, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 26th October, 1882.*

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Land Machinery Regulation Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

16. FORESTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Renwick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. John Brown,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Byrnes,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Douglas,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. W. J. Foster,	
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Kidd.
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. Hezlet,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Beyers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Young.
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fergusson,	
Mr. William Forster,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Levin,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read second time.

Dr. Renwick 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 in detail.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday, 15th November.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Bridge over the Snowy River, at Buckley's Crossing:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to take any steps towards the erection of a Bridge over the Snowy River, at Buckley's Crossing?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—£5,000 has been noted for consideration on Estimates for 1883 for this Bridge.

(2.) Stores at Little Bay Sanitarium:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Copland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the value of the stores at the Little Bay Sanitarium when the typhoid fever patients were transferred from the Sydney Infirmary to that Institution?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The information asked for will be supplied in the course of next week.

(3.) Wages of Coach and Waggon Builders on Railway Works:—*Mr. Poole*, for Mr. Fremlin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the coach and waggon builders on the Railway Works have an increase of wages, the same as the carpenters have?

(2.) Is he aware that the Government is paying less than private firms to their men?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Yes, if it be found they are entitled to an increase on the basis laid down for the payment of that class of labour.

(2.) It is not generally the case; but it has been ascertained that in some few cases the men are paid less than the rate paid in private establishments. The rates are being revised.

(4.) Immigrants by the "Northampton":—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of Immigrants who arrived by the "Northampton"?

(2.) The names of the single men, their nationality, and religious classifications?

(3.) The same with reference to the single women?

(4.) The like information about the married people?

(5.) How many were nominated by friends in the Colony?

(6.) Under what regulations were they brought out?

(7.) What will be the cost to the Colony per head of these Immigrants?

*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—In the course of next week I will lay upon the Table a Return giving the information which the Honorable Member seeks.

(5.) Tramway to Balmain and Ryde:—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is a survey being made for Tramway to Balmain and Ryde, *via* Parramatta Road and Norton-street, Leichhardt?

(2.) In view of the necessity for providing additional and speedier communication between these Districts and the City, will he give instructions for this survey to be pushed forward without delay?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Yes, directions have been given.

(2.) Yes.

(6.)



- (6.) Tram-cars supplied by Hudson Brothers :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What number of Tram-cars have Hudson Brothers to supply per week or month under their present contract?
  - (2.) Have they delivered that number to date?
  - (3.) Does their contract for Cars include Bogies for same?
  - (4.) How many have been delivered complete, with Bogies?
  - (5.) How many have been delivered without Bogies, and has delivery been taken of incomplete work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Under their first contract they had to supply four Cars in three months from 3rd May; their second contract was for the supply of twenty-eight Cars, one to be supplied every third day from 24th July, 1882.

(2.) No.

(3.) These Cars are not made with Bogie frames.

(4.) Sixteen Cars have been delivered complete.

(5.) None have been delivered with or without Bogies, as Bogies are not specified for. Four Cars have been stored in Tramway-yard waiting for wheels to be supplied by Department, but delivery has not been taken of them.

- (7.) Railway from Homebush to the Hawkesbury :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the re-survey or the re-preparation of the plans of the section of the Railway Line from Homebush to the Hawkesbury be proceeded with?

(2.) When is it probable tenders will be called for the construction of this section?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Surveyors are now employed in re-surveying this section, and the work will be completed as early as practicable.

(2.) It is not possible at present to specify the date.

- (8.) The Eight-hour System of Labour :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware, as stated in the Public Press, that certain workmen employed by Hudson Brothers, who are on strike for the maintenance of the Eight-hour System, have been informed by their employers that they can get their places supplied by others?

(2.) In view of this statement, will he take steps to inform the proper authorities under the Agreements Validating Act, by cable, to take the proper precaution to inform any men who may be engaged under its provisions that eight hours is the current day's labour, and that by engaging for longer hours they are being asked to enter into an engagement under the exceptional circumstances alluded to?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am not aware, from personal knowledge, of the circumstances to which the Honorable Member refers.

(2.) I do not think it is any part of the duty of Government to make any such communication as that to which the Honorable Member alludes, or in any way to interfere with the relations between employers and employed.

- (9.) Waterproof Clothing for Tramway Conductors :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the men employed as Conductors on the Tramways asked to be supplied with overcoats for inclement weather; and if so, is it intended to grant their request?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes, it is intended to supply them with waterproof coats and leggings.

- (10.) Royal Commission on Friendly Societies :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Royal Commission on Friendly Societies yet in existence, and when are they likely to finish their work?

(2.) Are any of the officials being paid for their services in connection with the said Commission; and if so, at what rate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the report of this Commission is not brought up in consequence of some delay in getting the Actuary's report, but that the inquiry will be closed in a short time.

- (11.) Public Tanks on Roads in the Electorate of The Namoi :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has, or will any provision be made on the coming Estimates for Public Tanks, Dams, or Wells on the following Roads :—Between Rocky Glen and Coonabarabran; between Rocky Glen and Mellaly; Bagot's Road, Moonee, to Narren River; an additional Tank on 60-mile track from Barwin to Narren River; between Narren and Bokirah Rivers; on Travelling Stock Reserve, near Older's Conditional Purchase, on road Coonabarabran to Winjidgeon and Baradine?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The necessity of providing for the construction of Tanks or Wells between Rocky Glen and Coonabarabran, between Rocky Glen and Mellaly, and between Bangate and Gadooga, is being considered by the Government in the general question of outlay on Tanks for 1883, for which provision will be made on the coming or Additional Estimates. The local officer is reporting on the necessity for further works between the Barwon and Narren, and on the advisability of opening so many routes between those rivers. Report will be obtained from the local officer as to the necessity for a Tank between Coonabarabran and Winjidgeon.

- (12.) Streets in Harris Park, Parramatta :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Streets in Harris Park, Parramatta, be proclaimed?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The Streets were proclaimed in the *Government Gazette* of 21st July, 1882, folio 3790, but the confirmation is delayed in consequence of an alleged encroachment upon private property, which is now under consideration

- (13.) Tramway to Queen-street :—Mr. Hezlet asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Will he say why the work is stopped on the double line of Tramway to Queen-street, thereby causing great inconvenience to travellers ?  
 (2.) When will the work be resumed, and on what date will the line be opened ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The work is not stopped.  
 (2.) The double line will be completed in about three weeks from this date.
- (14.) Mrs. Emma Louisa A'Beckett :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Purves*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Has a Petition been received at the Office of the Colonial Secretary for presentation to His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of Mrs. Emma Louisa A'Beckett, praying that a nominal defendant might be named in an action Mrs. A'Beckett intended to commence against the Government ?  
 (2.) On what date was it received ?  
 (3.) Has that Petition been presented ?  
 (4.) If presented, on what date was it presented ?  
 (5.) Has a nominal defendant been appointed ?  
 (6.) If the Petition has not been presented, will he say why it has been delayed ?  
 (7.) Where is the Petition now ?  
 (8.) Have any replies been sent from the Colonial Secretary's Office to letters from Mrs. A'Beckett's Solicitors of 12th and 19th July last, and 4th October instant, inquiring if the Petition had been presented ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) 23rd June, 1882.  
 (3 and 4.) It has not been presented to the Governor in Council.  
 (5.) No.  
 (6.) The Petition for appointment of a nominal defendant was delayed because it appeared unnecessary to allow the matter to go to the Supreme Court when every means were being used for the speedy settlement of the claim.  
 (7.) In the Colonial Secretary's Office.  
 (8.) Yes; verbal replies were sent to Mrs. A'Beckett's Solicitors on several occasions to these letters.

- (15.) Unsurveyed Conditional Purchases and Survey of Swamp Lands in Electorate of The Macleay :—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. R. B. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) What is the number of unsurveyed selections already made in the District of the Macleay ?  
 (2.) The cause of delay in surveying the swamp lands in the Parishes of Arakoon, Kinchela, and Cooroobongati ?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) There are one hundred and sixty-three conditional purchases now in course of measurement.  
 (2.) From a report made by the Surveyor General it appears that the swamp lands have been surveyed. Further inquiry will be made.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th September, 1881,—  
 "Free Railway Passes."  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. SALE AND SUPPLY OF GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Supply of Gas, and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day in reference to "Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company" postponed until Friday, 10th November.
5. CONGREGATIONAL UNION INCORPORATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put, and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
 On motion of Dr. Renwick, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. Garrard, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intitled "*An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 27th October, 1882.

7. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Suttor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.

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

8. WATERING PLACES AND RESERVES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the Regulation of Public Watering Places and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass 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 for the regulation of Public Watering Places and the protection of certain Reserves from trespass and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th October, 1882.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 40.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1882.

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

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1883, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1882 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. James Watson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1883, together with Supplementary Estimates for the year 1882 and previous years.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 31st October, 1882.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Chrysostom O'Mara, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Tumut.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—DEATH OF WILLIAM FORSTER, ESQUIRE, M.P.—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House of the death of William Forster, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai,—and moved, That, as a mark of respect for the memory of the late Mr. William Forster, this House do now adjourn.
- And Mr. Stuart having seconded the Motion,—  
Debate ensued.
- Question put, That this House do now adjourn.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Burns,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Davies,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Douglas,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Hezlet,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lockey,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Levin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Edmund Barton,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Pigott.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Fergusson,  
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. James Dalton, J.P.:—*Mr. Hezlet*, for Mr. Cooke, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he made inquiries respecting the matter of James Dalton, a Justice of the Peace, and his presiding over a Meeting recently held in the Hall of the School of Arts, Orange, in the interests of the Irish Land League; if so, will he state fully the result of such inquiry?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue to subsidise the Orange or Bathurst Schools of Arts, or like Institutions, if the buildings are used for disloyal purposes, such as Meetings in the interests of the Irish Land League?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have looked through the reports of what was said at these Meetings, and I can see nothing that would justify the Government in interfering with the speakers. With regard to the use of the Halls of Mechanics Institutes for political purposes, the Grants to these Institutions are given on the understanding that they will not be so used, and I will take care that a communication to that effect is made to these particular Institutions.

(2.) Imports and Exports at Moama.—Customs Revenue collected at Deniliquin:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Hay, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The annual value of Imports and Exports at Moama for the last five years?

(2.) Amount of Customs Revenue collected at Deniliquin annually for the last five years?

Mr. James Watson answered,—I shall presently lay upon the Table of the House an answer to the Honorable Gentleman's questions in the shape of a Return.

(3.) Recreation Ground for Alexandria:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the twelve acres Recreation Purchase for Alexandria,—from whom has it been purchased?

(2.) Do the twelve acres include the ten acres reserved in the Waterloo Grant, now Cooper's Estate?

(3.) What steps, if any, have been taken to carry out the promise made by Mr. Hoskins, when Minister for Lands, to resume and dedicate the ten acres reserved in the Waterloo Grant, now part of Cooper's property?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The land in question (the exact area of which is eleven acres one rood eleven perches) was the property of Mr. William Cooper, and formed portion of the Waterloo Estate. It has not been purchased, but resumed under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act in conjunction with a block of similar dimensions, portion of the Malcolm Estate, so as to form an extensive Park for Macdonald Town, Alexandria, and the surrounding districts.

(2.) No.

(3.) The notice of resumption is about to be submitted for the signature of the Governor, and will be duly notified in the *Government Gazette*.

(4.) Tramway from Newtown to Cook's River Dam:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that by an Act of the Legislature of New South Wales, passed in May, 1879, viz. 43 Vic. No. 25, a line of Tramway was authorized to be constructed from Newtown to Cook's River Dam, and the necessary money was placed on the Estimates to carry out said works?

(2.)

- (2.) Are they aware that various Public Meetings have been from time to time held on the subject, and several Deputations have waited on the Honorable Minister for Works for the purpose of urging upon the Government the necessity of carrying out the said Tramway extension?
- (3.) Are they aware that the said Tramway would pass through a thickly populated Municipality, St. Peters, and that the present means of transit to and from Cook's River and Newtown is wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the large amount of passenger traffic on the said line of road?
- (4.) Will the Government reconsider this matter, and have further inquiry made, that the numerous inhabitants of this Suburb may have the same facilities to reach the City as other Suburbs now possess?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; the line would pass through a moderately populated Municipality, but it is not known that the present means of transit are wholly inadequate. On the contrary, it is understood that this neighbourhood is supplied with omnibus accommodation of about the same character as other Suburbs were supplied with before the introduction of Tramways.
- (4.) I must repeat the reply given to the Honorable Member's question a few evenings since, viz., that it is proposed to await the effect of the Railway to Illawarra in meeting the requirements of the residents in the neighbourhood of St. Peters.
- (5.) Letters of Registration of Inventions:—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Return "Letters of Registration of Inventions," ordered by this House on the 5th September, be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—The Return in question is in hand, and the preparation of it is being proceeded with as speedily as circumstances will admit, and the information, which extends over a period of nearly thirty years, shall be laid upon the Table of this House as soon as it may be practicable to do so.
- (6.) Horses for Telegraph Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who is the person or persons who supplied the six ponies to the Telegraph Department at £10 each this year?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Four were supplied by Mr. H. H. Brown, one was supplied by Dr. Brown, one by Mr. A. Geary.
- (7.) Recreation Ground for Muswellbrook:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What steps, if any, have been taken to reserve the land belonging to G. and C. Bowman, at Muswellbrook, asked for as a Recreation Reserve?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to grant the land asked for as a Recreation Reserve at Muswellbrook?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Lands:—
- (1.) A report has been received from the District Surveyor recommending the resumption of sixty-eight acres thirteen perches of the land in question for a Recreation Ground.
- (2.) The report is now under consideration.
- (8.) Robbery at Darling Harbour Railway Station:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the large sum of money lately supposed to have been stolen from a clerk at Darling Harbour Railway Station, and for which a man was lately prosecuted and dismissed,—Is any inquiry being held by the Railway Officials in the matter?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The matter is now in the hands of the Crown Law Officers.
- (9.) Surveyor Cobcroft:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What salary does Surveyor Cobcroft, who is working in the Scone District receive, and what pay do his four men receive, and what is the nature of the work he is supposed to do?
- (2.) How much work has Surveyor Cobcroft done for the last three or four months?
- Sir John Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Salary, £300 per annum; labourers wages, 5s. each per diem.
- (2.) I have received a report from the Surveyor General to the following effect:—"During the month of July Surveyor Cobcroft did eighteen days office work, and was absent with leave seven days; during August he was engaged on office work twenty-three days, and was travelling two days; during September he was engaged in the field fourteen days, office work seven days, and was absent three and a half days. Within this period (three months) he sent in fourteen plans, most of them representing extensive surveys."
- (10.) Mr. Wise, Agent for Immigration:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What salary does Mr. G. F. Wise receive as Immigration Agent, and from any other Government employment?
- (2.) As considerable time elapses between the arrival of each Immigrant Ship, what work is Mr. Wise supposed to be performing in the meantime?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) The salary of the Agent for Immigration is £500 per annum. Mr. Wise is also a Member of the Board of Immigration without salary, and has no Government pay from any other source.
- (2.) Mr. Wise's time is occupied as Immigration Agent; he is charged with the conducting of all the various duties of his department, such as a large and detailed correspondence with and on account of Immigrants, their relatives and friends, &c., before and after the arrival of each ship, the daily receipt of and accounting for moneys deposited towards Assisted Immigration, the replying to constant personal inquiries on Immigration subjects, also the investigating of the daily applications of persons unemployed in Sydney, and the carrying out of the system adopted of giving free passes to the country in cases deserving the concession.
- (11.)

- (11.) Land Sale at Junee Junction:—*Mr. Loughnan*, for Mr. Douglas, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Government land surveyed as Township Allotments at Junee Junction be offered for sale?

Sir John Robertson,—The instructions for the survey of the land are now with the District Surveyor; the allotments will be offered for sale without unnecessary delay.

- (12.) Post and Telegraph Office, Narrabri:—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Post and Telegraph Office accommodation at Narrabri is not sufficiently adequate for the requirements of the place, and that the public are sustaining much inconvenience in consequence?

(2.) Will steps be taken to enlarge and make the necessary additions required?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that an officer of the Postal Department is at the present time at Narrabri making inquiries as to the sufficiency of the existing postal accommodation at that place.

- (13.) Additional Railway Train to Campbelltown:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a Memorial been presented to the Commissioner for Railways from a number of season ticket-holders and residents asking for additional trains to Campbelltown?

(2.) In view of accommodating the increasing passenger traffic on the Southern Line beyond Granville, is it the intention of the Government to run an additional train from Granville to Campbelltown in conjunction with the 4.25 train from Sydney to Parramatta?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) An application to this effect was received.

(2.) Arrangements are being made for running an additional train to Campbelltown.

- (14.) Illawarra Railway:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any diversion been made in the Railway Line to Illawarra from Kogarah to George's River?

(2.) Was any such deviation in the Line sanctioned by Parliament?

(3.) Does such deviation run through Oatley's Grant; if so, how many Railway Stations are to be made thereon?

(4.) What are the names of the persons who own the aforesaid Grant known as Oatley's?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The centre line of the working plan is identical with that sanctioned by Parliament.

(3.) The Line, as sanctioned by Parliament, runs through Oatley's Grant. No provision has been made for any Railway Stations on that portion of the Line.

(4.) C. Cecil Griffiths is the name of the owner, as entered in the Book of Reference.

- (15.) Mr. Collier, Telegraph Assistant, Cassilis:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has Mr. Collier, Assistant in the Telegraph Office at Cassilis, been in the Government employ?

(2.) How long was he employed in the Newton-Boyd Telegraph Office, and at what salary?

(3.) How long has he been employed in the Telegraph Office, Cassilis?

(4.) What are the names of the persons who recommended Mr. Hatch for the office of Telegraph Operator at Newton-Boyd?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Postmaster General:—

(1.) Five years, but only as messenger at Cassilis.

(2.) Seventeen weeks, with salary at the rate of £52 per annum, which was paid to him as messenger at Cassilis, and an allowance whilst in temporary charge.

(3.) Five years.

(4.) Mr. Fletcher, M.P., and Mr. Mattvieff, Superintendent of Telegraphs in Queensland.

- (16.) Railway Carriages built by Hudson Brothers:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the latticework, or venetian blinds, in the windows of First-class Railway Carriages built by Hudson Brothers, and used on the Great Northern Line, are falling to pieces?

(2.) If not, will he inquire into the matter, and take steps to prevent Hudson Brothers foisting such inferior slopwork on the Government?

(3.) Who is responsible for such inferior work being passed; and will he take steps to have him punished for allowing such carriages to be paid for?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The latticework of two or three venetian blinds in carriages lately supplied to the Northern Line by Hudson Brothers have fallen out on account of a slight shrinkage of the timber.

(2.) Hudson Brothers are to be charged with the cost of replacing the latticework.

(3.) The officer responsible brought the defect under attention, which led to the contractors being surcharged.

- (17.) Public School at Narrabri:—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) When is it intended to call for tenders for the promised additions, alterations, window blinds, &c., for Narrabri Public School?

(2.) Is it a fact that numbers of the children have to be taught in the weather-shed, as the School will not hold all the pupils?

(3.) Is it true the Infant School-room is so crowded they have to be taught outside, there being over one hundred in number and only one teacher, and the heat at times 120° in the shade?

(4.)

(4.) That the water is getting unfit for use, and the closets disgustingly filthy, and only one for use of girls and boys?

(5.) Has the Inspector's report been received; and if so, is it intended to erect a new School at Narrabri affording all necessary accommodation?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) It is intended to call for tenders for all authorized improvements about the end of the present week.

(2.) The School Buildings will accommodate two hundred pupils, the average attendance for the last quarter being one hundred and eighty-three; there is therefore no necessity to use the weather-shed for teaching purposes.

(3.) There is no Infant School-room in connection with this School. The teaching staff until recently consisted of four Teachers. An additional Teacher was appointed on the 19th instant, and the appointment of another will be made as early as practicable.

(4.) Steps have been taken to ascertain if the water can be improved, and also for emptying of the closets.

(5.) The Inspector's report has been received; and, inasmuch as that officer considers that the existing buildings afford sufficient accommodation for the present attendance, it seems unnecessary to erect a new School-room.

(18.) Approaches to Narrabri Railway Station:—*Mr. Young*, for *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the dangerous state of the approaches and fences to Narrabri Railway Station, caused by stumps and heavy sand, and that the train arriving after dark makes travelling to and fro unsafe?

(2.) Will immediate steps be taken to render the road from the town and approaches in thorough good order?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No report of this kind has been received by the Government.

(2.) Inquiry will at once be made.

(19.) Grammar Schools:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What steps have been taken to give effect to a Resolution of this House, agreed to on the 5th March, 1878, viz. :—

“(1.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on the Estimates for the year 1879, for the establishment of Grammar Schools at Maitland, Goulburn, and Bathurst.

“(2.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates an annual sum

“not exceeding £1,500 to provide for the education for five years in the Grammar Schools of the

“Colony of ten boys to be selected annually by competitive examinations from the Public Schools

“of the Colony, and for the education in the University of five boys to be annually selected by

“competitive examination from the boys of the said Grammar Schools, and whose abilities in the

“opinion of the Examiners make it desirable that they should receive the advantages of a

“University education.

“(3.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause Rules to be framed for the conduct of the

“above Examinations”?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Arrangements are now being made for the establishment of High Schools in place of the Grammar Schools mentioned in the Resolution of the House, and for the granting of Exhibitions to such Schools and to the University.

2. VACANT SEAT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That the Seat of *William Forster*, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said *William Forster*, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

*Mr. James Watson* laid upon the Table a Return showing the Annual Value of Imports and Exports at Moama for the last five years; and the amount of Customs Revenue collected at Deniliquin annually for the last five years.

Ordered to be printed.

*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 31st August, 1882,—“Freeholds in the Colony exceeding 100,000 acres in area.”

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Suttor* laid upon the Table a Return respecting School Attendance Officers.

Ordered to be printed.

4. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL:—

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

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th October, 1882.

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

(2.)



- (2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL LEASES AT VEGETABLE CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the applications of Messrs. Elder & Lewis, of 20th January, 1878, and 9th June, 1879, for mineral leases of lands at Vegetable Creek; as also a copy of their application of 16th October, 1879, for a mineral conditional purchase of 60 acres at Glen Innes; also copy of application of Frazer & Party, of 11th July, 1881, for a mineral lease of 40 acres at Vegetable Creek; also copy of application of R. W. Williams, of 15th July, 1881, for a mineral lease of 60 acres at Vegetable Creek; also of application by T. A. Elder, of 25th May, 1882, for a mineral conditional purchase of 60 acres at Tenterfield; also copy of application of Alfred Edward Freeman, of 26th May, 1882, for a mineral lease of 40 acres at Vegetable Creek; and also copies of all correspondence, plans, minutes, *Government Gazettes*, and papers connected therewith.  
Question put and passed.
6. APPLICATION FOR GOLD-MINING LEASE AT COPELAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the application of Carl Scott and others for Gold-mining Lease No. 399, Copeland, and cancellation of same.  
Question put and passed.
7. RESERVES ON POCKATAROO AND OREEL RUNS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—  
(1.) The area and number of all Reserves on the Pockataroo, Oreel, and other Runs (exclusive of Dildrool), in the name of Thomas Cook, Esq., in December, 1880, and the dates on which such Reserves were made.  
(2.) The number and area of all Reserves on Pockataroo, Oreel, and other Runs, standing in the names of Walsh, Elliott, and Rennie.  
(3.) The number and area of all Reserves, and purposes for which they were made, on the above Runs, standing in the names of Messrs. Walsh, Elliott, and Rennie, since the date of the transfer to them by Mr. Cook, and the name or names of all persons who applied for them; the dates of such applications, and copies of all minutes, letters, and correspondence in reference to the same.  
Question put and passed.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(2.) *Resolved*.—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,060 for Department of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1883.  
On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
10. PAPERS:—  
Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1883.  
(2.) Appendix to the Ways and Means, for the year 1883.  
(3.) Explanatory Statement of the Public Accounts of New South Wales, as embodied in the Ways and Means, for the year 1883.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table a Return respecting the Immigrants by the Ship "Northampton."  
Ordered to be printed.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Crown Lands Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
12. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect Pastures and Stock.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to protect Pastures and Stock.  
On motion of Dr. Renwick, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 15th. November.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Police Magistrates at Inverell, Tenterfield, and Glen Innes :—Mr. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What salaries do the Police Magistrates at Inverell, Tenterfield, and Glen Innes respectively receive?

(2.) How many Police Court cases have been tried at the respective Courts held at the above Towns, including Vegetable Creek, between 1st July, 1881, and 30th September, 1882?

(3.) Does he intend to place the Police Magistrate at Glen Innes on the same footing as regards salary as those at Inverell and Tenterfield?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

(1.) The Police Magistrate at Inverell, visiting Tingha, Ashford, and Bundarra, receives £400 per annum; the Police Magistrate at Tenterfield, visiting Wilson's Downfall, receives £450 per annum; and the Police Magistrate, Glen Innes, visiting Emmaville, late Vegetable Creek, receives £350 per annum.

(2.) At Inverell, 316 cases; at Tingha, 174 cases; at Bundarra, 60 cases; at Ashford, 14 cases; at Tenterfield, 350 cases; at Wilson's Downfall, 59 cases; at Glen Innes, 858 cases; at Emmaville, 317 cases.

(3.) It is proposed on the Estimates for 1883 to increase the salary of the Police Magistrate at Glen Innes from £350 to £400 per annum.

(2.) Applications for Gold Mining Leases :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Return moved for by me on 4th of October last relative to granting and refusals of Gold-mining Leases be laid upon the Table?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The Return is being prepared, and I hope to be able to lay it upon the Table in about a week or ten days.

(3.) Mr. Sempill, late Official Assignee :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, for Mr. Pilcher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Government take steps shortly after the death of the late Mr. R. H. Sempill, an Official Assignee of the Insolvent Court, to ascertain the state of his Official Trust Account, and the position of the various Insolvent Estates under his administration?

(2.) Was an investigation made in the above matter, and was a report made to the Government thereon?

(3.) Will the Colonial Treasurer lay the report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I have no objection to lay a copy of the Report upon the Table; but I presume the Appendix, which is of a very voluminous character, will not be required.

(4.) William Keys's Conditional Purchase at Gunnedah :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did William Harris, on 23rd June, 1881, conditionally purchase at Gunnedah five hundred and sixty acres of land?

(2.) Was the land transferred to Mr. William Keys since that date?

(3.)

- (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. William Keys has written several letters in reference to the surveying of this land to the Lands Department, and that none of these letters have been replied to?  
 (4.) Is it true that Mr. Surveyor Goodwin telegraphed to the same Department, or any branch of it, for instructions to survey the land, and that his telegrams were not replied to?  
 (5.) Has the land yet been surveyed; and if not, when will it be?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Yes; on 27th March, 1882.  
 (3.) No; the only letter received on the subject was from Mr. James Crombie Gray, as agent for Mr. William Keys, dated 13th June, 1882 (acknowledged on the 15th), and a telegram from the same party received on the 10th, and acknowledged on the 11th July, 1882. The writer was informed by letter in reply, dated 22nd July, 1882, that the matter was under reference to the Surveyor. A letter had, on 24th April previous, been received from Mr. William Keys relating to a supposed excess of stamp duty on the transfer, and acknowledged on the 25th April, 1882.  
 (4.) No.  
 (5.) It is not known whether the survey has been completed; the papers relating to it were referred to the District Surveyor on 5th June, 1882.

- (5.) Sale of Land at Railway Station, Narrabri:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any determination been arrived at by the Minister in reference to the sale of lands at the Railway Station, Narrabri?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to sell the lands there; and if so, when?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) No.  
 (2.) I cannot at present state more than I did in reply to the Honorable Member for The Namoi on the 3rd ultimo,—that the sale of the lands will depend on whether or not it becomes desirable.

- (6.) Mr. Oliver Saunders:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What was the date of the appointment of Mr. Oliver Saunders to the Commission of the Peace?  
 (2.) Has he since that date to the present time continued to be a Justice of the Peace?  
 (3.) Why were not the papers relating to the complaints against Mr. Saunders in reference to John Flood published, in compliance with the Order of this House of the 13th October last?  
 (4.) Will he cause copies of these complaints to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The 16th of February, 1870.  
 (2.) Yes.  
 (3 and 4.) I can find no record of any papers answering to the terms of the Honorable Member's question.

- (7.) Mr. Yetman Holmes:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers in reference to Mr. Yetman Holmes be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With regard to this question, we cannot lay our hands upon these papers; they appear to be absent from our office in some other department.

- (8.) Stock Road from Moonbi to Tamworth:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Did he receive a letter from Mr. Levien with reference to a Stock Road from Moonbi to Tamworth; and what does the Minister intend to do in the matter?

Dr. Renwick answered,—Yes; and I understand the matter has been reported upon by Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst, but the report is still under the consideration of the Surveyor General, and consequently has not yet reached me. On receipt of the report the matter shall be at once dealt with.

- (9.) Police Reserve at Nundle.—Common at Happy Valley:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will his decision be made known as to what action he intends to take in answer to the Petition from the people at Nundle about the Police Reserve; and will he say what is being done about the Common at Happy Valley?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Trustees of the Nundle Common, which contains 1,922 acres, applied for an additional area of 7,000 acres, which would include Happy Valley Creek. It was considered that the area of the Nundle Common was ample, and a decision to that effect was conveyed to the Chairman of the Trustees by letter dated the 15th April last. The other portion of the question relates to a matter appertaining to the Colonial Secretary's Department.

- (10.) Tank at Court-house, Barraba:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is being done with reference to the tenders for the Tank at the Court-house, Barraba; and when will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A tender for the Tank referred to has been accepted, and the work will be carried out without delay.

- (11.) Railway Carriage Door-fasteners:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to Mr. Jacob's question, put on 10th March, 1880, regarding the practicability of adopting self-acting catches or fasteners for doors of Railway Carriages, said to be used in Victoria, and the Minister's answer that inquiry would be made as to their efficiency,—Would he be good enough to state what has been the result of the promised inquiry?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The result of the inquiry was that the catches used could not be beneficially adopted on our Lincs, and that they were being abandoned in Victoria.

(12.) Accidents on Tramways :—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Jacob's questions of 1st September last in regard to "guards or cow-catchers" being applied to Tram-motors, and the Minister's reply that "experiments are now being made with two designs which have been suggested," and Mr. Jacob's further inquiry of the 4th ultimo as to what had been the result of the experiments, and the Minister's statement that a safety-guard had been fixed but not yet reported on,—Has a report been yet received; and if not, would he be good enough to say when it is probable that a report will be sent in, and what has been the cause of delay in so important a matter?

(2.) Has he any objection to state why the other of the "two designs" has not been fixed with the view of trying its efficacy, although the Minister had stated so far back as 1st September last that "experiments were then being made with two designs"?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No report has been furnished; but two cars have been fitted and running for some time. The arrangement will prevent hard substances from getting under the wheels, and so far accomplish the end desired. Another design commending itself to the Department has been submitted, plans of which are prepared, and will be made and fixed without delay.

(2.) An alteration in the design has been made by the designer since the date mentioned, drawings of which are completed, and the work is now being carried out.

(13.) Robbery at Darling Harbour Railway Station :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In respect of the robbery said to have been committed on the Railway Official, Mr. Phillips, coming from Darling Harbour Railway Station,—Is it not a fact that on the day of the alleged robbery that Phillips paid away cheques to the amount of over £60 to carters for the delivery of goods from the Darling Harbour Station from the moneys received by him for the Government, and that he usually paid these persons by cash?

(2.) Is it a fact that Phillips called on a firm in town and received a cheque from them, and that he paid the said cheque away to a carter, thereby leaving a larger cash surplus in his hands than he would have had had he followed the usual practice adopted by the Department?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) With some slight modification as to details, the answer to this question is also in the affirmative.

(14.) Adulteration of Food and Drink :—Mr. Tarrant asked the Attorney General,—When will he be prepared to introduce a Bill to deal with the adulteration of food and drink, as promised in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This Bill will be brought in, but I do not think I can fix the time of its introduction—probably within the present month.

2. MRS. CLYNE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—Mr. Jacob, for Dr. Ross (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 12th September, 1882; together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Combes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 24th October, 1882; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Combes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 17th November.  
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of the Cootamundra Pastoral and Agricultural Association, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1881,—“Expenditure in the Murrumbidgee Electorate.”

(2.) Report by the Commissioner for Railways on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales, for the year 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

5. THE REV. CHARLES CURRY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Rev. Charles Curry and the Minister of Justice in reference to an alleged gross miscarriage of justice.  
Question put and passed.

6. JAMES RICE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MOLONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kerr, for Dr. Ross, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, reports, plans, minutes, and other documents in reference to the Conditional Purchase (76-339) made by James Rice at the Land Office, Molong, on the 24th August, 1876, in the County of Gordon; part of the said selection, it is alleged, has since been claimed by Mr. Francis Lord.

Question put and passed.

7. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY WORKS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Progress Report showing,—
- (1.) The total amount of work performed to date upon the Sydney Water Supply Works, specifying in detail the nature and extent of each kind of work.
  - (2.) The average cost to the Department, including supervision and office expenses, of each class of work done, exclusive of land.
  - (3.) The total expenditure under each separate heading for works to date.
  - (4.) The nature, extent, and estimated cost of the works yet to be done, exclusive of land.
  - (5.) The actual and estimated total cost of the works when completed, including land.
  - (6.) Same as No. 1 for the work done in the twelve months preceding the 30th of September last, together with the names of Superintending Officers in charge.
  - (7.) The names of the Resident and District Engineers, amount of salary, allowances (if any) and how much, length of service, number of sections intrusted to each officer, together with the nature and extent of the work in each case.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
- (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee } *until Wednesday next.*
- (3.) Land Machinery Regulation Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday, 15th November.*

9. SALE AND SUPPLY OF GAS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Supply of Gas, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Supply of Gas, and for other purposes.

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

10. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. J. Foster, 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 Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.

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

11. PAPER:—Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1883.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Benjamin William Roberts's Conditional Purchase at Penrith:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a Conditional Purchase of one hundred and twenty-eight acres two roods taken up by one Benjamin William Roberts at the Crown Lands Office, Penrith, on or about the 29th April, 1880?

(2.) Has any portion of that selection been since declared forfeited; and if so, on what grounds?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the portion taken up by the applicant in the name of another person in violation of the 9th section of the Alienation Act of 1875.

(2.) Parish Maps showing Crown Lands alienated:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House Parish Maps selected by the Surveyor General as characteristic of the alienation of Crown Lands, and present holding of such lands in the following Counties, one map for each County, namely, Townsend, Urana, Wakool, Sturt, Cooper, Boyd, and Waradgery?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I have strong objection to this, as I have not had time to look into the matter. My Honorable Friend gave me notice of this question only yesterday, and as I am sure he must be aware I am pretty busy, I will not allow him to pick out certain Counties of the Colony and to do with them as to him may seem meet in the way of information.

(3.) Bridge to connect Sydney and North Shore:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to an answer given to me by the Honorable the Minister, on the 20th ultimo, that the information asked for in the following questions, namely,—

(1.) Upon what date was the offer of the contractor with reference to the erection of the North Shore Bridge accepted by the Government?

(2.) What is the name, occupation, and address of the contractor?

(3.) Did the contractor submit any plans or specifications with his offer?

(4.) Was the offer accepted privately, or was competition invited in any way?

(5.) Did the Head of the Roads and Bridges Department advise the Government to close with the offer of the contractor, or did he report against it?

(6.) Is it a part of the agreement with the contractor that the Government are to support the Bill about to be introduced to give effect to their agreement with the contractor?

(7.) Is it a part of the agreement that the contractor shall be guaranteed from the Colonial Treasury interest upon something like a million sterling, or upon a less amount?

(8.) When will the Government take the House into their confidence in connection with this matter, by communicating to this House the nature of the agreement arrived at, and copies of all the papers relating to the same?

would be included in the papers which will be laid upon the Table,—Has the Minister any particular objection to giving answers to the questions?

(2.) If not, will the Minister now answer the foregoing questions, or such of them as the Minister finds it convenient to answer?

Mr. Lackey answered,—All the papers relating to the erection of the Bridge to the North Shore will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday; they will supply the Honorable Member with all the information he asks.

(4.)

- (4.) The Case of James Clifford:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that a workman named James Clifford (who was injured through working in the cylinders of the Iron Cove Bridge in March last and who is still unable to work) has repeatedly written to the Works Department for compensation?
  - (2.) Was a letter sent to him on or about the 5th of August requesting him to attend on Dr. Roberts for examination?
  - (3.) Was he examined on the 8th August by Dr. Roberts or any other medical man on behalf of the Government?
  - (4.) When was the Doctor's report received, and what was the nature of the same?
  - (5.) Was a letter received from Clifford on the 4th October stating that he was in distressed circumstances owing to his inability to work, and requesting a decision in his case?
  - (6.) Has any reply been sent in answer thereto?
  - (7.) Will the Minister cause assistance to be rendered to this man?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Clifford has applied.
  - (2.) Yes, by letter dated 3rd August.
  - (3.) Yes, by Dr. Roberts.
  - (4.) The Doctor's report was dated 24th August, and stated he did not think he was permanently injured.
  - (5.) Yes.
  - (6.) No.
  - (7.) The papers are with the legal authorities in reference to law suits being defended, and this case cannot be dealt with until a decision is arrived at.
- (5.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Eden:—Mr. Garvan asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to the series of Questions numbered 1 on the Business Paper of 18th October, asked by Mr. Garrett, and in particular to Question No. 6 of the series and the answers thereto, showing that the salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions was reduced,—Has the Clerk at Eden been required to do the duties of Land Agent since that reduction, and without extra remuneration?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—Yes; and I may mention that it has been proposed on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1883 to combine the offices of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Eden, as it is understood there is not sufficient work to require the continuance of two officers to perform those duties.

- (6.) Bridges and Ferries:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total cost of the Bridge over the Shoalhaven River?
  - (2.) Was there a Public Ferry at or about the place where the Bridge now is; and if so, what would have been the annual cost of working the same if no tolls were charged?
  - (3.) What used to be the annual cost of working the Seaham Ferry when no tolls were imposed; what does a punt for that Ferry cost, and about how long does such a vessel last?
  - (4.) What rent does the said Ferry produce?
  - (5.) Is there a Public Ferry at or near the place at the Paterson River where it is proposed to have the Bridge for which the sum of £6,000 is on the Estimates for next year; and if so, what revenue is obtained?
  - (6.) What has been the entire cost of the Bridge over the Williams River at Clarence Town, including repairs, up to the present time, and when was it built?
  - (7.) What amount was originally voted for its construction?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) £38,244 8s. 9d.
- (2.) Yes; as the river was very wide the cost of working and maintenance would have been £300 a year, and would now be considerably more, particularly if worked at night.
- (3.) About £120—£96 for wages, the balance for repairs.
- (4.) Rent for 1881, £21; rent for 1882, £6.
- (5.) Paterson punt is in the hands of the Paterson Road Trust; no information as to receipts.
- (6.) £6,426. It was finished in 1880.
- (7.) Original Vote, £5,000; Supplementary Vote in 1879, £1,006.

- (7.) Amending Mining Bill:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When does he intend to introduce the Amending Mining Bill, promised in the Governor's Speech?

Dr. Renwick answered,—A Bill to consolidate and amend the Mining Laws of the Colony has been prepared, and as soon as Government Business will allow it will be introduced.

- (8.) Officers and Crew of the "Wolverene":—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, give him any authority for the payment from Public Funds, without any Parliamentary appropriation, of the passages to England of the Officers and Crew of H.M.S. "Wolverene"?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The payment referred to was made from the "Treasurer's Advance Account," pending the Appropriation of Parliament.

2. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL:—Mr. W. J. Foster presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

3. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 24th October, 1882; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 17th November. Question put and passed.



4. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
 (1.) Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the Law respecting the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court in its Common Law Jurisdiction.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Pilcher presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make further provision for the Law respecting the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court in its Common Law Jurisdiction,*”—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 17th November.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill postponed until Friday, 17th November.
6. CONGREGATIONAL UNION INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Dr. Renwick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding certain words to clause 1.”  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
 Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding certain words to clause 1,—put and passed.  
 On motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup>, with an amendment.  
 On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
7. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT OF 1881:—Mr. Fremlin moved, pursuant to *amended Notice*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Fisheries Act of 1881.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Andrews, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Wright; Mr. Fawcett, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
8. LAND ACQUIRED BY MR. ALEXANDER RYRIE AT MICHELAGO:—Mr. Levin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) A Return, with plan, showing the position and area of all the freehold land on Mr. Alexander Ryrie’s Run at Michelago, and showing under what mode the title was acquired, and in whose possession such land now is.  
 (2.) A Return, with plan, showing the position and area of all selections upon the same Run, and in whose possession the said selections now are.  
 (3.) A Return showing the amount of interest under the Land Act of 1861, and the amount of principal and interest under the Act of 1875, paid by Mr. Alexander Ryrie, the Honorable Member for Braidwood, or paid on his account, for the present year.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Young moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Debate continued.  
 Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

The House adjourned at half-past Five o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Crown Lands sold and offered for Sale:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The total number of acres of Crown Lands sold during the ten years ended 31st December, 1861?

(2.) The total number of acres of Crown Lands offered for sale by auction as "Country lots" during the ten years ended 31st December, 1871?

(3.) The total number of acres of such Lands offered for sale by auction during the ten years ended 31st December, 1881?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The information can only be given in the form of a Return, and it will take a considerable time to prepare. I should be very glad to answer the Honorable Member, but the Under Secretary tells me it requires searches for the whole ten years, which will take a long time.

(2.) Crown Lands sold as "Country Lots":—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many acres of Crown Lands were offered for sale at auction as "Country lots" (excluding all Town and Suburban lots) during the period from 15th August to 21st September last?

(2.) How many acres of such Lands so offered were sold?

(3.) How many different persons purchased the same?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) 152,315 acres 2 roods 15 perches.

(2.) 101,656 acres 2 roods 20 perches.

(3.) Ninety-three.

(3.) Applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to answers given by the Honorable the Minister to questions asked by me on the 24th ultimo, if the practice of the Department of Lands in reference to applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases was, before March, 1881, to accept them although tendered by agents,—Will he say why, and upon whose recommendation, was the following Mineral Conditional Purchase declared void: Mineral Conditional Purchase, forty acres, taken up at Hay on the 22nd April, 1880, in the name of Lewis M'Kenzie by his agent Mr. Turnbull?

(2.) If the practice since March, 1881, has been, as stated by the Minister, to require that Mineral Conditional Purchases should be applied for in person,—Will he say why, and upon whose recommendation, was the voidance of a Mineral Conditional Purchase made a few months ago at Newcastle for Messrs. J. & A. Brown by their agent reversed?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Conditional Purchase of Lewis M'Kenzie was declared void by the late Minister for Lands, Mr. Hoskins, upon the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner, pursuant to that Minister's decision in a similar case mentioned by me in reply to the Honorable Member's previous question.

(2.) The course taken with respect to the Conditional Purchase of Messrs. J. and A. Brown, and the reasons for it, were very fully stated by me in my replies to Mr. McElhone's and to Mr. Reid's previous questions on the 31st August and 19th September last.

(4.) Insolvent Court:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have the Government leased, or agreed to lease, for an Insolvent Court a house now being built by Judge Josephson in Elizabeth-street?

(2.) If so, for what period and at what rent; and can he say what the building will cost Judge Josephson?

Mr.

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

- (1.) No; the Government have agreed to lease from Judge Josephson, for purposes of an Insolvent Court and offices, certain rooms of a building now in course of erection in Phillip-street.
- (2.) For a period of five years from the date of handing over possession of the premises, with the option of renewing same for one or two years longer if necessary, at the rate of £704 per annum; but I am unable to say what the building will cost.

- (5.) The Case of Mrs. Hayes:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to a large sum of money subscribed by the public for a Mrs. Hayes, whose husband was killed on or about the time of her arrival in the Colony, and balance of which money is now in the hands of Mr. Wise, Immigration Agent,—Will he take steps to compel Mr. Wise to hand over the portion held for her, as per his report shown to me, to Mrs. Hayes without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The reply to this question is rather lengthy. I will lay it upon the Table, and move that it be printed, in the course of the afternoon.

- (6.) Alphonse Bechet:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Edmund Barton, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Did a Deputation wait upon him some weeks ago to urge fresh inquiry into the case of Alphonse Bechet, now a prisoner at Berrima?
  - (2.) Did the Deputation lay before him certain written statements, declarations, and other papers?
  - (3.) Has he caused any inquiry to be made, with the view of ascertaining whether the allegations made in behalf of the prisoner were correct or otherwise?
  - (4.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the aforesaid papers, together with copies of any papers showing the result of such inquiry?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The declarations, &c., were submitted to the Judge who tried the case, with a view to finding whether they could have any important effect upon the question determined by the Jury, and it did not appear that they were of such a nature as to make further inquiry necessary.
- (4.) There would be no objection to the production of all the documents in the case if moved for, except the expense of printing so much matter; but I should strongly object to the separate production of isolated portions such as the statements, declarations, and papers referred to in the question.

- (7.) Plants and Seeds received from Lord Howe Island:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What quantity of palm seeds and plants has Mr. C. Moore, of the Botanical Gardens, received from Lord Howe Island?
- (2.) How were they disposed of?
- (3.) What are the market values in Sydney and in England of the same?
- (4.) What expense has the Curator or Colony been put to in paying a Collector and his passages to and from Lord Howe Island?
- (5.) Will he cause Mr. Moore to produce the accounts in connection with the above for seeds and plants sent by Captain Armstrong during the period named, on account of himself and Messrs. Shepherd & Co., and have the accounts printed and distributed amongst Members?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Moore's statement of receipts of seeds and plants received from Captain Armstrong differs materially from that of his gardener?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to this question is of considerable length; I will lay it upon the Table, and move that it be printed.

- (8.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many Conditional Purchases made since the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875 was passed have been declared forfeited for a violation of the 9th section of that Act during each of the following periods, namely, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, and from 1st January to 30th September, 1882?

Sir John Robertson answered,—During the six years first mentioned several cases of supposed violation of the section referred to were investigated, but in no instance was the evidence considered sufficient to justify forfeiture. During the present year eleven Conditional Purchases have been forfeited for the reasons stated.

- (9.) Salaries of District Court Judges:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to regulate the Salaries of the District Court Judges?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—This matter is still under the consideration of the Government, and at the earliest opportunity I will give the Honorable Member an answer.

- (10.) Fumigating Apparatus at the Quarantine Station:—*Mr. Pigott*, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is the Quarantine Station supplied with proper fumigating apparatus?
- (2.) If so, will he have any objection to state upon whose recommendation it was obtained, and when?
- (3.) What means were adopted to disinfect mails arriving in infected steamers prior to the Station being supplied with the necessary apparatus?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the Quarantine Station is provided with an apparatus made specially for fumigating letters with sulphurous acid. It consists of a large perforated copper vessel resting upon an iron furnace for the combustion of sulphur.
- (2.) Upon the requisition of the Superintendent, under direction of the late Dr. Alleyne, five years ago.

(3.) The fumigating apparatus, as described in No. 1, has been in use for the last twenty years, subject to renewal as the old one became useless. I may add that, on the recommendation of Dr. Mackellar, the present Health Officer (approved by the Board of Health), I sent to London, on the 24th ultimo, for a large hot-air disinfecting furnace of the most modern type, and embodying all the most recent improvements, for the use of the Quarantine Station.

(11.) Bridges and Ferries:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have there been any bridges built in this Colony which have superseded public ferries?

(2.) If there have, where are they situated, and what has each cost?

(3.) Are there any drawbridges in the country; if so, how many, where are they, and what does it cost to work each of them?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This information will take some time to prepare. It will be embodied in a Return and laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(12.) Port Macquarie Harbour:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps have been taken towards removing the wreck of the "Ballina" from the entrance to Port Macquarie?

Mr. James Watson answered,—A careful survey of the entrance to Port Macquarie, showing the position of the wreck of the "Ballina," has been made. It is found that the wreck is buried in the sand in such a way as to render it impossible, considering the exposed position in which it is sunk to lift it, and it is not improbable that any attempt to blow it up would only have the effect of breaking away those portions which are now above the water-level, and act as a beacon, which would leave matters worse than they are at present.

(13.) Road through Pigeon Grove, Manning River:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the road through Pigeon Grove at Redbank, Manning River, been opened yet; if not, when is this likely to be done?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The instructions to survey were issued by the Surveyor General last August, but the plan has not yet been received from the District Surveyor.

(14.) The Hastings River:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the notes, tracings, and field-books of the recent survey of the Hastings River were destroyed by fire at the Garden Palace; if so, will a re-survey be made at once, while probably the old marks are all visible or easily found?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Notes, field-books, plans, &c., were destroyed by fire at the Garden Palace. A re-survey will be made as soon as an officer can be spared for the purpose.

(15.) Reserves for Public Recreation:—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to ask Parliament for an additional Grant for the purchase of Reserves for Public Recreation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may say that it is the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to sanction the appropriation of part of the Surplus for this purpose.

2. DISTRICT COURTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the District Courts Act*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 24th November.

3. LICENSING ACT OF 1882:—Mr. Hay presented a Petition from John O. Atkinson, Chairman of a Meeting of Hotel-keepers held at South Deniliquin, complaining of the operation of the clause of the Licensing Act in reference to room accommodation in Public Houses; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1882,—"*Mr. Elliott, Public School Teacher at Quipolly*."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Agent for Immigration on the Case of Mrs. Hayes.

(2.) Information respecting Palm Seeds and Plants received by the Director of the Botanical Gardens from Lord Howe Island.

Ordered to be printed.

5. SITE FOR A RAILWAY STATION AT RYLSTONE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and petitions between persons resident in Rylstone and the Minister for Works, or any Minister or Officer of the Government, prior to the 30th September, 1882, in reference to a site for a Railway Station at Rylstone.

Question put and passed.

6. CONGREGATIONAL UNION INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Dr. Renwick, read a third time, and passed.

Dr. Renwick then moved that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Congregational Union of New South Wales*."

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 incorporate the Congregational Union of New South Wales*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 7th November, 1882.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION INCORPORATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 7th November, 1882.*

STEPHEN W. JONES,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 1. *Add to clause* "and the Committee for the time being of the said Association shall have the custody and use of the common seal of the said body corporate and a majority of the members of such Committee present at any meeting shall have power to use or direct the use of such seal for all purposes for which the use of such seal is required."

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,

Chairman of Committees.

7. COMPENSATION OF HENRY HALLORAN, Esq., C.M.G.:—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will on Friday next resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1882 a sum of £200 as compensation to Henry Halloran, Esq., C.M.G., for land taken from him by the Ashfield Municipality.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. Stattery,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. George Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Kidd.
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fawcett,	
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Fremlin,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Pigott,	
Mr. Purves,	
Mr. Reid,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Abigail,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Bodell,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Camoron,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Davics,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Fullford,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hezlet,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Levin,	
Mr. McCulloch,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Joseph P. Abbott.
Mr. O'Mara,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES HELD BY THE MESSRS. RYRIE:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Conditional Purchases standing in the name of Alexander Ryrie, Esq., M.L.A.

(2.) The names of the persons who transferred such Conditional Purchases to A. Ryrie, Esq.; the dates on which such Conditional Purchases were transferred; the area of each Conditional Purchase, and total area of all Conditional Purchases, and the district, parish, and counties they are in in name of A. Ryrie, together with particulars of all the above Conditional Purchases which have been made freehold.

(3.) The like in regard to all Conditional Purchases in the name of any person of the name of Ryrie, and copies of all correspondence in reference to any person of the name of Ryrie.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY GEORGE DAY AT THE URANA LAND OFFICE:—Mr. Ryrie moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Address adopted on 30th August, 1882, "Conditional Purchase made by George Day at the Urana Land Office," and laid upon the Table on 11th October instant, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at ten minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Parish Maps showing Crown Lands alienated:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House Parish Maps selected by the Surveyor General as characteristic of the alienation of Crown Lands, and present holding of such lands in the following Counties, one map for each County, namely, Townsend, Urana, Wakool, Sturt, Cooper, Boyd, and Waradgery, together with any similar maps for any other Counties he may select?

*Sir John Robertson* answered,—The Surveyor General tells me that he has selected no maps as characteristic of the alienation of Crown Lands and present holding of such lands in the parishes to which the question of the Honorable Member alludes. Besides the map known as the Exhibition Map, promised, which shows the alienation of Crown Lands over the whole Colony, and which will speedily be filled up to a late date, all the Parish Maps that the Surveyor General can speedily prepare will be exhibited.

(2.) Bridge over the River Williams:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the bridge over the River Williams, for which the amount of £9,000 is on the Estimates for 1883, to supersede the ferry at Seaham?

(2.) Is it to be a draw-bridge?

(3.) In what Electorate is it to be?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Durham.

(3.) Bridge over the River Paterson:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) With reference to my question of Friday last, on the same subject, unanswered,—Is the bridge over the River Paterson, for which the sum of £6,000 is on the Estimates for next year, to supersede a ferry?

(2.) In what Electorate is the said bridge to be?

*Mr. Lackey* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Durham.

(4.) Customs Officer at Port Stephens:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Who is the Tide-waiter or Customs Officer at Port Stephens?

(2.) What salary does he receive?

(3.) Was he in any similar position before; and if he was, what pay did he then get?

(4.) Was he removed for any fault of his own; if not, has he any objection to say why his services were dispensed with?

(5.) Who was his immediate successor, and what was his age?

(6.) What was his salary; and were there other expenses in conjunction with his position, such as a boat's crew, rent, &c.; and if there were, what was the total amount per annum?

(7.) Will he say why he left his position?

(8.) Has the present officer to do the same work as his predecessor, or as the boat's crew had, and has he assistance of any kind?

(9.) Has he to find his own boat?

*Mr. James Watson* answered,—

(1.) *Mr. Thomas Laman, junior.*

(2.) The same salary as that paid to Customs Officers of similar class and duties—£52 per annum.

(3.) Yes, at same salary.

(4.)

(4.) From no fault of his own. In 1879, on the recommendation of the then Acting Collector of Customs, the duties of his office were enlarged, and provision for the appointment of a Permanent Coast Waiter and boat's crew was made by Parliament.

(5.) Mr. Alfred J. Eckford, aged 27.

(6.) He was paid the amount as voted, namely, £200 per annum, which with boat's crew, £444 per annum, made the total cost at that time £644 per annum.

(7.) Mr. A. J. Eckford resigned his office.

(8.) The station at Port Stephens, at the increased cost, was lately broken up, and is now placed in its former position under the charge of a Preventive Officer, who is authorized by the Collector of Customs to employ boats or boatmen whenever such services may be required for the protection of the Revenue.

(9.) He is not required to find a boat at his own expense.

(5.) Fire Brigades Bill :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to recommit the Fire Brigades Bill for the purpose of altering the clause which gives power to destroy houses in the public interest without awarding compensation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall be prepared to recommend the Fire Brigades Bill for the consideration of any part of it which the House may desire.

(6.) Police Magistrate for Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision on the Estimates for 1883 for the appointment of a Resident Police Magistrate at Molong, the same to visit Toogong and Obley?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—The Government have not at present determined to appoint a Resident Police Magistrate at Molong.

(7.) Glebe Island Abattoirs :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of men employed at Glebe Island Abattoirs, and the number of cattle, sheep, and pigs that are on an average slaughtered every week?

(2.) The amount it costs annually to convert the blood and offal into manure; the number of tons, and the amount realized per ton for the sale of the same, together with the number of tons sold?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied next week in the form of a Return.

(8.) *Smith v. Renwick* :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How long is it since the case of *Smith versus Renwick* was heard in application for a new trial?

(2.) Can he say what is the cause of the delay of judgment being given in the above matter?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered;—

(1.) It was on the 10th May, 1882.

(2.) I have applied for information to the Prothonotary, and the answer is, "I cannot say."

(9.) Railway accommodation for the Governor's Aide-de-Camp :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true, as stated in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 7th instant, that first-class Railway passengers who had paid their fares on the Southern Railway were put into second-class carriages, whilst a Mr. Loftus, son of His Excellency the Governor, was allowed a compartment in a first-class carriage?

(2.) Did this Mr. Loftus pay his fare, or does he travel free?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) It has been ascertained that on the date referred to in the letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald* Mr. Loftus was not in the train. As regards, however, the general question, it may be stated that when the Aide-de-Camp of His Excellency is travelling on duty, carrying despatches, &c., a compartment of a carriage is reserved for his use.

(2.) When travelling on duty His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp travels free.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council authorizing the application of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 3rd October, 1882,—“Mr. H. Czerwonka.”

(2.) Return respecting Lands resumed for Water Supply Works for Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Return respecting Dredging Operations in Sydney Harbour.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1882,—“Lands resumed for Public Purposes.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until “Friday” next.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “Friday,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the word “Tuesday.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fawcett,	
Mr. W. J. Foster,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Garran.
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hezlet,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Dr. Renwick,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. Suttor,	

Noes, 41.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fergusson,	
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Heydon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Byrnes,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. William Clarke,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Copeland,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hezlet,	
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Bodel,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Garran,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Vaughn,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Roseby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. George Campbell,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. William Clarke,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Copeland,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hezlet,	
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Purves.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Bodel,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Garran,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Vaughn,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



4. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Act 37 Victoria No. 13,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1882.*

JOHN HAY,  
President.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Circuit Court at Young :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) On what dates was the Circuit Court held at Young since it was proclaimed as a town at which such Court should be held ?
  - (2.) How many prisoners were tried at each of such Courts ?
  - (3.) How many causes were tried at each of such Courts ?
  - (4.) How many cases were dealt with by the Magistrates in Petty Sessions during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, at Young ?
  - (5.) How many of these cases were under the Small Debts Act ?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—

- (1.) On the 31st March, and 2nd October, 1882.
  - (2.) Five and one.
  - (3.) One. The boundaries of this Circuit District have been, through some mistake, quite too limited, but steps have now been taken to enlarge them.
  - (4.) In 1880, 538 cases ; in 1881, 569 cases ; in 1882 (up to the 6th instant), 384 cases.
  - (5.) In 1880, 113 cases ; in 1881, 117 cases ; in 1882 (up to the 6th instant), 65 cases.
- (2.) Crown Lands Surveyed for Auction Sale :—Mr. Jacob, for Mr. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many Licensed Surveyors are now employed surveying Crown Lands for auction ?
  - (2.) The area each Surveyor has received instructions to survey ; the name of land district, the area within each district since the 1st September, 1881 ?
  - (3.) The total area applied for to be put up to auction ; the area the Minister authorized to be surveyed in accordance with the applications, giving the district and area within each ?
  - (4.) The total area of passed auction blocks unsold on the 30th September last ?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

- (1.) It is not the practice to employ Surveyors exclusively in surveying land for sale by auction ; but 110 surveyors hold instructions, among other instructions, to measure land for auction.
  - (2.) This information can only be supplied in the form of a Return, which will be compiled.
  - (3.) 2,434,755 acres, upon which guarantee deposit of £60,868 17s. 6d. was paid. The Surveyor General usually instructs the Surveyors ; only exceptional cases come before the Minister. A Return showing the instructions will be prepared.
  - (4.) 1,034,100 acres, as particularized in the list recently published officially.
- (3.) Henry Horne's Conditional Purchase at Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that the conditional purchase made by one Henry Horne (150 acres), on the 6th October, 1881, at the Molong Land Office, County of Ashburnham, is taken up as a dummy selection, and is it the intention of the Minister to take any action or proceedings in the matter ; if so, when ?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The papers relating to the conditional purchase of Henry Horne have been referred to, including several letters from Dr. Ross, M.P., urging the claim of Henry Boradell in opposition to that of Henry Horne. There is no statement in the papers that the selection is a dummy selection, nor is there any other report to that effect ; there has not, therefore, been any suggestion or intention of taking proceedings in the case. Certain points requiring decision with respect to the measurement of the conditional purchases have been considered and decided, and due instructions have been given with respect to them.

(4.)

- (4.) Pymont Bridge Road :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the road from Pymont Bridge to the Abattoirs is in a very bad state, and will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to have it properly repaired without delay?  
Mr. Lackey answered,—The road is now in a much better state than it was some months ago, and the difficulty of getting a supply of blue-metal alone delays further improvement.
- (5.) Hunter-River Steamers :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the tonnage of the steamer "Maitland"?
  - (2.) What number of passengers is she licensed to carry in the Harbour?
  - (3.) What number when at sea?
  - (4.) What number of boats is she supplied with, and what number of persons are these boats capable of carrying?
  - (5.) The same information with regard to the steamers "Morpeth," "Coonanbara," "Kembla," and "City of Brisbane."
  - (6.) Is each of these steamers supplied with boats and life-buoys, as provided for by the Act 35 Vic. No. 7?
  - (7.) When was an inspection made to ascertain the facts in the last question?
  - (8.) How often have the Marine Board inspected the above steamers this year prior to their leaving the ports of Sydney and Newcastle; and where were such inspections made, and at what hour?
- Mr. James Watson answered,—
- (1.)—(1.) The "Maitland" is 555 tons.  
(2.) She is licensed to carry 358 passengers in harbour.  
(3.) She is licensed to carry 400 at sea.  
(4.) She carries four boats, which are capable of carrying 127 people.
  - (2.)—(1.) The "Morpeth" is 359 tons.  
(2.) She is licensed to carry 700 passengers in harbour.  
(3.) She is licensed to carry 325 at sea.  
(4.) She carries four boats, which are capable of carrying 91 persons.
  - (3.)—(1.) The "Coonanbara" is 567 tons.  
(2.) She is licensed to carry 850 passengers in harbour.  
(3.) She is licensed to carry 300 at sea.  
(4.) She carries four boats, which are capable of carrying 95 persons.
  - (4.)—(1.) The "Kembla" is 282 tons.  
(2.) She is licensed to carry 654 passengers in harbour.  
(3.) She is licensed to carry 150 at sea.  
(4.) She carries three boats, which are capable of carrying 53 passengers.
  - (5.)—(1.) The "City of Brisbane" is 504 tons.  
(2.) She is licensed to carry 700 passengers in harbour.  
(3.) She is licensed to carry 300 at sea.  
(4.) She carries four boats, which are capable of carrying 100 passengers.
  - (6.) Yes.
  - (7.) Frequent inspections have been made. A particular inspection is always made to ascertain the facts in the last case when these vessels are surveyed to obtain a renewal of their certificates.
  - (8.) The Marine Board have never officially inspected these steamers; but the officers of the Board have frequently inspected them, both at Sydney and Newcastle. The Sydney Inspectors report that they have visited them about fifty times during the present year between the hours of 7 and 11 p.m. The Newcastle Inspector records twenty-one visits to the "Coonanbara," fourteen to the "City of Brisbane," eighteen to the "Kembla," eight to the "Morpeth," and twelve to the "Maitland"; and he, moreover, reports that he has visited them daily without making a record to this effect in his journal.
- (6.) Sale of Liquor on Hunter River Steamers :—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the stewards on board the passenger steamers between Newcastle and Sydney are in the habit of selling liquor on such steamers whilst they are at the wharfs in the ports of Sydney and Newcastle?
  - (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to put a stop to the practice?
- Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—
- (1.) I am aware that stewards on board passenger steamers between Newcastle and Sydney were in the habit of selling liquor while at the wharfs; but I am informed that, though it may sometimes now be done, the practice is exceptional in consequence of the action taken by the Inspectors. I am also informed that the Honorable Member for Gunnedah expressed himself to Sub-Inspector Lenthall that the practice had been greatly put a stop to.
  - (2.) Further steps will be taken to stop the practice altogether by putting in force the very heavy fine attached to such an offence.
- (7.) The Treasurer's Advance Account :—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he be good enough to state the total amount of payments from his Advance Account during the year 1881, under the following heads: "Pending Warrants," "Supplementary Votes," "New Services."  
Mr. James Watson answered,—Pending Warrants for payments out of Other Votes, £36,223 0s. 7d.; Supplementary Votes, £146,766 18s. 2d.; New Services, £105,422 3s. 1d.
- (8.) Pymont Bridge Company :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that in the Pymont Bridge Company's Act of Incorporation it is provided that the Pymont Bridge Company should make and keep, or keep, the Road from the Bridge to the Toll-bar, Parramatta Road, in repair?
  - (2.) Have the Company kept this road in repair; if not, why; and how long is it since they were released from keeping road in repair?
  - (3.) What amount did the Government pay the Company for the Penny Bridge across Blackwattle Bay?
  - (4.) What amount have the Company asked the Government for the Pymont Bridge?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The road in question was purchased by the Government from this Company for the sum of £10,000 about ten years ago, since which time the Company ceased to have any responsibility in connection therewith. The cost of the bridge across Blackwattle Bay was included in the £10,000 referred to. The Company ask £75,830 6s., which they state is the total cost of the bridge, roads, &c., plus the 10 per cent. secured to them by their Act, subject to the deduction of the £10,000 already paid.

2. **MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL**.—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from John Broomfield, Chairman of the body of Directors of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort's Bay, and to establish new Roads in lieu thereof. And Mr. Cameron having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 1st November, 1882,—“Applications for Mineral Leases at Vegetable Creek.”  
Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 1st November, 1882,—“Applications for Mineral Leases at Vegetable Creek.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 1st November, 1882,—“Application for Gold-mining Lease at Copeland.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. J. Foster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 10th October, 1882,—“Stephen Murphy.”

4. **BENJAMIN WALLACE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON BANDO STATION** (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) The date of application by Benjamin Wallace to select at Gunnedah (under the 13th clause of the Lands Act) 100 acres of land on the Messrs. J. F. and H. White's Bando Station, together with copies of all correspondence by any person on his behalf relating to his conditional purchase, and copies of minutes, memorandums, letters, &c., from the Minister for Lands, or any official of the Lands Department, in reference to said conditional purchase of B. Wallace, and the claim made by Messrs. J. F. and H. White to purchase Wallace's conditional purchase in virtue of improvements.

(2.) Copies of all letters, correspondence, &c., by or from Messrs. J. F. and H. White, by their agents Wilson and Ranken, or any one on their behalf, to purchase B. Wallace's conditional purchase in virtue of improvements, and the nature of such improvements, and the value placed on them by the Messrs. White, their employés or agents.

(3.) Copies of all correspondence by Surveyor Goodwin, and his report or reports as to nature and value of all improvements on land selected by Wallace and claimed by Messrs. White in virtue of improvements.

(4.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., of whatever nature or kind from any person in reference to Wallace's conditional purchase claimed by the Messrs. White.

Question put and passed.

5. **THOMAS JAMES ROGERS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT TUMUT** (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., in reference to a Conditional Purchase taken up by Thomas James Rogers at Tumut on 31st May, 1877, or 1st August, 1878, together with copies of any instructions to Surveyor to measure this land; also copy of instructions (if any) regarding a re-survey said to cut off a great part of Rogers's improvements; also copies of any correspondence from the Surveyor or any other person relating to the same.  
Question put and passed.

6. **MESSRS. H. H. BROWN AND CO.** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters, or any correspondence, between the firm of H. H. Brown & Co., or any member of it, on behalf of or as agents for Mr. Keogh, in reference to the putting up to sale by auction the pre-lease of a person named Frater, and the Minister for Lands, and any official of the Lands Department.

(2.) The like in regard to any letters or correspondence between the firm of H. H. Brown & Co., or any member of it, acting as agent for a person named Frater, to the Minister for Lands, or any official in the Lands Department, requesting that the land containing his or her pre-lease may be withdrawn from sale by auction.

(3.) The like in regard to any correspondence in reference to the sale of Frater's pre-lease by H. H. Brown & Co., or any member of the firm, and the Minister for Lands, or any official of the Lands Department.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. **APPLICATIONS FOR A MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT EAST MAITLAND** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A copy of Mrs. Lane's application for a mineral conditional purchase of a portion of land at East Maitland or Newcastle Districts.

(2.) Copies of all minutes, memoranda, and recommendations on the subject of such application by the Local Officer, the Minister for Lands, or any official through whose hands the matter has passed.

(3.) Copies of all correspondence which has passed between the Local Office, the Land Office, and the applicant, or any person acting on her behalf, on the subject.

(4.)

(4.) A Return showing the date of Messrs. J. & A. Brown's application for a mineral conditional purchase of the same land, the date of forfeiture, and the date of the subsequent selection by Messrs. J. & A. Brown.

(5.) Copies of the several applications by Messrs. J. & A. Brown to select the said land.

(6.) Copies of all minutes, memoranda, and recommendations on the subject of such applications by the Local Officer, the Minister for Lands, and any official through whose hands the matter passed.

(7.) Copies of all correspondence on the subject by the Local Officer, the Crown Lands Office, and the applicants, or any persons acting on their behalf.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Jacob, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 20th October, 1882; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.

9. NOXIOUS TRADES:—Mr. Fremlin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," an area of land within easy access of Sydney should at once be set apart for lease or sale to persons engaged in noxious trades.

(2.) That a Bill should be introduced for regulating the sale or lease of such lands, as well as for protecting the persons from vexatious prosecution while carrying on their business within the boundaries of the aforesaid area.

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

Debate ensued.

Dr. Renwick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "House," with the view to the insertion in their place of the words "a Royal Commission should be appointed without delay to classify all noxious or offensive trades, and to report upon the conditions of safety to the public health under which such trades should be carried on."

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

Debate continued.

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

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

Main Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed without delay to classify all noxious or offensive trades, and to report upon the conditions of safety to the public health under which such trades should be carried on,—put and passed.

10. MRS. CLYNE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase," brought up on the 2nd November, 1882, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Carter,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Fawcett,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Hezlet,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Mitchell,	

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Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Tecca.
Mr. Cass,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. Cramsie,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Fremlin,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Loughnan,	
Mr. Martin,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 24th November.

11. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Cass moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th November.  
Question put and passed.

12. MR. R. H. SEMPILL, LATE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE IN INSOLVENT ESTATES:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Pilcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the report made to the Government with reference to the state of the Trust Account and the positions of the various Insolvent Estates under the administration of the late Mr. R. H. Sempill.  
Question put and passed.

13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT OF 1881:—Mr. Fremlin (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Mr. Abigail be substituted for that of Mr. H. C. Dangar on the Select Committee appointed on the 3rd instant to inquire into and report upon the working of the Fisheries Act of 1881.

Question put and passed.

15. MANAGEMENT OF THE CIRCULAR QUAY:—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) "That" a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges made by Mr. Garvan, a Member for Eden, on the 25th October last, against the Colonial Treasurer's management of the Circular Quay.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Jacob, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," in the first Resolution, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "when any motion is made for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into charges against a Member of this House, it is incumbent upon the Member so moving to state in his notice of motion specifically the charges into which he asks this House to authorize inquiry."

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

Debate continued.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Farnell asked the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether the Motion on which this Debate arose was in order, reference being made therein to a prior Debate of the present Session.

Mr. Speaker said that the Motion was not in order, on the ground that it referred in direct terms to a speech delivered during a previous Debate of the present Session, and in its discussion necessitated a reference to such Debate.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. James Watson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

17. ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. H. C. Dangar, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

18. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on "Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company" postponed until Friday, 1st December.

19. LAND ACQUIRED BY MR. ALEXANDER RYRIE AT MICHELAGO:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Levin, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return, with plan, showing the position and area of all the freehold land on Mr. Alexander Ryrie's Run at Michelago, and showing under what mode the title was acquired, and in whose possession such land now is.

(2.) A Return, with plan, showing the position and area of all selections upon the same Run, and in whose possession the selections now are.

(3.) A Return showing the amount of interest under the Land Act of 1861, and the amount of principal and interest under the Act of 1875, paid by Mr. Alexander Ryrie, the Honorable Member for Braidwood, or paid on his account, for the present year,—

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Davies requiring that the Resolutions be put *seriatim*,—

Question,—That the Resolutions be put *seriatim*,—put and negatived.

The Original Question was then put and negatived.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 47.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Prisoner Joseph Bell:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—If any Petition has been received, signed by the Mayor, Aldermen, Magistrates and others of Orange, praying for the remission of sentence passed on one Joseph Bell at the Orange Quarter Sessions on the 28th February, 1882, for horse stealing; if so, has any action been taken in the matter; what is the nature of the same, and when will the remission of sentence, if any, take effect?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—Yes. The case has been as fully investigated as its nature would permit, and inquiry made from every available trustworthy source, and, as the result, the Petition was refused. This prisoner's sentence of nine months will, however, expire on the 27th of November instant.

- (2.) Works of Art in the Art Gallery and Garden Palace:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return moved for by me on the 14th September last, in reference to Works of Art in the Art Gallery and Garden Palace, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the course of next week, I think.

- (3.) Volunteer and Permanent Artillery Forces:—*Mr. Jacob*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return moved for by me on the 6th October, in reference to Volunteer and Permanent Artillery Forces, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the course of a few days—a fortnight perhaps.

2. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents, in certain cases.

Question put and passed.

3. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort's Bay, and to establish new Roads in lieu thereof.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Cameron having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort's Bay and to establish new Roads in lieu thereof*,"—read a first time.

4. STEPHEN MURPHY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House by the Minister of Justice on Tuesday, 14th November, in the matter of Stephen Murphy, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Ezekiel Alexander Baker, formerly a Member of this House, and representing the Electoral District of Carcoar, praying the House to rescind the Resolution passed by it on the 8th November, 1881, declaring that he had been guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, and seriously reflecting on the honor and dignity of Parliament; and further praying that he may be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of his Petition.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Petition received.

6. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th November, 1882.*

JOHN HAY,  
President.

7. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Sir John Robertson *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. PAPER:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1882, on the Nautical School Ship "Vernon."

Ordered to be printed.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir John Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1882.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Chief Mining Surveyor:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Is it true that Mr. Fitzgerald, Deputy Surveyor General, has resigned his position as Chief Mining Surveyor?  
 (2.) Has a successor been appointed to take charge of Mining Surveys; if so, who has been appointed?  
 (3.) Is the gentleman appointed as Chief Mining Surveyor connected with, or under the control of, the Surveyor General?  
 (4.) If not, what means will the new Chief Mining Surveyor have of controlling the conduct of Licensed Surveyors in the survey of mineral lands?  
 (5.) Will the Minister have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all letters and other documents, including minutes, which have passed between the Minister for Mines, the Under Secretary for Mines, and the late Chief Mining Surveyor, relating to the resignation of the latter?  
 (6.) Is it true that the undue interference by the Under Secretary for Mines with the recognized duties of the late Chief Mining Surveyor is the alleged reason for his resignation?  
 (7.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a separate staff of Surveyors to carry out the Mining Surveys of the Colony; if so, who will be the head of that establishment?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Mr. C. S. Wilkinson has been appointed to take charge temporarily of all Mining Surveys. No permanent appointment will be made until Parliament makes provision for a Chief Mining Surveyor, subject solely to the control of the Department of Mines.  
 (3. & 4.) The present temporary occupancy of the office of Chief Mining Surveyor is not under the control of the Surveyor General. It has been arranged that the mineral lands will be measured chiefly by Staff Mining Surveyors, and when Licensed Surveyors are employed as Mining Surveyors the Surveyor General will doubtless, as heretofore, render all necessary advice and assistance.  
 (5.) I will lay the documents referred to upon the Table as soon as they can be prepared for that purpose.  
 (6.) I believe that this was the reason alleged by the Chief Mining Surveyor for his resignation.  
 (7.) Yes; the Chief Mining Surveyor will be the head of that branch.
- (2.) Bridge to connect Sydney and North Shore:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Papers relating to the proposed North Shore Bridge, promised for last Tuesday week, be laid upon the Table of this House?  
 Mr. Lackey answered,—I will be prepared to lay the Papers upon the Table presently.
- (3.) Map showing Crown Lands Alienated:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Map showing alienation of Crown Lands in the Counties made up to a recent date be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House one hundred and fifty copies of the map known as the Exhibition Map, made up to 31st October, 1882. Further copies showing Pastoral and Electoral boundaries will be laid upon the Table in a few days.

(4.)

(4.) Railway from the Clarence to New England:—Mr. Fraser asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the Minister state whether, during the present Session, he can make a proposal for the construction of a line of Railway from the Clarence to the table-land of New England, connecting with the Great Northern Railway?

(2.) Can he state approximately the cost of construction per mile of a line from South Grafton to the neighbourhood of Glen Innes, and from Grafton to the neighbourhood of Tenterfield, respectively?

(3.) Can he also state approximately the cost per mile of constructing a line to connect either one or other of the above lines with the navigable waters of the Richmond River, together with the distance in each instance?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The original trial survey plans having been destroyed by the Garden Palace fire, I am informed it will not be possible to have the re-surveys completed before the termination of the Session.

(2.) Estimates of cost of construction cannot be given until the plans have been completed.

(3.) No.

(5.) Salaries of Mail Guards, Sorters, and Letter Carriers:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1883 for the purpose of increasing the salaries of Mail Guards, Sorters, and Letter Carriers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to give any definite answer to this question.

(6.) South Head Roads:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the reason of the delay in the preparation of the Bill to deal with the South Head Roads, and when is such Bill likely to be brought in?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Some references as to the necessary legal provisions had to be made. The Bill is now, however, in the hands of the Parliamentary Draftsman, and will be submitted to this House as soon as practicable.

(7.) Court-house for the Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it likely that some definite steps will be taken towards reclaiming the land for and erecting the promised Court-house for the Eastern Suburbs?

Mr. W. J. Foster answered,—The question of site is now receiving consideration, and inquiries are being made on the subject; but there appears to be some difficulty in finding a suitable position for a Court for the Eastern Suburbs, and nothing can be done until this matter has been settled. I may mention that the Mayor of Woollahra has recommended the resumption of certain land adjoining the Police Station in Point Piper Road, and the Mayors of Waverley and Paddington concur in the selection; but from official reports received by me on the subject, it does not appear that the establishment of a Court at the place suggested would fairly accommodate the large population of Waverley and Paddington.

(8.) Rails for Northern Railway Extension:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What quantity of steel rails branded S J C was imported and sent to be used on the Great Northern Railway Extension from Tamworth?

(2.) What quantity of such rails was found to be unfit for use on such line?

(3.) Who supplied these rails, and what price was paid for them?

(4.) Were tenders called for the supply of steel rails before the above were purchased?

(5.) Who reported upon and approved of these rails, and what rate of commission was paid to such person?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) 8,800 tons.

(2.) Thirteen rails were broken, and 929 rails have been reserved for use in sidings owing to defects discovered in them, which caused the Engineer-in-Chief to take the precaution of not laying them on the main line.

(3.) Societé John Cockerill, of Belgium; price "f. o. b. London," £7 7s. per ton.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Mr. John Fowler; 1 per cent. commission.

(9.) Waiting-room for Tramway Passengers at Moore Park:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was not a Waiting-room at Moore Park Gates for Tramway passengers asked for about twelve months ago, and did not the Government favourably entertain the application?

(2.) Will the Minister cause such Waiting-room to be erected, and when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; and if the land suitable for the purpose could have been obtained the Waiting-shed would have been erected.

(2.) The City Corporation is in possession of the only site considered to be suitable, and that body has declined to allow it to be used for the purpose.

(10.) Mrs. Emma Louisa A'Beckett:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Questions asked the Honorable the Colonial Secretary by Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Purves, on the 27th ultimo, in reference to the claim of Mrs. Emma Louisa A'Beckett,—Has the Petition yet been presented to the Governor in Council?

(2.) Is it usual to give verbal replies to letters addressed to the Colonial Secretary's Department, and are records of such replies kept in his office?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
  - (2.) It is not usual to give verbal replies to correspondence, but it sometimes is the case, especially when the parties are on the spot. It really is almost unavoidable in the course of some transactions.
- (11.) Edward Russell Daunt :—Mr. Copeland asked the Attorney General,—
- (1.) Did Mr. Marsh, S.M., Water Police Court, on 31st October last, admit Edward Russell Daunt, accused of obtaining a valuable security worth £300 under false pretences, to bail in the small amounts of himself in £80, and two sureties of £40 each, prisoner's nephew being taken as one surety?
  - (2.) Was this prisoner arraigned on the first day of sittings at Central Criminal Court, held 6th November instant; and if not, why not?
  - (3.) On Monday, 6th instant, was a list of untried cases furnished by the Crown Law Officers to the reporters of the daily journals, in each of which lists the case of Edward Russell Daunt was omitted?
  - (4.) Was the Attorney General informed on that day that the prisoner had absconded, and his furniture advertised for sale on the 8th instant?
  - (5.) Did not the Attorney General promise to have the case called on Tuesday the 7th, and again on Wednesday the 8th instant, again on Friday 10th, and again on Monday the 13th instant?
  - (6.) Was not an application made to His Honor Judge Windeyer, on Friday 10th instant, to have the case called early on that day; did not Mr. Healy (for the Attorney General), in response, promise to call it after the case then proceeding?
  - (7.) Did not Mr. Healy discover on the afternoon of that day he had not been furnished with the papers in the case, and at 4 o'clock that they were in the Attorney General's Office awaiting his signature, and the case consequently adjourned to Monday the 13th, when the Attorney General himself discovered they were not in Court?
  - (8.) Had not the accused thus got twelve clear days start before the warrant could issue?
  - (9.) Have the Crown Law Officers taken any steps to trace or arrest the absconder, or is there any likelihood of their doing so?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

- (1.) On 31st October last Edward Russell Daunt was admitted to bail, himself in the sum of £80, and Herbert Edward Daunt in the sum of £80. The surety is of the same name as the accused, but I cannot say whether he is a relative or not.
- (2.) Prisoner was not arraigned on the first day of the sitting of the Court, on 6th November instant, as a bill against him was not found until the 7th instant.
- (3.) The name Edward Russell Daunt was not in the list of cases for trial on the 6th instant, as a bill against him had not then been found. I may state, with regard to this case, that my first impression was that the accused had not committed a criminal offence; but the dishonesty of the affair was so apparent that I was determined the accused should not escape if it was possible to put him upon his trial, and I therefore made diligent search to ascertain whether there was any case in point, and finding none, thought it desirable to leave the doubt I had in my mind to the decision of the Court rather than to determine it myself.
- (4.) I am not in a position to answer this question.
- (5.) It is possible that the statement may be true; but as my Honorable Friend, Mr. Pilcher, will know when Counsel are engaged they are so besieged by prosecutors and witnesses to have their cases brought on that they may, in their desire to oblige the parties, make promises which are liable to be forgotten or which cannot be fulfilled.
- (6.) I believe such application was made to His Honor by one of the witnesses in the case, and that Mr. Healy said that if possible the case would be called on as stated.
- (7.) The original papers, including an information, were at the Court, but in consequence of it being deemed advisable that a special information should be drawn, the case had to be necessarily adjourned to the 13th instant. I may add that the information was drawn in the ordinary form, but as this was a very peculiar case, I thought it better to have a special information drawn, so that the case might not break down owing to the form of the information. It was reported on the opening of the Court, on Monday the 6th instant, that the defendant had absconded and left the Colony, but nothing was said as to where he was supposed to have gone, and it was therefore not thought necessary to call him upon his recognizance, or apply for a Bench warrant, until the closing of the sittings. The day before yesterday, after the case was called on, and the prisoner was found not to be in attendance, one of the witnesses reported to the Crown Solicitor that he had been seen at Newcastle some days before the trial, when of course he could not be apprehended. The only thing that could have been done would have been for the sureties to surrender him, but we could not apprehend him. I at once communicated with the Inspector General of Police, who telegraphed to Newcastle. The following is the report I received :—

“Regina v. Edward R. Daunt.—Failing to appear at Central Criminal Court to answer a charge of fraud.

“I have the honor to report for the information of the Attorney General that the Officer in charge of Police at Newcastle having received private information respecting the abovenamed offender, a strict watch was kept on all outgoing vessels, but no person answering Daunt's description has sailed from that port. Pressing inquiries are being continued, and strenuous efforts made to trace Daunt, with a view to the execution of the Bench warrant issued for his arrest.”

So that my Honorable Friend may be assured that no effort has been wanting on the part of the authorities for the apprehension of this person.

- (8.) I cannot answer this question; because I cannot say what start he has, as it is not certain that he has yet left the Colony.
- (9.) I need hardly say that every effort has been made to arrest the absconder; and with the law as it stands, there is scarcely a part of the civilized world where he could not be apprehended, while the fact of his absconding would make the case stronger against himself.

(12.)

- (12.) Road between Borah Creek and Quirindi:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Has the proposed new Road between Borah Creek and Quirindi been yet surveyed; and if not, what is the cause of delay?  
 (2.) How long is it since Mr. Levien, M.P., made application for the Road?  
 (3.) What is the cause of the delay in having the said Road opened?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) It has been surveyed.

(2.) Application was made in February, 1881.

(3.) All that is required by law to establish this Road as a Parish Road has been done. Preliminary notification was made in *Government Gazette*, 18th April, 1882, and confirmation followed on the 18th July, 1882. When the question of fencing the Road now under consideration by the Government has been settled, the Road can be formally opened.

- (13.) Platform and Siding at junction of Armidale and Nundle Roads:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did he receive a letter and petition from Mr. Levien with reference to a Platform and Siding at the junction of the Armidale and Nundle Roads; and when will his decision be made known?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes; the letter and petition were received, and inquiry is being made. A decision will be arrived at shortly.

2. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 30th March, 1881,—“Leave of Absence to Public Officers.”  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That the Mort's Bay Improvement Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Burns, Mr. Poole, Mr. Davies, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Henson, and the Mover.  
 Question put and passed.
4. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir John Robertson, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—  
 And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
 Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Bodel,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Fawcett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. J. Foster,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Fullford,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Hazlet,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Renwick,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Rutledge,	

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Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,	Mr. Loughman,
Mr. R. P. Abbott,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Cransic,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. See,
Mr. Douglas,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Farnoll,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fergusson,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Hay,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Purves.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	
Mr. Levien,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes said that after the Division just come to, the House could hardly expect the Government to go on with business to-morrow,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eight minutes after Nine o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
*Speaker.*



## PROCLAMATION.

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

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twelfth day of December next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the forty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
 HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!





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 Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member  
 (L.S.) of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and  
 AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its  
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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the forty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
 HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!





1882.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED BY PROCLAMATION, TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1882.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. WILLIAM CLARKE *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
  - (1.) Was one Charles Blunt fined for serving liquors on Sunday, the \_\_\_\_\_ at the Orange Police Court?
  - (2.) Had the persons (residents of Orange) who were supplied with drink on that occasion travelled a distance of 5 miles?
  - (3.) If so, will the Minister of Justice cause the fine and costs to be remitted to Charles Blunt, as being illegally inflicted?
  - (4.) Are not travellers (residents of Sydney) allowed to be served with drink on Sundays at the "Sir Joseph Banks" and other hotels at Botany and Manly?
  - (5.) If illegally so, why are not the publicans summoned for breaking the law?
2. MR. MURRAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Why was the Surveyor General's memo. of 10th July, 1880 (No. Roads 80-2,463), withheld from the Papers ordered to be laid upon the Table of this House, in accordance with the motion of Mr. Copeland of 11th October, 1881, respecting alignment of Streets at Waverley.
3. MR. MURRAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with charges made against Mr. Surveyor Poate relative to employment of camp labourers?
4. MR. MURRAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—In the light Railways proposed to be constructed, is it intended to have the gauge now adopted on our lines, or a narrower one?
5. MR. McELHONE *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—
  - (1.) In reference to the Public School at the Wybong, applied for by me on several occasions, has any tender yet been accepted for the building of the School?
  - (2.) If not, when is it likely a tender will be accepted for the building of the School?
6. MR. LEVIEN *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
  - (1.) What are the names of three Stipendiary Magistrates who sit at the Central Police Court, Sydney?
  - (2.) Do they ever have the assistance of any of the Honorary Justices of the Peace?
  - (3.) What number of cases has been tried for the half-year ending 31st December, 1881, at the Central Police Court; and what has been the number of cases tried at the same place for the half-year ending 30th June, 1882?
  - (4.) What number of persons is employed on the clerical staff at the Central Police Court?
7. MR. LEVIEN *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
  - (1.) What are the names of three Stipendiary Magistrates who sit at the Water Police Court, Sydney?
  - (2.) Do they ever have the assistance of any of the Honorary Justices of the Peace?
  - (3.) What number of cases has been tried for the half-year ending 31st December, 1881, at the Water Police Court; and what has been the number of cases tried at the same place for the half-year ending 30th June, 1882?
  - (4.) What number of persons is employed on the clerical staff at the Water Police Court?
8. MR. FREMLIN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Will he furnish a Return of the names of the gentlemen in his Department who have passed the necessary examination qualifying themselves for the office of Crown Lands Agent; also a Return giving the names of the persons who have been appointed as Crown Lands Agents, from 1st January, 1881, to 1st November, 1882?
9. MR. FREMLIN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware of the grave faults in the design of the new four-wheel Trams?
  - (2.) Does he intend to have any more of the same kind placed on the Tramways?
10. MR. McELHONE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Do the Government intend to bring in a Bill to expel the Honorable J. Lucas from the Legislative Council, in consequence of his extraordinary claims for compensation in Darling Harbour Resumption Case, and the circumstances connected with his claims for compensation?

11.

11. **MR. JOSEPH P. ABBOTT** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
- (1.) Was the Ferry at Seaham leased during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882?
  - (2.) What was the rent paid for each year?
  - (3.) If not leased, what was the revenue derived from that Ferry for each of these years?
  - (4.) Can he state what number of passengers passed over the Ferry in each of these years, and what number of vehicles during the same time?
  - (5.) Was the Ferry over the Paterson River (where it is proposed to erect a bridge) leased during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882?
  - (6.) What was the rent paid for each year?
  - (7.) If not leased, what was the revenue derived from that Ferry for each of those years?
  - (8.) Can he state what number of passengers passed over the Ferry in each of these years, and what number of vehicles during the same time?
12. **MR. JACOB** to ask **THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—With reference to his answers to Mr. Jacob's Questions of 8th instant, No. 4 on the Votes and Proceedings,—
- (1.) Was Mr. A. F. Eckford, who succeeded Mr. Laman, son of the Honorable Member for the Wollombi?
  - (2.) Was he in a Government situation before he was appointed to Port Stephens; where, and at what salary; and when was he appointed to Port Stephens?
  - (3.) After he resigned his position at Port Stephens, was he appointed to any other Government situation; where, and at what salary; is he still in the same place, and if not, did he resign?
  - (4.) Was the recommendation of the Acting Collector of Customs, referred to in answer (4.), in writing; if it was, has he any objection to lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?
  - (5.) With reference to answer (8), was the Station at Port Stephens broken up on the recommendation of the Collector of Customs; if so, and it was in writing, has he any objection to lay a copy of it upon the Table of this House?
13. **MR. H. H. BROWN** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—Have any steps been taken to obtain reports as to the most desirable route for the Northern Coast Railway, in accordance with his reply to the Deputations on the subject; if not, what is the cause of delay, and when is it likely Surveyors will be despatched to carry out the necessary work?
14. **MR. H. H. BROWN** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
- (1.) What amount of money has been expended on the Road from Dungog to Clarence Town from January, 1881, to the present time?
  - (2.) Is he aware that this road in many places is most disgraceful, considering the money grants that have been voted for expenditure?
  - (3.) Will he have this matter fully investigated, to ascertain what funds will be required for expenditure next year?
15. **MR. H. H. BROWN** to ask **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it intended to provide Police protection at Mount Victoria and neighbourhood; if so, when?
16. **MR. H. H. BROWN** to ask **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
- (1.) What is the cause for delaying so long the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Paterson?
  - (2.) When will the work be proceeded with?
17. **MR. ABIGAIL** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
- (1.) Are the surveys for the Tramway from the Glebe through Camperdown sufficiently advanced to enable him to call for tenders as far as Johnson-street?
  - (2.) If so, will he have such tenders called for without further delay?

*Contingent Amendments,—on the Motion of Sir Henry Parkes, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesdays,—*

1. **MR. JACOB** to move, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Tuesdays," with a view to the addition of the words "Fridays after Seven o'clock, or if any Debate or Business is then proceeding on the conclusion thereof."
2. **MR. COPELAND** to move, That the word "Tuesdays" be omitted, with a view to adding the following words: "Fridays, and that Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions on every alternate Tuesday."

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. **MR. SUTTON** to move, That the Order made by this House on 30th August last for printing correspondence, &c., relating to the Exploration of the Caves and Rivers of New South Wales, be rescinded.
2. **SIR HENRY PARKES** to move, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesdays.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Conditional Purchases Validation Bill; second reading.
2. Forests Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Fire Brigades Bill, reported; adoption of report.
4. Land Machinery Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Bathurst Presbyterian Church Grant Resumption Bill; second reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Judges Salaries and Pensions Bill; second reading.

**GENERAL**

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS —

1. MR. CAMERON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That, taking into consideration the continued prosperity of the Colony, and the present high prices of the necessaries of life, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once take steps to increase the wages of all the artizans and labourers in their employ by at least 10 per cent.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. McELHONE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—
 

That, in the opinion of this House, the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court should be immediately increased as follows, namely, His Honor the Chief Justice to £3,500 per annum, and their Honors the Puisne Judges to £3,000 per annum each.
3. MR. LYNE to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best method of conserving the rainfall of this Colony, of searching for and developing the underground reservoirs of water supposed to exist in the interior, and to inquire into and report upon the practicability, by a general system of water conservation and distribution, of averting the disastrous consequences that at present take place through the periodical droughts to which this Colony is subject.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Jacob, Dr. Ross, Mr. Quin, Mr. George Campbell, and the Mover.
4. MR. McELHONE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Postmaster General, the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Mr. Cracknell, and any other person, in reference to the appointment of Mr. Hatch to the position of Telegraph-master at Newton-Boyd.
5. MR. McELHONE to move, That the custom of adjourning this House on the death of a Member is an undesirable one, and should no longer be followed.
6. MR. YOUNG to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of New South Wales should make an effort to bring about an agreement with the Governments of the other Australasian Colonies under which the agricultural and pastoral products of this Colony would be received by them free of import duty, as we already receive theirs.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient and desirable to light the Legislative Chambers and Refreshment Room by Incandescent Electric Light.
  - (2.) That the Superintendent of Telegraphs be instructed to report and furnish an estimate of the cost of carrying out the aforesaid lighting.
8. MR. COMBES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Railway System of New South Wales, its administration and construction, together with its extension by means of what is generally known as the Tramway System; also Freight and Passenger Rates, and all other matters pertaining to Railways.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Burns, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Wright, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Reid, Mr. Poole, and the Mover.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and also to visit any locality, and to sit during any Recess, to inquire into the entire working and administration of the Public Schools Act; to inquire and report as to the accommodation in our various Public Schools, the soundness and integrity of the buildings, as well as their fitness for Public Schools, the treatment of the Teachers and their qualifications, as well as the qualifications and duties of Inspectors and the Heads of the Education Department generally.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davies, Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Poole, Mr. Abigail, and the Mover.
10. MR. TRICKETT to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the cost of maintaining the Ship "Wolverene" should be discontinued pending the sanction of Parliament and its determination as to the use and disposal of such vessel.
11. MR. FLETCHER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable to continue the granting of permits, under the 28th clause of the Mining Act, to mine for coal, shale, ironstone, or other ores under reserves, harbours, rivers, or foreshores, until the amended Mining Bill, as promised in His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, has been dealt with by the Legislature.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to make some provision for the gradual liquidation of the Public Debt.
  - (2.) That no more favourable opportunity can arise for such action than when there is a large and increasing surplus revenue.
  - (3.) That while so much of that revenue is derived from sales of the Public Estate, some portion of the proceeds should be set aside to meet the engagements of the country.
  - (4.) That no scheme will be acceptable to this House which does not provide for an annual appropriation of a fixed amount, which shall be specially set apart and not liable to be otherwise disposed of.
  - (5.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

13. MR. JOSEPH P. ABBOTT to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. Oliver Saunders, Justice of the Peace, as disclosed by the inquiry held by Mr. Garrett, Police Magistrate of Scone, is of such a character as to unfit him for the position of a Justice of the Peace.  
 (2.) That the said Oliver Saunders should be forthwith removed from the Commission of the Peace.  
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
14. MR. REID to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the destruction of the Garden Palace, and of the valuable public records and collections contained therein, calls for a full and searching inquiry into the cause and extent of the calamity referred to, and as to the best means of protecting public buildings and public records from destruction by fire in future.  
 (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the present system of storing large quantities of gunpowder and other explosive substances in Government Magazines within a dangerous distance of the population of Sydney and suburbs should at once be discontinued.
15. MR. TARRANT to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to continue the collection of Wharfage Dues at the ports of Wollongong and Kiama.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
16. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in the interests of the body of the people, a duty should be levied upon all beef and mutton exported from New South Wales.
17. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That the cloture, and other proposals of the British Government as applicable to the British Parliament, shall have no application or recognition in this Legislature.  
 (2.) That our Standing Orders be altered so as to embody the above Resolution.
18. MR. FERGUSSON to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all sales of Crown Lands by auction, other than town and suburban land, should be suspended pending the passing of the promised new Land Act.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
19. MR. REID to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rules, regulations, standards, and practice adopted by the Department of Public Instruction in connection with the examination and classification of teachers in the Public School Service should be referred to the Senate of the University of Sydney, with the view of obtaining a report from the University Professors upon the same.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
20. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Government in recommending the reprieve of Plomer, found guilty and sentenced to death for violating a young girl in the Wagga Wagga District, was wrong and unjust, and calculated seriously to impair the administration of justice.
21. MR. ROSEBY to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform postage of one penny should be charged upon all letters weighing not more than half-an-ounce delivered within the Colony.  
 (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, a charge of one half-penny be paid as postage for all newspapers delivered by the Postal Department within the Colony.  
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

*Contingent Amendment :—*

SIR JOHN ROBERTSON to move (*as an amendment on the Motion being made for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on "Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company"*), 'That the question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House concurs in the provisional arrangement made between the "Honorable Sir John Robertson, Secretary for Lands, and Mr. Grogson, Manager of the Australian "Agricultural Company, in reference to roads through lands granted to the Company, as shown in "the correspondence now before the House."'

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Seduction Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Blandford Proprietary School Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Rotton's Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
4. Albury Gas Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Supreme Court Procedure Bill ; second reading.
6. Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
7. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Ross, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase,' brought up on the 2nd November, 1882, be now adopted."
9. Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
10. Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Lands granted to the Australian Agricultural Company,' brought up on the 13th December, 1881, be now adopted."

## ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT, DURING THE SESSION OF 1882.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq. ... ..	19	7	.....	26
Abbott, Robert Palmer, Esq. ... ..	11	5	.....	16
Abigail, Francis, Esq. ... ..	20	9	.....	29
Allen, The Hon. Sir George Wigram, Knt. ( <i>Speaker</i> ) ... ..	*1	.....	.....	1
Andrews, Joseph, Esq. ... ..	27	24	1	52
Badgery, Henry Septimus, Esq. ... ..	7	1	.....	8
Barton, Edmund, Esq. ... ..	7	4	.....	11
Barton, Russell, Esq. ... ..	13	8	.....	21
Beyers, Hugo Louis, Esq. ... ..	26	24	1	51
Bodel, John, Esq. ... ..	19	14	.....	33
Bowman, Alexander, Esq. ... ..	9	3	.....	12
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq. ... ..	7	4	.....	11
Brown, John, Esq. ... ..	11	21	.....	32
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq. ... ..	6	17	.....	23
Buchanan, David, Esq. ... ..	11	5	.....	16
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq. ... ..	17	18	.....	35
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq. ... ..	27	19	1	47
Byrnes, Charles Joseph, Esq. ... ..	25	9	.....	34
Cameron, Angus, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	23	.....	1	24
Campbell, George, Esq. ... ..	13	12	.....	25
Campbell, William Robert, Esq. ... ..	24	19	.....	43
Carter, George Lord, Esq. ... ..	19	13	.....	32
Cass, George Edwin, Esq. ... ..	16	4	.....	20
Clarke, Henry, Esq. ... ..	17	17	.....	34
Clarke, William, Esq. ... ..	22	1	.....	23
Combes, Edward, Esq., C.M.G. ... ..	10	6	.....	16
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq. ... ..	19	15	.....	34
Copeland, Henry, Esq. ... ..	27	22	.....	49
Cramsie, John, Esq. ... ..	7	7	.....	14
Dangar, Henry Carey, Esq. ... ..	20	20	.....	40
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq. ... ..	14	7	1	22
Davies, John, Esq., C.M.G. ... ..	27	23	.....	50
Day, George, Esq. ... ..	7	9	.....	16
Douglas, James Henry, Esq. ... ..	6	11	.....	17
Eckford, Joseph, Esq. ... ..	15	4	.....	19
Farnell, James Squire, Esq. ... ..	26	13	.....	39
Fawcett, Charles Hugh, Esq. ... ..	32	26	.....	58
Fergusson, William John, Esq. ... ..	18	12	.....	30
Fletcher, James, Esq. ... ..	14	11	.....	25
Forster, William, Esq. ( <i>to 31 October, 1882, deceased</i> ) ... ..	15	11	.....	26
Foster, The Hon. William John, Esq. ... ..	28	22	1	51
Fraser, Augustus Ryan, Esq. ... ..	20	17	.....	37
Fremlin, Alfred Reginald, Esq. ... ..	14	14	1	29
Fullford, James, Esq. ... ..	13	4	.....	17
Gannon, John Thomas, Esq. ... ..	.....	4	.....	4
Garrard, Jacob, Esq. ... ..	19	12	.....	31
Garrett, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	8	7	.....	15
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq. ... ..	25	19	.....	44
Hay, William, Esq. ... ..	15	2	.....	17
Henson, William, Esq. ... ..	19	20	.....	39
Heydon, Louis Francis, Esq. ... ..	15	19	.....	34
Hezlet, William, Esq. ... ..	23	10	1	34
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq. ... ..	21	18	.....	39
Hoskins, James ( <i>to 26 September, 1882, resigned</i> ) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hungerford, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	25	19	.....	44
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton, Esq. ... ..	27	25	1	53
Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G. ... ..	11	1	.....	12
Kerr, Andrew Taylor, Esq. ... ..	6	7	.....	13
Kidd, John, Esq. ... ..	27	12	.....	39
Lackey, The Hon. John, Esq. ... ..	27	22	.....	49
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ... ..	8	10	.....	18

\* Casting vote.

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Levin, Leyser, Esq. ... ..	9	4	1	14
Lloyd, George Alfred, Esq. ... ..	26	12	1	39
Loughnan, George Cumberlege, Esq. ... ..	10	8	.....	18
Lynch, Andrew, Esq. ... ..	11	8	.....	19
Lyne, William John, Esq. ... ..	6	3	.....	9
Martin, William Fraser, Esq. ... ..	15	16	.....	31
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq. ... ..	16	15	.....	31
McElhone, John, Esq. ... ..	21	7	.....	28
McLaughlin, John, Esq. ... ..	21	12	.....	33
Melville, Ninian, junr., Esq. ... ..	17	15	.....	32
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq. ... ..	20	13	.....	33
Murray, Richard Lennon, Esq. ... ..	13	1	.....	14
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq. ... ..	23	12	.....	35
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq. ( <i>from 24 October, 1882</i> ) ... ..	6	.....	.....	6
Parkes, The Hon. Sir Henry, K.C.M.G. ... ..	23	7	.....	30
Pigott, William Hilson, Esq. ... ..	20	11	.....	31
Pilcher, Charles Edward, Esq. ... ..	6	2	.....	8
Poole, William Thomas, Esq. ... ..	19	13	.....	32
Proctor, William Consett, Esq. ... ..	22	11	.....	33
Purves, John Mitchell, Esq. ... ..	8	1	.....	9
Quin, Edward, Esq. ... ..	13	12	.....	25
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq. ... ..	19	8	.....	27
Renwick, The Hon. Arthur, Esq., M.D. ... ..	31	25	1	57
Robertson, The Hon. Sir John, K.C.M.G. ... ..	27	20	1	48
Roseby, John, Esq. ... ..	17	6	.....	23
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ... ..	17	7	1	25
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1882.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	12
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	
Assent not reported to the House	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	
					—	35				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	
					—	0	...	...	...	35
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	
					—	9				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	
Assent not reported to the House	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
					—	1	...	...	...	10
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	
Not printed	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	
					—	44				
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	
					—	58				
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	290 h. 10 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 h. 32 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 h. 2 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
					—	1	...	...	...	1
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	473	...	...	...	...	
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	1,350	...	...	...	...	
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	731	...	...	...	...	
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	1,216	...	...	...	...	
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	210	...	...	...	...	
					—	3,795				
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
10. Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Entries in Contingent Notice Paper	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
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13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	
By Command	...	...	...	...	163	...	...	...	...	
By Speaker	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	
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In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	
					—	230				
Ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	228	...	...	...	...	
Not ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	
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