Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 *AUGUST*, 1898.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the ninth day of August, 1898, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY ROBERT,
"to wit. } VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony
"(L.S.) of New South Wales and its Dependencies.
"HAMPDEN,
"*Governor.*

"IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue "of the Act intituled '*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil "List to Her Majesty*,' as assented to by Her Majesty under the authority of the Act of the "Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the reign "of Her said Majesty, intituled '*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of "the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant "a Civil List to Her Majesty*,' I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and "Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business, shall "commence and be holden on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of August instant, at twelve o'clock at "noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in "the City of Sydney: And the members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly "respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this ninth day of August, "in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the "sixty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"JAMES N. BRUNKER.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Chief Secretary, a correct List, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Abbott, Joseph Palmer	Wentworth.
Affleck, William	Yass.
Anderson, George	Waterloo.
Archer, William	Burwood.
Ashton, James	Goulburn.
Barnes, John Frederick	Gundagai.
Bennett, Walter	Durham.
Brown, Thomas	Condoublin.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Byrne, Frank A.	Hay.
Campbell, Alexander	Kiama.
Campbell, Archibald	Illawarra.

Cann,

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Cann, John Henry...	Broken Hill.
Carroll, James George	The Lachlan.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	St. George.
Chanter, John Moore	Deniliquin.
Chapman, Austin	Braidwood.
Chapman, Henry	Sydney—Fitzroy Division.
Clark, Edward Mann	St. Leonards.
Clarke, Francis	The Hastings and The Macleay.
Clarke, Henry	Bega.
Clarke, Thomas	Darlington.
Cohen, John Jacob...	Petersham.
Cook, Joseph	Hartley.
Copeland, Henry	Sydney—Phillip Division.
Cotton, Francis	Newtown—Camperdown Division.
Crick, William Patrick	West Macquarie.
Cruickshank, George Alexander	Inverell.
Dacey, John Rowland	Botany.
Davis, David	The Shoalhaven.
Davis, William Walter	Bourke.
Dick, William Thomas	Newcastle East.
Dight, Charles Hilton	Singleton.
Donaldson, Robert	Tumut.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Ewing, Thomas Thompson...	Lismore.
Fegan, John Lionel	Wickham.
Ferguson, William John	Sturt.
Ferris, William John	Parramatta.
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Rylstone.
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	The Murrumbidgee.
Garland, John	Woollahra.
Gillies, John	West Maitland.
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall	Gunnedah.
Gormly, James	Wagga Wagga.
Graham, James	Sydney—Belmore Division.
Griffith, Arthur Hill	Waratah.
Griffith, Thomas Hunter	Albury.
Harris, Matthew	Sydney—Denison Division.
Hassall, Thomas Henry	Moree.
Hawthorne, John Stuart	Leichhardt.
Hayes, James	The Murray.
Haynes, John	Wellington.
Hogue, James Alexander	Glebe.
Holman, William Arthur	Grenfell.
Howarth, George	Willoughby.
Hughes, William Morris	Sydney—Lang Division.
Hurley, William Fergus	Macquarie.
Jessep, Thomas	Waverley.
Kidd, John	Camden.
Law, Sydney James	Balmain South.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Lees, Samuel Edward	The Nepean.
Levien, Robert Henry	Quirindi.
Lyne, William John	The Hume.
Macdonald, Hugh	Coonamble.
Mackay, James Alexander Kenneth	Boorowa.
Mahony, William Henry	Annandale.
McCourt, William	Bowral.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McGowan, James Sinclair Taylor...	Redfern.
McLaughlin, John	Raleigh.
McLean, Francis Edward	Marrickville.
Meagher, Richard Denis	The Tweed.
Millard, William	Moruya.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Monaro.
Molesworth, Edmund William	Newtown—Erskine Division.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson...	Bingara.
Morgan, William	The Hawkesbury.
Neild, John Cash	Paddington.
Nelson, Arthur David	Sydney—Flinders Division.
Newman, Henry William	Orange.
Nicholson, John Barnes	Woronora.
Nobbs, John	Granville.
O'Conor, Broughton Barnabas	Sherbrooke.
O'Sullivan, Edward William	Queanbeyan.
Parkes, Varney	Canterbury.
Perry, John...	Ballina.
Phillips, Simeon	Dubbo.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Piddington, William Henry Burgess	Uralla-Walcha.
Price, Richard Atkinson	Gloucester.
Pyers, Robert	The Richmond.
Quinn, Patrick Edward	Sydney—Bligh Division.
Reid, George Houstoun	Sydney—King Division.
Reymond, Joseph Bernard	Ashburnham.
Richards, Edwin	Mudgee.
Rigg, William	Newtown—St. Peter's Division.
Rose, Thomas	Argyle.
Ross, Andrew	Molong.
Ross, Hugh	Narrabri.
Sawers, William	Tamworth.
See, John	Grafton.
Sleath, Richard	Wilcannia.
Smith, Samuel	Sydney—Pyrmont Division.
Spence, William Guthrie	Cobar.
Spruson, Wilfred Joseph	Sydney—Gipps Division.
Stevenson, Richard...	Northumberland.
Storey, David	Randwick.
Suttor, Francis Bathurst	Bathurst.
Terry, Edward	Ryde.
Thomas, Josiah	Alma.
Thomson, Dugald	Warringah.
Thomson, James	Newcastle West.
Waddell, Thomas	Cowra.
Watkins, David	Wallsend.
Watson, John Christian	Young.
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas...	Sydney—Cook Division.
Wilks, William Henry	Balmain North.
Willis, William Nicholas	The Barwon.
Wilson, Charles Graham	Armidale.
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose	Ashfield.
Wood, William Herbert	Eden-Bombala.
Wright, Francis Augustus	Glen Innes.
Young, James Henry	The Manning.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that, "The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House "in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read."

The House went, and the President said:—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
"His Excellency the Governor not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, has been "pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us "Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor in the name and on "the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the "Governor of the Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more "fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of the President, read the said Commission, as follows:—

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"*Greeting:*

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the ninth day of August instant, His Excellency the Right "Honorable HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our "Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as "Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature "thereof, intituled '*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List "to Her Majesty*,' as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legis-"lative Assembly constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony "of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of August "instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot "conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, "trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir "John Lackey, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Andrew "Garran, LL.D., Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said Colony, and the Honorable "Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our "Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the "said Sir John Lackey, Andrew Garran, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, so being such President "and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open "and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said "sixteenth day of August or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done "in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and "holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to

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" enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; commanding also by the tenor of " these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament that to the said Sir John " Lackey, Andrew Garran, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, or any two of them, they diligently " attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

" In testimony whereof, we have caused these, our Letters, to be made patent, and the " Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

" Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, " our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its " dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this fifteenth day of " August, in the sixty-second year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand " eight hundred and ninety-eight.

" HAMPDEN.

" *By His Excellency's Command*,
" JAMES N. BRUNKER."

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

The President said,—

" Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

" We have it in command from the Governor to let you know,—That after Members of the " Legislative Assembly shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament " will be declared to you; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be " first chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, " repair to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be " your Speaker."

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received through the office of the Chief Secretary, a Commission under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the Territory, authorising the Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid, P.C., Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

" *By His Excellency the Right Honorable* HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and* " *Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

" To all to whom these presents shall come,—

" *Greeting:*

" IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, " as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council " thereof, hereby authorise the Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid, P.C., Colonial Treasurer, " the Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Joseph " Hector Carruthers, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any " one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative " Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or " made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the " said Legislative Assembly.

" Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government " House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this thirteenth day of August, in the year of " our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-second year of " the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

" HAMPDEN.

" *By His Excellency's Command*,
" JAMES N. BRUNKER."

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid, P.C., took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable James Nixon Brunker and the Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, K.C.M.G. William Affleck, Esquire. George Anderson, Esquire. William Archer, Esquire. James Ashton, Esquire. John Frederick Barnes, Esquire. Walter Bennett, Esquire. Thomas Brown, Esquire. Francis Arthur Byrne, Esquire. Archibald Campbell, Esquire. John Henry Cann, Esquire. James George Carroll, Esquire. John Moore Chanter, Esquire. Austin Chapman, Esquire. Henry Chapman, Esquire. Edward Mann Clark, Esquire. Francis Clarke, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. Thomas Clarke, Esquire. John Jacob Cohen, Esquire. The Honorable Joseph Cook, Esquire. The Honorable Henry Copeland, Esquire. Francis Cotton, Esq. William Patrick Crick, Esquire. George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire. John Rowland Dacey, Esquire. David Davis, Esquire. William Walter Davis, Esquire. William Thomas Dick, Esquire. Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire Robert Donaldson, Esquire. Alfred Edden, Esquire. Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire. John Lionel Fegan, Esquire. William John Ferguson, Esquire. William John Ferris, Esquire. Robert

Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire. John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Esquire. John Garland, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hall Goodwin, Esquire. James Gormly, Esquire. James Graham, Esquire, M.D. Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire. Thomas Hunter Griffith, Esquire. Matthew Harris, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire. John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire. James Hayes, Esquire. John Haynes, Esquire. James Alexander Hogue, Esquire. William Arthur Holman, Esquire. George Howarth, Esquire. William Morris Hughes, Esquire. William Fergus Hurley, Esquire. Thomas Jessep, Esquire. John Kidd, Esquire. Sydney James Law, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. William John Lyne, Esquire. Hugh Macdonald, Esquire. James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, Esquire. William Henry Mahony, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. John McFarlane, Esquire. James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire. John McLaughlin, Esquire. Francis Edward McLean, Esquire. Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire. William Millard, Esquire. Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire. Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire. Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire. William Morgan, Esquire. John Cash Neild, Esquire. Arthur David Nelson, Esquire. John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire. John Nobbs, Esquire. Broughton Barnabas O'Conor, Esquire. Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. Varney Parkes, Esquire. John Perry, Esquire. Simeon Phillips, Esquire. William Henry Burgess Piddington, Esquire. Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire. Robert Pyers, Esquire. Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire. Joseph Bernard Reymond, Esquire. Edwin Richards, Esquire. William Rigg, Esquire. Thomas Rose, Esquire. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. Hugh Ross, Esquire. William Sawers, Esquire. John See, Esquire. Richard Sleath, Esquire. Samuel Smith, Esquire. William Guthrie Spence, Esquire. Richard Stevenson, Esquire. David Storey, Esquire. The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire. Edward Terry, Esquire. Josiah Thomas, Esquire. Dugald Thomson, Esquire. James Thomson, Esquire. Thomas Waddell, Esquire. David Watkins, Esquire. John Christian Watson, Esquire. Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire. William Henry Wilks, Esquire. William Nicholas Willis, Esquire. Charles Graham Wilson, Esquire. Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire. William Herbert Wood, Esquire. Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire. And the Honorable James Henry Young, Esquire.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Dr. Graham, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, and moved,—"That Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,"—which motion was seconded by Mr. Ewing.

The House then calling Sir Joseph Abbott to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Dr. Graham and Mr. Ewing, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,—

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Reid, Mr. Lyne, and Mr. McGowen respectively congratulated the Speaker.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow at eleven o'clock,—and moved that this House do now adjourn until half-past Ten o'clock To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at fourteen minutes before Two o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Ten o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 *AUGUST*, 1898

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—The House proceeded to Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

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

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

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

"*By His Excellency the Right Honorable* HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and* "*Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"*Greeting:*

"IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT "HAMPDEN, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable "Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, K.C.M.G., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, "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 sixteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord "one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-second year of the "Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"HAMPDEN.

"*By His Excellency's Command,*

"JAMES N. BRUNKER."

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

"MR. SPEAKER,—

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Reid, at a quarter after Twelve o'clock until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.

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

(1.) Parliamentary Elections (Polling) Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 1.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the time for polling at Parliamentary Elections,*"—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, 8th July, 1898.

(2.) Naturalization and Denization Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 2.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to the Naturalization and Denization of Aliens,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1898.

(3.) Banks and Bank Holidays Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 3.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Banks and Bank Holidays,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1898.

(4.) Liquor Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 4.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Publicans and other persons engaged in the Sale of Liquor,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1898.

(5.) Evidence Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 5.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the statute law relating to Evidence,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House.
Sydney, 27th July, 1898.

(6.) Impounding Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 6.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to the Impounding of Live Stock,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1898.

(7.) Audit Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 7.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Audit,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1898.

(8.)

(8.) Trustee Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 8.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for consolidating enactments relating to Trusts and Trustees,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(9.) Bills of Sale Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 9.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Bills of Sale,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(10.) Bankruptcy Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 10.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to Bankruptcy,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(11.) Auctioneers Licensing Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 11.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Licensing of Auctioneers,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(12.) Newspapers Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 12.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to the printing and publishing of newspapers and papers of a like nature,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(13.) Legal Practitioners Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 13.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Legal Practitioners,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(14.) Cattle Driving Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 14.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for preventing Cattle being driven through populous towns and places except within certain hours,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(15.)

(15.) Weights and Measures Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 15.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Weights and Measures,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(16.) Wills, Probate, and Administration Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 16.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Wills, Probate, and Administration,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(17.) Evidence (Penalties) Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 17.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make temporary provision with respect to certain unrepealed enactments relating to Evidence,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(18.) Pastures and Stock Protection Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 18.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27*th July*, 1898.

(19.) Commons Regulation Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 19.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Commons Regulation,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(20.) Public Hospitals Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 20.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Public Hospitals,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(21.) Conveyancing and Law of Property Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 21.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Conveyances, Assignments, and Titles to Lands,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27*th July*, 1898,

(22.)

(22.) Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 22.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to liens on crops and wool and stock mortgages,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898

(23.) Coroners Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 23.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Coroners' Inquests, and to Magisterial Inquiries into the cause of death,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(24.) Statute Law Revision Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 24.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to promote the revision of the Statute Law by repealing enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(25.) Stamp Duties Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 25.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Stamp Duties,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(26.) Medical Practitioners Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 26.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the qualifications of medical witnesses at Coroners' Inquests, and at Inquiries by Justices of the Peace, touching the death of any person, and the enactments providing for the registration of legally qualified medical practitioners,*"—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, 27*th July*, 1898.

(27.) Immigration Restriction Bill.

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 27.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to place certain restrictions on immigration; to provide for the removal from the Colony of prohibited immigrants; to impose certain disabilities upon them whilst in the Colony; and for other purposes incidental to, or consequent upon, the before-mentioned objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 3*rd August*, 1898.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, 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 Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby appoint—

"John Henry Cann, Esquire,
"William Patrick Crick, Esquire,
"William Henry Mahony, Esquire,
"John Cash Neild, Esquire,
"Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire,
"Varney Parkes, Esquire,
"Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D.,
"The Hon. Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,
"Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire,

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

"Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, "this seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred "and ninety-eight.

"J. P. ABBOTT,
"Speaker."

6. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

Alexander Campbell, Esquire,—for Kiama.
John Gillies, Esquire,—for West Maitland.

7. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council*, 1840,"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.

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

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

It affords me great pleasure to call the Members of the new Parliament together for the dispatch of public business.

2. The events of the General Election have shown, in a manner not to be mistaken, the emphatic desire of the people for the speedy accomplishment of federal union.

3. At the same time it has been made equally clear that some of the provisions of the Bill drawn for that purpose, by the able and distinguished Convention recently dissolved, have failed to meet with the approval of the electors.

4. My Advisers propose to submit for your consideration a series of Resolutions specifying the amendments which they deem of urgent importance. This will be the first business introduced.

5. When those Resolutions have been dealt with, it will become the duty of the Government to open up communication with the other Cabinets of Australia and Tasmania, in order that the views of this Colony, and also suggestions, if any, from other Colonies, may be dealt with in the manner found to be most generally acceptable.

6. Whatever may be the means employed to overcome existing difficulties, or the decisions arrived at, the Ministry consider that the Bill in its final shape should be submitted to the direct vote of the whole body of electors.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

7. The Estimates of the Public Expenditure for the financial year, ending 30th June, 1899, will shortly be placed before you. I am glad to be able to inform you that the marked improvement in the Revenue, shown during the previous year, continues.

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

8. Although the question of federation must take precedence of all others, there are matters of great practical interest and concern on which legislation is urgently needed.

9. Our navigation laws, especially those relating to the safety of vessels, and the prevention or investigation of accidents at sea, call for immediate improvement. The Marine Board, as a tribunal for such investigations, has outlived its usefulness, and will be replaced by judicial authority. The Board will be reconstructed for purposes of administration.

10. A measure dealing with the Friendly Societies of the Colony, and a Bill dealing with Fisheries, are also measures calling for prompt attention.

11. A Bill will also be introduced dealing with the legitimate grievances of the *bonâ fide* free selectors under the earlier land laws, and to improve the conditions under which Crown Lands can be selected.

12. Another urgent measure is a Bill to amend the Municipalities Acts, and to extend the area of local government, including provision for a State guarantee of municipal debts, under proper restrictions.

13. A measure embodying great changes in legal procedure, and many proved reforms, is now ready for your consideration.

14. A Bill to give effect to the long-felt desire for a change in the Constitution of the Legislative Council will be submitted.

15. Bills to amalgamate the Savings Banks, to establish a system of compulsory investigation in the case of industrial disputes, and other promised measures, will also be introduced.

16. Ministers are impressed with a sense of the necessity of dealing with the question of establishing a system of work and relief for the benefit of the aged poor, and a measure for that purpose will be prepared for the consideration of Parliament.

17. Although fully conscious of the urgency and importance of the measures of internal reform to which I have alluded, the Government regard as their first and paramount duty the continuance of efforts to bring to a successful issue the federation of the Australian Colonies, upon fair and just lines, at the earliest possible period, and Ministers feel that, in their earnest endeavours to realise this the greatest of all objects open to Australian patriotism, they can rely with confidence upon the loyal assistance of all parties.

18. I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties, and I pray that under Divine guidance your deliberations may promote the welfare of all classes of the people.

Mr. Garland then moved, and Mr. Thomas Clarke seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashton, Mr. Archer, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Thomas Clarke, Mr. Dick, Mr. Hogue, Dr. Graham, Mr. Millard, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

We can assure Your Excellency of our anxiety to promote the speedy union of the Australian Colonies.

We will also give our best attention to the measures that will be submitted to us.

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

Mr. Garland then moved, and Mr. Thomas Clarke 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. McFarlane moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 *AUGUST*, 1898.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from "Petty Sessions Salaries "Vote" to supplement the Vote "Reorganization of the Public Service."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

John Henry Cann, Esquire,
William Thomas Dick, Esquire,
Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire,
Dugald Thomson, Esquire,

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

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That William McCourt, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. McCourt made his acknowledgments to the House.

4. DENTISTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of dentists qualified to practice in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Dr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the registration of dentists qualified to practice in New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th September.

5. 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. Garland, 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* HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and "Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of "New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's "Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's "Throne and Person.
"We can assure your Excellency of our anxiety to promote the speedy union of the "Australian Colonies.
"We will also give our best attention to the measures that will be submitted to us.
"We join your Excellency in the hope that under the guidance of Divine Providence our "labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the Colony."

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 *AUGUST*, 1893.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Wilfred Joseph Spruson, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Gipps Division.

2. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Great Seal of the Colony, dated twenty-third August, 1893, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering William McCourt, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

"*By His Excellency the Right Honorable* HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and* "*Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"*Greeting:*

"IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, "as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise WILLIAM MCCOURT, "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-third day of August, in the year of our Lord one "thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-second year of the Reign of Her "Majesty Queen Victoria.

"HAMPDEN.

"*By His Excellency's Command,*

"JAMES N. BRUNKER."

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of the Commonwealth Bill to New South Wales:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total cost to New South Wales of its share of expenses in connection with the late Commonwealth Constitution proposed to be established?

(2.) What was the respective share paid to each delegate for services in connection with the said Commonwealth Bill from the election till the close?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Government is not yet in a position to give the whole of this information.

(2.) Pauper Patients treated at Country Hospitals:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that hospitals in country towns have to treat a considerable number of pauper patients?

(2.) Is the Government prepared to treat the country hospitals the same as the Sydney hospitals by paying for all pauper patients?

(3.) If not, will he state the reasons why any distinction is made?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes, but it is not desirable to send pauper patients to country hospitals, as they have not the same facilities for treatment of patients as the metropolitan hospitals.

(3.) Police Pension Fund:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the sum to credit or debit of the Police Pension Fund?
(2.) Is it intended to take any steps during the present Session to place the said fund in a satisfactory position?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Debit balance, £11,480 1s. 3d.
(2.) The Treasurer will deal with this matter in his financial statement.

(4.) Amendment of the Electoral Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit a new Electoral Act before the expiry of the present electoral rights in the year 1900?
(2.) In such a Bill, if submitted, will provision be made for abolishing electoral rights?
(3.) If electoral rights are to be retained, will provision be made for enabling electors to make use of them when away from home?
(4.) Will provision be made in such a Bill for purging effectually the rolls every year of dead men's names, or the names of those having left the electorates?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Government recognise the importance of dealing with this measure in a substantial form, but the question has not yet been considered.

(5.) Case of Constable W. E. Quelch:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What was the cost to the country of the inquiry into the charges made by the Honorable Member for Botany against Constable W. E. Quelch?
(2.) What was the result of that inquiry when finished?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) £84 12s. 7d. to date.
(2.) Senior-constable Quelch was transferred to another division.

(6.) Permanent Artillery Band:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) By what authority and at whose request was the Permanent Artillery Band permitted to play at the opening ceremony of the Queen Victoria Markets?
(2.) What sum (if any) was paid to the members of the band for their services on the occasion?
(3.) Is this band still permitted to enter into competition with civilian bands and city musicians?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
(1.) By authority of the Major-General Commanding, at the request of His Worship the Mayor.
(2.) Nil.
(3.) This band is afforded the same advantages as other permanent military bands.

(7.) Electoral Divisions and Electoral Rolls:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the boundaries of the electoral divisions of the Colony are much in want of revision?
(2.) If so, will he state what action is being taken, or is proposed to be taken, to revise the same?
(3.) Is he aware that the existing electoral rolls contain the names of a very large number of persons who have left the Colony?
(4.) If so, what (if any) steps are being taken to purge the rolls, and to remove from same the voters' names who are not residents within the meaning of the Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes. No action has yet been taken with regard to the electoral divisions of the Colony, and it is very questionable whether the matter can be dealt with until after the next census. It is my intention to have the matter inquired into at once, because, like other Honorable Members, I can see the necessity for having this question dealt with as early as possible.

(8.) Grafton-Glen Innes Road:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) The total amount of money spent on the Grafton-Glen Innes Road during the past twelve months?
(2.) What proportion of same has been spent from South Grafton to Newton Boyd?
(3.) The like information from Newton Boyd to the Municipal bounds of Glen Innes?

Mr. Young answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return if moved for in the usual manner.

(9.) Railway Deviation Work at Werris Creek:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that 100 men were sent away a few days ago to do some railway deviation work at Werris Creek, and that instructions were given by him that only Sydney unemployed should be selected?
(2.) If any more are required, will he give instructions that preference be given to local men out of employment?

Mr. Reid answered—
(1.) I am informed that eighty-eight men were sent on the 16th instant to Werris Creek in connection with railway works at that place. The engineer who selected the men states very few of them were Sydney residents.
(2.) The engagement of men is controlled by the Railway Commissioners, and they intimate that when the works in the district are fairly started there will be an opening for suitable local men.

(10.) Church and School Lands in the Carcoar District:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Have applications been received for conversion of large areas of Church and School lands in the Carcoar district, held for pastoral purposes, into other forms of tenure under the Church and Schools Land Act? (2.)

(2.) If so, when dealing with such applications will he consider the requirements and facilities of closer settlement, and provide for same by excising from such applications the lands adapted for that purpose, and making same available for purposes of settlement?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes, as provided by the Church and Schools Lands Act, 1897, under which full consideration will be given to each case, and the public interest carefully guarded.

(11.) Undermining of the Borough of Plattsburg:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that the undermining of the Borough of Plattsburg, as carried on by the proprietors of the Maryland Colliery, is causing danger to the lives of residents?
(2.) Will he cause immediate inquiry to be made with a view to protecting the lives and property of such residents?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A complaint of the kind has been made, and the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines has been asked to report on the whole question.

(12.) Parramatta Park:—Mr. Ferris asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into consideration the necessity for placing the Parramatta Park on the same footing as the National Park and Botanical Gardens in reference to grants of money?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes, if it can be shown that the conditions and circumstances are alike.

(13.) Land and Income Tax Department:—Mr. Ferris asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Land and Income Tax Departments' offices close at 5 p.m. daily?
(2.) If so, will he place these Departments on an equality with other Government Departments by closing at 4·30 p.m. daily?

Mr. Reid answered—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The requirements of the Department do not admit of any present alteration in the hours of closing, but as soon as the pressure of work lessens, which will probably be the case towards the close of the present year, the desired alteration will be made.

(14.) Railway Freight on Pollard:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into consideration the advisableness of arranging that pollard, the chief ingredient used in the destruction of rabbits, will be carried at reduced rates of freight, and not as at present by 20 per cent. added to the ordinary charges?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners already allow, under certain specified conditions, a concession on phosphorised grain and food-meal carried by railway and intended for the purpose of rabbit extermination.

(15.) Charges for Water at Artesian Wells and Tanks:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—As the expense for water bears heavily upon the travelling public in the dry districts, will he take into consideration the desirableness of discontinuing to charge at artesian wells and tanks in such localities?

Mr. Cook answered,—A very large sum has been expended from the public funds in providing these conveniences, and it is only reasonable that those deriving benefit from them should pay the small charges imposed.

(16.) Case of ex-Captain Barrett, Australian Rifles:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the case of ex-Captain Barrett, of E Company, Australian Rifles, 6th Regiment?
(2.) Will he send for the papers, and ascertain if it be not possible to restore this officer to his rank, with a view to his being allowed to retire on the same?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The verdict of the Court of Inquiry in this case, which has been confirmed by the Governor-in-Council, was that Captain Barrett's commission should be cancelled, which was accordingly done, and the case cannot now be reopened.

City and North Sydney Connection Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from John Sulman, of Sydney, Esquire, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise John Sulman, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct, maintain, and work an underground electric railway from a point at or near the present terminus of the New South Wales Government Railway, at Milson's Point, North Sydney, and thence under the waters of Port Jackson to a point near the intersection of Pitt-street and King-street, in the City of Sydney; and also to construct, work, and maintain a tunnel-roadway from a point at or near the western end of Paul-street, Milson's Point, aforesaid, and thence under the waters of Port Jackson to a point on the Circular Quay, near the wool warehouse of Goldsbrough, Mort, and Company (Limited); and to authorise the construction of stations, lifts, subways, approaches, and other subsidiary works, including a new road as an approach to the North Sydney end of the tunnel-roadway, and the appropriation and use of the lands required in connection with such railway, tunnel-roadway, and other works; to enter on, take, appropriate, and use the subsoil along the routes above indicated for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them; to alter the levels of, and divert streets and roads, for and in connection with the approaches to the tunnel-roadway; to make provision for compensation in respect of the construction of the said railway, tunnel-roadway, and other works; to authorise the imposition of fares, charges, and tolls for the use of the said railway and tunnel-roadway respectively; to authorise the making, altering, repealing, and enforcing of by-laws; and for other incidental purposes.
And Mr. Parkes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *North Shore and Manly Times* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. PAPER :—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894—Easton Park Stormwater Drain.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. CLASSIFIED ROADS IN THE GLEN INNES, TENTERFIELD, INVERELL, AND WARIALDA DISTRICTS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the mileage of classified roads under the supervision of the Road Superintendents in the Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Inverell, and Warialda districts, and the amounts expended in each of the same during the years 1897-98.
Question put and passed.

7. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain land at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall.
Question put and passed.

8. MIDWIFERY NURSES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the better training of women as midwifery nurses, and for their registration as such.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Dr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to promote the better training of women as midwifery nurses, and for their registration as such*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th September.

9. APPLICATION OF EDWARD ELIAS SMITH FOR AN OYSTER LEASE, CLARENCE RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and reports in connection with the application of Edward Elias Smith for an oyster lease at the Clarence River.
Question put and passed.

10. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act, to enable municipalities to let, lease, or sell lands within their boundaries on which rates are in arrear for a period of more than five years.
Question put and passed.

11. 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. Garland, 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* HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and* "*Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"We can assure your Excellency of our anxiety to promote the speedy union of the "Australian Colonies.

"We will also give our best attention to the measures that will be submitted to us.

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

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Watson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 *AUGUST*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read a letter from him stating that he had such a bad attack of neuralgia in the eyes to-day that he must ask leave of the House to absent himself.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid, referring to the vacant offices in the Administration, explained to the House how and by whom the duties of the absent Ministers were performed. He also stated that in a few days he would announce the names of the gentlemen who will be invited to fill the vacant offices.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Duty on Sugar:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the interests of the northern cane-farmers and the great sugar industry, will he, in view of the grounds set forth in Mr. Meagher's communication of the 11th instant, also the approaching close of the planting season, state what policy he intends to pursue in regard to the retention of the £3 a ton duty on sugar?

Mr. Reid answered,—The duty on sugar has been reduced from £5 to £3, at which rate it will continue until 30th June, 1899. I will submit to the House a proposal to retain the duty at £3, but I wish to give warning that I intend this concession for the benefit of sugar-growers who employ white labour, and will take steps to carry that intention out when the time comes for submitting my proposals.

(2.) Conduct of a Senior-constable at Randwick:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Constable Masters reported a senior-constable at Randwick for wrongfully arresting a lady; if so, will he lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Has any report been made by Water Police Constable Arnold about an attempt on the part of a senior-constable to steal tobacco from the ship "Hereward"?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I think it will be necessary to ask the Honorable Member to move in the usual way that the papers in this case be laid upon the Table, but before laying them upon the Table I should like the Honorable Member to see them, because I scarcely know if they are fit for publication.

(2.) No.

(3.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total amount paid to each of the members of the Public Works Committee for services as such during the last Parliament?

(2.) What was the average amount of hours constituting a sitting of the said Committee when holding meetings in Sydney?

(3.) What was the total cost to the country by the said Committee inquiring into the last twelve works submitted to them?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall to-morrow lay a return upon the Table showing the required information so far as it can be stated.

(4.) Proposed Grenfell-Koorawatha Railway:—*Mr. Smith*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the recent recommendation of the Public Works Committee *re* the Grenfell-Koorawatha line been yet considered by the Cabinet; and, if so, what steps does he propose to take to give it effect?

Mr. Young answered,—The matter will be placed before the Cabinet at an early date for its consideration.

(5.)

(5.) Amendment of the Law of Libel:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it proposed to introduce this Session a Bill to provide for the amendment of the law of libel?

Mr. Reid answered,—If the state of public business will permit.

(6.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the circumstance that a large number of persons who had long left the electorates in which they had been enrolled, but who had not had their rights transferred, returned on polling-day to the said electorates and recorded their votes?

(2.) Does he propose to introduce legislation having for its object the purging of the rolls of names of persons who have lost their qualifications?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Section 82 of the Electoral Act provides that questions may be asked persons tendering votes should the Returning Officer think fit, or at the request of any scrutineer or any two electors qualified to vote, regarding their qualification; and Section 83 provides a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

(7.) Metallurgical Works at Clyde River:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The total amount of money expended on establishing and carrying on the metallurgical works at Clyde River?

(2.) What salary the metallurgist receives?

(3.) What machinery is used in the treatment of stone?

(4.) Does it give satisfaction, as far as he knows, to the miners?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) The cost, including machinery, land, wages, &c., is £9,499 10s. 7d.

(2.) £1,050 per annum.

(3.) All the necessary machinery for ordinary crushing and concentration, including Tustin mill, amalgamators, Berdan pan, rapid samplers, disintegrators, concentrators, Gate's mill, alluvial gold washers, Frue Vanners, dry crushers; also vats, roasting furnace, and appliances required for the treatment of ores by cyanide and chlorination.

(4.) The works have not been established for treating ores in bulk, but for small experimental samples up to 10 tons, and so far as I am aware have given satisfaction to those who have had their stone treated.

(8.) Early Closing of Shops:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session of Parliament to introduce a comprehensive measure for the early closing of shops, and the shortening of the hours of labour for shop employees?

Mr. Reid answered,—This is a matter which has not yet come before the Cabinet, but a Bill has been prepared on the subject.

(9.) Holidays to Members of the Police Force:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any provisions been made to extend the advantages of a fortnight's holiday in the year to members of the Police Force; and, if so, when will such regulation come into operation?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The members of the Police Force in the Metropolitan District, and at other stations where the duty is severe, are allowed a day's leave in each month. Some men prefer to allow such leave to accumulate, others at easy country stations do not require or desire leave, but it is given when reasonable. Fourteen days' leave per annum is not excessive, and will be allowed. Provision for additional constables will be made on the Estimates to meet this arrangement.

(10.) Health Board Inspectors Visiting Country Residents:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the heavy expenses imposed on country residents owing to the visitation of Health Board Inspectors?

(2.) Is it a fact that these expenses can be charged to a person whose residence has been incorrectly reported to be the scene of an epidemic or disease?

(3.) If so, will he bring in a Bill to modify these expenses, and to abolish them altogether in cases where such rumours have proved ill-founded?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the authorities of the Health Board are not aware that any expenses are imposed on country residents owing to the visits of Inspectors to the Health Department.

(11.) Transfer of Conditionally-purchased land to Married Women:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Lands Department refuses to recognise the provisions of the "Married "Women's Property Act of 1893," and declines to allow any transfer of conditionally-purchased land to be made and recorded in favour of a married woman?

(2.) Is he aware that the first section of the "Married Women's Property Act of 1893" provides that "A married woman shall be capable of acquiring, holding, and disposing, by will or otherwise, "of any real or personal property in the same manner as if she were a *femme sole* without the "intervention of any trustee"?

(3.) On what ground does the Lands Department legally refuse to recognise this law?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The present practice is not to register transfers of conditional purchases to married women, except in cases where they are to hold the land in a representative capacity. The Department is being guided by legal advice in the matter, pending a judicial decision.

(12.) State Children :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he propose to introduce legislation empowering him to sanction the transference of State children to industrial or reformatory schools, when such a course is deemed necessary by the State Children's Relief Board?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter has not yet been considered, but will receive attention in due course.

(13.) Dairies Supervision Act :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the many complaints now being made with regard to the hardships and expense created by the rigid enforcement of the Dairies Supervision Act?
(2.) If so, will he take steps to moderate some of the regulations complained of; if not, will he have inquiries made upon the subject?

Mr. Reid answered,—Occasional complaints have been received from individual traders ever since the Act first came into force, in 1886, and, as far as the Board of Health has become aware of them, they have always been remedied, when found to have good foundation; execution of the Act, however, rests by law entirely with local authorities, and it has certainly not been enforced rigidly by them in any district.

(14.) Extension of the Railway to Coonamble :—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What steps are being taken in relation to the extension of the railway to Coonamble?
(2.) Is it intended to proceed in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, and make the connection to Coonamble from Dubbo?
(3.) If so, when is the work of construction likely to be started?

Mr. Young answered,—This matter will receive consideration at an early date.

(15.) Conversion of Conditional Leases into Conditional Purchases : —*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that he has taken, or is taking, steps to prevent selectors converting their conditional leases into conditional purchases?
(2.) Is it a fact that he intends, if he possibly can, to prevent selectors purchasing pre-emptive leases (converted into current conditional leases under 52 and 54 sections of the "Crown Lands Act, 1884)," or is he trying to prevent the option of purchase of conditional leases at the expiration of the twenty-eight years' lease under the "Crown Lands Act, 1895"?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) No.

(16.) Customs Revenue :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What was the total amount of revenue received by the New South Wales Treasury for Customs duties from the 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898?
(2.) What was the total sum collected as Customs revenue over the border between New South Wales and Victoria, from the 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898?
(3.) The same Question referring to the Queensland border as for the Victorian border for the same time?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) £1,256,096 9s. 8d.
(2.) £49,118 9s. 11d.
(3.) £1,000 0s. 1d.

(17.) Coal carried on the Southern Line :—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What quantity of coal required for its own use did the Railway Department carry on the main Southern line and branches for the year 1897?
(2.) What quantity of coal did the Department carry for the public over the same area and for the same period?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information asked for would take some little time and labour to compile. It should be moved for in the form of a return.

(18.) Mail-boys in Suburban Post Offices :—Mr. Meagher asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is it a fact that in some suburban postal offices mail-boys work at times from 7 o'clock in the morning, and, with a short interval, till 1 or 2 o'clock in the following morning?
(2.) Will he make better provision for more reasonable hours?

Mr. Cook answered,—There has not been time to obtain reports from the various suburban offices, but if the Questions be postponed until to-morrow we should be able to reply.

(19.) Accident Fund in connection with Miners :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken to form an Accident Fund in connection with the miners of this Colony?
(2.) If so, will he give the House any information in connection therewith?

Mr. Cook answered,—The lines of a Draft Bill to effect this purpose have been prepared, but have not yet been finally determined by the Government.

(20.) Imperial Officers :—*Mr Affleck*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Imperial officers recently introduced into New South Wales receive a rate of pay from appointment (2nd class) for which local instructors have to serve two years?
(2.) Have not several of them already been placed in senior positions, although they have not qualified for same?

(3.) What was the cost incurred in the matter of fares, &c., by the introduction of these instructors, giving names of officers and number of members of family (if any) of each for which such payments have been or are to be made?

(4.) Has any agreement been entered into with regard to the payment of the return fares of these officers and their respective families?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1 and 2.) One Imperial officer has been recently introduced, and receives a similar rate of pay to other officers holding a similar position.

(3.) £35 12s. 6d. Major Knight. No family.

(4.) Yes, in accordance with precedent.

4. Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Bill:—Mr. Cann, pursuant to leave granted on 23rd August, 1898, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain land at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th September.

5. Papers:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations, under the Industrial Schools Act of 1866, for Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta.

(2.) Report of Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1897.

(3.) Report of the completion of the Double Bay Low-level Pipe Sewers.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1897, together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during June, 1898.

(2.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during July, 1898.

(3.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1898.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for maintaining the traffic on the Great Northern Railway, by extending the facilities for loading stock at Glen Innes.

(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for improving the Grades on the South-western Railway near Marrar.

(6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for maintaining the traffic between Werris Creek and Moree by making better provision for the loading of timber and goods at Curlewis.

(7.) Regulations respecting the Public Service Tender Board, under the Public Service Act of 1895.

(8.) Regulations respecting the Classification and Scale of Increments of Salary of Officers of the Clerical Division, under the Public Service Act of 1895.

(9.) Amended Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1896 (Part III).

(10.) Supplementary Regulations under the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894.

(11.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1898.

(12.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Borough of Murrumburrah.

(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie.

(3.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 and Amending Acts.

(4.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment Act, 1896.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Accused Persons Evidence Bill (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th September.

7. City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise John Sulman, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct, maintain, and work an underground electric railway from a point at or near the present terminus of the New South Wales Government Railway, at Milson's Point, North Sydney, and thence under the waters of Port Jackson, to a point near the intersection of Pitt-street and King-street, in the City of Sydney; and also to construct, work, and maintain a tunnel-roadway from a point at or near the western end of Paul-street, Milson's Point, aforesaid, and thence under the waters of Port Jackson, to a point on the Circular Quay, near the wool warehouse of Goldsbrough, Mort, and Company (Limited); and to authorise the

the construction of stations, lifts, subways, approaches, and other subsidiary works, including a new road as an approach to the North Sydney end of the tunnel-roadway, and the appropriation and use of the lands required in connection with such railway, tunnel-roadway, and other works; to enter on, take, appropriate, and use the subsoil along the routes above indicated for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them; to alter the levels of, and divert streets and roads, for and in connection with the approaches to the tunnel-roadway; to make provision for compensation in respect of the construction of the said railway, tunnel-roadway, and other works; to authorise the imposition of fares, charges, and tolls for the use of the said railway and tunnel-roadway respectively; to authorise the making, altering, repealing, and enforcing of by-laws; and for other incidental purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise John Sulman, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct, maintain, and work an underground electric railway from a point at or near the present terminus of the New South Wales Government Railway, at Milson's Point, North Sydney, and thence under the waters of Port Jackson, to a point near the intersection of Pitt-street and King-street, in the City of Sydney; and also to construct, work, and maintain a tunnel-roadway from a point at or near the western end of Paul-street, Milson's Point, aforesaid, and thence under the waters of Port Jackson, to a point on the Circular Quay, near the wool warehouse of Goldsbrough, Mort, and Company (Limited); and to authorise the construction of stations, lifts, subways, approaches, and other subsidiary works, including a new road as an approach to the North Sydney end of the tunnel-roadway, and the appropriation and use of the lands required in connection with such railway, tunnel-roadway, and other works; to enter on, take, appropriate, and use the subsoil along the routes above indicated for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them; to alter the levels of, and divert streets and roads, for and in connection with the approaches to the tunnel-roadway; to make provision for compensation in respect of the construction of the said railway, tunnel-roadway, and other works; to authorise the imposition of fares, charges, and tolls for the use of the said railway and tunnel-roadway respectively; to authorise the making, altering, repealing, and enforcing of by-laws; and for other incidental purposes*,"—read a first time.

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. Garland, 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* HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, *Governor and "Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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"We will also give our best attention to the measures that will be submitted to us.

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

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 *AUGUST*, 1898, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Reid 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 To-morrow, at half-past Four o'clock.

9. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

10. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at two minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 *AUGUST*, 1898.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,—

I receive with much pleasure your reply to my Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session of the Parliament of this Colony, and note with gratification your expressions of attachment and loyalty to the Throne and Person of Her Majesty.

I sincerely trust that your anxious efforts to secure a speedy union of the Australian Colonies will be crowned with success, and that in all other matters your deliberations may bring advantage to the interests of this Colony.

Government House,
Sydney, 25*th August*, 1898.

HAMPDEN,
Governor.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 17th August, 1898, 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 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Members sworn*:—John Henry Cann, Esquire, William Henry Mahony, Esquire, John Cash Neild, Esquire, Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire, Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D., The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, and Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Libraries associated with Public Schools:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he have placed upon the Estimates for the current financial year a reasonable sum of money with which to increase the number of libraries associated with Public Schools in the Colony, and to subsidise to such an extent as will be warranted by the circumstances of the case institutions already in existence of the nature referred to?

Mr. Young answered,—The suggestion contained in the Honorable Member's Question will receive careful consideration.

(2.) Mail-boys in Suburban Post-offices:—Mr. Meagher asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in some suburban postal offices mail-boys work at times from 7 o'clock in the morning, and, with a short interval, till 1 or 2 o'clock the following morning?

(2.) Will he make better provision for more reasonable hours?

Mr.

Mr. Cook answered,—It is not a fact. I am assured that none of the mail-boys are on actual duty for more than eight hours a day, whilst very many have considerably less hours. Those who are on duty up to 1 a.m. are not required to attend again at 7 a.m., with one exception, which will be rectified.

(3.) Timber Regulation Bill:—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce the new Timber Regulation Bill this Session?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes.

(4.) Relief Works, Centennial Park:—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What number of men were employed at sand-shifting or other relief work on the Centennial Park during the year ended 30th June last?
(2.) What was the total cost of such work, including all wages, rations, &c.?
(3.) What number of men are employed there now, and what is the weekly cost of same?

Mr. Young answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return.

(5.) Men employed on Railway Deviations:—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What number of men were sent by the Labour Bureau, or otherwise, to railway deviation work during the year ended 30th June last?
(2.) What was the total cost of such work for the year?
(3.) Are there any men employed on railway deviations now; if so, how many, and what is the weekly cost of same?

Mr. Young answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return.

(6.) Scrub-cutting at West Bogan:—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) How many men were employed scrub-cutting during the year ended 30th June last, including all gangs sent to the Murray, West Bogan, or any other district?
(2.) What was the total cost of such work for the year, including all rations, water, and other expenses?
(3.) What number of men are now employed on such work, and what is the total weekly cost?

Mr. Young answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return.

(7.) Works at Shea's Creek, Muddy Creek, and the Sewage Farm:—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What number of men were employed in connection with the works at Shea's Creek, Muddy Creek, and the Sewage Farm, and any other works connected therewith, during the year ended 30th June last?
(2.) What was the total cost of such works during the year?
(3.) Are any men employed on either of such works now; if so, how many, and at what weekly cost?

Mr. Young answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return.

(8.) Encouragement of Art:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has it been a custom for some years to vote a sum of £500 a year towards the maintenance of Art?
(2.) Was the whole of this sum handed over to the Art Society of New South Wales?
(3.) Has any application been received from an advanced society from this body, known as the Society of Artists, for a share of this vote?
(4.) Is it proposed to renew the vote of £500 upon the Estimates for 1898–9; and will steps be taken to divide the amount between the Art Society and the Society of Artists as an encouragement to Art generally?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) These matters have not as yet been determined; but I hope to place the matter in proper shape in the Estimates.

4. PAPERS:—
Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase 96-17, 331 acres 3 roods 20 perches, portions Nos. 28, 89, and 141, parish of Bull Plain, county of Denison, Land District of Corowa, applied for by Michael O'Brien, on 6th August, 1896, shall cease to be voidable.

(2.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Gonn Leasehold Area, for providing for Settlement by other Holdings.

(3.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Pallal Leasehold Area, for providing for Settlement by other Holdings.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Field of Mars, county of Cumberland, for a Public Park, North Rocks.

(5.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the street and lane through Knox Park, Murwillumbah, in accordance with the provisions of the 7th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 22.
(6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(7.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(8.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(9.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(10.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
(11.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Boonoke Leasehold Area, for providing for Settlement by other Holdings.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return showing amounts paid to each member of the Public Works Committee during the last Parliament.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. MANAGEMENT OF THE COOMA HOSPITAL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all documents, communications, papers, &c., received by the Chief Medical Officer, or any other officer of the Government, respecting the management of the Cooma Hospital.
Question put and passed.

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

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "at" the words "Ten o'clock a.m."

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.	Noes, 67.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. See,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Morgan,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Gormly.	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Nelson,
Tellers,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Dacey.	Mr. Price,	Mr. Henry Clarke.
	Mr. E. M. Clark,	*Tellers*,
	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Donaldson,
	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Goodwin.
	Mr. Anderson,	
	Mr. Hawthorne,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "at" the words "half-past Three."

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

Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Byrne.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Neild.

Noes. 55.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. See,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brunker,
Dr. Graham,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Spence,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McLean.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Dick.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Sleath moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "at" the words "half-past Two."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Affleck,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Spence.
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Hughes.

Tellers,

Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Sleath.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. See,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Piddington,
Dr. Graham.

Tellers,

Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Moore.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Meagher moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "at" the word "Three."

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 68.		Noes, 26.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. See,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Rigg,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Price.	
Mr. Carroll,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Hurley,		
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Mahony.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brunker moved, That the Question be further amended by leaving out the word "Four."

Question put and passed.

Mr. Wise moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "and shall, "unless previously adjourned, sit till Eleven o'clock p.m., when the Speaker shall adjourn the "House, without Question put, unless the Business then under consideration shall have been "exempted from the operation of this Sessional Order: Provided that the motion for such "exemption shall be made without notice, and be decided without amendment or debate, before "the ordinary Business for the day is called on, but shall not be declared to be carried unless "thirty Members vote in the majority: Provided also that Business interrupted under this "Sessional Order shall be set down for resumption, as of course, on the next sitting day."

Point of Order:—Mr. McLean submitted that this proposed amendment would conflict with certain Standing Orders, notably No. 48, and interfere with the control of the House over its own business, as provided for in these Standing Orders, which should not be done by a Sessional Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker gave his opinion in favour of the objection taken, and suggested that the amendment should be withdrawn.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, as amended,—That it be a Sessional Order that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week,—put and passed.

7. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice.—
(1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.

Question put and passed.

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Lyne, Mr. See, Mr. Lee, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Crick, Mr. Morgan, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cann moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and that Mr. "Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee."
Question put and passed.
Question, as amended, then put and passed.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*);—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Neild, Mr. Hogue, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Perry, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Fegan, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.

10. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Neild, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Levien, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Cann, 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.

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Watson, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Price, Mr. Dick, Mr. Archibald Campbell, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee.
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 *AUGUST*, 1898.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid stated that, since the House last adjourned, he had taken certain action with reference to the filling of the three vacant Ministerial offices. He consulted the Honorable Member for Goulburn, Mr. Ashton, who, for reasons which he explained, was unable to take office. He then asked the Honorable Member for Tenterfield, Mr. Lee, to accept the office of Minister of Justice; the Honorable Member for Glebe, Mr. Hogue, to accept that of Minister of Public Instruction; and the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, to accept the vacant office of Postmaster-General, Mr. Cook having taken the office of Secretary for Mines. The offices, as offered, were accepted.

2. VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, That the Seat of Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Reid moved, That the Seat of James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Glebe.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Reid moved, That the Seat of Varney Parkes, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster-General since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Punishment of Juvenile Offenders:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph in the report of the Comptroller-General of Prisons, in which a better method of punishing juvenile offenders is mooted?
(2.) Will he bring in a Bill empowering the judges or magistrates to send offenders under 17 years of age to reformatory institutions for juveniles, instead of compelling them to herd with criminals in gaols?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The question of introducing a Bill for the purpose indicated will receive consideration; but I desire to point out that it is not correct to say that offenders under 17 years of age are compelled to "herd with criminals in gaols." They are kept apart from the older criminals.

(2.) Prison Labour:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) What was the amount paid to prisoners in gaol during the year 1897, as earnings, on their discharge from prison?
(2.) What was the total value of the labour of prisoners in gaol during the same period upon work of all kinds?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Comptroller-General of Prisons:—
(1.) £1,804 4s. 6d. as gratuities, and £1,208 0s. 4d. as prisoners' reward money at Trial Bay.
(2.) The estimated value was £44,872 7s. 2d., but this amount is exclusive of the value of labour expended on the construction of the breakwater at Trial Bay, which has not been estimated.

(3.) Imprisonment for non-payment of Fines:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is he aware that fully 57 per cent. of the gaol entries are from persons who were imprisoned because they could not pay the fines imposed upon them?
(2.) Will he take into account the desirableness of at once introducing the system of part payments (with a corresponding commutation of sentence) recommended by the British Commissioners for Prisons, and thus afford relief to those poverty-stricken persons, add to the revenue of the country, and curtail the expenditure upon prisons?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The Comptroller-General of Prisons states in his annual report that this was the case during 1897.
(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

(4.) Imported Cattle and Sheep:—Mr. Suttor asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) The cost of the cattle and other animals recently imported by the Department?
(2.) The cost of bringing them from England?
(3.) The funds from which the above payments were made?
(4.) Similar information respecting the sheep imported some time since?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) The cost of the 53 imported cattle amounted to £2,224, and the 19 pigs, £182.
(2.) The cost of bringing the stock from England has not yet been ascertained. The Agent-General in his last letter states the accounts for freight, &c., will be forwarded by next mail.
(3.) These importations form an additional asset to the property of the Government, and have consequently been charged to the Loan Account.
(4.) In September, 1894, a small consignment of four rams were imported at a cost of £175 12s. including charges and freight. Paid from Revenue.

(5.) Postmaster at Gulgong:—Mr. Richards asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is the Postmaster at Gulgong an Electoral Registrar?
(2.) Is it a fact that during the recent election the said Postmaster took an active part in the said election, and attended meetings in company with a candidate or candidates on certain occasions during official hours?
(3.) Had such Postmaster permission for so doing from the Department or from the Public Service Board?
Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2 and 3.) The Postmaster reports as follows:—"I did not on any occasion attend a political "meeting during my hours of duty, nor did I at any time take an active part in the recent election."

(6.) Fines for Overdue Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of revenue derivable for the years 1895-6-7, from fines for overdue interest or instalments on the selections of the Colony?
(2.) Will he give a specific return in regard to same as affecting the Mudgee, Rylstone, Cassilis, and Wellington Districts?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to apply to the Colonial Treasurer for the information he requires, but perhaps I had better inform him that it will be necessary for a motion to be passed by the House before such a return will be furnished.

(7.) Electoral Registrars:—Mr. Richards asked the Colonial Secretary,—In regard to the administration of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, will he consider the advisability of transferring the functions of Registrar or Deputy-Registrar to Clerks of Petty Sessions in localities where the duties are now discharged by postal officials?

Mr. Brunker answered,—In almost every case the Clerks of Petty Sessions act as Electoral Registrars, but Acting Clerks of Petty Sessions are not as a rule appointed Assistant Registrars, as postal officials are preferred. The Acting Clerks of Petty Sessions (who are generally Police officers) are frequently absent on duty, and are only appointed when there is no postal official in the locality.

(8.) Duty on Sugar:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that, in the event of a sufficient area of cane not being planted this season, sugar-mill owners will be compelled to remove their machinery to another Colony or the Islands, and the industry lost to this Colony?
(2.) Will he submit his proposals *re* the retention of £3 per ton duty on sugar to this House in time to allow planting operations being undertaken without risk and delay?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have already intimated what the Government propose to do in this matter. It can only be done in connection with the Financial Statement, which I hope to deliver in two or three weeks.

(9.) Alleged Cases of Dummying on New Angledool:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has he yet decided what action (if any) he intends to take in the alleged six cases of land dummying on New Angledool, near Walgett, and which were brought under his notice by Dr. Ross on the 19th October, 1897?

(2.) Is it his intention to have a searching investigation made into the matter?
(3.) Is it not a fact that the Progress Committee of New Angledool has made a complaint to him in writing on the matter, and that they will furnish him with any further information that may be required, so that the investigation may be proceeded with without further delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1 and 2.) My honorable colleague reiterates the statements made in his replies to similar Questions by the Honorable Member during the last Parliament, viz.:—That, until reliable evidence is forthcoming, the Government are powerless to deal with the alleged wholesale system of dummying. He has no desire to withhold proceedings when sufficient warrant for them may be shown. On the contrary, an investigation will be readily ordered if material evidence is given to the Department. To proceed without evidence simply places the Department in a false and weak position.
(3.) The Progress Committee of New Angledool made communications to the Department in regard to the matter, but none since August, 1896, and have not furnished or promised to furnish further evidence.

(10.) Men Employed at Darling Harbour Goods Station:—Mr. Hughes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that men employed on casual labour at Darling Harbour goods station are compelled to work nine hours per day for a wage of 6s.?
(2.) Will he take steps to prevent this?

Mr. Reid answered,—The men referred to are under the control of the Railway Commissioners. I am informed their hours of labour are fifty-two per week, at a rate of pay which has been in force for many years as regards casual labourers. The Commissioners are not aware that the men so employed are dissatisfied, nor is there any difficulty in obtaining the necessary labour.

(11.) International Patents and Trade Marks Arrangements Act:—Mr. Arthur Griffith asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a communication has been received by him to the effect that the Imperial Government has refused to gazette the provisions of the International Patents and Trade Marks Arrangements Act passed by the Parliament of New South Wales and assented to by the Governor during last year?
(2.) On what grounds is this refusal based?
(3.) How long has he been in possession of the above information?
(4.) Why has this information not been supplied to Mr. Arthur Griffith, M.P., in reply to his letters of inquiry of 3rd August and previous dates?
(5.) Is it the usual practice of his Department to withhold from the author of the Act of Parliament information concerning the same till after such information has become matter of public knowledge?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1 and 2.) The Home Government has intimated that before the provisions of section 103 of the Imperial Patents, Designs, and Trades Marks Act of 1893 are applied to a Colony, it is the practice to require that the Legislature of that Colony shall have made satisfactory provision for the protection of inventions, designs, and trade marks. The provisions for the protection of trade marks made by the laws of this Colony, not being regarded as sufficient, the requisite Order-in-Council has not yet been issued. I may add that it is intended to submit to Parliament a measure for the amendment of the law when the state of public business will permit, and in the meantime the question of again requesting the Home authorities to issue the desired Order-in-Council will be considered.
(3.) Since the end of last month.
(4 and 5.) For reasons connected with the recent changes in the administration of the Department, it has not been possible to have the papers in this matter dealt with previously, otherwise information with regard to it would have been communicated to the Honorable Member in official form.

(12.) Inoculation for Tick Fever by Stock Owners on the Border:—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Mines,—Seeing that the experiments carried out by the Queensland Stock Department have proved beyond all doubt that inoculation for Tick Fever has had successful results, will he take steps to allow owners of stock on the Border to inoculate their stock as a precautionary measure?

Mr. Cook answered,—When the experiments which are now being conducted by the Government Bacteriologist for the purposes of ascertaining whether the inoculation of dairy cows in any way affects the milk or dairy produce, are concluded, which it is expected they shortly will be, a decision will be arrived at as to whether owners will be allowed to inoculate their stock as a preventive against tick fever.

4. Election Petition (*Mudgee*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Robert Jones, of Mudgee, alleging that, at the last General Election, Edwin Richards and the Petitioner were severally candidates to be elected as Members for the Electoral District of Mudgee; that before the said election the Petitioner was duly nominated for election, in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 (56 Vic. No. 38) and the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Further Amendment Act of 1894 (57 Vic. No. 24); that before and at the time of the said nomination the Petitioner was duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer, on the day of the declaration of the poll, declared the number of votes polled to be as follows, namely:—For Edwin Richards, one thousand and sixty-five,—and for the Petitioner, one thousand and fifty-nine,—and thereupon declared Edwin Richards to be duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the writ the name of Edwin Richards as the person so elected, and he has since taken his seat in the Legislative Assembly; that the said Edwin Richards did directly himself, and indirectly by other persons, give money to certain persons, electors of the said Electoral

Electoral District, in order to induce them to vote for him, and promised employment to and to procure employment for certain persons, electors of the Electorate, in order to induce such persons to vote for him; that he corruptly, directly and indirectly, gave and provided drink and entertainment and provisions to many electors, also carriage hire or conveyance; that he threatened injury, damage, harm, and loss to, and did in other manner practise intimidation upon and against electors, in order to induce and compel such persons to vote for him, and to cause such persons to refrain from voting on behalf of the Petitioner; that he was guilty of bribery and other unlawful conduct; that many mistakes were made in counting the ballot-papers at the several polling-places during the election, many of the polling-papers being declared formal which were in reality informal, and many persons not entitled to vote being allowed to vote; that many of the polling-papers were not initialled by the Deputy Returning Officers, and were, therefore, informal: Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that his Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Edwin Richards may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared and determined that the said Edwin Richards has, at the said election, been guilty of the offence of treating and bribery and other unlawful conduct; that, for the reasons aforesaid, it may be declared that the said Edwin Richards was not lawfully elected, and is not such Member for Mudgee; that it may be declared and determined that the Petitioner was duly elected at the said election, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly; and that such further or other order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDING BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, pursuant to leave granted on the 23rd August, 1898, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of* 1867, *to enable municipalities to let, lease, or sell lands within their boundaries upon which rates are due and remain unpaid for a period of more than five years*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th October.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Accounts of the South Head Roads Trust for half-year ended 30th June, 1898.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of Sydney.
(3.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd August, 1898,—"Classified Roads in the Glen Innes, "Tenterfield, Inverell, and Warialda Districts."
(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Armidale, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Police Report on case of Ellen Baker, *alias* Peasley.
(2.) Papers respecting Rifle Shooting under Active Service Conditions.
(3.) Report of Board for International Exchanges.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "abuse of the Criminal Law in regard to the arrest of the woman Ellen Peasley, at Newtown, on "an alleged charge of vagrancy."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Meagher moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

8. CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Buckley, dismissed from the Public Works Department.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Spruson, Mr. Holman, Mr. McGowen, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:—
"(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions "1896 and 1897 respectively, together with all papers referred thereto, be referred to such "Committee."
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
Question, as amended, then put and passed.

9. CLAIM OF JOHN SULLIVAN, HARBOURS AND RIVERS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to Notice:—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Sullivan for compensation through loss of employment in the Harbours and Rivers Department.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Price, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Wright, Mr. Rigg, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the refund of the purchase money of any animal or carcase sold by auction and condemned under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act of 1892, and the return of the animal or carcase to the auctioneer.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

11. LANDS FRONTING THROSBY AND COTTAGE CREEKS, SOLD BY A. A. DANGAR, ESQ.:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land by A. A. Dangar, Esq., at Wickham, fronting Throsby Creek and Cottage Creek.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Edden, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Dick, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1896 be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

12. TRANSIT COMMISSION:—Mr. Whiddon moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Government should bring in a Bill for the purpose of abolishing or materially altering the constitution of the Transit Commission, with a view to the better control of the vehicular traffic of the city of Sydney; also for the more satisfactory working, in the interest of those who at present are subject to the rules and regulations, of the Commission as now constituted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

13. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the abolition of capital punishment.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "in certain cases."
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
Question, as amended, then put and passed.

14. LAND BOARDS ELECTION BILL:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render the Land Boards elective to the extent of "two" of their number.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Meagher moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "two" and inserting the words "a portion," instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Ashton, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Thomas Brown, and Mr. Affleck.
Question, as amended, then put and passed.

15. DISTRESSES FOR RENT AND REPLEVINS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Distresses for Rent and Replevins Act, 15 Vic. No. 11.
Question put and passed.

16. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. David Davis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act, 61 Vic. No. 23, in regard to the appointment of auditors.
Question put and passed.

17. DIVORCE JURISDICTION:—Mr. Dacey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of cases of divorce that have been before the Court since the passing of the Divorce Act of 1892, showing each year separately.
(2.) The number of divorces granted.
(3.) The number refused.
(4.) The number of marriages contracted since the passing of the above Act that have ended in divorce.
(5.) The like information for the six years prior to 9th May, 1892.
Question put and passed.

18. CHARGE AGAINST QUARTER-MASTER SERGEANT TROY:—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all depositions, documents, communications, papers, &c., used at the Court of inquiry held at the Victoria Barracks, Sydney, on 8th July, 1898, on a charge preferred against Quarter-master Sergeant Troy, of the Permanent Staff.
Question put and passed.

19. ATTACHMENT OF WAGES ABOLITION BILL:
(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish attachment of wages.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish attachment of wages*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th September.

20. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th October.

21. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act by the abolition of electors' rights, and enabling electors absent from their electorates to exercise the franchise.
Question put and passed.

22. LIMITATION OF SPEECHES:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing or Sessional Order for submission to the House hereafter, for the purpose of fixing a time limit, *i.e.*, that of two hours, for motions for adjournment.
Question put and passed.

23. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 56 Vic. No. 38, with a view to legalising voting by post in certain cases; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

24. CLAIM OF SAMUEL AND MARY LEMON:—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Samuel Lemon and Mary Lemon, regarding compensation for land resumed for railway purposes on Molong Parkes and Forbes Railway.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Affleck, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Perry, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Edden, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Rose, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

25. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing James Ashton, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session,—of which the following is a copy:—

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

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of "New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby "appoint—

James Ashton, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and "Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, "in the room of Varney Parkes, Esquire, whose seat in the said Assembly hath been declared "vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster-General.

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, "this 30th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and "ninety-eight."

"J. P. ABBOTT,
"*Speaker.*"

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 *AUGUST*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Exchange of Land at Salisbury Court, Uralla District :—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to proceed with the land exchange at Salisbury Court, Uralla District, and to abandon the proposal to establish an experimental farm there?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The exchange having been recommended by the Local Land Board, was approved—it then remained with the applicant to proceed with the case, but he has withdrawn his deeds and evidently is not disposed to accept the Departmental decision. The Mines Department has control of the question of model farms.

(2.) Wool-washing on bank of Murrumbidgee River, near Gundagai :—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has a Chinaman during the summer of 1897–8, or at any other time, carried on wool-washing on the bank of the Murrumbidgee River, near Gundagai, and thereby polluted that stream?
(2.) If such has taken place, will steps be taken to prevent the nuisance occurring again?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1 and 2.) I will have inquiry made into this matter, and if, as stated by the Honorable Member, a nuisance is being created, steps will be taken to avert it.

(3.) Employment of Men on Loop-line, at Belford :—Mr. Dight asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a loop-line at Belford, on the Great Northern Railway, is being constructed by a detachment of men from the Labour Bureau?
(2.) Is he aware that there are a number of local men who would be glad of the work?
(3.) Will he see that local men are given preference on these works in lieu of the system now adopted of sending men from Sydney?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the work in question will be completed in about ten days, and is being carried out almost entirely by men permanently engaged in the Railway Department in the northern division. Only two men were sent from Sydney to assist in the construction of the work.

(4.) Sick leave in the General Post Office :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster-General,—Is he aware that no reply has been given by the Public Service Board to the General Division of the General Post Office with reference to the matter of sick leave, brought under the Board's notice in January last?

Mr. Cook answered,—I am advised by the Board as follows :—"The Public Service Board have "not been unmindful of the representations made to them by the officers referred to, and they hope "to be able in a short time to submit amended Regulations for the approval of the Governor and "the Executive Council, which will satisfactorily deal with the question of sick leave which affects "not only the officers in the General Division of the Post Office but a large number employed in "other Departments also."

(5.) Case of Thomas Suffield :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) What sentence was imposed upon Thomas Suffield?
(2.) What portion of the term has been served by him?
(3.) What term has the prisoner now to serve, allowing for remission on account of good conduct?
(4.) In view of the doubts existing in the public mind as to his guilt, will the Minister cause an inquiry to be made in accordance with the practice of his Department?
(5.) If so, when will such inquiry be instituted?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Ten years' penal servitude.
(2.) Seven years, four months, and twenty-four days.
(3.) One month and twenty-four days.
(4 and 5.) The Minister of Justice has not yet been able to give such consideration to this case as would enable him to express an opinion on its merits.

(6.) Life-passes on the Railways:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he furnish the House with the names of the persons who now hold life-passes for the railways?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in shape of a return.

(7.) Water Supply for Cumnock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that owing to the frequent recurrence of droughts the inhabitants of Cumnock suffer severely from a scarcity of water, and have to draw it some miles for domestic purposes during dry seasons?
(2.) Under these circumstances, will he see that steps are taken to have a report made of the matter by an efficient officer, with the view of devising some suitable scheme for conserving a water supply for the inhabitants?

Mr. Young answered,—As Cumnock is unincorporated the matter of providing a water supply to the town is not one for this Department to deal with.

(8.) Carts used by Chinese for Conveying Vegetables to Market:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that Chinese gardeners are in the habit of conveying stable manure, &c., in carts that are subsequently used for carrying vegetables and other produce to market?
(2.) Will he see that steps be taken to have carts so used subsequently cleaned and disinfected before being again used for the purpose of conveying vegetables to market?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government:—
(1.) No.
(2.) The matter is one which would properly engage the attention of the local authorities within whose districts the markets referred to are situated, who have powers to regulate the conduct of business at them.

(9.) Convictions under Public Health Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The number of convictions that have taken place since the Public Health and Food and Liquor Adulteration Acts came into operation?
(2.) What has been the nature of such convictions, and where did they occur?
(3.) Are any steps being taken by the Government for the purpose of detecting and suppressing food frauds and the evils arising from food and liquor adulterations; if so, by whom?
(4.) The number of samples of food and liquor, alleged to be adulterated, submitted to the Government Analyst for analysis since the Act came into operation?
(5.) What did the articles (if any) so submitted and analysed consist of, and by whom were they submitted for analysis?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am afraid I must ask the Honorable Member to move for this information in the shape of a return.

(10.) Exchange of Land at Larras Lake, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it his intention to proceed with the exchange of land at Larras Lake, near Molong, after the written protest made by Dr. Ross on behalf of the public?
(2.) Is he aware that the Crown land proposed to be exchanged is the best in the district, being bounded by the Bell River and Molong Creek, and contains a never-failing supply of water for teamsters and the travelling public, it being a valuable water reserve?
(3.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the application of the runholder for the exchange disallowed in the interest of the public?

Mr. Brunker answered,—My honorable colleague understands that the Land Board have make a personal inspection of the lands proposed to be exchanged, and furnished a report thereon, which has not as yet been before him, but in dealing therewith every care will be taken by him to protect the interests of the public. He will be glad, too, to receive the benefit of the Honorable Member's experience of the land to help him to decide the case when it is ripe for decision.

(11.) Amendment of the Government Railways Act:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take early steps to amend the Railway Act on the lines of the Victorian Railways Act, so as to provide for the constitution of an Appeal Board, upon which the employees shall have direct representation?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will take this very important matter into my consideration.

(12.) Construction of Electric Tramway in George-street:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the state of George-street, caused by the construction of the electric tramway; if not, will he have inquiry made?
(2.) Is it not possible to arrange with the contractor to put on three shifts, using a portable electric light plant at night?
(3.) Will he give this matter his early attention, so that the business people in George-street may have only to put up with the minimum amount of annoyance and loss?

Mr.

Mr. Young answered,—This matter was brought under my attention some weeks ago, and after careful consideration I came to the conclusion that the works could not be properly carried out at night. I gave instructions, however, that all legitimate means should be adopted, with a view of expediting the work and minimising the inconvenience complained of.

(13.) Applications of Messrs. Ongley for Oyster Culture Leases, Manning River:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Did William Savage Ongley make application to the Commissioners of Fisheries on the 4th November, 1897, for five leases of land on the Manning River for the purposes of oyster culture, two of which were granted and three refused?
(2.) Were any objections lodged against the applications; if objections were lodged, what was their nature; and, if no objections were lodged, on what grounds were three of the leases refused?
(3.) Did John Henry Ongley make application on the 24th March, 1898, for the three leases which had been refused to William Savage Ongley?
(4.) Were any objections lodged against the application of John Henry Ongley; if so, what were the objections; and, if there were none, on what ground was John Henry Ongley's application refused?
(5.) Is it true that both applicants were denied an opportunity of knowing if any and what objections were lodged against their applications?
(6.) Did William Savage Ongley and George Marshall make application on the 15th of August, 1898, for a lease of the land already refused to W. S. Ongley and J. H. Ongley; and was such application refused on the ground that a prior application was in before them?
(7.) What time elapsed between the refusal of J. H. Ongley and the joint application of W. S. Ongley and George Marshall; and when was the prior application referred to lodged?
(8.) Were the Commissioners aware that, pending the decision upon their applications, W. S. and J. H. Ongley had extensively cultivated the land for oyster purposes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Objections were lodged against three of the applications, which the Commissioners consider sufficient reason for refusing the leases.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) Answered by No. 2.
(5.) No.
(6.) Yes.
(7.) Five days—the application was received on 11th August, 1898.
(8.) No.

(14.) Holidays to the Police:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—With regard to the annual holidays of the police, will he extend the principle to those officers who are located in country districts, so that they may enjoy their holidays regularly every year?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Inspector-General of Police states that the fourteen days' leave per annum will be allowed to all members of the Force who desire it.

(15.) Eradication of Noxious Weeds:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does he propose to introduce and pass a Bill this Session dealing with the eradication of noxious weeds?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A Bill is ready for introduction at the first opportune time.

(16.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have the Public Works Committee power, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, to vote sums of money for providing refreshments and conveyances for the Committee?
(2.) Out of which public account were the following sums voted by the Committee on the dates named, paid as shown in their last published report of the Committee:—(*a*) 8th June, 1897, Jas. Morris, hire of vehicles, duplicate main, Prospect to Potts' Hill, £6; G. Baumann, caterer, £4 19s. 6d.; Aerated Bread Company, £2 12s. 6d.; (*b*) 6th July, 1898, G. Baumann, caterer, Glebe Island Bridge, £2 7s. 6d.; (*c*) 24th January, 1898, Rosehill to Dural Railway, W. G. Baumann, caterer, £9 6s.; 3rd February, R. J. Black, hire of vehicles, £12; 11th February, Jno. Noake, tobacconist, 18s.; 14th March, Baumann, £4 17s. 6d.?

Mr. Young answered,—I have received through the Honorable the Speaker from the Secretary to the Committee the following information:—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) By section 12 of the Public Works Act the Committee, in considering and reporting on any work referred to them, are directed to "take such measures and procure such information as may "enable them to inform or satisfy the Legislative Assembly as to the expediency of carrying out "the work in question," and, in the case of proposed works within the boundaries of the county of Cumberland, visits of inspection and inquiry are made to the sites of the works by all or most of the Committee. These visits generally occupy most of the day, and—as in the case of an inspection of a railway route, a site for a sewage farm, or a route proposed for a duplicate water-main—some expenditure upon vehicles and refreshment is absolutely necessary. This expenditure is met from the small amount for incidental expenses connected with the Committee's inquiries voted on the Estimates. No travelling expenses are paid to the Committee during these visits. It is only when engaged in an inquiry outside the county of Cumberland that members receive their travelling expenses. This procedure has been followed from the inception of the Committee.

(17.) Imported Cattle :—Mr. Suttor asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Having stated that the cattle recently imported "form an additional asset to the property of "the Government, and have consequently been charged to the Loan Account," will he be good enough to say from what Loan Vote the amount was charged?
(2.) From what Vote was the amount paid for imported stock in September, 1894, drawn?
(3.) Did the Government approve of these expenditures?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) To item of £10,000, "Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms," on Loan Vote, 60 Victoria No. 32.
(2.) The Contingent Vote under the Department of Agriculture.
(3.) Yes.

2. Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, merchant, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time of operation of and to amend Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884 and Saywell's Tramway Act Amendment Act, and to enable Thomas Saywell, or his executors, administrators, and assigns to employ electricity as a motive and propelling force on a certain tramway, loop-lines, and sidings constructed by him by virtue of the said Acts from Bay-street Station, on the Illawarra Railway, to and along Lady Robinson's Beach, and to enable the said Thomas Saywell, or his executors, administrators, or assigns to supply electricity for any public or private purpose and for the purpose of lighting the streets and public and private places, houses, and premises in the municipal district of Rockdale, and to supply electric power to persons and public and private bodies in the said municipal district and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes, and for the generating and supply of electric power to the said municipal district.
And Mr. Cohen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *St. George's Advocate* and *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 395th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. Claim of Samuel and Mary Lemon:—Dr. Ross (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order,—"Application of Samuel and Mary Lemon for compensation," of Session 1889, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Claim of Samuel and Mary Lemon."
Question put and passed.

4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill:—Mr. Haynes, pursuant to leave granted on 30th August, 1898, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment in certain cases*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th October.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for Public School Purposes, at Combo, Lakelands, Lintondale, Wellington Vale, and Yarrahappini.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended Telephone and Telegraphic Regulations and Rates.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Additional Gaol Regulation, No. 80A.
(2.) General Abstracts of Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies—Liabilities and Assets—for quarter ended 30th June, 1898.
(3.) Copies of Telegrams that passed between the Premier of New South Wales and the Premiers of other Colonies in regard to a Conference after the Federal Referendum had been declared.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Men sent to Railway Deviation Work (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of men sent by the Labour Bureau, or otherwise, to railway deviation work during the year ended 30th June last.
(2.) The total cost of such work for the year.
(3.) The number of men employed on railway deviations now; and the weekly cost of same.
Question put and passed.

7. Men employed on Relief Work on Centennial Park (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of men who were employed at sand-shifting or other relief work on the Centennial Park during the year ended 30th June last.
(2.) The total cost of such work, including all wages, rations, &c.
(3.) The number of men employed there now, and the weekly cost of same.
Question put and passed.

8. Men employed on Work at Shea's Creek, Muddy Creek, and the Sewage Farm (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of men employed in connection with the works at Shea's Creek, Muddy Creek, and the Sewage Farm, and any other works connected therewith, during the year ended 30th June last.
(2.) The total cost of such works during the year.
(3.) The number of men employed on either of such works now, and the weekly cost of same.
Question put and passed.

9. MEN EMPLOYED SCRUB-CUTTING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of men employed scrub-cutting during the year ended 30th June last, including all gangs sent to the Murray, West Bogan, or any other district.
(2.) The total cost of such work for the year, including all rations, water, and other expenses.
(3.) The number of men now employed on such work, and the total weekly cost.
Question put and passed.

10. TRADE OPTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dacey 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 limit the hours of labour in certain trades or occupations.
Question put and passed.

11. GARNISHEE (WAGES PROTECTION) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt in certain cases from attachment to answer a judgment debt certain wages due, owing, or accruing by a garnishee to the judgment debtor.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to exempt in certain cases from attachment to answer a judgment debt certain wages due, owing, or accruing by a garnishee to the judgment debtor*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th October.

12. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act, 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act, 1896.
Question put and passed

13. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—That, in view of the nearly equally divided vote of the electors of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the acceptance or rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal Enabling Acts, and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not recorded, and in view of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, that the Bill is not acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the electors have made it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, upon lines which can be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House affirms:—
(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies to bring about the completion of federal union.
(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—
(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a National Referendum.
(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
concerning which the House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.
(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the Federal Parliament may determine.
(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the representation of States.
(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should be more clearly safeguarded.
(*f*) *Money Bills*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in the case of Taxation Bills, and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.
(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not as at present, indiscriminately to either.
(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States.

Mr. Copeland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

15. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of* 1894, *and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of* 1896,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th October.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Nine o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Royal Commission on Public Works Department:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Suttor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The cost to the country of the Royal Commission, appointed at the instance of the present Postmaster-General, Mr. Varney Parkes, to inquire into the alleged misconduct of certain officers in the Public Works Department?

Mr. Young answered—I am informed by the Treasury Department that the payments per Treasury books amount to £2,432 7s. 9d.

(2.) Granting of Hawkers' Licenses to Assyrians:—*Mr. Pyers*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a uniform practice existing in regard to the granting of hawkers' licenses to Assyrians and other aliens; if not, will he be good enough to obtain a report upon the matter, with a view to the establishment of a uniform system?

(2.) Were any reports furnished by the magistrates; if so, what is the nature of such reports, and will he be good enough to lay them upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Is it a fact that in the country districts complaints have been made of intimidation by Assyrian hawkers and other aliens?

(4.) Will he prevent the issue of hawkers' licenses to undesirable aliens?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Honorable the Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) So far as I am aware, there is no uniform practice. By law the granting of applications for hawkers' licenses is vested in the Benches of Magistrates, and the exercise of that discretion can be limited only by amending legislation. The question of introducing such legislation will be considered.

(2.) Yes, in January, 1896. As the reports were of a somewhat confidential nature, I do not think they should be laid upon the Table, but there will be no objection to the Honorable Member seeing them at the Department of Justice, if he so desires.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) Dredging for Gold in River Beds:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many applications have been made to the Department by persons desiring to lease the river beds in the interior for the purpose of dredging for gold?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government have no power to lease the river beds according to the mining laws of the Colony?

(3.) If so, will he introduce an amending Bill at an early date to rectify these defects, and allow people to get possession of the river beds for the purpose abovenamed?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Thirty-one.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The consideration of this urgent and important subject is receiving every attention.

(4.) Cost of Works referred to Public Works Committee:—Mr. Carroll asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the estimated cost of works referred to the Public Works Committee during the past three years?

(2.) What was the estimated cost of the works approved by the Public Works Committee during that period?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) £6,488,166.
(2.) £2,485,504. These figures represent a difference between the estimated expenditure as shown in the references to the Committee, and the expenditure recommended by them, of £4,002,662, but as the inquiry respecting one proposed work—weirs on the river Darling, between Bourke and Wilcannia, the estimated cost of which is £310,000—was not proceeded with, the amount £4,002,662 is thereby reduced to £3,692,662.

(5.) Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House—(*a*) All papers and documents relating to the competition for designs for the Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum, together with the printed conditions of same which were signed by competitors; (*b*) also the reports of the Government Architect, Inspector-General of Insane, and Mr. Horbury Hunt, on the designs submitted, together with their adjudication and awards; (*c*) also papers and report from C. H. Howell, Esq., of London, on the three first premiated designs sent Home, and submitted to him, with the names attached in their relative positions, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, as placed by Mr. Howell?
(2.) Is the present design being carried out on the *én echelon* principle; and was not the design placed first by Mr. Howell the only one planned in this manner, viz., the *én echelon?*
(3.) Was not Mr. Sulman, of Messrs. Sulman and Power, or the firm, paid a sum as solatium or recompense; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) There will be no objection if moved for in the usual manner.
(2.) The present design is being carried out on the "echelon" principle. The design placed first by Mr. Howell was not the only one designed on this principle.
(3.) Messrs. Sulman and Power, together with four other competitors, were awarded premiums in accordance with the General Conditions of Competition.

(6.) Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that he is now preparing a new Land Act, to be submitted to the present Parliament?
(2.) Is it his intention to provide in such new Act, or will he provide otherwise, to abolish the clause requiring a fresh survey fee to be paid each time if the land is selected more than once, either as a conditional purchase or a conditional lease?
(3.) Is it his intention also in any amending Act to provide for abolishing the 10 per cent. clause now in the 1895 Land Act, and which is charged if the instalments are not paid at the date due?
(4.) Is it his intention in any new Land Act to provide that land may be taken up at its true value; or does he still propose to retain the arbitrary price of £1 per acre for country lands, irrespective of the quality of such land?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) Yes. A Bill is being prepared to amend in certain respects the present land law.
(2, 3, and 4.) These are questions of public policy, and will be taken into consideration by me before the Bill is presented to Parliament.

(7.) Consolidation of the Stock Acts:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Piddington, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the consolidation of the various Stock Acts of the Colony during the present Session?

Mr. Cook answered,—Yes.

(8.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Piddington, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to at once repay to Civil Servants who voluntarily ceased to subscribe to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund all amounts paid by them, together with interest thereto?
(2.) If so, will he advise all those interested, so that refunds can be applied for?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) It is the intention to refund the Superannuation contributions of those officers who have left the Service otherwise than for an offence, if they elected to discontinue their connection with the Fund within the time prescribed by law. The same rule will apply in the future.
(2.) Such officers will receive the usual notification as their individual cases are dealt with.

(9.) Disposal of Revenue under the Diseases in Sheep Acts:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Piddington, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is the revenue derivable from contributions under the Diseases in Sheep Act paid into the Consolidated Revenue, or set apart for special purposes of the Stock Department?

Mr. Cook answered,—No, the revenue is paid into a Trust Fund, and used for the special purposes of the Stock Branch.

(10.) Purchase of Incubators for the Model Agricultural Farm at the Hawkesbury:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In reference to the following advertisement, in the *Australian Agriculturist*, on the 3rd instant, namely:—"Ellis and Dobson's Patent 'Eclipse Incubator,' makers to New South Wales Government,"—
(1.) Has the Government purchased four 100-egg incubators, as stated in this journal, for the Model Agricultural Farm at the Hawkesbury?
(2.) If so, what was the cost of these incubators complete?
(3.) What object has the Government in rearing poultry?
(4.) Is the process of incubation a part of the curriculum of the Hawkesbury College?

Mr.

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) £6 10s. each.
(3.) To instruct the students in breeding, rearing, feeding, fattening, and the general management of the various breeds of poultry, and for experimenting with particular breeds and their crosses, as to their suitability for table and export purposes, egg-production, &c.
(4.) Yes.

(11.) Scab in Sheep Tax:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that there has been no outbreak of scab in New South Wales for nearly twenty years, but that the assessment for scab is still imposed?
(2.) To what purpose is the money thus raised devoted?
(3.) Is it a fact that it is nearly all expended upon office work?
(4.) Will he have an inquiry made into this matter, in order to ascertain if the sheepowners of the country can be relieved of the apparently unnecessary assessment?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) There has been no outbreak for fifteen years, and the assessment is still imposed.
(2.) For the purpose of paying the salaries and travelling expenses of the Inspectors of Sheep, who deal with other diseases in sheep besides scab, as well as diseases in large stock. They also exercise supervision over the movements of travelling stock and travelling stock reserves. They inspect pounds and commons, and are in some cases also Inspectors of Public Watering Places, and act as Rabbit Inspectors. A portion of the funds raised under the Sheep Act is disbursed for Inspectors' office rent, Directors' travelling expenses, printing, and other contingent expenses.
(3.) No; only a comparatively small portion of the funds is spent in this way.
(4.) As the Inspectors' time is fully occupied in useful work connected with stock, and as the owners in none of the districts have expressed a wish to dispense with the services of their Inspector, I cannot at present see how any relief in the assessment can be afforded. It is considered, however, that the large stockowners should bear a portion of the cost, and a draft Bill is now being prepared to attain this object.

(12.) Dredging Leases in River Beds:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has the opinion of the Attorney-General been obtained yet with reference to the law on granting leases in river beds for dredging purposes?
(2.) If not, what is causing the vexatious delay?
(3.) Have any such leases been granted on the Macquarie River; and, if so, under what provisions of the Mining Law?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Answered by No. 1.
(3.) No.

(13.) Ministerial Elections:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to amend the law, so that men who accept office in a Ministry will not have to go for re-election?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject referred to in the Honorable Member's Question involves a matter of policy which will have to be considered by the Government.

(14.) Dredging of the Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the shoaling of the channel at Ulmarra, Lawrence, and Palmer's Island, Clarence River, will he take immediate steps for dredging the channel at the places referred to, so that navigation will not be impeded?

Mr. Young answered,—I have called for a report on this matter, and so soon as it is received early consideration will be given thereto.

(15.) Banks of the Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the increasing erosion of the river banks of the Clarence, will he make substantial provision on next Estimates to mimimise same and save the roads along the banks of the river from destruction?

Mr. Young answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

(16.) North Training-wall at the Clarence River Heads:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision respecting the opening of a new quarry at Maclean, for the purpose of procuring stone to carry on the north training-wall at Clarence River heads?

Mr. Young answered,—I am awaiting some further information before a decision can be arrived at.

(17.) Ulmarra-Southgate Punt:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that the river where the Ulmarra-Southgate punt plies is upwards of half a mile wide?
(2.) That such punt is worked by hand power, and frequently takes half an hour to cross?
(3.) In view of the serious inconvenience and delay to the travelling public, will he cause steam power to be substituted for hand gear?

Mr. Young answered,—The Honorable Member has been informed on more than one occasion that the traffic at this crossing would not warrant the establishment of a steam ferry.

(18.) Police Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Pyers*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Police Superannuation Fund is practically insolvent?
(2.) Is he aware that the bulk of the Fund was derived from contributions paid by members of the Police Force?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the purpose of placing the Fund upon a sound basis?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) As already stated, this matter will be dealt with in the Financial Statement.

(19.) Forfeited Road Contracts of Mr. W. Bithrey, in the County of Gloucester:—*Mr. Pyers*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the forfeited road contracts of Mr. W. Bithrey, in the county of Gloucester?

Mr. Young answered,—There will be no objection if moved for in the usual manner.

2. Case of Thomas Buckley—Public Works Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Thomas Buckley, of Sydney, praying that he may be represented by Counsel or Attorney, or in person before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon his dismissal from the Roads Branch of the Public Works Department.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. Election Petition (*Parramatta*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Dowell Philip O'Reilly, of Parramatta, alleging that, at the last General Election, William John Ferris, Edwin John Brown, Joseph William Withers, and Petitioner were severally nominated as candidates for election as Members of the said Assembly for the Electoral District of Parramatta; that Petitioner is now and was before and at the time of such nomination and election a person duly qualified by law to be a candidate at such election and to be elected a Member of the said Assembly; that the Returning Officer declared the number of votes respectively polled for the several candidates abovenamed to be as follows:—For William John Ferris, 747 votes; for Dowell Philip O'Reilly, 743 votes; for Edwin John Brown, 168 votes; for Joseph William Withers, 9 votes; and then declared that there were twelve informal votes, and further declared William John Ferris to have been duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the writ the name of William John Ferris as the person so elected and duly returned the said writ; that many persons who were not then legally qualified to vote in and for the said district voted at the said election; that William John Ferris improperly entered one of the polling-booths at the said election, and sought to influence in the discharge of their duty certain officers there presiding; that a person who had refused in one polling-booth to answer the questions prescribed by law afterwards entered another polling-booth and answered such questions incorrectly and voted; that John Ferguson, who was the Presiding Officer in one of the polling-booths, improperly refused to put to certain persons the questions prescribed by law, and allowed them to vote without having answered the said questions as required by law; that the said John Ferguson delivered fresh ballot-papers to persons attending to vote who had already defaced the ballot-papers supplied to them, and that such persons subsequently voted with the fresh ballot-papers so supplied; that the ballot-papers in one polling booth were not punctured with the instrument prescribed by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 and the Regulations thereunder for the purpose of preventing the stuffing of the ballot-box; that at the said election the votes polled were incorrectly counted, and some votes were counted for the said William John Ferris which should have been rejected as informal, and other votes were rejected as informal which should have been counted for Petitioner:—and praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; that an inquiry may be made as to the various allegations contained in this petition; that a search and scrutiny of all ballot-papers, formal and informal, used and unused, in connection with the said election may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of the said Assembly; that a recount of the ballot-papers, and of the votes recorded thereby, may be made by the Committee; that it may be declared that William John Ferris was unduly elected to serve in the said Assembly, and that the return of William John Ferris as such Member may be declared null and void; that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the Assembly; and that such further or other relief in the premises may be granted as may be deemed just and necessary, in accordance with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 and the Acts amending the same.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. Messages from the Governor:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Customs (Sugar Drawbacks) Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 28.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for a drawback of Customs Duties on sugar and glucose.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1898.

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

(2.)

(2.) Strathfield Railway Crossing Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 29.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof; and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1898.

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

(3.) Seamen's Agreement Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 30.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1898.

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

(4.) Wharfage Rates Amendment Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 31.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1898.

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

(5.) Customs (Commissioners) Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 32.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Customs Regulation Act, 1879.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1898.

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

5. Printing Committee :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

6. Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the time of operation of and to amend Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884 and Saywell's Tramway Act Amendment Act, and to enable Thomas Saywell, or his executors, administrators, and assigns to employ electricity as a motive and propelling force on a certain tramway, loop-lines, and sidings constructed by him by virtue of the said Acts from Bay-street Station, on the Illawarra Railway, to and along Lady Robinson's Beach, and to enable the said Thomas Saywell, or his executors, administrators, or assigns to supply electricity for any public or private purpose and for the purpose of lighting the streets and public and private places, houses, and premises in the municipal district of Rockdale and to supply electric power to persons and public and private bodies in the said municipal district, and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes and for the generating and supply of electric power to the said municipal district.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cohen having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the time of operation of and to amend Saywell's Tramway Act of* 1884 *and Saywell's Tramway Act Amendment Act, and to enable Thomas Saywell, or his executors, administrators, and assigns to employ electricity as a motive and propelling force on a certain tramway, loop-lines, and sidings constructed by him by virtue of the said Acts from Bay-street Station, on the Illawarra Railway, to and along Lady Robinson's Beach, and to enable the said Thomas Saywell, or his executors, administrators, or assigns to supply electricity for any public or private purpose, and for the purpose of lighting the streets and public and private places, houses, and premises in the municipal district of Rockdale, and to supply electric power to persons and public and private bodies in the said municipal district, and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes and for the generating and supply of electric power to the said municipal district,*"—read a first time.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The necessity for "abolishing the political composition of the Public Works Committee."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Rose moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

8. ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 30th August, 1898, declaring the Seat of Varney Parkes, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Parkes, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Varney Parkes, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

9. DENTISTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Dr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Levien, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the refund of the purchase money of any animal or carcase sold by auction and condemned under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act of 1892, and the return of the animal or carcase to the auctioneer.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cann, that the report be *now* received.
Mr. Cann 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 refund of the purchase money of any animal or carcase sold by auction and condemned under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act of 1892, and the return of the animal or carcase to the auctioneer.

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

(2.) Mr. Levien then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the refund of the purchase money of any animal or carcase sold by auction and condemned under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act of* 1892, *and the return of the animal or carcase to the auctioneer*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th October.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Attachment of Wages Abolition Bill postponed until Tuesday, 20th September.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1898.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—William Patrick Crick, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Francis Clarke, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and The Macleay.

Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That the Seat of Francis Clarke, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and The Macleay, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Francis Clarke, Esquire.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that this motion was unnecessary, as well as being opposed to law, section 25 of the Constitution Act clearly showing that, upon the receipt of the resignation by the Speaker, the seat of the Member became vacant.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would not depart from the invariable practice of the House in such matters, the necessity for the resolution declaring the vacancy being imposed by the 55th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act. He also referred to a similar decision by Mr. Speaker Barton on the subject, given on 21st January, 1887.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Trawling Experiments:—Mr. David Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The amount of money expended in regard to the recent experiment in trawling conducted by Mr. F. Farnell, ex M.L.A.?

(2.) The amount of wages paid, and to whom?

(3.) The amount of stores, gear, &c., supplied, by whom, and the cost of same?

(4.) The names of those who accompanied Mr. Farnell during the various trips of the Government steamer?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I shall be very glad to furnish the Honorable Member with the information asked for if he will kindly move for it in the form of a return in the usual way.

(2.) Leave of Absence to Public Servants:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that by the Regulations of the Public Service Board employees in the General Division only get three days' sick leave on full pay and half-pay for one month, while the Clerical Branch are entitled to two months' sick leave on full pay and one month on half-pay?

(2.) Is it not a fact that employees in both the abovementioned branches are at times working side by side?

(3.) What is the reason for making such a marked distinction in favour of the Clerical Branch?

Mr. Reid answered,—As stated in reply to a somewhat similar Question asked of the Postmaster-General on the 31st ultimo, the Public Service Board have under consideration the question of amending the Regulations regarding sick leave to officers of the General Division, and they hope to to be able to arrive at a decision very shortly. The difficulty in the matter is to make provision for the very varying conditions which apply as regards the different classes of officers included in this Division.

(3.) Officials at the late Election in the Macquarie Electorate:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie appoint a son of a retiring candidate to the position of Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk at one of the polling-booths on the 27th July, 1898?

(2.) Was Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael a retiring candidate on the 27th July, 1898, for the Electorate of Macquarie?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie appointed Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael to the position of Deputy Returning Officer at the polling-booth at Box Ridge on the 27th July, 1898?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael's name was on the ballot-papers at the time he (Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael) was acting in the capacity of Deputy Returning Officer at Box Ridge on the 27th July, 1898?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie is a brother-in-law to a candidate who contested the election of Macquarie on the 27th July, 1898?

(6.) Did the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Macquarie appoint any of his own nephews to act in the capacity of Deputy Returning Officers or Poll Clerks at the polling-booths in the Macquarie Electoral District on the 27th July, 1898; if so, how many?

Mr. Brunker answered,—As this matter has been referred to the Returning Officer, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will kindly postpone his Question for a week. I shall then be able to furnish the information asked for.

(4.) Amendment of the Mining Act:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Are the public entitled to a copy of the suggestions made a short time ago in Sydney on the Mining Laws by delegates at a Mining Conference?

(2.) Same information *re* Conference of Wardens?

(3.) Does he intend framing a new Mining Bill embodying what may be considered the good suggestions made at the two Conferences; if so, when will he bring in the new Mining Bill?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes; the information has been available to the public for the past two years.

(2.) This has not been printed, but there will be no objection if moved for in the shape of a return.

(3.) Yes. It is intended to introduce the measure at the earliest opportunity.

(5.) By-washes on the Colombo Creek:—Mr. Carroll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has Mr. McKinney set out any by-wash or by-washes on the Colombo or other Creeks, on the station property of Mr. Samuel McCaughey, or other pastoralist in the Riverina district, during the last twelve months; if so, how many, and for whom, and at whose expense?

Mr. Young answered,—No; but in the performance of his duties under the Water Rights Acts, Mr. McKinney has inspected many dams along the Colombo and other creeks for the information of the Department and the Land Board at the cost of the Department.

(6.) Sentence passed on Men at Coonamble Police Court:—Mr. Macdonald asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that, on the 27th August, ultimo, Police Magistrate Oslear, at Coonamble, sentenced three men to three months' hard labour for the larceny of one tin of jam?

(2.) Will he inquire into the case, and ascertain if there was any special reason for such severity?

(3.) If not, will he take into favourable consideration some mitigation of the sentence?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A letter was received from the Honorable Member on Monday last calling attention to the case, and inquiry is being made as to the facts.

(7.) Allowances for Extra Services at the Federal or General Elections:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to grant any extra allowance to the Principal Under Secretary for services rendered during the Federal or recent General Election?

(2.) The amount of such allowance proposed to be granted?

(3.) Will the Government see that similar treatment is accorded to the respective Returning Officers throughout the Colony?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) The Returning Officers throughout the Colony always receive an honorarium for their services at each election.

(8.) Conduct of Constable Hart, Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Inspector-General of Police received of late any complaints from residents at Eugowra respecting the conduct of Constable Hart; if so, what steps (if any) has he taken in the matter?

(2.) Why has a report on the matter been so long delayed?

(3.) If any decision has been arrived at in the case, what is the result of the same?

(4.) Has the result of the inquiry or a copy of the report yet been forwarded to either Dr. Ross or Mr. Reymond, M.L.A.?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There has been no delay.

(3.) Constable Hart has been transferred to another station, but as neither complainant nor witnesses attended the inquiry to tender evidence, final decision is deferred for explanations by the constable.

(4.) No.

(9.) Obstruction on Road Molong to Amaroo :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Amaroo Progress Committee have repeatedly written and brought under his notice the obstruction that exists on the reserved road which passes through Haslam's paddock, portion 5-0 of 40 acres, on the road from Molong to Amaroo, and which for a very considerable time has been a great source of annoyance to local settlers and the travelling public?
(2.) What action (if any) does he intend to take to have the obstruction complained of removed; and why is the matter being so long delayed?
(3.) Has the Crown Lands Bailiff at Molong been instructed by the Department to have the obstruction removed; and why has he not done so?
(4.) What action (if any) has the Crown Lands Bailiff taken in the matter, and when?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) It is intended to cause the obstruction to be removed.
(3 and 4.) The Crown Lands Bailiff was instructed to remove the same, and visited the land for that purpose, but being unable to find the survey marks of the road, he reported the facts without removing the obstruction complained of. I may add that the District Surveyor was instructed on the 15th August last to cause the road to be remarked for the guidance of the Crown Lands Bailiff and of the public.

(10.) Treatment of Tuberculosis—The Tick Pest :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the use of "tuberculin" has proved a reliable test in detecting the existence of "tuberculosis" amongst cows or herds owned by dairy farmers?
(2.) Are there any different or distinct characteristic symptoms or appearances described by the authorities by which an ordinary individual may be able to detect cows or herds of dairy cattle that are suffering from tuberculosis, &c., from that of cancer; if so, what is the nature of the description?
(3.) If tuberculin has proved, as it is alleged, in the hands of the authorities, a reliable test in detecting the existence of tuberculosis in dairy cattle, will he have the same remedy applied in detecting the existence of the disease in the human family?
(4.) Do the authorities consider that there is any likelihood or danger, in attempting to suppress the Texas or Tick Pest (by the method of "inoculation"), of propogating more serious diseases amongst cattle than those now in existence in the shape of pleuro, tuberculosis, cancer, &c.?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No. No description can supply for the individual the training and practical experience of a professed veterinary surgeon.
(3.) No.
(4.) The question of applying the method of inoculation to protecting the Colony against Texas or Tick fever is now engaging the attention of the Minister for Agriculture, for whose advice and assistance the matter is being investigated by the Board of Health through the Principal Assistant Medical Officer of the Government and Microbiologist. The risks referred to in the Question will receive due attention.

(11.) Introduction of Rabbit Bill :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Rabbit Bill, framed about May, 1897, and which was the outcome of the previous Rabbit Conferences?
(2.) If so, when will the Bill be introduced?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes, so soon as the state of public business will allow.

(12.) Propagation of Grasses and Shrubs :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that vast areas of the western lands are rapidly deteriorating in their stock-carrying capacity owing to the rabbit plague and other causes having destroyed nearly all the edible grass and shrubs?
(2.) Is he aware that, owing to the reasons indicated, unless something is soon done, these lands will become useless, and fall out of occupation?
(3.) Will he, in view of the foregoing, take steps to have the best edible shrubs, such as salt and cotton bush, and grasses such as Mitchell and blue grass, propagated on the State farms in the Western district, and their seed saved for distribution among the Crown tenants?
(4.) Will he also take steps to introduce for propagation some of the best edible grasses and shrubs from other parts of the world with similar rainfall and conditions to the Western Division of the Colony?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1 and 2.) It is generally believed that this is the case.
(3.) The shrubs and grasses mentioned are being propagated on the State farms.
(4.) Experiments are being carried on with respect to exotic grasses and other plants, to test their suitability for the dry Western districts of the Colony.

(13.) Encouragement of Art:—*Mr. Smith*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—With reference to his replies to a Question asked by Mr. E. M. Clark, on 25th August, concerning a request by a body known as the Society of Artists to be subsidised at the expense of the general taxpayers,—
(1.) Will he state what annual sum was asked for by the society?
(2.) Is he aware that the total annual subscriptions by members of this society amount to less than £100?
(3.) Is he aware that this society does not even make pretension to being a teaching body, but consists merely of a number of artists whose object is to sell their pictures and entertain their friends at the public expense?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) A division of the amount placed upon the Estimates, £500, between the two bodies, viz., the Art Society of New South Wales and the Society of Artists.
(2.) No.
(3.) I am not aware. As yet no inquiry has been made into the matter.

(14.) The Police Force:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that when members of the Police Force are sick a portion of their pay is deducted?
(2.) What is the scale (if any) according to which these deductions are made?
(3.) By what authority is pay deducted for sickness?
(4.) Is it a rule to deduct portion of an officer's pay while sick; if so, according to what scale?
(5.) What becomes of the money so deducted?
(6.) Is it a fact that policemen who are sent to Randwick on race days have to pay 2s. 'bus fare?
(7.) Is it a fact the men have had to walk, and pay the 2s. as usual?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—
(1.) Yes; but they get medical attendance.
(2.) Half-pay; but the full amount is not usually deducted. No deduction is made if suffering from illness caused in the execution of duty.
(3.) Police Regulation No. 41.
(4.) No.
(5.) Paid into Treasury to the credit of the Police Reward Fund.
(6.) No.
(7.) No. The Police receive a special gratuity from the Australian Jockey Club for their attendance.

(15.) Men employed on the Telephone Tunnels:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Are the men who are employed on the telephone tunnels paid for holidays?
(2.) Is it the practice, in connection with work of this kind, to pay for holidays?
(3.) Is it a fact the men employed on the telephone tunnels had two hours' pay stopped on polling-day?

Mr. Young answered,—These Questions refer to the Department presided over by my honorable colleague the Postmaster-General.

4. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—The following Petitions,—from citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St. James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary Legislative authority for carrying out such extension,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Rigg.
(2.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
(3.) By Mr. Ashton.
(4.) By Mr. Cohen.
Petitions received.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Government Labour Bureau for the year ended 30th June, 1898.
(2.) Report of the Government Labour Bureau for July, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations respecting Telegrams on Her Majesty's Service.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Copies of Additional Telegrams from the Premier of New South Wales to Premiers of other Colonies in regard to a Conference after the Federal Referendum had been declared.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Member Sworn:—The Honorable Varney Parkes, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

7. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Appointment of First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at 11 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday next, in No. 1 Committee Room.

8. Adjournment:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 30th August, 1898, appointing James Ashton, Esquire, to be a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Ashton to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—James Ashton, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That, in view of 'the' nearly equally divided vote of the electors "of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the acceptance or "rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal Enabling Acts, "and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not recorded, and in view "of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, that the Bill is not "acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the electors have made "it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, upon lines which can "be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House affirms:—

"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.

"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.

"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—

"concerning which the House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the "representation of States.

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*)

"(*f*) *Money Bills*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in
" the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.
" (*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform,
" namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not
" as at present, indiscriminately to either.
" (3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and
" just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception
" mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration
" of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation,
" a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided,
" and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

And the Question being again proposed,—

Mr. Lyne moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "the", first occurring, the words " clearly expressed determination (as shown at the recent General Election) of the
" people of New South Wales in favour of Federation, this House deems it inadvisable to hamper
" the future negotiations for procuring Federation by laying down any preliminary conditions,
" fully believing that such amendments and modifications of the Commonwealth of Australia
" Constitution Bill will be agreed to as will render it acceptable to the people of this Colony at
" the next necessary referendum.
" (2.) This House authorises the Government to open up negotiations with the Governments of the
" other Colonies represented at the late Convention, with the view of procuring a joint consideration
" of the present position of the question of Federation and of the methods and particulars in which
" the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill may be dealt with.
" (3.) This House earnestly hopes that the Government of Queensland will be invited to take part
" in any future deliberations, with a view of the whole of Australia and Tasmania joining in a
" Federal Union."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—

(1.) *Electorate of Tenterfield*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 30th August, 1898, declaring the Seat of Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Lee, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield.

(2.) *Electorate of Glebe*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 30th August, 1898, declaring the Seat of James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Hogue, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Glebe.

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

The Honorable Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,—for Tenterfield
The Honorable James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,—for Glebe.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Dentists Bill postponed until Tuesday, 1st November.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "conduct of the Minister for Works in unnecessarily absenting himself from the House while it "is in Session."

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Affleck requested Mr. Speaker's attention to the notice of motion set down by Mr. O'Sullivan for consideration on 25th October; and he submitted that this motion for the adjournment of the House was substantially the same as that notice, and dealt with the same question.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the terms of the two notices, although not identical, were practically the same. This motion for the adjournment was irregular for another reason, as according to the practice of the House of Commons, such motions could not be used for the purpose of attacking a Member of Parliament. If the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan were allowed to discuss this matter now, it would be an anticipation of a discussion which he had fixed for the 25th October. The motion was therefore out of order.

5. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That, in view of 'the' nearly equally divided vote "of the electors of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the acceptance "or rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal Enabling "Acts, and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not recorded, and

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" in view of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, that the Bill " is not acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the electors have " made it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, upon lines which " can be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House affirms :—

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" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other " Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths " majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority " should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a " National Referendum.

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" (3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and just " footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception mentioned, " this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration of, the " financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, a " prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, and " uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

Upon which Mr. Lyne had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "the", first occurring, the words :—

" ' clearly expressed determination (as shown at the recent General Election) of the people of " ' New South Wales in favour of Federation, this House deems it inadvisable to hamper the " ' future negotiations for procuring Federation by laying down any preliminary conditions, fully " ' believing that such amendments and modifications of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution " ' Bill will be agreed to as will render it acceptable to the people of this Colony at the next " ' necessary referendum.

" ' (2.) This House authorises the Government to open up negotiations with the Governments of " ' the other Colonies represented at the late Convention, with the view of procuring a joint " ' consideration of the present position of the question of Federation and of the methods and " ' particulars in which the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill may be dealt with.

" ' (3.) This House earnestly hopes that the Government of Queensland will be invited to take " ' part in any future deliberations, with a view of the whole of Australia and Tasmania joining in " ' a Federal Union.' "

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

ELECTION PETITION (*Ashfield*) :—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Thomas Bavister, of Croydon, alleging that at the last General Election he and Bernhard Ringrose Wise were candidates to be elected for the Electoral District of Ashfield; that Petitioner was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected; that the Returning Officer declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be—for B. R. Wise, 966 votes, and for Petitioner, 961 votes, and made no declaration as to the number of informal votes polled, although there were several, and he thereupon declared the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise to be duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the writ the name of Bernhard Ringrose Wise as the person so elected; that the Returning Officer publicly declared that Bernhard Ringrose Wise polled 966 votes, and Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes, that in consequence of many mistakes Bernhard Ringrose Wise did not poll that number of votes; that many of the ballot-papers were declared to be informal which as a matter of fact were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner, thereby giving a majority in favour of Petitioner; that many of the ballot-papers used at the said election were not initialed, nor were the electors' rights punctured, signed, and dated by the Deputy Returning Officers, and were therefore informal; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting; that certain persons were permitted to vote who were not qualified; that Petitioner's scrutineer was improperly prevented from entering the polling-booth at Summer Hill until after all the ballot-boxes at the said polling-booth were locked, and Petitioner believes that in the opening of one of the ballot-boxes it was found to contain eighteen ballot-papers in excess of the number it should have contained; that the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise had more than one scrutineer at one or more of the said polling-booths; that the number of unqualified persons who were allowed to vote, and whose votes were counted and allowed by the Returning Officer, exceed the number of twelve; that a greater number of votes than five were counted and allowed by the Returning Officer, although such votes were not in accordance with the Electoral Act, and were by that Act made invalid; and that certain irregularities were committed in connection with the said election. Petitioner prays—(1) that his Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise may be declared null and void; (3) that a recounting of all ballot-papers may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; (4) that it may be declared that the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise was not lawfully elected; (5) that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected, and is entitled to take his seat.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Amended Form No. 88, under Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "inconvenience caused to the public by the absence of the Minister for Works from his "Department."

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only nine Members in the minority voting with the *Ayes*.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Harris, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Molesworth, and Mr. Meagher.

4. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That, in view of 'the' nearly equally divided vote "of the electors of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the acceptance "or rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal Enabling "Acts, and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not recorded, and "in view of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, that the Bill "is not acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the electors have "made it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, upon lines which "can be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House affirms:—

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"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the "establishment of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South "Wales as the Federal Parliament may determine.

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"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries "of a State without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, "as to the representation of States.

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"(3.) This House earnestly hopes that the Government of Queensland will be invited to take "part in any future deliberations, with a view of the whole of Australia and Tasmania joining in "a Federal Union."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

2. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That, in view of 'the' nearly equally divided "vote of the electors of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the "acceptance or rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal "Enabling Acts, and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not "recorded, and in view of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, "that the Bill is not acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the "electors have made it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, "upon lines which can be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House affirms:—
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Upon which Mr. Lyne had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word " the ", first occurring, the words :—

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.		Noes, 58.	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Meagher,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. See,	Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. A. H. Griffith,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Perry.	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Price,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Suttor,		Mr. Rigg,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Hassall.	Mr. Law,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Spruson,		Mr. Mahony,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,		Mr. Garland,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Watson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed,—

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Compensation to a Miner named Hannan :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the case of an old miner named Hannan, who was awarded £300 compensation for the maladministration of a mining registrar, but who claims that the amount was only part payment of the amount that was really due to him?
(2.) Under the circumstances of the case, will he consider the desirableness of awarding compensation to this unfortunate man?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) This case was inquired into some twelve years ago, and an amount of £300 passed by Parliament as full compensation to Mr. Hannan.
(2.) It is not intended to reopen the case.

(2.) Appointment of Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk for Macquarie Electorate :—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Did the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie appoint a son of a retiring candidate to the position of Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk at one of the polling-booths on the 27th July, 1898?
(2.) Was Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael a retiring candidate on the 27th July, 1898, for the Electorate of Macquarie?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie appointed Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael to the position of Deputy Returning Officer at the polling-booth at Box Ridge on the 27th July, 1898?
(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael's name was on the ballot-papers at the time he (Mr. Allen Duncan Carmichael) was acting in the capacity of Deputy Returning Officer at Box Ridge on the 27th July, 1898?
(5.) Is it a fact that the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie is a brother-in-law to a candidate who contested the election of Macquarie on the 27th July, 1898?
(6.) Did the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Macquarie appoint any of his own nephews to act in the capacity of Deputy Returning Officers or Poll Clerks at the polling-booths in the Macquarie Electoral District on the 27th July, 1898; if so, how many?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
The following replies have been furnished by the Returning Officer for Macquarie Electorate :—
(1.) Yes; the gentleman has been for the past three elections employed in the same capacity, and no exception was made upon this occasion.
(2.) Mr. Carmichael withdrew his nomination on the 19th July, 1898.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) Mr. Carmichael's name was left on the ballot-paper because no provision is made in the Electoral Act for its elision should the withdrawal be made after 6 p.m. on the day of nomination.
(5.) Yes.
(6.) Yes; out of fifty-six appointments seven were nephews, all men of considerable education and social standing.

(3.) Crown Lands :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands,—Whether he intends to introduce a measure this Session providing for the classification and reappraisement of the unsold Crown lands in the Colony?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A new Land Bill will shortly be introduced.

(4.) Land adjoining the General Post Office:—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is the land adjoining the addition to the General Post Office on its south side in George-street, on which until recently a building in the occupation of John Sands & Co. stood, the property of the Government; if not, and the building now being erected on it is not to be the property of the Government, by whose authority has the owner of this land and building in course of erection been permitted to utilise the wall of the General Post Office recently built as a part of his building by sinking the ends of his girders in it?
(2.) Is he aware that in case of a fire occurring on these premises the effect of the heat on the girders would be such as to seriously impair the wall in which they are inserted, and so expose the General Post Office and its contents to imminent danger of destruction?
(3.) Will he obtain a report from the Government Architect in reference to the use of the wall of an important Government building for the benefit of private owners?

Mr. Parkes answered,—These Questions refer to the Department of my honorable colleague the Secretary for Works, but I have been furnished by that Department with the following Answers from the Government Architect.
(1.) The land adjoining the General Post Office is not the property of the Government. By a mutual agreement between the Crown and the adjoining owner a party-wall is in course of erection.
(2.) It is not so.
(3.) The Government Architect reports that, prior to the erection of the additions to the General Post Office, but subsequent to the original resumption of the land, the site of half the existing party-wall was reconveyed to the vendors. On building operations being commenced it was found impracticable to erect a new southern wall entirely on the ground of the Crown without serious loss and danger, and it was also found highly desirable to enter into a mutual arrangement with the adjoining owners for a party-wall, with the result that the Crown has gained 1 foot of frontage in George-street at no cost to itself, while the adjoining owner has undertaken to pay the Crown the value of half the party-wall now in course of erection. I might further explain that although the wall is 24 inches through, the girders do not extend into the wall any further than about 9 inches.

(5.) Revenue and Expenditure under Diseases in Sheep Act:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause full information to be made public as to the amount of money collected under the Diseases in Sheep Act, together with further details of expenditure than are given in the Annual Report for 1897, Appendix N?

Mr. Cook answered,—Yes.

(6.) Exchange of Land, Nanami Run, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the owner of Nanami Run, near Eugowra, Molong District, county of Ashburnham, has applied for an exchange of land on his run; if so, does the conditional purchase lately taken up by one P. G. Davison form any one portion of the said land sought by the runowner to be exchanged?
(2.) Is it a fact that the owner of Nanami Run is seeking by applying for this land and exchange to secure, if possible, water reserve No. 322, and thus deprive the public of the use of the water during dry seasons?
(3.) Is the land, lots 101 and 106, parish of Nanami, and selected some years back by one John S. Campbell, form any part or portion now applied for to be exchanged by the owner of Nanami Run?
(4.) In the interest of the public, water conservation, and settlement, will he see that the application for such exchange is disallowed?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) Yes; but none of the land proposed to be surrendered is held by P. G. Davison.
(2.) There is no water reserve No. 322 in existence, as it was revoked in 1892.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) The report of the Land Board is favourable to the exchange, and every care will be taken to preserve the public interest when the case is being finally dealt with. The Honorable Member is at liberty to see the papers relating to the matter, and he will then be in a better position to judge of the merits and facts of the case.

(7.) Deductions from Salaries of Inspectors of Stock:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that inspectors of stock were, until about a year or two ago, compelled to submit to a reduction of 4 per cent. in their monthly salaries, and such deductions paid to the Superannuation Fund under the Civil Service Act of 1884?
(2.) Is it not a fact that the present Attorney-General has recently decided that these officers are not Civil Servants, and therefore not liable to contribute to that Fund, and has further decided that all such officers so contributing should cease to do so, and the amounts so contributed to be returned to them?
(3.) Is it not a fact that the 4 per cent. deducted from their salaries has been refunded to them without interest?
(4.) Will he at once take the necessary steps to pay interest on the 4 per cent. deducted, at the same rate as paid by the Government on other moneys deposited in their hands, as to withhold the same would be an injustice?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) This matter is under consideration, and an early decision will be arrived at.

(8.) Public Service Board—Retiring Allowances and Gratuities:—Mr. Ferris asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government carry out the recommendation of the Select Committee of last Parliament, appointed to inquire into the grievances of retrenched Public Servants, particularly of those old and faithful servants of the State, many upwards of thirty years' service, who received a gratuity only instead of a pension?

Mr. Reid answered,—I regret to say that the Question refers to a number of cases about which I have not yet been able to give a decision. I regret that I cannot give the honorable gentleman the information.

(9.) Pastures and Stock Protection and Diseases in Sheep Acts:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Goodwin, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware of the necessity existing for the amalgamation of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act and the Diseases in Sheep Act?

(2.) If so, will he introduce a Bill amalgamating the Acts above referred to?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The necessary instructions have been given to the Parliamentary Draftsman, and the Bill will be introduced on the first opportunity.

(10.) Allowance to Hospitals in Country Districts:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Goodwin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that authorities in connection with the metropolitan hospitals receive a weekly allowance of £1 per week?

(2.) If so, will the same consideration be extended to the hospitals in country districts?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No; but patients sent on Government orders to certain hospitals in the metropolis are paid for by the Government.

(11.) Grazing Land at end of Shea's Creek:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there a considerable quantity of good grazing land lying idle at the upper end of Shea's Creek?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of calling tenders for the right of agistment?

(3.) Upon what terms are horses allowed within the enclosure at present?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1 and 2.) There is no Government land available or suitable for such a purpose.

(3.) Horses belonging to the Department graze there now; also three or four horses belonging to the men working at Shea's Creek are allowed to graze during daytime.

(12.) Friendly Societies Bill:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he reintroduce the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies?

(2.) In view of the favourable reception of same by the last Parliament, and the importance of such legislation, will he take immediate steps for such reintroduction?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A Bill dealing with Friendly Societies was laid upon the Table and read a first time during last Session. That Bill will be reintroduced as soon as the state of public business permits.

(13.) Government Advertisements in Newcastle Newspapers:—Mr. James Thomson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount was expended by the Government in advertising in Newcastle newspapers, from January, 1897, to 30th June, 1898?

(2.) What was the amount received by each paper?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) £235 11s. 6d.

(2.) *Newcastle Herald*, £170 19s.; *Newcastle Evening Times*, £64 12s. 6d.

(14.) Men employed on Telephone Tunnels:—Mr. Dacey asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Are the men who are employed on the telephone tunnels paid for holidays?

(2.) Is it the practice, in connection with work of this kind, to pay for holidays?

(3.) Is it a fact the men employed on the telephone tunnels had two hours' pay stopped on polling-day?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) Not for ordinary holidays.

(3.) I consider that for polling day the men should be allowed their full day's pay, and have given instructions accordingly.

(15.) Banks of the Richmond River:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a sufficient sum of money to be provided on the Estimates to construct works on the Richmond River to prevent the erosion of the banks of that river?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This question is now under consideration.

(16.) Wooden Sills at the Tuckombil Escape Canal:—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he taken any steps in regard to complying with the request of the farmers of the Richmond River to remove the wooden sills at the Tuckombil escape canal?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is anticipated that so soon as the new channel approaching the entrance of the river at Ballina has been opened, both the timber sills may be safely removed from the Tuckombil weir.

(17.) Amendment of the Friendly Societies Act:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he give the House any information as to when the Government are likely to introduce the Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, promised in the Governor's Opening Speech?

Mr. Brunker answered,—My reply to the Question of the Honorable Member for The Tweed will answer to the Question put by the Honorable Member for Northumberland.

(18.) Land in the County of Northumberland :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) The value of the land within the county of Northumberland, held by owners residing therein; and the value of land owned by absentees?
(2.) The capital value of Crown lands within the county of Northumberland unoccupied?
(3.) The total amount of land tax derived from property within the county of Northumberland?

Mr. Reid answered,—The First Commissioner of Taxation reports that the desired information is not available at the present time. Its preparation would seriously delay the current work and would involve considerable expense.

(19.) Plattsburg to Sandgate Road :—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How long has the Plattsburg to Sandgate Road been classified?
(2.) How much money has been voted for the said road since the date of classification?
(3.) What amount of money has been spent on the road in question since the date of classification?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Since 1884, as Road, Wallsend to Sandgate.
(2.) £1,410.
(3.) £1,525 18s. 7d., excess expenditure being met by special grants from general Votes.

(20.) Grading of Officers in Land and Income Tax Office :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Land and Income Tax officers been graded; if not, when will the grading of these officers be completed?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Public Service Board are at present engaged upon this work. The exact date when it will be completed cannot be given at present, but it will probably be shortly. The delay which has taken place in the matter has already been explained.

(21.) Reappraisement of Special Areas :—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does he intend to submit a Bill to Parliament to allow conditional purchasers of special areas to obtain a reappraisement of their holdings?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A new Bill will shortly be introduced.

(22.) Naval Brigade Force :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What amount per month is paid to the members of the Naval Brigade Force other than officers?
(2.) What deductions are made from the pay of these men for absence from drill or other parades, and is it a custom not to pay for extra drills or parades?
(3.) What are the average number of absentees from drills and parades during the month?
(4.) Is it a custom to insist that these men shall sign a pay-sheet for the full amount of their monthly pay, and to hand them the amount, less deductions for absence from drills and parades; if so, how is the amount of these deductions accounted for in the adjustment of accounts?
(5.) In view of the loose financial check on such a system of payments, and in justice to the men, will he make provision that they shall in future only be asked to sign for the amounts actually paid to them?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Captain commanding the Naval Forces :—
(1.) Sixteen shillings and eightpence.
(2.) Two shillings and sixpence for night and five shillings for day parades. Extra parades are not paid for.
(3.) About 10 per cent.
(4 and 5.) The men sign for the full amount, but allow fines to be retained in accordance with regulations. These are paid into a fund used for the efficiency of the corps. The majority of the men are perfectly satisfied with the present arrangements, which have worked well for the past thirty-five years.

(23.) Issue of Merchants' Discount Coupons :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken for the protection of the public in connection with the issue of Merchants' Discount Coupons by a city firm?
(2.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that another of these firms, known as the Sydney Trading Stamp Company, are also canvassing on the same lines?
(3.) Will he take steps to inquire into the *bonâ fides* of these so-called firms, and as to the legality of such business?

Mr. Lee answered,—
(1.) The necessity for any interference on the part of the police has not yet been made apparent.
(2.) No.
(3.) It is not within my province to undertake inquiries of the kind.

(24.) Penny Postage :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps with the view of abolishing the present anomalous postal system now in existence, and for the introduction of a uniform penny postal rate on all letters throughout the Colony; if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The loss—estimated at £60,000 per annum—that would result from the introduction of a uniform penny postage rate throughout the Colony will not justify the Government, at the present time, in undertaking the change.

(25.) Sale of Produce at the Newcastle Wharf :—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that it has been the practice for the past forty years to permit sales of produce to take place before 8 a.m. on that portion of the Newcastle wharf between the Stockton landing ferry and the Stockton horse ferry?

(2.) Is it a fact that no accidents have resulted from such practice?
(3.) Is he aware that on the 19th August a wharfinger and police officers ordered the persons engaged at this place to leave the wharf, and, in reply to the inquiry as to where the vehicles were to go, replied, "Out of this; I don't care where you go"?
(4.) If so, under whose instructions were the officers referred to acting; and is it intended to enforce this rule?
(5.) Is it a fact that there is not sufficient accommodation provided by the Newcastle Municipal Council, and that the site of the market extending from the railway gates to the wharf is inadequate, and, further, that the utilisation of the space referred to would prove unsuitable for the purpose, and inconvenient to foot passengers?
(6.) What action has been taken by the railway authorities in this matter; and by whom was such instigated?
(7.) Is it a fact that that portion of land between Langer's and Neves' premises in Hunter-street, Newcastle, or any portion of same, was granted for a market; if so, will the Government take steps to have the land used for the purpose intended?
(8.) Will he be good enough to cause an inquiry to be instituted into this matter; and, pending the completion of the report, will he permit the produce sales to be conducted as formerly?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it has been usual to allow sales of produce as described; but owing to the want of attention, and consequent insanitary condition of the place, complaints were made by the Municipal Council to the local railway authorities, and the District Traffic Superintendent gave instructions that the matter must be remedied, or it would be necessary for those concerned to remove to another site. If sanitary conditions are observed, there is no objection to the continuance of the sales. It may be added that, in the improvements proposed by the Railway Commissioners at Newcastle, larger accommodation for this business is to be provided in accordance with the arrangements with the Council.

(26.) Dancing Schools:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the manner in which dancing schools in this city are being conducted?
(2.) Is he aware that a good deal of immorality is the outcome of these assemblies?
(3.) Will he consult the police upon the matter, and bring in a measure to license dancing schools, or that they may be better regulated and conducted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—My attention was directed to this matter some considerable time since from representations which were made. I am quite sure that it is necessary that some amendment of the law should take place; but as the matter is under the control of the municipalities nothing can be done until we get an amendment of the municipal law.

(27.) Produce loaded at Stations on the Western Railway Line:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the complaints made by farmers to the effect that great discrepancies exist frequently between the weight of produce loaded at stations on the Western railway line and the weights credited to same farmers for said produce when unloaded at Redfern?
(2.) Is he aware that in one case, thirty-eight successive trucks of produce showed a total loss of 6 tons 18 cwt., or nearly 4 cwt. per truck?
(3.) Will he have this cause of complaint inquired into and remedied as far as possible?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that complaints have occasionally been made on behalf of farmers to the effect that discrepancies have arisen between the weights of produce as weighed at loading station on the Western Line on the one hand and as weighed over the weigh-bridge at Redfern on the other. A complaint was made in June last of an alleged difference of 7 tons 4 cwt. in consignments embracing thirty-eight trucks of potatoes, extending over a period of about five weeks. Strict inquiry was made into the circumstances, but there was nothing to show that the weights given at the sending station were inaccurate. As indicated in the tariff, the weights are taken to ascertain the freight charges, and not for purposes of buying and selling. The reweighing at Redfern is performed for the convenience of consignees. Due attention is given to the weighing appliances throughout the lines. It may be added that questions of this nature affecting the detail working of the railways should be referred to the Railway Commissioners.

(28.) Cuppacumbalong Land Exchange:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has he yet come to a decision regarding the Cuppacumbalong land exchange?
(2.) If so, what is that decision?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The exchange having fallen through (the lessees declining to accept the Department's terms), I have decided to throw open for selection as a special area a portion of the reserve applied for by the lessees as part of the exchange proposals, keeping a sufficiency for any public purpose.

(29.) Proposed Model Farm near Salisbury Court, Uralla District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that his Department has abandoned the proposal to establish a model or experimental farm near Salisbury Court, Uralla district?
(2.) If not, when is it proposed to establish the model or experimental farm in the locality named?

Mr. Cook answered,—No decision will be arrived at until the Government is considering the whole question of the establishment of additional experimental farms.

(30.) The Acting Government Interpreter:—Mr. Nelson asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that serious complaints have been made to the Stipendiary Magistrates and to the police by the French Consul-General and many private citizens concerning the incapacity of the officer who is now acting as Government interpreter for European languages; and is it a fact the administration of justice has become jeopardised in foreign cases?

(2.) Is it a fact that some of the Stipendiary Magistrates have complained to the Department of Justice, and suggested that the said officer should be subjected to a thorough examination to test his qualifications?

(3.) Is it a fact that the late Government Interpreter retired from the Public Service after seventeen years' service, during which time no fault was found with him; was the retirement caused by the reduction of his salary out of all proportions of the high qualifications he possessed for the position?

(4.) Is it not also a fact that the officer possessed the confidence of the Justice Department, the Bench, and police authorities?

(5.) Will he state if there is any reason why an officer of whom such exceptionally high qualifications are required, and upon whose integrity the Court has to depend, should not be in receipt of at least the same salary as other specialists and experts of the Department?

(6.) Will he, in the interest of the public, ascertain whether the late officer has been guilty of any conduct which would preclude him from filling the position of interpreter of the European language; if not, will he ascertain if there is any reason why he should not be restored to the position?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3, 4, 5, and 6.) As regards these questions, I may state that the Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information:—"The Board, on inquiring into the Justice Depart-" ment, found that the salary paid for this service was £326 per annum, and they came to the " conclusion that a salary of £200 per annum was sufficient, seeing that the services of the officer " were only partially at the disposal of the Government. On the salary being reduced, Mr. Michel " availed himself of the option given by sub-section IV of section 12 of the Public Service Act, " and retired, receiving the gratuity provided by section 60, together with the refund of his pay-" ments to the Superannuation Account. His leaving the Service was, therefore, due to his own " action. The present holder of the office receives a salary of £250 per annum, but he has to give " his whole time to the work, his former duties of translator being combined with those of inter-" preter. From the above it will be seen that Mr. Michel's competency was not in question." I may add that the question of increasing the remuneration of the present Government Interpreter and Translator of Foreign Languages has been referred to the Public Service Board, for consideration.

(31.) Train Service on the Cowra to Harden Railway Line:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the matter of getting better train service on the Cowra to Harden railway line, and the way in which the Commissioners for Railways compute the revenue and expenditure on such line,—

(1.) Do the Commissioners give credit for coal sent along this line to the south for Departmental purposes?

(2.) Do they also give credit for the return of empty trucks from the south instead of having to bring them round by Granville?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that no credit is taken in any of the railway accounts for the carriage of Departmental supplies, nor would any object be gained by dealing in the accounts with the economy of running empty trucks in any particular direction.

(32.) Preservation of Native Grasses and Shrubs on Crown Lands:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that vast areas of Crown lands in the interior of the Colony are of late years rapidly deteriorating in value, partly in consequence of disastrous droughts, and partly from overstocking by Crown tenants, and that in consequence our most valuable indigenous grasses and shrubs are rapidly becoming extinct?

(2.) In a matter of such vast importance to the development of the future wool and meat industry of the Colony, but especially in the prevention of the spread of diseases amongst stock, will he see that some rational system is adopted for the preservation of our native grasses and valuable shrubs that are of late years being destroyed by overstocking?

(3.) Will he also see that some provision is contained in every lease issued to Crown tenants, in order that during certain periods of the year certain areas of Crown lands and runs may be allowed to remain in an ungrazed condition for a fixed period, in order that the native grasses and shrubs may have a chance of being protected and reproduced from fresh seed, and thus retard as far as possible the extinction of these valuable and indigenous pasture plants?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Under the existing land laws, the pastoral lessees in the Western Division have leases for twenty-eight years of their leasehold areas without any conditions beyond the payment of rent; and, as regards the resumed areas, there are no conditions attached beyond the payment of license fees, as they are liable to be taken up at any time under the various forms of tenure provided by the land laws. I may add that the Department is taking steps to bring the abandoned Crown lands throughout the Colony under the improvement lease clauses of our law.

2. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St. James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary legislative authority for carrying out such extension.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Supplementary Thirteenth General Report, together with Returns giving a record of the Committee's Inquiries and Minutes of Proceedings, of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
(2.) Regulations for the Army Nursing Service Reserve under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
(3.) Amended By-law under the Sydney Hospital Act of 1881.
(4.) By-law of the Municipal District of North Illawarra.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY CONNECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the City and North Sydney Connection Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Young, Mr. Dick, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Kidd, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. Watson, Mr. Sleath, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of previous Select Committees on the subject of connecting Sydney with North Sydney by bridge, tunnel, or tunnel railway, be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

5. RACECOURSE OR RECREATION GROUND AT MOLONG (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The names of the trustees of the racecourse or recreation ground at Molong, when they were appointed, and the area of the ground.
(2.) Whether the racecourse is used for any other purpose besides that of racing ; if so, for what purpose, by whom, and for what period.
(3.) Whether the ground is leased to any person ; if so, to whom, and the amount of rental received annually for the same, and to whom the rental is paid.
(4.) What becomes of the money collected in the shape of rents, and has it been expended.
(5.) The amount of money received (if any) in the shape of rents during the last eight years ending 31st August, 1898.
(6.) The amount of funds (if any) at present in the hands of the trustees or any other person.
Question put and passed.

6. COAL-LADEN SAILING VESSELS FROM NEWCASTLE LOST AT SEA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number and names of coal-laden sailing vessels which left the port of Newcastle during the past five years, and reported as being lost at sea.
(2.) The alleged cause of such loss at sea.
(3.) The number of lives lost in each vessel.
(4.) The number and names of vessels, sail and steam, wrecked or lost upon the coast of New South Wales during the years 1896, 1897, and 1898.
(5.) The alleged cause of such loss or wreck.
(6.) The number of lives lost by such losses or wrecks.
Question put and passed.

7. PUBLIC PARK AT MOLONG (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The area of the public park at Molong.
(2.) When the park was dedicated for public purposes.
(3.) The amount of public money expended in improving the same.
(4.) The names of the trustees or persons in charge of the park.
(5.) Whether the ground is let or under lease to any person ; to whom, for what purpose, and at what rental annually.
(6.) The amount of money collected in the shape of rent during the last seven years ending 31st August, 1898.
(7.) To whom the money is paid.
(8.) How the money collected is expended, by whom, and for what purpose.
(9.) Whether any of the rental received from the park has been expended on improvements ; the amount, and for what purpose.
(10.) The amount of money (if any) at present in the hands of the trustees.
Question put and passed.

8. MUNICIPALITIES (ELECTION) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the election of aldermen and auditors for any municipality.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Thomas then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the election of aldermen and auditors for any municipality*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 15th November.

9. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. McLean, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Cann, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Moore, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

10. RETIREMENT OF W. MOORE, MAINTENANCE MAN, NEAR CARCOAR (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the retirement of W. Moore from the position of maintenance man, near Carcoar.
Question put and passed.

11. MIDWIFERY NURSES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. McLaughlin drew attention to clause 7 of the Bill, and submitted that the fees payable thereunder were a tax, and that the Bill, which involved expenditure, should have been introduced in a Committee of the Whole, preceded by a Message from the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the fees referred to, being optional, and restricted to those who presented themselves for examination, could not be regarded as a tax; and that there being no provision in the Bill to appropriate any portion of the Consolidated Revenue no Message from the Governor was required.

Debate continued.
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 48.		Noes, 32.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Watson,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cohen.	Mr. Hurley,
Dr. Graham,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Garland,		Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Parkes,		Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Haynes,		Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Terry,		Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Cotton,		Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sawers,		Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Sutter,		Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ferris,		Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Law,		Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Harris,		Mr. Ross,
Mr. Phillips,		Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Mackay,		Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Ashton.
Mr. Thomas Clarke,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Moore.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Dr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Dr. Graham, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

13. ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Meagher 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. Meagher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Meagher, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

14. ATTACHMENT OF WAGES ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, *Mr. Watson*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Law,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Pyers.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Stevenson,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. O'Sullivan.	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Millard,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicholson,		
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Watson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
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 with an amendment.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

15. TRADE OPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dacey, 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 limit the hours of labour in certain trades or occupations.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prescribe the ordinary hours of labour in certain trades and occupations, and to provide for payment for overtime.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Improvement Lease, Parish of Mundowey, Tamworth District:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does he intend to ratify the sale, under improvement lease, of block 222, parish of Mundowey, Tamworth Land District?

(2.) Does he intend to again submit to auction, under improvement lease, block 219, containing an area of 2,600 acres, parish of Mundowey, Tamworth Land District?

Mr. Carruthers answered,

(1.) No. I have decided to re-offer at auction the lease of this block.

(2.) Not at present, but the matter cannot be dealt with until an application for a conditional lease of a part of the land has been disposed of.

(2.) Overtime in the Taxation Department:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How much overtime was paid in connection with the Taxation Department during the last financial year?

(2.) Is it a fact that some three persons outside the Public Service Board have been called in to undo the work for which overtime was paid during the past financial year?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) £4,648 14s. 0d.

(2.) No.

(3.) Compositors Employed at the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that persons arriving from South and West Australia, and persons in the employ of private printing offices in the city, are being employed in the Government Printing Office to the exclusion of retrenched compositors?

(2.) Is he aware that, in August last, a compositor was brought down from Bathurst, and given employment in the Government Printing Office?

(3.) Is he aware that this compositor was discharged for incompetence, but was subsequently reinstated by the direct personal intervention of the then Minister for Mines?

(4.) Will he give instructions that retrenched compositors shall have preference of employment in the Government Printing Office?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) All vacancies are filled by ballot, which includes the names of previous employees who have applied for employment.

(2.) This man was chosen by ballot from among about 130 applicants, and had been previously employed in the office.

(3.) He was suspended and reported for being slow, but as he had given satisfaction previously, and showed he had taken up work straight off, after travelling all night in the train, and was also just recovering from influenza, he was given another day's trial. This proving satisfactory, he was retained. The then Minister for Mines did not personally intervene.

(4.) The names of all retrenched compositors who apply for work are included in the list, and balloted for as vacancies arise.

(4.) Proposed Railway to Walgett and Collarendabri:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps (if any) is he taking to carry out the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works with regard to the proposed railway to Walgett and Collarendabri?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Department.

(5.) Proposed Artesian Bore at Walgett:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps are being taken to fulfil the Departmental promise to put down an artesian bore at Walgett?

(2.) Is it not a fact that expert reports confirm the opinion that artesian water can be obtained at a reasonable depth in the vicinity of Walgett?

(3.) If so, will he see that the money is spent in giving the people a good supply of fresh water, besides providing for an experimental agricultural area being laid down?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) A bore has already been put down at Euroka, near Walgett, which, it is considered, fulfils any promise made. It is questionable whether the Government would be justified in incurring the outlay in putting a bore down at Walgett in view of the fact that the town is situated at the junction of two rivers.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) If those who will benefit by the sinking of the bore will give the necessary guarantee under the Artesian Wells Act, the matter will be favourably considered.

(6.) Artesian Wells at Eurie Eurie, near Walgett:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps are being taken in respect to the sinking for artesian water, under the Artesian Wells Act, at Eurie Eurie, near Walgett?

(2.) Is he aware that the Departmental delay is causing very severe hardships to the settlers?

(3.) Will he, in view of the approaching dry summer, urge more expedition in the matter of sinking wells under the Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The preliminary formalities are incomplete. The application was not properly signed, and has to be returned for amendment.

(2.) The delay is not attributable to the Department.

(3.) Every possible expedition will be used, but each case must be dealt with in turn, and as a considerable expenditure is involved, no bore can be commenced until the necessary documents and safeguards are in order.

(7.) Drills of the Partially-paid Troops:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that last year the ordinary drills for partially-paid troops were suspended in order that the troops might go into camp for continuous training on the money thus saved?

(2.) If so, is he aware that the value of this continuous training was practically lost by reason of a great number of the men going into camp not sufficiently trained to derive the proper benefit from the advanced training for which these camps are supposed to be held?

(3.) Is it proposed to again adopt this detrimental course this year; and have orders to this effect been issued by the military authorities, or will the expenses of a camp be met from a separate Vote?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; suspended in part.

(2.) Yes; lost to some extent.

(3.) This matter has not yet been considered, but at present the military authorities are acting on last year's Estimates; and therefore on the same principle involved in Question 1.

(8.) Appointment of Mr. Coghlan as Auditor-General:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true, as rumoured, that Mr. Coghlan is to be appointed Auditor-General?

Mr. Reid answered,—It will be time enough to consider the question of a successor to Mr. Rennie, the Auditor-General, when that gentleman announces that he intends to retire from his position. I have not heard of any such determination on his part.

(9.) Extension of the Railway into the City:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the report of an interview with the Chief Commissioner for Railways, appearing in the *Herald* on 10th September, in which Mr. Oliver is reported to have said, *inter alia*—"There is the daily increasing difficulty in working the Redfern terminus, and "the repeated warnings of the Railway Commissioners on this subject should not longer remain "unrecognised. Every day Redfern station is becoming more difficult to work, and I say "emphatically that relief is most urgently needed"?

(2.) If so, will he, for the safety of the travelling public, submit to this House the recommendation of the Public Works Committee hereon?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter is complicated by the question of encroaching on Hyde Park. If a scheme avoiding that difficulty were available, I should give the matter my most strenuous attention. As it is, I will not take the responsibility of submitting a scheme taking the railway through the whole length of the park to St. James' Road.

(10.) Imperial Non-commissioned Officers appointed Staff-colour Sergeant Instructors:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Imperial Non-commissioned Officers recently appointed staff-colour sergeant instructors—as these non-commissioned officers have been drawing second-class pay from date of appointment, and for which staff-colour sergeant instructors locally appointed have to serve two years,—will he, as head of the Military Forces, give the necessary instructions for staff-colour sergeants who have joined locally to be placed on the same footing as those from England, by being given the benefit of two years' service, with attendant advantages?

(2.) Will he see that in future that local staff-colour sergeants are promoted to fill such vacancies as may occur as far as posts are concerned which they are capable of filling?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) The pay of the Imperial Non-commissioned Officers is as per agreement made with Agent-General.

(2.) The promotion of local Non-commissioned Officers rests with the Officer Commanding the Volunteer Force, in accordance with paragraph 55 of Volunteer Regulations.

(11.) Reported Suicide at the Sydney Hospital :—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been drawn to the reputed suicide of an officer at Sydney Hospital, and to the statement which subsequently appeared in a metropolitan journal—and which has as yet remained uncontradicted—to the effect that the shot which produced death later on at the hospital was fired at a certain city hotel ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Inquiries are now being made through the police, but I am unable to afford any information on this subject at the present time.

(12.) Fisheries Bill :—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to proceed with the Fisheries Bill during the present Session ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A Bill will be introduced as soon as practicable.

(13.) Libraries for Public Schools :—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that during the past six years nearly 200 school libraries have been established in the Lithgow and Dungog Districts, possessed of something approaching 18,000 volumes, the funds to pay for which were raised by entertainments promoted by the teachers ?

(2.) Will he, at an early date, consider the advisability of departmentally encouraging the extension of this system, so that every Public School in the Colony may have its own library, either by making a monetary grant or by supplying a given number of volumes to each, according to the average of attendance ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) As there are only 167 schools in the districts named, including Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools, it is difficult to believe that there are nearly 200 school libraries in those districts.

(2.) Every encouragement is given to the establishment of school libraries ; but hitherto it has not been considered necessary to make a monetary grant in the direction mentioned. The subject, however, is one that will be taken into consideration.

(14.) Rabbit Bill :—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce the Rabbit Bill this Session ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes.

((15.) Report on the Finances of the Colony—Appointment of Mr. Coghlan as Auditor-General :—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he obtained any additional or other report from the Auditor-General on the finances of this Colony besides that already laid upon the Table of this House ; if so, will he lay it upon the Table without delay ?

(2.) Has he obtained any reports on the finances of the Colony from any experts outside the Auditor-General's Office ; if so, will he lay them upon the Table of this House ?

(3.) Is there any intention on the part of the Government to appoint Mr. T. A. Coghlan, Auditor-General ?

(4.) Has the present Auditor-General been approached with a view to his retirement from that office ?

(5.) Has the Auditor-General lately protested against, or objected to, the payment by the Government of certain moneys authorised by the Mines and Agriculture Department from Loan Account, which he contended should not be so charged ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No. The Auditor-General sends his Annual Reports to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for presentation to the Legislative Assembly. There is provision in the Audit Act for the Auditor-General to submit to the Legislative Assembly a special report regarding any matter of an extraordinary character which may arise, but the necessity for such special report has not arisen during the tenure of office of the present Administration.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by reply to Question No. 8 of this day.

(4.) Not by the Government.

(5.) I have no knowledge of any such protest.

(16.) Distribution of *Daily Telegraph* Newspaper by Postmasters in the Hastings and Macleay Electorate :—Mr. Lyne asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that bundles of the special issue of the (Sydney) *Daily Telegraph* of Thursday last, unwrapped and unaddressed, have been sent to the Postmasters in the Hastings and Macleay Electorate, with a request to have them distributed to the residents ?

(2.) By what authority were the Postmasters so instructed ?

(3.) Does the Government approve of the services of public officials being utilised (or attempted to be utilised) for electioneering purposes and for distributing virulent falsehoods circulated by partisan newspapers ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have ascertained that no irregularity whatever was committed in connection with the newspapers referred to.

(3.) This Question is certainly not in accordance with the rules which guide the proceedings of this House, and I decline to answer it.

2. PAPERS :—
Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for Public School Purposes, at Alexandria and Brookongia.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No.18, and the 7th section of the Act No. 8 of 1897.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 33.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 21*st September*, 1898.

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

4. LANDS FOR CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 34.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the purchase, acquisition, and resumption of land for the purposes of closer settlement, and to regulate the disposal thereof; to authorise the making of provisional agreements in respect of the same; to enable the funds to be provided for the above purposes by the issue of debentures and otherwise; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 21*st September*, 1898.

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

5. MIDWIFERY NURSES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Dr. Graham, read a third time, and *passed*.
Dr. Graham then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to promote the better training of women as midwifery nurses, and for their registration as such.*"
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 promote the better training of women as midwifery nurses, and for their registration as such,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st September*, 1898.

6. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain land at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st September*, 1898.

7. ANDREW CLARK'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, KOCKIBERTOO, BOURKE (*Formal Motion*) :—MR. GORMLY moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all letters and papers having reference to Andrew Clark's conditional purchase No. 83-50, of 1,020 acres, converted into conditional lease No. 4,235, parish of Kockibertoo, county of Bourke.
Question put and passed.

8. Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and documents relating to the competition of the designs for the Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum, together with the printed conditions of same, signed by the competitors; also the reports of the Government Architect, Inspector-General of Insane, and Mr. Horbury Hunt, on the designs submitted, together with their adjudication and awards; also papers and report from C. H. Howell, Esq., of London on the three first premiated designs sent to England, and submitted to him, with names attached, and relative positions as placed by Mr. Howell; also as to any moneys paid in connection therewith to Sulman and Power, or any other firms.
Question put and passed.

9. Indecent Advertisements Bill (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suppress indecent advertisements.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Dr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to suppress indecent advertisements*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st November.

10. Monthly Returns of Accidents (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House monthly returns showing the number of accidents, fatal and non-fatal, and the cause thereof,—(*a*) upon vessels belonging to New South Wales; (*b*) upon vessels belonging to other countries whilst within the jurisdiction of New South Wales; (*c*) on wharfs, wool stores, factories, workshops, mines, quarries, buildings in course of erection, and on railways.
Question put and passed.

11. Convictions under Public Health and Adulteration Acts (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of convictions that have taken place since the Public Health and Food and Liquor Adulteration Acts came into operation.
(2.) The nature of such convictions, and where they occurred.
(3.) The steps taken by the Government for the purpose of detecting and suppressing food frauds and the evils arising from food and liquor adulterations.
(4.) The number of samples of food and liquor, alleged to be adulterated, submitted to the Government Analyst for analysis since the Act came into operation.
(5.) The articles (if any) submitted and analysed; what they consisted of; and by whom they were submitted for analysis.
Question put and passed.

12. Purchase and Importation of Stock by the Government (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Suttor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all letters, papers minutes, correspondence, &c., respecting the purchase and importation of the cattle and pigs recently landed or expected to arrive from England or Europe.
Question put and passed.

13. Trade Option Bill:—Mr. Dacey, pursuant to leave granted on 20th September, 1898, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prescribe the ordinary hours of labour in certain trades and occupations, and to provide for payment for overtime*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 15th November.

14. Australasian Federation:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That, in view of the nearly equally divided vote "of the electors of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the acceptance "or rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal Enabling Acts, "and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not recorded, and in view "of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, that the Bill is not "acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the electors have made "it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, upon lines which can "be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House 'affirms':—
"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.
"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—
"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.
"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.
"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*)

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the "representation of States.

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*) *Money Bills*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in "the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

"(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, "namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not "as at present, indiscriminately to either.

"(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and "just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception "mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration "of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, "a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, "and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Hogue moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "affirms," line 9, and inserting the words "do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—This House affirms",—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

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

Question then,—That, in view of the nearly equally divided vote of the electors of New South Wales, on the 3rd June last, upon the question of the acceptance or rejection of the Bill framed by the Convention constituted under the Federal Enabling Acts, and the fact that the statutory number of votes in its favour was not recorded, and in view of the conclusion, confirmed by the results of the recent General Election, that the Bill is not acceptable to the electors of this Colony in its present shape, although the electors have made it clear that they are strongly in favour of union with the sister Colonies, upon lines which can be mutually accepted as fair and just to all, this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

This House affirms,—

(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies to bring about the completion of federal union.

(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provisions for a three-fifths majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a National Referendum.

(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the Federal Parliament may determine.

(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the representation of States.

(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should be more clearly safeguarded.

(*f*) *Money Bills*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not as at present, indiscriminately to either.

(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States.

—put and passed.

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

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

15. Distress for Rent Restriction Bill:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Distress for Rent*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber.
Sydney, 21*st September*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th October.

16. Adjournment:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

There being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brunker, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Thomas Clarke, Mr. Dick, Mr. Dight, Mr. Fegan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Reid, Dr. Ross, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Selections in the Mudgee District :—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that many selections in the Mudgee District have been applied for over six months, and not yet measured?
(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, and, if as stated, will he have an additional surveyor sent to the district to facilitate the measuring in arrears, so that selectors may be enabled to get into occupation?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) Four conditional purchases and two leases, applied for more than six months ago at Mudgee, were not measured within that period.
(2.) The District Surveyor reports that two of these areas have now been measured, and that the surveyor will have them all completed and ready for the Board meeting on the 5th November next.

(2.) Vaccination of Sheep against Anthrax :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that one Mr. W. H. Consell, of Avoca Run, has lately had 18,000 sheep belonging to the run vaccinated against anthrax?
(2.) Was the vaccination of the sheep carried on under the auspices of any officer of the Department, or with the authority of the Government; if so, by whom?
(3.) Is there any truth in the report that the whole of the sheep in the Coonamble District are likely, at an early date, to be treated in a similar manner; if so, by whose authority is this wholesale system of vaccination of sheep against anthrax being carried out?
(4.) Has he any information to show that sheep that have been vaccinated for anthrax, and subsequently killed, and the carcases offered as food for sale, have had any injurious effect upon public health?
(5.) Will he obtain a report on the matter from the Board of Health or Government Medical Officer?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1, 2, and 3.) Nothing is known of this matter by the Department, as there is no necessity for owners to obtain the sanction of the Government to vaccinate against anthrax.
(4.) As a great many sheep have been vaccinated, it is very probable that some of the carcases of those which were vaccinated have been offered as food; but no information has been received that the carcases of such sheep have had any injurious effect on the public health.
(5.) The attention of the Board of Health will be called to these Questions.

(3.) Proposed Railway to Brewarrina :—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What steps (if any) are being taken to carry out the repeated promises of different Governments to give railway communication to the people of Brewarrina?
(2.) If he has any doubt as to the proposed railway paying, will he give the people of the district an opportunity of building it amongst themselves as a private line?

Mr.

Mr. Young answered,—The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works reported, on 22nd June, that the proposed railway from Byrock to Brewarrina should be carried out, provided that it be made legally binding upon the Crown lessees in the district served by the railway to pay, until the railway shall become self-supporting, one farthing per acre rent additional to their present or ordinary assessment, such additional rent to be credited to the Railway Commissioners; and the further consideration of the question will shortly be undertaken.

(4.) Report of Government Astronomer on alleged Weather Cycle:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he obtain a report from the Government Astronomer, Mr. Russell, for the benefit of the general public, farmers and graziers in particular, in reference to his opinion of the alleged nineteen years weather cycle, and whether the weather cycle is likely to affect the present season, and whether the cycle during the present season will be a favourable or unfavourable one?

(2.) Will he also get a report as to whether the weather cycle applied to the years 1897 and 1898, or to what years the cycle does apply, and when it begins and ends?

Mr. Brunker answered,—As it is impossible to obtain this information at such short notice, will the Honorable Member be good enough to move for it in the form of a return.

(5.) Superintendent of Metropolitan Fire Brigades:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Mackay, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) For what length of time has the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades been under suspension?

(2.) Has it been decided to reinstate the present Superintendent; if not, has the advisability of making a fresh appointment been under consideration?

(3.) In the event of such appointment having been determined upon, when is it to be gazetted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Mr. Bear has resigned his position as Superintendent of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades.

(6.) Holidays in the Public Service:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the permanent officers of the Public Service are paid for all holidays?

(2.) Is it a fact that the temporary officers of the Public Service are only paid for certain holidays; and, if so, on what days?

(3.) Why is any such distinction made in regard to the temporary and permanent officers of the Service?

(4.) Is it not a fact that many officers who are classed by the Public Service Board as temporary officers have been for many years employed continuously in the Service?

(5.) Was any concession of pay made to the temporary officers in connection with holidays for the Federal elections?

(6.) Have any applications been received for a similar concession for the late polling-day; and, if refused, where is the distinction between that holiday and those of the Federal elections?

Mr. Reid answered,—These Questions involve the necessity of referring to all the Public Departments. It will take some little time to do this and to prepare the information, which I suggest should be moved for in the form of a return.

(7.) Naval Brigade Force:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Questions of Mr. E. M. Clark, on the 20th September, with reference to the signing of pay-sheets by the members of the Naval Brigade Force, will he see that, in future, the pay-sheets are so arranged that, instead of the men signing for the receipt of the full monthly pay, they shall be only asked to sign for the amount actually received by them, as suggested by Question No. 5, not answered by him on the date referred to above?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Captain Commanding the Naval Forces that the details alluded to, which really refer to the internal economy of the local Naval Forces, are left to the Officer Commanding, who states that the majority of the men are perfectly satisfied with the present arrangements. There is no looseness in the system of audit. The Auditor-General receives an acquittance for the amount paid by the Government, and a Committee under the supervision of the Captain Commanding deal with the Fines Account, which is used for the benefit of the Corps and in compensating men who retire after long service, &c.

2. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St. James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary legislative authority for carrying out such extension.
Petition received.

3. Papers:—
Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Report of the Court of Investigation on the Dudley Colliery Explosion.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 25th August, 1898,—"Management "of the Cooma Hospital."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Hayes brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 35.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the determination of the capital value of conditional purchases and conditional leases by appraisement; to provide for the reappraisement of the rents of conditional leases; to better regulate applications for land; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd September*, 1898.

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

6. PLEBISCITE VOTE ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a plebiscite vote should forthwith be taken to ascertain the desire of the people of New South Wales on the question of opening licensed houses for the sale of liquor "on Sundays."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "on Sundays."

Point of Order :—Mr. Rose took exception to the proposed amendment on the ground that it altered the original scope of the motion.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was in order.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, a plebiscite vote should forthwith be taken to ascertain the desire of the people of New South Wales on the question of opening licensed houses for the sale of liquor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.	Noes, 53.	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sutter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. McCourt,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Rose.	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Dacey.
Tellers,	Mr. Reid,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Fegan.	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Garland.
	Mr. Sawers,	
	Mr. Lee,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. ALIGNMENT OF CROW'S NEST ROAD, NORTH SYDNEY :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the conflicting opinions existing between the Lands Department and the Lands Titles Office in respect of the boundaries of certain lands taken by the Government when aligning Crow's Nest Road, North Sydney, and the claims of certain persons in respect thereto.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. McLean, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Haynes, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. ROYALTIES CHARGED ON TIMBER LICENSES :—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive royalties charged in connection with timber licenses is prejudicial to the industry, and that such "royalties should be reduced."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Edden moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "royalties should be "reduced" and inserting the words "industry should in future be carried out absolutely under "State control," instead thereof.

Question

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicholson,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Wilson,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Law,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Dacey.	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Holman,	*Tellers,*	Mr. David Davis,	
Mr. Ferguson,		Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Morgan.	Mr. Moore,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive royalties charged in connection with timber licenses is prejudicial to the industry, and that such industry should in future be carried out absolutely under State control.
(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Smith,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. See,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Young,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Wilson,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Dight.
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Haynes.	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Law,	*Tellers,*	Mr. David Davis,	
Mr. Watkins,		Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. McLean.	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Holman,		Mr. Macdonald,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

DEATH OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND:—Mr. Reid said that it was with feelings of deep regret that he had to announce to the House the death of the Honorable Thomas Joseph Byrnes, Premier of Queensland. He was sure that he should voice the feelings of every Member of this House when he said that the House deeply sympathised with those who were related to the deceased Premier, in their irreparable loss. The House also felt the same deep sympathy and sorrow at the loss which the Colony of Queensland had sustained in the death of so young, so gifted, and so promising an Australian statesman, in whose death the whole continent had suffered a heavy loss.

Mr. Lyne supported the words which had fallen from the Prime Minister in reference to the death of Mr. Byrnes, and stated that the Opposition echoed every word he had uttered.

2. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:—Mr. Neild drew attention to a leading article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 22nd instant, and also a leading article in the *Maitland Daily Mercury* of 15th instant, and requested that certain marked portions should be read by the Clerk.

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the portions referred to, as follows:—

The Sydney Morning Herald, Thursday, 22nd September, 1898.—It is not necessary to add another word to what has been said in condemnation of the action of the Minister for Works in connection with this election, more especially as it must be dealt with presently in Parliament; but there is no room for question that the powers of his office have been unfairly used to influence votes in favour of Mr. Barton's opponent. They have been dragged into the contest in such a way as to raise a grave constitutional question, affecting not only the purity of administration, but those very rights which, in this instance, the interference of Mr. Young was alleged to favour. That is to say, the issue put by the Minister before this particular electorate is morally tantamount to one as to whether its voters rested their claims to expenditure of public money on the just requirements of their roads and bridges and harbour works, or whether they were prepared to set the justice of their claims on one side, and recognise the contrary principle involved in the degree of personal pressure or influence that could be brought to bear on the Minister. The Minister for Works has in effect put Mr. Smith forward as a suitor for Ministerial favours, whose applications would receive exceptionally favourable consideration. Such a proposition has only to be enunciated to stand self-condemned by every Parliamentary instinct and every canon of constitutional procedure.

The Maitland Daily Mercury, Thursday, 15th September, 1898.—What have we? Open and flaring bribery of the constituencies in anticipation of the late General Election, malversation of the funds of the country by indefensible charges to Loan Account, and this crowning enormity, this criminal interference with the free choice of a body of electors that a powerful enemy may be kept out and a servile supporter brought in.

Mr. Neild then moved,—

(1.) That in view of the charges and imputations made in the extracts read by the Clerk, from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 22nd instant, and the *Maitland Mercury* of the 15th instant, accusing the Honorable J. H. Young, Secretary for Public Works and a Member of this House, of an abuse of the powers of his office, in order to influence votes during a recent election for a Member to represent the electorate of The Hastings and Macleay, and accusing him of a criminal interference

interference in such election:—This House is of opinion that these charges and imputations should be forthwith inquired into, and that a "Select Committee" be appointed for the purpose of such "inquiry," and to report to this House.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Terry, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Edden, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waddell, Mr. McLean, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Sawers, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that this matter could only be treated as a matter of privilege with the pleasure of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was properly before the House.

Mr. Ferguson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "Select Committee," paragraph (1), and inserting the words "Royal Commission," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

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

Question, as amended, then proposed.

Mr. Dacey moved, That the Question be further amended by leaving out all the words after the word "inquiry" to the end of the Question.

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

Question, as further amended, proposed.

Debate continued.

Question then put,—That in view of the charges and imputations made in the extracts, read by the Clerk, from the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of the 22nd instant, and the *Maitland Mercury* of the 15th instant, accusing the Honorable J. H. Young, Secretary for Public Works and a Member of this House, of an abuse of the powers of his office, in order to influence votes during a recent election for a Member to represent the electorate of The Hastings and Macleay, and accusing him of a criminal interference in such election:—This House is of opinion that these charges and imputations should be forthwith inquired into, and that a Royal Commission be appointed for the purpose of such inquiry.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Miller,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stevenson.	
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Macdonald.	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Meagher,		
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Garland.	
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Moore,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appeals under the Land Tax Act:—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Mr. David Davis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) How many land assessment appeals were set down for hearing at the Court of Inquiry held at Nowra on 13th May and subsequent days?

(2.) How many were heard by the Judge?

(3.) How many were withdrawn on being settled out of Court?

(4.) The total amount of the tax appealed against?

(5.) The total amount that the tax was reduced to?

(6.) The whole cost to the Commissioners in connection with the appeals, including the Judge's salary and other expenses?

(7.) The salary per day the Government Valuator received whilst attending the Court of Review, and the salary he receives regularly while in the employ of the Commissioners?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—The information required is as follows:—
(1.) Eighty-five.
(2.) Twenty-one.
(3.) Sixty-four.
(4.) £797 9s. 11d.
(5.) £691 17s. 4d.
(6.) Approximately £160.
(7.) The Government District Valuator is paid at the rate of £300 per annum. No extra allowance was made him whilst attending the Court of Review at Nowra.

(2.) Timber License Fees:—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that persons and families residing in the interior (especially those in large centres of population) have to pay a license fee before they can remove dead timber from Crown lands for firewood?
(2.) What is the amount of fees charged for removing dead wood as firewood?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish or modify the system of removing dead timber, which, as a tax, falls very heavily and harshly upon poor families, especially during winter months of the year?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—No license fee is charged except where wood is collected for the purpose of sale.

(3.) Diseases amongst Stock:—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he see that some steps are taken to have the outbreak of tuberculosis, pleuro, and other diseases amongst stock localised in accordance with the nature of the soil, vegetation, or climatic influences, &c., so that the spread of disease amongst stock throughout the Colony may be reduced as far as possible?
Mr. Cook answered,—It is quite impracticable to localise tuberculosis and pleuro-pneumonia, as there is no part of the Colony in which these diseases have not at one time or other been met with.

(4.) Telephone Extension to Bathurst:—Mr. Lees asked the Postmaster-General,—What towns *en route* does he propose to serve with the telephone that is now being extended to Bathurst?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at, but the matter is now under consideration, and in the course of a few weeks the desired information will be supplied.

(5.) Proposed Railway or Tramway from Liverpool to Mulgoa:—Mr. Lees asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the position of the matter of a proposed light line of rail or tramway from Liverpool to Mulgoa?
(2.) Will he submit the question to the Public Works Committee this Session?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) A survey has been made.
(2.) Consideration will be given to this proposal when the railway policy of the Government is under attention.

(6.) Tuberculosis, Cancer, &c., amongst Stock:—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is the Stock Department in a position to account for the increasing prevalence of late years of tuberculosis, cancer, &c., amongst stock, and diseased unwholesome meat?
(2.) What steps (if any) are being taken for the suppression or eradication of these diseases?
(3.) Is the increasing prevalence of these diseases the result of the deterioration of our indigenous native grasses and pasture shrubs; or are there any means of ascertaining how these diseases are being propagated and becoming so prevalent of late years to what they were in the early days of settlement?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) It is doubted whether there is an increase of tuberculosis and cancer, but these diseases have been attracting more attention through the steps which have of late been taken to control and eradicate them.
(2.) Several Acts are administered by the Board of Health, which have been passed for the suppression and eradication of these diseases.
(3.) Anything such as the deterioration of the pastures, which lowers the stamina of the stock, would naturally render them more susceptible to disease. It is held by some that tuberculosis and, perhaps, cancer are propagated by contagion, but, as already stated, it is not certain that these diseases are more prevalent than in early days.

(7.) Free Education:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact, as stated on page 63 of the Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1897, that "Free education was granted to 312,000 pupils as against 28,420 free scholars upon the returns for 1896"?
(2.) If so, will he state if there were any special causes for this large increase of free scholars, and what were they?
(3.) What proportion does this number of 312,000 free scholars bear to the gross enrolment of pupils for the year 1897?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) No. This is a clerical error. The number should be 31,200.
(2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

(8.) Case of Kirchener *v.* Kirchener:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement made by the respondent in the Kirchener divorce suit to the effect that she was some time since assaulted at her own home by "a high official" of the Justice Department?
(2.) In justice to the officers of his Department, and in order that the general public may not labour under an erroneous impression regarding this matter, will he cause the identity of the "high official" referred to, to be made known?

Mr. Lee answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) I am not prepared to take any action to ascertain the name of the official referred to, nor does there appear to be any necessity for such a course.

(9.) Uniforms for Members of Rifle Clubs:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it proposed that the cost of uniforms for members of rifle clubs in this Colony shall be paid for by the State?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Uniforms for efficient reservists will be provided by the Government.

(10.) Stray Dogs:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he instruct the Police to see that ownerless dogs which infest the city's streets, and which, by reason of the diseases by which they are affected, are a menace to public health, are destroyed?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This matter will receive attention.

4. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney and residents of New South Wales, stating that, while Petitioners approve of the extension of the railway system of the Colony further into the City, they have the strongest objection to the occupation of any portion of Hyde Park for such purposes, and praying that the House will not assent to any proposal having that effect.
Petition received.

5. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—Mr. Archer presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St. James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary legislative authority for carrying out such extension.
Petition received.

6. North Shore Bridge Bill:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from Benjamin Crispin Simpson, of Sydney, Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise Benjamin Crispin Simpson, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, his executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct a bridge and approaches thereto between the south and north shores of Port Jackson, the said bridge and approaches to commence at a point in Princes-street, in the city of Sydney, not more than one hundred feet south of the northern end of that street; thence to Dawes' Point; thence crossing the waters of Port Jackson to McMahon's Point, North Sydney; thence to and terminating at a point in Blue's Point Road, in the Borough of North Sydney, about one hundred feet north of the junction of that road with East Crescent-street; to authorise the building over and diversion of streets or roads; to authorise the appropriation or use of certain lands required for or in connection with the carrying out of the said work; to make provision for compensating the owners of and others interested in such lands; to authorise the imposition of tolls on persons using the said bridge; to authorise the construction by the Government of a tramway over the said bridge and approaches; to confer powers for the making and enforcement of by-laws; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.
And Mr. Neild having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and *The North Shore and Manly Times* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

7. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the determination of the capital value of conditional purchases and conditional leases by appraisement; to provide for the reappraisement of the rents of conditional leases; to better regulate applications for land; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.
Question put and passed.

8. Advances to Settlers Bill:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purpose connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE HASTINGS AND THE MACLEAY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 7th September, 1898, declaring the seat of Francis Clarke, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Clarke, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Edmund Barton, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and The Macleay.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Edmund Barton, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and The Macleay.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Constable at Norfolk Island:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What was the date of the appointment of Michael Collins as police constable at Norfolk Island?
(2.) What qualifications did he possess for the appointment; by whom was he recommended?
(3.) What was the date when he entered the Police Service of New South Wales?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) 2nd October, 1897.
(2 and 3.) Michael Collins served in the army for some years, and is described in his certificates as a smart soldier, thoroughly trustworthy, hardworking, amenable to discipline, and of exemplary character. He also bears an excellent character from the Prisons Department in which he served as a special warder.

(2.) Proposed Road from Nundle to Quirindi:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) When will the survey be completed for the proposed new road from Nundle to Quirindi, *via* Wallabadah?
(2.) When does he propose to resume the land through the Peel River Company's Estate for the above purpose?
(3.) What is the cause of delay in the completion of this much-needed road?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) The survey has just been made.
(2 and 3.) The plan has not been received from the District Surveyor, who will be asked to transmit it as soon as possible, and, on receipt thereof, action towards resuming the land required for the road will at once be commenced.

(3.) Australian Agricultural Company:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that, according to the balance-sheet of the Australian Agricultural Company for the year 1897, they had a net revenue of £63,730, and that they divided amongst the shareholders of the company £53,159, or 26s. per share, being 4s. per share more than paid to the shareholders in 1896?

(2.) Has the said company paid income tax on the amount stated above for 1897; if not, how much were they taxed on?

(3.) Has the land tax for 1897 due by that company been paid; if so, what was the amount?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Commissioners are not at liberty to disclose the information asked for.

(4.) Timber and Forestry Leases, Port Stephens District:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Anderson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is there any foundation for the statements appearing in the *Australian Star*, of the 26th September instant, to the effect that concessions in the form of timber or forestry leases in the Port Stephens district have been granted by the Lands Department to H. J. Withers, or any other persons?

Mr. Carruthers answered—None whatever. Mr. Withers did apply for an improvement lease of certain timber land in the County of Gloucester, but before a report could be obtained from the District Surveyor, he withdrew his application on the 26th instant. He alleged as his reason for withdrawing his application that Mr. Justin McSweeney (the author of the statements in the *Australian Star*) had alleged that he (McSweeney) had already secured the only outlet from the forest lands applied for.

4. Election of Member for The Hastings and The Macleay:—Mr. Dight presented a Petition from certain residents of the Singleton Electorate, referring to the recent election for The Hastings and The Macleay, complaining of the action of the Honorable J. H. Young and the Right Honorable G. H. Reid on that occasion, and praying the House to take such measures as it may deem proper to afford relief.
Petition received.

5. Improvement Lease, Forest Lands, Port Stephens:—Mr. Bennett presented a Petition from Justin McSweeney, of Sydney, timber merchant and general contractor, representing that he owns certain saw-mills and landed property in the District of Port Stephens; that he has been informed that an application has been made for, and it is the intention of the Minister for Lands to grant, an improvement lease of a very large area of forest lands in Port Stephens District, giving the exclusive right to cut and remove all timber thereon for twenty-one years; that such concession, if granted, would be an injury to the Petitioner and to the local settlers; and praying the House to definitely ascertain whether such concession is to be granted, and that it express its disapproval of such course, or grant a Select Committee to fully inquire into and report upon the surrounding circumstances, and meanwhile that it prevent the granting of such concession.
Petition received.

6. Papers:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulations respecting the Public Service Tender Board, under the Public Service Act of 1895.
(2.) Amended Regulations respecting the subjects of Examination for Teachers and Pupil Teachers, under the Public Service Act of 1895.
(3.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during August, 1898.
(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill, under the Public Health Act, 1896.
(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, at Duri, Great Northern Railway, for improving the Siding Accommodation.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Deputy-Speaker having taken the Chair at Mr. Speaker's request:—

8. Dissent from Mr. Speaker's Ruling—No Quorum:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of Mr. Speaker on Thursday, 22nd September, in declaring the House adjourned before 3·30 p.m., on account of no quorum being present, is deserving of the severest censure.

The Deputy Speaker directing Mr. Sleath's attention to the time limit prescribed in Standing Order No. 161,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Price submitted that this motion did not deal with a ruling given by the Speaker, but rather with his action, and, therefore, it did not come under the operation of Standing Order No. 161, which restricted debate.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that, in his opinion, the decision of Mr. Speaker, that there was no quorum, was a ruling within the meaning of the Standing Order.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

9. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "delay in removing the snags from the Darling River."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes. 50.	
Mr. Ferris,		Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Lyne,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Wood.	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Suttor,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Chanter,		Mr. Dick,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Perry,		Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dight,		Mr. Jessep,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Barton,		Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Sawers,		Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Crick,		Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. David Davis,		Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. O'Conor,		Mr. Garland,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Cruickshank,		Mr. Miller,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Byrne,		Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Barnes,		Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Mackay,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Hurley,		Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. McLaughlin,		Mr. Smith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Pyers,		Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Carroll,		Mr. Reid,	Mr. Whiddon.
Mr. Nelson.		Mr. Dugald Thomson,	*Tellers,*
		Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
		Mr. Law,	Mr. Lees,
		Mr. Nobbs,	Dr. Graham.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—

"This House affirms,—

"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.

"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.

"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the "representation of States.

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*) *Money Bills*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in "the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

"(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, "namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not "as at present, indiscriminately to either.

"(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and "just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception "mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration "of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, "a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, "and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 *SEPTEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

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

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11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the determination of the capital value of conditional purchases and conditional leases by appraisement; to provide for the reappraisement of the rents of conditional leases; to better regulate applications for land; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the determination of the capital value of conditional purchases and conditional leases by appraisement; to provide for the reappraisement of the rents of conditional leases; to better regulate applications for land; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

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

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the determination of the capital value of conditional purchases and conditional leases by appraisement; to provide for the reappraisement of the rents of conditional leases; to better regulate applications for land; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Revenue—Illawarra and Belmore Lines:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What was the income during the past financial year from the Sydney-Hurstville section of the Illawarra railway line, and the expenditure for the same period?
(2.) What was the income during the past financial year from the Sydney-Belmore section, and the expenditure for the same period?
(3.) What was the income during the past financial year from the Hurstville-Nowra section, and the expenditure for the same period?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information is not kept separately as asked for. It would take some time to prepare it, but this could be done if it is still desired and is moved for in the usual way. Information is already published in the Railway Reports as to the profit and loss on the sections Sydney to Kiama, Kiama to Nowra, and Sydenham to Belmore.

(2.) Wharfage Rates and Tonnage Dues Act:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and reports between the Treasury Department and the Public Wharfs Office during 1895 in regard to the reduction of tonnage dues by certain vessels, under the Wharfage Rates and Tonnage Dues Act, which have been already moved for?

Mr. Reid answered,—The papers in connection with the reduction of tonnage dues made in the case of the ship "Yallaroi," which are understood to be what are required, were laid upon the Table on 28th June last, in compliance with the Order of this House.

(3.) Allora Spring Wheat:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) In reference to a paragraph in the *Australian Agriculturist*, of the 3rd August, under Hawkesbury College Notes, stating that a fairly large area of Allora Spring Wheat has been put in this season, as this variety is especially valuable for late sowing, and the June rains retarded the work of getting in the seed,—has the Government continued the cultivation of this wheat?
(2.) Did a well-known baker in Sydney report that this wheat was unfit for milling—that the flour it produced was very inferior, dark in colour, and weak?
(3.) Did a wheat-grower at Scone cultivate this wheat, procured from the Department of Agriculture, and on the Sydney baker's report determine not to sell it, although he had orders for the whole crop?
(4.) Did the introducer of this wheat from California discourage its growth?
(5.) Did Dr. Cobb, without reservation, discourage the growth of it but for late sowing?
(6.) How many acres of this wheat has the Government under cultivation, and what use do they intend to make of the expected crop?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes. This variety being a quick grower it is expected it will prove valuable to the Richmond district, where rust is prevalent.
(2.) In June last the Department had 100 bushels of this wheat tested by one of the leading Sydney millers, who reported:—"I consider Allora Spring wheat a good milling variety for mixing purposes. I had the flour tried by several bakers, who all pronounced the flour from the plump grain very good."
(3.) Yes; in 1897 he reported he had sent a sample of the flour to a Sydney baker, who stated it was a weak, very dark, and inferior flour. The Department is not aware whether the grower sold the remainder of his crop or not.
(4.) Not so far as is known by the Department.
(5.) No.
(6.) One hundred and sixty acres. The use to be made of the crop will depend entirely upon the season.

2. ELECTION PETITION (*Albury*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Richard Thomas Ball, of Strathfield, alleging that Petitioner and Thomas Hunter Griffith were candidates for the Electoral District of Albury; that the votes cast were declared to be—for Thomas Hunter Griffith 834 votes, for Petitioner 795 votes, and informal 29 votes; that Thomas Hunter Griffith was duly declared elected and has taken his seat; that before and at the election Thomas Hunter Griffith was guilty of using undue influence upon and of intimidating electors; that since the election Thomas Hunter Griffith has been guilty of using undue influence upon and of intimidating electors on account of their having voted for Petitioner, or having refrained from voting for him; and praying that it may be declared that the said Thomas Hunter Griffith is not entitled to serve in the Assembly for the Electoral District of Albury, and that he is by law incapable of being elected or sitting as a Member for any District until the next General Election, and that Petitioner is entitled to take his seat and serve as Member for the Electoral District of Albury.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. Wilks presented a Petition from 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 portions of certain streets at Mort Bay in the Borough of Balmain, being a portion of College-street and the north-east end of Mort-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith.

And Mr. Wilks having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and *Balmain Observer*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of New South Wales, butchers, and stock-buyers of the Northern District, praying the House to pass into law the Diseased Animals and Meat Bill.
Petition received.

5. CLAIM OF SAMUEL AND MARY LEMON:—Dr. Ross, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th August, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. NORTH SHORE BRIDGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise Benjamin Crispin Simpson, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, his executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct a bridge and approaches thereto between the south and north shores of Port Jackson, the said bridge and approaches to commence at a point in Princes-street, in the city of Sydney, not more than one hundred feet south of the northern end of that street; thence to Dawes' Point; thence crossing the waters of Port Jackson to McMahon's Point, North Sydney; thence to and terminating at a point in Blue's Point Road, in the Borough of North Sydney, about one hundred feet north of the junction of that road with East Crescent-street; to authorise the building over and diversion of streets or roads; to authorise the appropriation or use of certain lands required for or in connection with the carrying out of the said work; to make provision for compensating the owners of and others interested in such lands; to authorise the imposition of tolls on persons using the said bridge; to authorise the construction by the Government of a tramway over the said bridge and approaches; to confer powers for the making and enforcement of by-laws; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Neild having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise Benjamin Crispin Simpson, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, his executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct a bridge and approaches thereto between the south and north shores of Port Jackson, the said bridge and approaches to commence at a point in Princes-street, in the city of Sydney, not more than one hundred feet south of the northern end of that street; thence to Dawes' Point; thence crossing the waters of Port Jackson to McMahon's Point, North Sydney; thence to and terminating at a point in Blue's Point Road, in the Borough of North Sydney, about one hundred feet north of the junction of that road with East Crescent-street; to authorise the building over and diversion of streets or roads; to authorise the appropriation or use of certain lands required for or in connection with the carrying out of the said work; to make provision for compensating the owners of and others interested in such lands; to authorise the imposition of tolls on persons using the said bridge; to authorise the construction by the Government of a tramway over the said bridge and approaches; to confer powers for the making and enforcement of by-laws; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto*,"—read a first time.

7. EMBANKMENT AT KELSO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, letters, minutes, and other documents relating to the embankment at Kelso, now being constructed by the Public Works Department.
Question put and passed.

8. ROADS SUPERINTENDENT AND ROADS OFFICE, TUMBARUMBA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, —That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) All papers, reports, &c., in connection with complaints about the Roads Superintendent at Tumbarumba.
(2.) All papers, reports, &c., in connection with the dispute respecting the Roads Office at Tumbarumba.
Question put and passed.

9. EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOT ON PUBLIC SERVICE LIST (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The names of all employees at present in the Public Works Department, whether professional or clerical, permanent or temporary, whose names do not appear on the Public Service List, and whose salaries or wages are not included in the ordinary salaries vote, with date of appointment.
(2.) The salaries and allowances being paid to each, and the Vote to which same is charged.
(3.) The particular branch of the Works Department under which each man serves, where located, and the capacity in which engaged, whether as a Divisional, Supervising, or other Engineers, Clerk of Works, Surveyor, Surveyor's Assistant, Draftsman, Ordinary Clerk in office, Inspector, Timekeeper, Roads' Superintendent, or Resident Roads' Engineer, Assistant to Roads' Superintendent, or Clerk in Roads' Office; also, the temporary or "casual employees" performing the duties pertaining to any of the above offices.
Question put and passed.

10. OYSTER LEASES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Anderson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) All reports of the Inspectors of Fisheries on the state of W. S. Ongley's oyster leases at Pittwater, and as to the quantity of young oysters on the leases; also as to the adaptability or otherwise of the foreshores for the purpose of laying and cultivating oysters.
(2.) A return showing—(*a*) the number of oyster lessees at the present time, with the areas each lessee holds; (*b*) the number of yards each lessee holds, with the yearly rental of each lease, (*c*) also the numbers of each and every lease, with the names of all holders of oyster leases, and the names of all rivers on which such oyster leases are granted; (*d*) also the number and names of lessees who owe rent on leases they previously held, and who have been granted fresh leases.
Question put and passed.

11. EARLY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

12. APPLICATIONS FOR OYSTER LEASES, MANNING RIVER, BY MESSRS. ONGLEY AND MARSHALL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, documents, communications, objections, reports, either by the local police, oyster lessees, or residents, also reports or memoranda by the Fisheries Commissioners, in respect to certain applications for oyster leases on the Manning River, made by William Savage Ongley, J. H. Ongley, W. S. Ongley, and George Marshall.
Question put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Mining Laws Amendment Bill, second reading ;—until Tuesday, 18th October.
(2.) Distress for Rent Restriction Bill, second reading ;—until Tuesday, 1st November.

14. ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Meagher moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Meagher, *passed*.
Mr. Meagher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf.*
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 Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th October, 1898.

15. ATTACHMENT OF WAGES ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.			Noes, 18.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Willis,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Ferris.	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Nicholson,	*Tellers,*	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Quinn,		Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Cohen,		Mr. David Davis.
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McGowen,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,		Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Moore,		Mr. Perry.
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Piddington,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

16. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Perry pointed out that according to the title of this Bill it was proposed to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867, which had been wholly repealed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection, and said the Bill was out of Order.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Garnishee (Wages Protection) Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Diseased Animals and Meat Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 1st November.

18. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dight moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Inclosed Lands Protection Act, 18 Vic. No. 27, by repealing section 6 and substituting other provisions in lieu thereof.

Question put and passed.

19. CASE OF WILLIAM CRESWELL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of William Creswell, at present an inmate of the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. E. M. Clark.	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Nobbs,	*Tellers,*	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Ross,		Mr. Barnes,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Fegan,		Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Piddington.

And so it passed in the negative.

20. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dight, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Inclosed Lands Protection Act,' 18 Victoria No. 27, by repealing section 6 and substituting other provisions in lieu thereof*,"—which was read a first time.

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

21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only ten Members in the minority voting with the *Noes*.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Price, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Edden, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Stevenson.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Constable Michael Collins:—*Mr. McLean*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Referring to Mr. Jessep's Question No. 1, of 29th September, what was the date when Michael Collins entered the Police Service of New South Wales?
(2.) How long was he in the service of the Prisons Department of New South Wales?

Mr. Cook answered,—M. Collins was not in the Police Service of New South Wales, but was employed by the Prisons Department as a Special Relieving or Emergency Warder for 149 days (not continuous) during the year ended 16th July, 1897.

(2.) Accommodation for Gaoler at Gundagai Gaol:—Mr. Barnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the inadequate accommodation for the gaoler and his family in Gundagai Gaol, will he cause a sum of money to be placed on the coming Estimates to enlarge and improve same?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter will be considered when the Estimates are being prepared.

(3.) Salisbury Court Holding:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has any action been taken for the leasing of the portion of land on Salisbury Court Holding set apart for an experimental farm?
(2.) If so, what are the terms attached to the leasing?
(3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to establish an experimental farm, what does the Minister intend to do with the 2,700 acres set apart for that purpose?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) See reply to No. 1.
(3.) It is not proposed to disturb the reservation for the experimental farm unless the Department of Agriculture intimates its final decision on the subject.

(4.) Art Unions:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Under what conditions or class of cases is authority (if any) granted for holding Art Unions, and withheld in others?
(2.) Is it a fact that Art Unions, or drawing by lots, are being carried on throughout the Colony almost daily and weekly; if so, under whose authority are they allowed?
(3.) The number of applications that have been made for the holding of Art Unions during the last eight months, the number granted, and the number that have been refused?
(4.) Is it a fact that authority was granted for holding an Art Union or distribution of prizes in connection with the Eight Hour Demonstration on the 3rd instant; if so, will similar privileges be extended to all other demonstrations of a public character and for charitable purposes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) The only power to give permission to hold Art Unions is when the prizes consist of paintings, drawings, &c. This power is vested in the Attorney-General under the provisions of 14 Vic. No. 13.
(2.) I am not aware.
(3.) Will the Honorable Member kindly move for a return in the usual way.
(4.) No.

(5.) Tax under Diseases in Sheep Act:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it intended (in view of the fact that there has been no scab amongst sheep for many years) to abolish the annual tax under the Diseases in Sheep Act; and, if so, when will legislation be introduced?

(2.)

(2.) Is it intended to repeal the Diseases in Sheep Act, the Stock and Pastures Act, and the Rabbit Act, and deal with all these matters under one Act; if so, when will such legislation be introduced?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) It is not intended to abolish the contribution now paid under the Diseases in Sheep Act, as it is necessary to maintain a staff of inspectors to prevent the re-introduction of scab and other diseases; the spread of other infectious and contagious diseases; to regulate the travelling of sheep; to protect travelling stock and other reserves from trespass; and to carry out the many other duties connected with sheep and their movement. It is intended, however, when the state of public business will admit, to introduce legislation providing for a fair share of the expense of the inspecting staff being paid by owners of large stock.
(2.) It is intended to consolidate the Diseases in Sheep Acts and the Pasture and Stock Protection Acts, but the Rabbit Bill will be dealt with by my honorable colleague the Secretary for Lands.

(6.) Transfer of Patient from District Hospital to Government Asylum:—Mr. Reymond asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) When it is found necessary to transfer a patient of a District Hospital to a Government Asylum, is the honorary medical officer entitled to the usual fee for filling in the certificate?
(2.) If so, by whom should the voucher be signed?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Chief Medical Officer that no fee is paid to the Medical Officers of Hospitals subsidised from the public funds for this service, which is part of the medical business of the Hospital. On the transfer taking effect the cost of the patient to the Hospital ceases at once.

2. Election Petition (*Ashfield*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Thomas Bavister, of Croydon, alleging that at the last General Election he and Bernhard Ringrose Wise were candidates to be elected for the Electoral District of Ashfield; that Petitioner was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected; that the Returning Officer declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be—for B. R. Wise, 966 votes, and for Petitioner, 961 votes, and made no declaration as to the number of informal votes polled, although there were several, and he thereupon declared the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise to be duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the writ the name of Bernhard Ringrose Wise as the person so elected; that the Returning Officer publicly declared that Bernhard Ringrose Wise polled 966 votes, and Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes, that in consequence of many mistakes, and of unqualified persons being permitted to vote, Bernhard Ringrose Wise did not poll that number of votes; that many of the ballot-papers were declared to be informal which as a matter of fact were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner, thereby giving a majority in favour of Petitioner; that many of the ballot-papers used at the said election were not initialled, nor were the electors' rights punctured, signed, and dated by the Deputy Returning Officers, and were therefore informal; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting; that certain persons were permitted to vote who were not qualified; that Petitioner's scrutineer was improperly prevented from entering the polling-booth at Summer Hill until after all the ballot-boxes at the said polling-booth were locked, and Petitioner believes that in the opening of one of the ballot-boxes it was found to contain eighteen ballot-papers in excess of the number it should have contained; that the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise had more than one scrutineer at one or more of the said polling-booths; that the number of unqualified persons who were allowed to vote, and whose votes were counted and allowed by the Returning Officer, exceed the number of twelve; that a greater number of votes than five were counted and allowed by the Returning Officer, although such votes were not in accordance with the Electoral Act, and were by that Act made invalid; and that certain irregularities were committed in connection with the said election; and praying (1) that his Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise may be declared null and void; (3) that a recount of all ballot-papers may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; (4) that it may be declared that the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise was not lawfully elected; (5) that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected, and is entitled to take his seat.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. Papers:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th September, 1898,—"Retirement of W. Moore, Main-"tenance Man, near Carcoar."
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 4th October, 1898,—"Embankment at Kelso."
(3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 4th October, 1898,—"Roads Superintendent and "Roads Office, Tumbarumba."
(4.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order, made on 4th October, 1898,—"Roads Superintendent "and Roads Office, Tumbarumba."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Sydney–Hurstville, Sydney–Belmore, and Hurstville–Nowra sections of Railway Lines (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The income during the past financial year from the Sydney-Hurstville section of the Illawarra railway line, and the expenditure for the same period.
(2.) The income during the past financial year from the Sydney-Belmore section, and the expenditure for the same period.
(3.) The income during the past financial year from the Hurstville-Nowra section, and the expenditure for the same period.
Question put and passed.

5. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being a portion of College-street and the north-east end of Mort-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilks 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 portions of certain streets at Mort Bay in the Borough of Balmain, being a portion of College-street and the north-east end of Mort-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—read a first time.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow;—

(1.) Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
(2.) Advances to Settlers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purposes connected therewith.
(3.) Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
(4.) Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

7. ATTACHMENT OF WAGES ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.		Noes, 23.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Archer,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. See,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Law,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Spruson.
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Cohen,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Sawers.	
Mr. McGowen,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Cann,		
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Rigg,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. McLean.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 abolish Attachment of Wages*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish Attachment of Wages*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *5th October*, 1898.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Garnishee (Wages Protection) Bill postponed until To-morrow.

9. VOTE OF CENSURE—CONDUCT OF THE HONORABLE J. H. YOUNG, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Lyne proceeding to move the motion standing in his name,—

Points of Order:—
(1.) Mr. Crick submitted that, under the practice of the House of Commons and of this House, Mr. Young, whose conduct was under censure, should be heard in his place, and then withdraw from the Chamber while the motion was under discussion.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker quoted the passage from the 10th Edition of May, pages 332-3, but considered the cases there referred to had suddenly arisen during debate. He referred to Mr. Stansfeld's case, 17th March, 1864, in which that gentleman not only remained in the House but voted. Under the circumstances he would not assume the responsibility of interfering, or saying that the Honorable Member, Mr. Young, should not remain in the Chamber.

(2.) Mr. Cann submitted that Mr. Lyne's motion was the same in substance as Mr. Neild's motion of *Privilege*, moved and agreed to on 28th September, and, therefore, was out of order. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he could not possibly rule this motion out of order until it had been submitted to the House. In any case he would not take upon himself the responsibility of preventing the House from considering it.

Mr. Lyne then moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Minister for Public Works, Mr. J. H. Young, in relation to recent elections, is deserving of censure, and this House regrets to observe that such conduct has been defended by other Ministers.

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

Points of Order :—

(1.) Mr. Watson, referring to Mr. Lyne's statements, asked Mr. Speaker to rule that any general references to Ministers of the Crown going to electorates during elections, to influence electors there, were out of order, as anticipating a discussion on Notice No. 3 for 25th October.

Mr. Speaker ruled that such general references were not irregular, this being a case where the conduct of a Minister was impugned.

(2.) Mr. Watson submitted that reference to the debate of last week, on the motion of *Privilege*, should not be allowed.

Mr. Speaker said that this motion did not revive a debate already concluded, and that that debate on the question of *Privilege* might be referred to.

Debate ensued.

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10. PAPERS :—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letter from the Crown Solicitor, dated 6th May, 1898, *in re* "McSharry v. The Railway Commissioners."

(2.) List of Appropriations from March to 27th July, 1898.

(3.) Summary of Appropriations from March to 27th July, 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Garland 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 Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Property adjoining the General Post Office:—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) What is the name of the owner of the property adjoining the General Post Office to the south in George-street?
(2.) By whom, and on what authority, was the agreement made on behalf of the Government for a common use of the dividing wall between the General Post Office and this property?
(3.) What proportion of the cost of this dividing wall is the owner of the property referred to contributing?
(4.) What is the thickness of this wall when accurately measured?

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) Mr. Alfred Rofe.
(2.) By the Minister for Works, on the recommendation of the Government Architect, and with the advice and assistance of the Crown Solicitor.
(3.) The proportion of cost is that of half a party wall, assumed to be 18 inches thick, and constructed of brickwork in cement, together with half of the foundations necessary for such a wall in such a position.
(4.) Thickness of wall—Basement to ground floor, 2 ft. 6 in.; all above ground floor, 2 feet.

(2.) The Zoological Gardens:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) How many Sundays have the Zoological Gardens been opened since its establishment?
(2.) What is the unauthorised amount paid to the Trustees of the Zoological Gardens, or any other person or persons, on account of the opening of the Zoological Gardens on Sundays since the opening?
(3.) Has any sum been authorised to be paid by Parliament for the purpose of opening these gardens on Sundays?
(4.) What is the cost or the sum allowed per Sunday for keeping these gardens open?
(5.) What are the hours during which these gardens are kept open on Sundays?
(6.) How many men are employed at these gardens by reason of their being kept open on Sunday?

Mr. Reid answered,—The following information has been obtained from the Secretary of the New South Wales Zoological Society:—
(1.) The Zoological Gardens were open to the public on Sundays, on payment, for a period of some months, a number of years back. Sunday opening was, however, discontinued until 9th January last, since when (40 Sundays) they have been opened regularly on Sundays.
(2.) The amount paid to the Trustees (the Council) on account of Sunday openings is £500; the payment, I may add, being made from the Treasurer's Advance Account.
(3.) No.
(4.) No special sum has been allowed for Sunday openings; the cost of labour alone has amounted to £3 3s. 10d. each Sunday.
(5.) The gardens are kept open each Sunday from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock p.m.
(6.) The number of men employed in the gardens each Sunday is nine.

(3.) Liquor sold without a License:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many clubs are there in Bathurst and Pitt Streets that are selling liquor without paying any license?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for.

(4.) Moree-Inverell Railway :—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that the prices offered for teams to work the ploughs and scoops on the Moree-Inverell Railway are too low to secure a sufficient number to carry on the work, and that in consequence the navvies employed are on many occasions only working half-time ?
(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to remedy the inconvenience complained of ?

Mr. Young answered,—The Engineer-in-charge of the work reports that no complaints have reached him as to the rates paid, nor has he ever been asked to pay higher rates, consequently the alleged loss of time cannot be attributable to this cause. Any broken time which has occurred is due to the fact that owing to the scarcity of feed the teams, as rule, are not strong enough for hard and continuous work. Teams are not required for scoops, and no difficulty whatever has been experienced in obtaining horses at the rate paid by the Department, which is the same as contractors allow for similar work.

(5.) Mining Accidents Relief Fund :—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Thomas, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
Does he purpose introducing a Bill providing for a pension to the widows and children of miners killed whilst following their avocation, as promised by his predecessor the Honorable Sydney Smith ?

Mr. Cook answered,—A Bill is being drafted for this purpose, and when ready will be submitted for the consideration of the Cabinet.

(6.) Margarine sold as Butter :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What steps (if any) are being taken in order to protect the public against the perpetration of fraud by persons selling margarine for butter ?
(2.) Will he see that some steps of a practical character are taken to have this practice put a stop to, and the perpetrators thereof punished ?
(3.) Will he also take steps to have the article marked with a distinctive label or brand ?

Mr. Reid answered—
(1.) The sale of margarine as butter is an offence under the "Public Health Act," Part VIII, Adulteration, and this law is sufficient to protect the public.
(2.) Local Authorities are charged to execute the Public Health Act in their districts, and should supervise the food supplied to the people who reside therein ; but this part of the law can also be set in motion by any individual who considers himself aggrieved. As a matter of fact, however, the Department of Public Health has successfully instituted prosecutions against two traders who fraudulently supplied margarine to customers as butter.
(3.) Such marking could not be enforced under the law as it stands.

(7.) Case of Meagher *v.* Norton :—Mr. Carroll asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. D. Chenhall, solicitor, has been instructed by the Crown to appear, on behalf thereof, in two cases, or either of two cases, now pending at the Central Police Court, Sydney, in which the litigants are Messrs. R. D. Meagher and J. Norton ?
(2.) If so, what are the arrangements concerning the engagement or retainer of Mr. Chenhall, and what salary or remuneration is he to receive ?
(3.) Is this Mr. Chenhall the same solicitor who, on the first hearing of these cases, appeared in Court on behalf of Mr. J. Norton ?
(4.) For what reason has the Crown in this case not been represented in Court by an officer of the Department ?

Mr. Lee answered,—
(1.) Employed by the police.
(2.) I am not yet aware.
(3.) I do not at present know.
(4.) I am not informed.

(8.) Revision of the Electoral Rolls :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Crown Solicitor has issued instructions that the Electoral Revision Court has no power to remove from the Electoral Roll the names of parties who have left their respective electoral districts no matter how long they may have been away ?
(2.) Seeing that the rolls under the circumstances are stuffed with persons who are not entitled to vote, and that there are other anomalies in connection with the Electoral Act, will he introduce a new Electoral Act forthwith ?
(3.) In the event of no new Electoral Act being introduced forthwith, will he immediately introduce a Bill giving power to purify the Electoral Rolls of the Colony, so that the names of electors entitled to vote will for the future be on the roll, and those only ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) No ; the Crown Solicitor having advised that the Act does not authorise a Revision Court to expunge from the General List the names of persons who have left the Colony, or the district for which they were originally enrolled, the Electoral Registrars were instructed not to lodge objections on those grounds.
(2 and 3.) Recent developments have shown that there have been so many irregularities practiced under the Electoral Act, and so many anomalies have prevailed that nothing less than the introduction of a new Act will overcome the difficulties which have arisen. I will submit the matter for the consideration of the Government.

2. PAPERS :—
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Rates for Telephone Messages between Mount Victoria, Hartley, and Little Hartley.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of the various steps in the case of McSharry *v.* the Railway Commissioners (Cootamundra-Gundagai Contract) respecting the appointment of Arbitrators.

(2.) Papers and documents respecting the Drainage Works, Macleay River.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Clubs in the Metropolitan District.

(2.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Tabratong Leasehold Area, for providing for Settlement by other Holdings.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next:—

(1.) Australasian Federation; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

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(2.) Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

(3.) Advances to Settlers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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

(2.) The Order of the Day of General Business for the second reading of the Garnishee (Wages Protection) Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th November.

5. VOTE OF CENSURE—CONDUCT OF THE HONORABLE J. H. YOUNG, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne,—

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Minister for Public Works, Mr. J. H. "Young, in relation to recent elections, is deserving of censure, and this House regrets to observe "that such conduct has been defended by other Ministers.

"(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. Hurley moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1898, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.		Noes, 60.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hughes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Quinn,	Dr. Graham,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Law,
Mr. See,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Ewing.	Mr. Young,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Byrne,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Carroll,		Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Austin Chapman.	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Crick,		Mr. Ross,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levien,		Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. McLaughlin,		Mr. Cann,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. W. W. Davis,		Mr. Smith,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Piddington,		Mr. Archer,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Perry,		Mr. Edden,	Mr. Meagher.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued. Question

Question put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Minister for Public Works, Mr. J. H. Young, in relation to recent elections, is deserving of censure, and this House regrets to observe that such conduct has been defended by other Ministers.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.		Noes, 58.	
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Crick,	Dr. Graham,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. See,	Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Young,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Gillies,		Mr. Reid,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Austin Chapman.	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Ross,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. David Davis,		Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Wilson,		Mr. Hughes,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Watson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Donaldson,		Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Quinn,		Mr. Molesworth,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Cohen, 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 September, 1898, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY CONNECTION BILL:—Mr. McLean, 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 September, 1898, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McLean then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Nine o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Reserves, Boroughs of Botany, Randwick, and North Botany:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the area of the water reserve within the boroughs of Botany, Randwick, and North Botany, respectively?
(2.) Who are the owners, and what rent do they receive from the Water and Sewerage Board?

Mr. Young answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) Borough of Botany, 94 acres; Borough of Randwick, 549 acres; Borough of North Botany, 320 acres.
(2.) Australian Cities Investment Corporation (Limited); £26 per annum.

(2.) Reduction of Municipal areas:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to make provision in the proposed Municipalities Act Amendment Bill for the reduction of municipal areas?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject referred to is being considered with the amended Municipalities Act now under consideration.

(3.) Caretaker's Residence, Dubbo Cemetery:—*Mr. Hurley*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a sum of money has been promised to build a caretaker's residence for the Dubbo Cemetery?
(2.) Is he aware that there are two caretakers attached to this cemetery?
(3.) If so, which caretaker is to occupy the residence when built?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No.
(3.) The cemetery is vested in Trustees, by whom such a matter would be decided.

2. TARRAWINGEE RAILWAY LINE AT BROKEN HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) All correspondence between any person and the Government in reference to the purchase by the Government of the Tarrawingee Railway Line at Broken Hill.
(2.) Also all reports by the Railway Commissioners, or any other persons, thereon, with a plan and estimate of the value of such line, and the probable cost of making this line secure for traffic.
Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 18th October:—
(1.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made this day,—"Tarrawingee "Railway Line at Broken Hill."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ACCIDENTS IN MINES:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the number of accidents, fatal and otherwise, which occur in and about the "coal" mines of New South Wales; the average duration of such accidents; and all necessary information connected "therewith."

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Dick, Mr. Edden, Mr. Perry, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. James Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watkins moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "therewith," in line 3, the words "and the best method of alleviating the distress entailed thereby."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "coal", in line 2.

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

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Question be further amended by inserting after the word "therewith" in line 3, the words "and the best method of alleviating the distress entailed thereby."

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

And the Question having been further amended (*by consent*), altering the composition of the Committee,—

Question, as amended, proposed.

Debate continued.

Question then,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the number of accidents, fatal and otherwise, which occur in and about the mines of New South Wales; the average duration of such accidents; and all necessary information connected therewith, and the best method of alleviating the distress entailed thereby.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Edden, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Moore, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Price, and the Mover.

,—put and passed.

6. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—Mr. Copeland 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 legalise, regulate, and restrict "Sunday trading; to make other provisions with respect to "Good Friday and Christmas Day; and to amend" the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "Sunday trading; to "make other provisions with respect to Good Friday and Christmas Day; and to amend"

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.		Noes. 22.
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Dacey	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. See,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. McLaughlin.	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Piddington,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ferguson.	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hogue,		Mr. Edden,
Mr. Chanter,		Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Wright,		*Tellers*,
Mr. Ferris,		Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Price,		Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Anderson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words "and to provide for the "classification of licenses."

Point of Order:—Mr. Copeland submitted that the proposed amendment was beyond the scope of the motion, and irrelevant to the subject thereof.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker decided in favour of the objection.

Debate

Debate continued.
Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 23.
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. See,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Price,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Edden.	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Barnes,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Rose,
Mr. W. W. Davis,		Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Piddington.	*Tellers,*
Mr. Levien,		
Mr. Henry Clarke,		Mr. Jessep,
Mr. McLaughlin,		Mr. Affleck.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. Claim of John Brennan against Roads Department :—Mr. Pyers moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Brennan against the Roads Department on contracts 21u and 57u, Casino District.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Watson, Mr. Carroll, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1896 be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. Womens Franchise Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and the Acts amending the same, so as to extend the franchise to adult female persons resident in New South Wales.

Point of Order :—Mr. Price drew attention to Standing Order No. 133, and contended that, as expenditure must be involved in this matter, the Bill should be introduced in Committee of the Whole, preceded by a Message from the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the objection taken was premature at this stage, the provisions of the Bill being as yet unknown.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Austin Chapman moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words "and the "abolition of electors' rights."

Point of Order :—Mr. Sawers pointed out that the proposed amendment was not relevant to the motion.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker sustained the objection taken.

Debate continued.
Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 61.			Noes, 5.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Dight,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Morgan,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. See,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Price,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Moore.	
Mr. Ross,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Smith,		
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meagher.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of* 1893, *and the Acts amending the same, so as to extend the franchise to adult female persons resident in New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th November.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present exclusive of Mr. Deputy Speaker, namely, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Edden, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Lee, Mr. Millard, and Mr. Moore,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at Eight Minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Patents and Trade Marks Acts:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) What were the total receipts and expenditures in connection with the administration of the Patents and Trade Marks Acts, from 1st August, 1887, when the Patents Law Amendment Act of 1887 came into effect, to the end of the last financial year?
(2.) The same for the last financial year?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a return giving the desired information.

(2.) Applications for Water and other Reserves:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that the water and other reserves of the Colony are being applied for in a wholesale way as special leases?
(2.) Will he indicate what action he proposes to take with regard to these applications?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) No. In the Inverell Electorate eleven applications for special leases have recently been received, but this is an exceptional number for any locality.
(2.) Deal with them on their merits.

(3.) Transit Commission:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the resolution passed by this House on the 30th August last, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the purpose of altering the present constitution of the Transit Commission and other street traffic in the city and suburbs; if so, in view of its urgent necessity, will he kindly state when it is likely that such a Bill will be introduced?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Government certainly recognise the urgent necessity for dealing with this matter at the earliest possible period, to avoid the inconvenience arising from the present condition of the city traffic.

(4.) Merchants' Discount Coupons:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Referring to the Question asked by Mr. E. M. Clark, with reference to the merchants' bonus coupons, has he taken any steps or made any inquiries as to this system and the working of it?
(2.) Is he aware that several other syndicates or companies of the same kind have recently been started?
(3.) In view of the allegation that this is a serious matter to a large number of small traders, amounting almost to a boycotting of their trade, will he take some steps to prevent a large section of the trading community being imposed upon by these various companies or syndicates?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter is receiving attention as far as the law affords an opportunity.

(5.) Old Age Pension Bill:—Mr. Pyers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce an Old Age Pension Bill this Session or during the present Parliament?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This matter is now under consideration by the Government. We expect to receive a very valuable report on the subject, and until that has been received and considered, it will be impossible to deal with the matter.

(6.) Returning Officer for Macquarie Electorate:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the nature of the reply furnished by him to the Honorable Member for Macquarie, on the 20th ultimo, regarding the actions of the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie, on the 27th July, 1898, is it the intention of the Government to appoint another gentleman to act in the capacity of Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There is nothing to justify any action being taken by the Government with regard to this officer.

(7.) Improvement of main street at Cowra:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he come to a decision yet with reference to having a sum of money placed on the Estimates to make good that guaranteed by bond to the Municipal Council at Cowra in connection with the improvement of the main street in that town?

Mr. Young answered,—The matter is now under consideration, and I hope to be able to give the Honorable Member an answer in a few days.

(8.) Clubs selling Liquor without a License:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that clubs, such as those named in the return laid upon the Table of this House on Thursday last, supply intoxicating liquors to their members without holding a license?
(2.) Is it his intention to introduce without delay a Bill to compel all clubs to pay a license fee the same as other licensed houses, or to prevent the storing and supplying of intoxicating liquors to members of such clubs without a license under the Licensed Publicans Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The Honorable Member is, of course, aware that Parliament has already accepted a resolution proposing to deal with the subject referred to in his question.

(9.) Elections and Qualifications Committee:—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of introducing a Bill to effect the abolition of the system whereby disputed elections are referred to an Elections and Qualifications Committee; and to provide for such disputed elections being dealt with by a Supreme Court Judge?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Government have not yet considered this subject.

(10.) Inspection made at Glebe Island:—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that, though inspection is made at Glebe Island of all carcases of cattle, no such stringent inspection of sheep is conducted?
(2.) In view of the revelations that have recently been made with regard to the diseased character of the mutton sent out for human consumption, will he cause instructions to be issued, having for their object the making of a closer and more rigid inspection of slaughtered sheep?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) There is no information in the possession of the Department of Public Health that any mutton has been seized for disease outside Glebe Island abattoir since one or two years ago, when a few sheep and one leg of mutton were seized at Newcastle.

(11.) Light Bread sold by Bakers:—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the heavy penalties inflicted on a number of bakers in city and country for having sold underweight bread?
(2.) Will he introduce a Bill to so amend the Bakers Act as to make an alteration in the penalties now imposed under that Act?

Mr. Lee answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) The matter will receive due consideration.

(12.) Detectives and Constables riding on the Trams:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the detective force and constables in uniform ride free on the trams?
(2.) If so, will he have the same privilege conferred on constables in plain clothes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—The Railway Commissioners extended the privilege to all police in uniform. A few of the senior detective and other officers are provided with passes. Other police in plain clothes are reimbursed cost of tickets for conveyance by tram.

(13.) Extension of the Railway into the City:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Cabinet yet determined upon an alternative scheme, in place of extending the railway into the city, to minimise the dangers to the travelling public existing through insufficient accommodation at the Redfern terminus?

Mr. Reid answered,—No. I am at present endeavouring to arrive at a proposal for the extension of the railway into the city free from the objections to that recommended by the Public Works Committee.

(14.) Rewards for Discovery of Gold-fields:—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any objection to laying on the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) What sums have been paid as rewards to the discoverers of gold-fields by the Department of Mines since 1885?
(2.) The amount in each case?
(3.) The nature and position of the field discovered in each case?

Mr. Cook answered,—There is no objection, and the information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House on an early date.

2. SYDNEY AND NORTH SYDNEY BRIDGE AND TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from William Kenwood, of Sydney, Civil Engineer, and a member of the Engineering Association of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise William Kenwood, his executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct, erect, and maintain a high-level bridge over the waters of Port Jackson, between the city of Sydney and the borough of North Sydney, and to construct, maintain, and work a tramway upon and over the said bridge, and upon and over certain streets and lands in the city of Sydney and the borough of North Sydney; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

And Mr. Clark having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *North Shore and Manly Times*, and the *North Sydney Recorder* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Receipts and Expenditures in connection with the administration of the Patents and Trade Marks Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulations under the Public Service Act of 1895.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—

"This House affirms,—

"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.

"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.

"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the "representation of States."

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*) *Money Bills*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in "the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

"(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, "namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not "as at present, indiscriminately to either.

"(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and "just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception "mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration "of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, "a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, "and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 *OCTOBER*, 1898, A.M.

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

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Jones v. Richards—Mudgee*):—Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 30th August, 1898, the Petition of Robert Jones, against the return of Edwin Richards, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 17th August, 1898, to "whom was referred, on 30th August, 1898, a Petition from Robert Jones, against the return of "Edwin Richards, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, have determined and "do hereby declare:—

"(1.) That the Committee having decided that the recount shows the sitting Member to "have a majority of four votes, the Committee declare the sitting Member to have been duly "elected.

"(2.) That the Petition of Robert Jones is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"(3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"*No.* 3 *Committee Room*, "F. B. SUTTOR,
"*Legislative Assembly*, 12*th October*, 1898." "Chairman.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB, *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT, *Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Allowances to Jurors:—*Mr. Piddington*, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the mileage allowances to jurors are so arranged that of two jurors coming about the same distance, but from different suburbs, and each obtaining conveyance at a cost of 6d., the one is allowed the 6d. only, and the other receives 7s.?
(2.) Will he have the regulations remodelled on equitable lines?

Mr. Lee answered—
(1.) Under the present scale of allowances jurors are paid mileage (one way), except those attending from the North Shore, Balmain, and Manly, and its neighbourhood, who are allowed only the usual steam ferry fare between those places and Sydney (to and fro).
(2.) I will take the matter into consideration.

(2.) Persons enrolled to serve on the Jury:—*Mr. Piddington*, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is he aware that much discontent exists in connection with the inequality of jury service; that many serve twice a year; that the interval between the two services is frequently very brief; that some have been summoned to two different Courts at the same time; and that while this is so there are many equally qualified to serve who have not been called for years; also that no subsequent relief is given to those who serve on long cases?
(2.) Will he take the necessary legislative or other steps to remedy this by effectually providing—(*a*) That the names of all, and not merely some of those liable to serve, are enrolled on the Jury List; (*b*) that, when a juror has been drawn for service, his name shall not again be placed in the ballot till the full list has been exhausted; (*c*) that, when a juror is liable to calls from more than one Court, the being drawn for one shall exclude his name from the ballot for all till the full list is exhausted; (*d*) that, when cases last over a certain time the jurors engaged shall be relieved from future service for a period equivalent to the excess?

Mr. Lee answered,—
(1.) I am informed by the Sheriff as follows:—"Complaints are constantly being made by jurors in "connection with the inequality of jury service. Special jurors are liable to serve twice during each "year—once in civil trials and once in criminal trials. The names are drawn by ballot, and it "frequently happens that a juror's name is drawn twice in each year, and that the interval between "is very brief. Many jurors escape service for years, while others are constantly serving. The "Act does not provide relief for those who serve on long cases, but it has happened that a juror "who has served on such a case, and been summoned a short time after, has been excused by the "presiding Judge on that ground."
(2.) My predecessor, Mr. Gould, had an amending Juries Bill in course of preparation, in which it was proposed to alter the law so as to remove any substantial grounds of complaint which persons called upon to serve as jurymen have against the operation of the present Juries Acts. The question of completing this Bill and introducing it into Parliament will receive consideration.

(3.)

(3.) Examination of Candidates as Masters and Mates:—Mr. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Examiner of Candidates for Certificates of Competency as Masters and Mates in the Merchant Services computes his own problems for such candidates to work out?
(2.) Is he aware that it is the custom at all British and Colonial ports where examinations are held that all problems are received on sheets furnished by the Board of Trade, for candidates to work out (Sydney being the only exception)?
(3.) Is he aware that many obstacles are placed in the way of candidates passing their examinations, *i.e.*, by denying them access to books and tables allowed at other ports where examinations are held and permitted by the Board of Trade-Regulations?
(4.) Will he give the necessary instructions to secure the adoption by the Local Examiner in Navigation of the sheets of problems for examinees issued by the Board of Trade?
(5.) Will he see that every facility is given to examinees to obtain all books and tables allowed by the Board of Trade Regulations?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall be glad if these Questions can be postponed until next week, when it is expected the members of the Marine Board will have returned from their annual tour of inspection.

(4.) Amendment of the Fire Brigades Act:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the necessity of amending the Fire Brigades Act been brought under the attention of different Governments on many occasions during the last thirteen years; and have promises been made that a Bill would be introduced for the purpose, and an effort made to have the Bill passed into law?
(2.) Does the present Government intend to deal with the subject; and, if so, when?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A Bill proposing to deal with this matter was prepared some time since, and I am only waiting a favourable opportunity to present it to Parliament.

(5.) Proposed Weirs on the Darling River:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Referring to the proposed weirs on the river Darling, between Bourke and Wilcannia, is he aware that the plans for sites, the designs, and estimates are now almost ready?
(2.) In view of the foregoing, will he at once appoint the Public Works Committee, so that the proposals may be placed before that body?
(3.) If he is not prepared to appoint the Committee at once, will he state when he is likely to do so, as the residents of the district desire to prepare their evidence and otherwise lay the case before the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) The plans are not yet nearly ready, but the surveys of sites are in progress.
(2 and 3.) No time whatever is being lost, so far as this work is concerned, through the Public Works Committee not having been appointed.

(6.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the Police Superannuation Fund been applied to purposes other than pensions?
(2.) Is the Fund at present practically insolvent?
(3.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill dealing with the question; if so, when will such Bill be introduced?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
(1.) Only pensions—and gratuities to Police in lieu of pensions.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) The Premier has already expressed his intention of dealing with the matter when making his Financial Statement.

(7.) Tolls on Punts on the Northern Rivers:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is experienced by the residents on the Northern rivers in consequence of tolls being charged on punts?
(2.) Is it his intention to impose tolls on bridges; if not, will he abolish tolls on punts; if not, what are the reasons for charging tolls in the case of punts and permitting free access over bridges?

Mr. Young answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to an Answer I gave to a somewhat similar Question of his on the 30th June last.

3. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—Mr. Ferguson presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St. James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary legislative authority for carrying out such extension.
Petition received.

4. Homestead Selections:—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Petition from certain selectors and residents of Unkya and Allgomera, in the Land District of Kempsey, praying that certain concessions be made to holders of homestead selections, and that such selections in the Eastern Division be revalued.
Petition received.

5. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise William Kenwood, his executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct, erect, and maintain a high-level bridge over the waters of Port Jackson, between the city of Sydney and the borough of North Sydney, and to construct, maintain, and work a tramway upon and over the said bridge, and upon and over certain streets and lands in the city of Sydney and the borough of North Sydney; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Early Closing Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 15th November.

8. Tram-line from Broken Hill to Tarrawingee:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the purchase by the Government from the Tarrawingee Flux and Tramway Company (Limited) of the tram-line from Broken Hill to Tarrawingee, together with the two capacious dams at Thompson's and Maybell sidings, for the sum of £15,000 sterling.
Mr. Barton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 20th October.

9. Printing Committee:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in view of the necessity of dealing with Papers laid upon the Table, leave be given to the Printing Committee to sit during this sitting of the House.
Question put and passed.

10. Australasian Federation:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—

"This House affirms:—

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

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Dogs and Goats Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Dogs and to Goats*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 13*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(2.) Lunacy Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law respecting the Insane*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 13*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(3.) Seamen Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Seamen*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 13*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(4.) Foreign Seamen Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Foreign Seamen*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 13*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(5.) Small Debts Recovery Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Recovery of Small Debts in Courts of Petty Sessions*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber. ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 13*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(6.) Evidence of Parties Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to supplement the Evidence Act*, 1898,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 13*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

F. W. WEBB, WILLIAM McCOURT,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. *Deputy-Speaker*.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that he had received from Mr. Speaker the following letter:—

"My dear Mr. Webb,— "Tarella, North Sydney, 18th October, 1898.

"It is with extreme regret that I have to inform you that I am too unwell to take the Chair "to-day. I went into town yesterday to consult Dr. MacLaurin and Dr. Kyngdon, who have been "attending me, and they gave me the enclosed memorandum. Will you ask the House to give "me on this occasion that generous consideration which it has at all times shown to me.

"Yours faithfully,

"F. W. WEBB, Esq., C.M.G., "J. P. ABBOTT.

"Clerk of the Legislative Assembly."

"WE have this day examined the Honorable Sir Joseph P. Abbott, K.C.M.G., and find that he is at "present unable to perform the duties of his Office, and we therefore recommend that he abstain "altogether from duty for the present week.

"H. N. MACLAURIN, M.D.

"Macquarie-street, Sydney, 17th October, 1898." "FRED. H. KYNGDON, M.D.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Acting Medical Superintendent at the Coast Hospital:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the name of the gentleman at present occupying the position of Acting Medical Superintendent at the Coast Hospital?

(2.) What previous experience has this gentleman had in the management of public hospitals or similar institutions?

(3.) Is there no medical officer at present in the Public Service qualified to hold the position?

(4.) Why has a gentleman outside the Service been selected?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government:—

(1.) John Norman Elmslie Maclennan.

(2.) None.

(3.) Every medical officer in the Service is qualified to take up this duty temporarily.

(4.) A gentleman outside the Service was requested to take up this duty temporarily, because, had one already in possession of a post been directed to do so, that post would have had to be filled temporarily.

(2.) Inoculation for Tick Fever:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he be in a position to inform the House of the action he intends to take *re* inoculation for tick fever?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Within a few weeks.

(3.) The Coast Hospital:—*Mr. James Thomson*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of both the male and nursing staffs of the Coast Hospital received no salary at the commencement of this month, nor any notification as to why their salaries were stopped?

(2.) Is it a fact that these salaries were stopped on the ground that the persons to whom they were due have been more than three days off duty on sick leave during the year?

(3.)

(3.) Is he aware that some of the male staff whose salaries have been stopped without any notice are married men with families, and that several of the nurses have parents and other relatives dependent on them?
(4.) Is it his intention that nurses and others in the Public Service, whose duties bring them constantly into contact with contagious diseases, shall, when they contract these diseases, be punished therefor by having their salaries stopped?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Chief Medical Officer has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) No; all were notified.
(2.) No.
(3.) No; but probably that is the case.
(4.) No.

(4.) Employment for men in the Deniliquin District:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that, in consequence of the severe drought still existent in the Deniliquin District, a large number of men are unable to obtain employment?
(2.) Will he give instructions that forest-thinning in the district be again proceeded with, and thus utilise the unemployed on this reproductive work?
(3.) Will he also provide that the unemployed resident in the district shall have preference over those from Sydney and other parts of the Colony who have greater facilities for obtaining legitimate employment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) I regret to learn that such is the case, more especially as other parts of the Colony are suffering from the same cause.
(2.) The Vote is practically exhausted, and, therefore, employment on the class of work referred to by the Honorable Member cannot at present be proceeded with.
(3.) The question will receive due consideration should it be decided to provide funds to proceed with this work.

(5.) Cost of Defence of the Colony:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What was the total amount voted on the last Estimates for purposes of defence, inclusive of the sums paid towards the maintenance of the Imperial Squadron, the defence of Albany and Thursday Island, and all other sources of expenditure under the above head?
(2.) Is it a fact that this sum exceeds that paid for the same purpose by the whole of the other six colonies of Australasia?
(3.) Is he aware that there are more officers on the Military Establishment in receipt of £500 per annum and upwards than in the Department of Lands, Department of Public Works, Department of Mines, the Treasury, Department of Public Instruction, or the Post and Telegraph Department?
(4.) Will he base the expenditure of the Military Establishment for the coming year on the promise he made to the House, when debating the last Estimates, that there would be a substantial reduction on last year's expenditure?
(5.) Will he see that this substantial reduction falls on the highly-paid officers of the Permanent Forces, and not, as on a former occasion, on the partially-paid or Volunteer Forces?

Mr. Brunker answered,—As the information asked for will entail considerable time and labour in its preparation, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the necessary steps will be taken for furnishing it.

(6.) Gold Leases:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has he come to a decision yet with reference to granting gold leases of river beds?
(2.) If so, what decision has he arrived at?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes; it has been decided to grant dredging leases for gold in the bed of streams running through Crown lands.

(7.) Employees of the Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that, although the Public Service Board have increased the annual leave of Government Printing Office employees from one to two weeks (the same as granted to the clerks of the Service), they have rendered the concession nugatory by requiring the printers to work forty-six hours extra each year without pay, and, in default of their working this extra time, they will have forty-six hours' pay deducted at overtime rates?
(2.) Will he take steps to have the printing employees treated in the same manner as the clerical branch of the Service?

Mr. Reid answered,—The necessary information cannot be satisfactorily given by way of answer to these questions; and I would therefore suggest that the Honorable Member move for the papers. It must be remembered that the officers of the Government Printing Office have an advantage over the clerical staff, inasmuch as they are entitled,—with the exception of course of the forty-six hours referred to in the Regulations,—to charge overtime whenever they work beyond the usual hours; whereas the officers of the Clerical Division are only allowed overtime under very exceptional circumstances. The papers, however, fully disclose the reasons for adopting the Regulations now in force.

2. Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Bill:—Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from Flora Rodger, wife of James Rodger, of Mort-street, Balmain, representing that she is the owner of property in Mort-street, Balmain, which is proposed to be closed by this Bill, and praying the House to reject the Bill, or so amend it that the Company should provide compensation for any loss incurred by the Petitioner; and also for leave to appear by counsel or attorney before the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Petition received.

4. SYDNEY AND NORTH SYDNEY BRIDGE AND TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark having, pursuant to leave granted on 13th October, 1898, presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise William Kenwood, his executors, administrators, and assigns to construct, erect, and maintain a high-level bridge over the waters of Port Jackson, between the city of Sydney and the borough of North Sydney, and to construct, maintain, and work a tramway upon and over the said bridge, and upon and over certain streets and lands in the city of Sydney and the borough of North Sydney; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—read a first time.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th September, 1898—"Coal-laden Sailing Vessels from Newcastle lost at Sea."
(2.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during September, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining Laws Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 1st November.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, Mr. Carroll, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The necessity for resuming the main stock routes and camping reserves of the Colony, with the view of providing better accommodation for travelling stock and teamsters."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Carroll moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—O'Reilly v. Ferris—Parramatta*):—Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 6th September, 1898, the Petition of Dowell Philip O'Reilly against the return of William John Ferris, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 17th August, 1898, to whom was referred on 6th September, 1898, a Petition from Dowell Philip O'Reilly, against the return of William John Ferris, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta, have determined and do hereby declare:—

"1. That, in view of the many gross irregularities appearing by the scrutiny of the votes, the Election for the Electoral District of Parramatta is wholly void.

"2. That the Petition of Dowell Philip O'Reilly is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"*No.* 3 *Committee Room*, "F. B. SUTTOR,
"*Legislative Assembly*, 18*th October*, 1898." "Chairman.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that, under the authority of the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, just read, a new Writ would issue.

10. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Rigg,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. See,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Austin Chapman.	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hohman,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Watson,		Mr. Fyers,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Fegan.	Mr. Richards,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Law,		Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Moore,		Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Thomas Brown,		Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Spruson.
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Carroll,	

And so it passed in the negative.
On motion of Mr. Griffith, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

11. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Haynes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Barton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 1st November.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

   The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of continued illness.
   Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Cash Neild, Esquire, addressed to the Speaker, resigning his seat as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. QUESTIONS:—
   (1.) Examiner of Candidates as Masters and Mates:—Mr. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
   (1.) Is he aware that the Examiner of Candidates for Certificates of Competency as Masters and Mates in the Merchant Services computes his own problems for such candidates to work out?
   (2.) Is he aware that it is the custom at all British and Colonial ports where examinations are held that all problems are received on sheets furnished by the Board of Trade, for candidates to work out (Sydney being the only exception)?
   (3.) Is he aware that many obstacles are placed in the way of candidates passing their examinations, *i.e.*, by denying them access to books and tables allowed at other ports where examinations are held and permitted by the Board of Trade Regulations?
   (4.) Will he give the necessary instructions to secure the adoption by the Local Examiner in Navigation of the sheets of problems for examinees issued by the Board of Trade?
   (5.) Will he see that every facility is given to examinees to obtain all books and tables allowed by the Board of Trade Regulations?

   Mr. Reid answered,—
   (1.) I am informed that such is the case.
   (2.) The Marine Board is not aware what the general practice is, but the Board of Trade only send examination papers to Sydney when they are applied for.
   (3.) Such is not the case. Candidates are offered every facility in Sydney, and are allowed to use any tables they think fit, in accordance with the Board of Trade Regulations.
   (4.) Specific instructions are not necessary. The Local Examiner is guided altogether by the Board of Trade practice, and the papers he prepares are precisely similar to those supplied by the Board of Trade, except that the answers here are not getatable.
   (5.) Books containing rules are not allowed by the Board of Trade. If they were, the candidate would be able to work the problems without knowing the rules mentally.

   (2.) Trustee of National Art Gallery:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
   (1.) What was the date of Mr. Julian Ashton's appointment as a trustee of the National Art Gallery?
   (2.) Since Mr. Ashton's appointment as a member of the Trust, what is the total amount paid to him for pictures purchased by that Trust?
   (3.) Is Mr. Ashton, the trustee, an exhibiting member of the Society of Artists, a body recently formed in Sydney?
   (4.) Has a landscape by Mr. Ashton been recently purchased by the trustees, of which Mr. Ashton is one, from the Society of Artists' exhibition for the sum of fifty guineas?

   Mr. Hogue answered,—
   (1.) 2nd January, 1889.
   (2.) £588 5s.
   (3.) Yes.
   (4.) No.

(3.) Road from Barrington Bridge to Rocky Crossing:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road, Barrington Bridge to Rocky Crossing, has been left in an impassable state for three years; if so, what are the reasons for the neglect of this work?

(2.) What is the reason for delaying the establishment of this road, and who is responsible?

(3.) Is he aware that this is the only road open to the large number of Crown tenants living on the west side of the Barrington River?

(4.) In view of the great loss and inconvenience caused by the delay in carrying out this work, will he be good enough to take immediate steps for the construction of a trafficable road?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The road, Barrington Bridge to Rocky Crossing, not having been established by the Lands Department, I am unable to take the steps suggested by the Honorable Member.

(4.) Oyster Leases at Port Stephens:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that some of the applications made for oyster leases at Port Stephens about two years since have not yet been issued?

(2.) Who is responsible for the delay, and what reasons have been furnished in reference to same?

(3.) Is he aware that great loss and inconvenience have resulted to the applicants through such delay; and will he be good enough to take steps to ensure greater expedition in dealing with oyster leases and other matters in connection with the Fisheries Department?

Mr. Brunker answered,—In consequence of the absence of the Inspector of Fisheries, it is impossible to furnish the information for which the Honorable Member asks to-day; but I may be permitted to state that I do not understand how any delay could have occurred in the issue of these leases. They are presented to me regularly, and they are the first thing that I attend to in connection with the work before me. They are not detained longer than is necessary for signature. My reason for dealing with them in that way is that complaints were made when I first entered the Department as to delay in this matter, and I have endeavoured to avert the difficulty ever since.

(5.) Roads in the Newcastle Division of the Gloucester Electorate:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is responsible for the impassable condition of the roads in the Newcastle Division of the Gloucester Electorate?

(2.) Is it a fact that the recommendations of the local officers have not been carried out; if so, who is responsible for such action?

(3.) Have reductions been made in the amounts recommended for various roads, and have works recommended been held over; if so, by whose authority, and for what reason?

(4.) Is it a fact that the staff of the Newcastle Roads Office is too limited to successfully carry out the work of the district; if so, will he be good enough to rearrange the Districts, so as to place the whole of the Gloucester Electorate Road District under the road engineers at present in charge of the Manning and Stroud Districts?

(5.) Is he aware that great inconvenience and loss are experienced by the selectors and others in consequence of the condition of the roads referred to?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am not aware that the roads in the Newcastle Division of the Gloucester Electorate are impassable. The district has quite recently been inspected by one of the District Engineers of this Department, and his report is now under consideration.

(6.) Roads in the Maitland portion of the Gloucester Electorate:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is responsible for the neglect in carrying out necessary works on the roads in the Maitland portion of the Gloucester Electorate?

(2.) Have the recommendations of the local officers been carried out; if not, what were the reasons for the reduction of the amounts recommended?

(3.) Will he make ample provision for carrying out the works referred to?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is impossible to furnish this information, because no complaints have been received, but inquiry will be made for the purpose of letting the Honorable Member know whether it is possible to take any steps to relieve him of the difficulty which he seems to be under with regard to this portion of his electorate.

(7.) Road from Moonanbrook to Nundle:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the local engineer has not visited the mail road, Moonanbrook to Nundle, for over twelve months; if so, what are his reasons for the neglect of this road?

(2.) Is it a fact that the road beyond Campbell's Hill cutting is almost impassable?

(3.) Will he send a competent officer from the Head Office to report on this road?

(4.) Is he aware that the Crown derives a large revenue from selectors and others who use this road; and is this road the only outlet for selectors on the Barnard?

(5.) Will he inquire if the local engineer is unable, in consequence of the insufficiency of his staff, to attend to this work; and, if so, will he give him any additional assistance necessary to carry out his duties?

(6.) Will he make the necessary provisions for the improvement of this road?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am not aware of the complaints made by the Honorable Member, but will have the matter inquired into.

(8.) Supply of Antidote for Snake-bite to Teachers of Country Schools:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he consider the advisableness of supplying teachers of country schools with a supply of antidote for snake-bite?

Mr.

Mr. Hogue answered,—When medical authorities are agreed as to what is the antidote for snake-bite I shall be glad to consider the question of forwarding the same to the public school teachers. I may mention that some very useful pamphlets have been recently compiled by the Board of Health giving directions for the treatment of snake-bite and sunstroke and kindred complaints, and that copies of these pamphlets have been supplied to all the public schools.

(9.) Appointment of Registrar-General:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. W. G. Hayes-Williams, the recently-appointed Registrar-General, was not an applicant for the position; and, if so, upon whose recommendation or request was the appointment made?
(2.) Is it a fact that a number of applications for this position were received by the Public Service Board; and, if so, how many?
(3.) Were any inquiries made as to the qualifications of these applicants in comparison with Mr. Williams?
(4.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the names and particulars of applications received in regard to this appointment?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information, namely:—
(1.) Mr. Hayes-Williams did not make application; the appointment was made on the recommendation of the Public Service Board.
(2.) Yes; nine.
(3.) The fullest inquiries were made into the whole matter.
(4.) I have no objection; but as it may not be desirable, in the interests of the applicants, to make their applications public, I would suggest that the Honorable Member be satisfied with seeing the applications, which I shall be pleased to let him see.

(10.) Accident at the Strand Electric Lighting Works:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Has an Inspector under the Shops and Factories Act made any report in regard to the late serious accident at the Strand Electric Lighting Works, by which a lad named Erwin lost his life?
(2.) Have any recommendations been made in regard to an efficient covering to prevent occurrences of the kind in future; and, if so, what provisions have been made to give effect to the same.
(3.) Has it been the custom previous to this accident to make inspections of works of the kind referred to, and were any reports received as to the dangers of such?
(4.) Have any proceedings been instituted since the accident referred to against the Strand Electric Lighting Company, or any similar company, for violation of the provisions of the Shops and Factories Act?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes, and are being carried out.
(3.) They were not included in the regular course of inspection, but were reported on with a view to inclusion.
(4.) No.

(11.) Returning Officer for the Macquarie Electorate:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What emoluments does the Returning Officer for the Electorate of Macquarie receive from the Government for his services in the capacity of Returning Officer at a General Election?
(2.) What amount has the Government paid, including all expense, in connection with the General Election on the 27th July, 1898, for the Electorate of Macquarie?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is impossible to furnish this information at the present time, as all the vouchers have not been received from the Returning Officer in adjustment of the advance made. As soon as they are received, it shall be supplied.

(12.) Cost of English Cement:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What price was quoted to him for English cement?
(2.) What is the difference between the laid down cost of the imported article and that of New South Wales manufacture?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) 10s. 4d. per cask, c.i.f. Sydney, and 3d. per cask extra to be paid if rivers Elbe and Oste be frozen.
(2.) I am unable to say, as the last time tenders were invited for cement there was no quotation for New South Wales manufacture. I understand the price of local cement is now from 12s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per cask.

(13.) Payment of the Land Tax:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In consideration of the serious losses entailed on landowners in drought-stricken districts, will he introduce legislation for the purpose of suspending the payment of land taxation by such landowners?

Mr. Reid answered,—New legislation is unnecessary, as each case of undoubted hardship can be and is now dealt with on its merits, and an extension of time for payment allowed when adequate cause is shown.

(14.) Junior Clerks in the Public Service:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Public Service Regulation, gazetted 4th October, providing that junior clerks 21 years of age should be paid not less than £100 a year, will he bring before the Board the advisability of extending this provision for a living wage to the 21-year-old employees of the General Division in the Post Office, Government Printing Office, and elsewhere?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Regulation referred to has reference to officers who have entered the Service after passing a severe competitive examination. If the employees of the General Division referred to pass the same examination, and obtain appointment to the Clerical Division, they will get the benefit of the Regulations. It is impossible to give officers who are doing boys' work the salary mentioned. It is well known that there are messengers in the Telegraph Department who entered the Service as boys, and still remain to do boys' work, when their places could well be filled by lads. All the messengers stated to be capable of doing better work were recently subjected by the Board to a simple examination to test their qualifications, and those who passed received immediate increases of salary, and will get further advancement as opportunity offers.

(15.) Erection of a Drill Hall:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the desirability of erecting a drill hall in a central position in the city for the convenience of volunteers who live at a distance from the military barracks?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This matter is now being considered. Some delay has occurred owing to a difficulty in securing a suitable site.

(16.) Free Transmission of Publications through the Post:—*Mr. McLean*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is he aware that a great number of publications are allowed to pass free through the post which are merely advertising and trade circulars, and which possess none of the essentials which go to make up a newspaper?
(2.) Will he make more stringent the regulations relating to registration for free transmission through the post of publications which claim to be newspapers, so that those of the character above referred to may be debarred the privilege?

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) No newspapers are registered as entitled to free transmission which do not conform strictly to the conditions prescribed by sections 3, 4, 5, of 56 Victoria, No. 31.
(2.) More stringent regulations can only be imposed by an amendment of the law.

(17.) Interest on amounts paid by Stock Inspectors to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Referring to previous Questions, will he now state if he has decided to refund stock inspectors interest on the amounts paid by them into the Superannuation Fund?
(2.) If so, when will the amounts be paid?

Mr. Cook answered,—This matter is receiving the attention of the Government, and it is expected that a determination will be arrived at shortly, of which I will apprise the Honorable Member.

(18.) Flood mitigation in the Hunter Valley:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Bennett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the promise made at Hinton, some six weeks ago, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, that the Ministry would immediately consider the question of flood mitigation in the Hunter Valley, will he state whether a Royal Commission has been appointed to deal with the matter; if not, will steps be taken at an early date to appoint one?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No additional information can be afforded beyond that given to the Honorable Member for Gloucester, in reply to a similar Question last week.

(19.) Manufacture of Margarine in Sydney:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr Bennett, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the wholesale manufacture of margarine in Sydney?
(2.) Is he aware—(*a*) that, as the result of a recent inspection at one factory, a machine was at work capable of treating 8 tons of fat per day; (*b*) that between 15 and 20 tons of this compound are sold every week in Sydney and suburbs as butter of the best brands; (*c*) that at one factory 600 butter-boxes, bearing the brands of such reputable butter factories as the "Heatherbell," "Rosebud," "Duckenfield," &c., were discovered on the premises?
(3.) In view of the great importance of the dairying industry in this Colony, will he take steps to enforce the law so as to protect the public, and also the genuine butter manufacturers, from the competition of such compounds as margarine and butterine, by compelling the manufacturers and sellers of these articles to brand them as such; and will he further see to the protection of public health by having these factories inspected, and the fat used tested, to see that it is fit for human consumption, and that it is not obtained from establishments where diseased animals are boiled down?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) (*a*), No; (*b*), No; (*c*), No. But a much smaller number of boxes bearing these brands was discovered at three factories.
(3.) The factories have been inspected, and will continue to be inspected, by the local authorities for the districts within which they stand. But the fat used is, necessarily for the process of manufacture, perfectly fresh caul fat only. Fat obtained from establishments where diseased animals are boiled down would be entirely useless.

4. Name of "Rookwood":—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from certain property-owners of the Borough of Rookwood, praying that no change of name of that Borough be permitted except upon the request of a majority of property-owners, and at their expense.
Petition received.

5. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. McLean presented a Petition from His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, as Chairman of the Council of Churches, protesting against any alteration of the law that will open public houses on Sunday, and give increased facilities for Sunday trading; and praying the House to withhold its consent to the introduction of the Sunday Trading Bill.
Petition received.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;—until Tuesday, 15th November.
(2.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 1st November.
(3.) Sunday Trading Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Bill ;—until Tuesday, 13th December.

7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions :—
" This House affirms,—
" (1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies " to bring about the completion of federal union.
" (2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill " most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely :—
" (*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other " Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths " majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority " should decide ; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a " National Referendum.
" (*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, " that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.
" (*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, " that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment " of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the " Federal Parliament may determine.
" (*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, " that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State " without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the " representation of States.
" (*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, " that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should " be more clearly safeguarded.
" (*f*) *Money Bills*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, " that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in " the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.
" (*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, " that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, " namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not " as at present, indiscriminately to either.
" (3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and " just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception " mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration " of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, " a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, " and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 *OCTOBER*, 1898, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was still unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table Mr. Speaker's warrant appointing Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

"PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of "New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby "appoint—

"Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and "Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, "in room of John Cash Neild, Esquire, resigned.

"Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, "this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred "and ninety-eight.

"J. P. ABBOTT,
"Speaker."

3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, Mr. Speaker had appointed John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, to act as a Temporary Chairman of Committees during the present Session, in the room of Dugald Thomson, Esquire, who had resigned that office.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Municipalities Bill:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he inform the House when the proposed Bill dealing with municipalities will be introduced?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I cannot say at present.

(2.) Lessons on Australian Mammals and Birds:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that lessons on Australian animals are not required by the standard of proficiency?
(2.) Will he see that lessons are given in Public Schools on Australian mammals and birds?
(3.) Will he see that lessons are given on the new cromo-lithograph charts of snakes and treatment of snake-bite?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1 and 2.) Object lessons in these subjects are given in the schools.
(3.) Charts and pamphlets on treatment of snake-bites have been supplied to all Public Schools.

(3.) Payment of the Land Tax:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In reference to the information given to Mr. Rose touching the extension of time to landowners in drought-stricken districts for paying the land tax, will such landowners have to apply to the Land Tax Commissioners or to the Colonial Treasurer to obtain such extension?
(2.) Will such applicants be exempt from paying fines now levied on overdue payments?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Applications should be made to the Commissioners of Taxation.
(2.) Any concession that may be granted will extend to the fine as well as to the amount of the tax. It may be added that in each case satisfactory evidence in support of the claim for relief must be furnished.

(4.) Rookwood Cemetery:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) What are the names of the trustees and secretaries of the various denominational cemeteries of the Necropolis, Rookwood?
(2.) What are the amounts of allowances, salaries, &c., paid to each of the above?
(3.) The addresses of offices of such trustees and secretaries, and the amounts paid for rent for each?
(4.) The names and salaries of cemetery managers, distinguishing those residing within their management?
(5.) The names and salaries of clerks to managers?
(6.) The number of labourers employed in each denominational ground, and if preference is given to residents within the district?
(7.) Must masons, undertakers, &c., attend offices in Sydney for permits before commencing work at or upon graves?
(8.) Can payment be made at Necropolis for graves; if so, have receipts to be obtained from offices in Sydney for such payments, or what is the usual course?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will lay the information desired upon the Table in the form of a return at an early date.

(5.) Main Road, Dudley, Newcastle District:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps been taken by the Lands Department to resume land necessary for the continuance of the main road running through Dudley, Newcastle District, down to the ocean beach?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes. Notice to persons concerned of the intention of the Crown to resume land for this road was published in the *Government Gazette* a month ago; and the time allowed by law for lodging objections having now expired, further action in the matter will at once be taken.

(6.) Pera Bore:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) How long has it been known to the Department that the flow of water has been decreasing at Pera Bore settlement?
(2.) How many thousand gallons per day has it decreased?
(3.) Why were not the settlers informed of such decrease, instead of allowing them to increase their areas under cultivation?
(4.) Is it the intention of the Department to take steps to increase the flow?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Less than a fortnight.
(2.) It is estimated that there is a diminution of 226,000 gallons per day, but this may be accounted for by some obstruction in the bore which can be easily removed.
(3.) There was nothing to warrant the Department taking any such action. The decrease, it is expected, is only of a temporary nature.
(4.) Yes; inquiry is being made on this point.

(7.) Inoculation against Tick Fever:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—In the event of inoculation proving a cure or preventative against the tick fever, is it the intention of the Government to carry it into operation during the tropical heat of summer, when the thermometer ranges from 100 degrees upwards; or is it intended to bring it into operation during the cool months of winter; or how is it intended to give it effect, and when?

Mr. Cook answered,—It is the intention of the Government, with a view to make preparations for carrying out a system of protective inoculation against tick fever, to conduct experiments in the districts where the system will be initiated. The result of these will furnish a guide as to how far the operations should now be carried into effect, or whether it would be advisable to defer them until the cool months of winter.

(8.) Appointments in the Customs Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Were applications invited lately for twelve searchers for the Customs Department?
(2.) How many applications were received for these positions?
(3.) Were the applications submitted to a committee for selection; and, if so, who were the members?
(4.) Is it a fact that one or more of the successful applicants have only resided in the Colony for a very short time?
(5.) Has he any objection to state the names, ages, and period of residence in the Colony of those selected for the positions?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) 961.
(3.) In accordance with No. 277 of the Regulations under the Public Service Act, which sets forth the procedure to be adopted in connection with appointments to the General Division of the Public Service, the applications were referred to a Committee of responsible officers for a report as

to the most suitable of the candidates. The officers forming the Committee were Captain Neitenstein, Comptroller-General of Prisons, Mr. J. Baxter, Inspector, Landing Branch, Customs Department, Captain Edie, Shipping Master, and Mr. F. A. Coghlan, Registrar of the Public Service Board.

(4.) It appears that one of the applicants recommended has only resided in the Colony for two months, he having recently received his discharge from a ship as a mate. But as this constitutes no legal disqualification, the Public Service Board did not feel justified in departing from the recommendation of the very competent Board of Examiners appointed. One of the principal qualifications required of applicants was that they should have had seafaring experience.

(5.) None whatever, if moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Contract for Supply of Cement :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he accepted a contract for the supply of cement from England or elsewhere?

(2.) What quantity has it been agreed to purchase?

(3.) At what price per ton?

(4.) What will be the total cost per ton when all charges are paid for shipping and landing it in this Colony?

(5.) Did he previously invite tenders within the Colony for the supply of cement?

(6.) What was the lowest cost per ton of the lowest tender?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 10,000 casks.

(3.) 10s. 4d. per cask, and 3d. per cask to be paid if Rivers Elbe and Oste be frozen.

(4.) 10s. 4d. per cask, or 10s. 7d. per cask if the above condition has to be complied with.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) 13s. per cask.

(10.) Proposed Tuckian Flood Relief Scheme :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision in the matter of the proposed Tuckian flood relief scheme for the Richmond River; if so, will he state his intention with reference thereto?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No decision has yet been arived at.

(11.) Unemployed in the Deniliquin and Moama District :—Mr. Chanter asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—As there are a large number of residents unemployed in the Deniliquin and Moama Districts consequent upon the continued unprecedented drought, will he instruct Mr. Creer, Superintendent of the Labour Bureau, to proceed to that district, and inquire as to the best means of finding employment for same?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I am not aware that there are a large number of unemployed in the Deniliquin and Moama districts in consequence of the drought. I imagine, if there are a large number of unemployed in consequence of the drought, that state of things is not confined to one particular district. If the Honorable gentleman will kindly furnish me with some specific information on the subject I shall be very glad to take the matter into consideration.

(12.) District Allowances to Public Servants :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Public Service Board recently decided to grant the members of the Public Service resident in the Hay-Deniliquin, Mathoura, Moama, Moulamein-Balranald, and contiguous districts an extra district allowance, in consequence of the high cost of provisions in those districts?

(2.) If so, will he make provision that the members of the Police Force in those districts who suffer under the same disadvantages shall receive a similar extra allowance?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) An extra allowance of that nature has been granted to the Police Force in expensive districts for some years. The question of extending the same is now under consideration.

5. Paper :—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Return showing details of Receipts and Expenditure under the Diseases in Sheep Act, for the years 1894 to 1897 inclusive.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Printing Committee :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. Licensing Public Gates, Deniliquin District (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and other correspondence relating to the licensing of certain public gates in the Deniliquin District, objected to by Mr. Charles Uphill and others.
Question put and passed.

8. Refusal of Water and Sewerage Board *in re* Hospital for Female Insane at Ryde (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the refusal of the Water and Sewerage Board to supply water free of charge to the Hospital for the Female Insane, known as Mount St. Margaret, at Ryde.
Question put and passed.

9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th November.

10. Accidents in Mines :—Mr. Fegan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Price be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on "Accidents in Mines," and that Mr. Nicholson be added to the said Committee.
Question put and passed.

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11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "danger of transferring the control of the inspection of diseased meat from the Board of Health "to the Sydney Municipal Council."

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Disorder:—Mr. O'Sullivan having, in reference to a decision given by the Deputy-Speaker upon a *Point of Order*, used the words "This is an unfair ruling," and Mr. Reid objecting to the words used, they were, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, taken down by the Clerk.

Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That the words used by the Honorable Member are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. O'Sullivan having, after explanation, withdrawn the words to which objection had been taken,—

Mr. Reid, by leave, withdrew his motion.

Debate, on the motion for the adjournment of the House, ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of* 1879 *by providing for the election of the Mayor, and for the triennial retirement and election of Aldermen*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th October*, 1898.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Spruson, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

13. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—

"This House affirms,—
"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.
"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill most "generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.

"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the "representation of States.

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*) *Money Bills*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in "the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

"(*g*)

"(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, "namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not "as at present, indiscriminately to either.

"(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and just "footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception mentioned, "this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration of, the "financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided, if possible, excessive burdens of taxation, a "prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, and "uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

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

14. DEFAMATION BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law of Defamation*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Sydney, 20*th October*, 1898. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 2nd November.

15. TRAM-LINE FROM BROKEN HILL TO TARRAWINGEE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Young, "That this 'House' approves of the purchase by "the Government from the Tarrawingee Flux and Tramway Company (Limited) of the tram-line "from Broken Hill to Tarrawingee, together with the two capacious dams at Thompson's and "Maybell Sidings, for the sum of £15,000 sterling."
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "House," and inserting the words "suggests that the proposal for the purchase by the Govern- "ment from the Tarrawingee Flux and Tramway Company (Limited) of the tram-line from Broken "to Tarrawingee, be referred to the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report."—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 *OCTOBER*, 1898, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.			Noes, 10.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Ducey.
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McGowen,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Sawers.
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Cann.	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Hughes,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Holman,		
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Thomas.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this House approves of the purchase by the Government from the Tarrawingee Flux and Tramway Company (Limited) of the tram-line from Broken Hill to Tarrawingee, together with the two capacious dams at Thompson's and Maybell Sidings, for the sum of £15,000 sterling,—put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that he had received from Mr. Speaker the following letter:—

"My dear Mr. Webb,— "Tarella, North Sydney, 25th October, 1898.

"I have again, I am sorry to say, to inform you that I am forbidden by my doctors to go "to the House, but to continue to rest. Will you ask for me the kind indulgence of the House.

"Yours truly,

"F. W. Webb, Esq., C.M.G., "J. P. ABBOTT.

"Legislative Assembly, Sydney."

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Henry William Newman, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Orange.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that he had received letters, addressed to the Speaker, from the following Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, resigning their seats on that Committee:—

The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire.
William Henry Mahony, Esquire.
James Ashton, Esquire.
Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D., and
John Henry Cann, Esquire.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many acres of land have been resumed by the Government under the Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act (1886) from A. W. Scott's grant of 456 acres, parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland?

(2.) What was the amount per acre paid for the land resumed?

(3.) Is it a fact that the 100 feet reservation of land at high-water-mark runs parallel with the land resumed facing the ocean?

(4.) Is it also a fact that the 100 feet reservation was included in the area resumed, and paid for by the Crown?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Twenty-six acres.

(2.) £400 per acre, plus 10 per cent. for forced sale for 21 acres 1 rood 24 perches.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The reserved land was not paid for by the Crown.

(2.) The late Registrar-General:—*Mr. Watson*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are some peculiar and unexplained circumstances connected with the death of the late Registrar-General, Mr. A. Parry Long?

(2.) Is he aware that certain material evidence given by a responsible officer in the Registrar-General's Department, at the magisterial inquiry, was, immediately after publication, discredited by a dictated paragraph which appeared in a metropolitan journal at the request of, the Acting Registrar-General, and, as is alleged, after consultation with the Chairman of the Public Service Board?

(3.) Is he aware that the statements so given to the press were absolutely untrue, and that the officer whose evidence was discredited thereby applied for and was refused Ministerial authority to commence a libel action against the journal in which the above notice appeared?
(4.) Is he aware that during the regime of the late Mr. Parry Long, a clerk in the Department named Henry John Noble was placed (with the title of Chief Clerk) in a position to practically administer the Department in opposition to the views of Mr. Long?
(5.) Is he aware that an important recommendation affecting the salaries of some of the highest officials in the Registrar-General's Department was refused by the Public Service Board in writing when made by the late Mr. Long, and almost immediately afterwards granted upon the personal application of Mr. Noble, and that this and other similar official snubs at the hands of the Public Service Board seriously affected the mind of the late Mr. Long?
(6.) Is he aware that this Mr. Noble systematically misled the late Mr. Long by suppressing reports and making false representations with regard to the working of the office; that without any authority he removed officers to unsuitable positions, in many cases placing juniors without qualifications over the heads of experienced officers; and that he so completely alienated the late Registrar-General from his senior officers that it ultimately became impossible for him to effectively work his Department?
(7.) Is he aware that, owing to a series of changes made by Mr. Noble, the staff of the Account Branch was rendered so inefficient that recently a sum of money was twice procured from the Treasury on one service, and that the mistake was only discovered after the two cheques had been drawn, and that after the discovery of this mistake the late Registrar-General so completely lost confidence in the Account Branch of his Department that he kept a private duplicate set of accounts for his own protection?
(8.) Is he aware that a certain officer of the Registrar-General's Department, who filled the position of Assistant Search Clerk with great satisfaction to the Examiners of Titles, was removed therefrom, on the recommendation of Mr. Noble, in favour of a transferred telegraph operator, whose defective searches afterwards exposed the Department to serious risk of enormous financial liability, and brought upon the late Registrar-General the open ridicule of a number of the legal profession?
(9.) Is he aware that a number of gentlemen recently went through the Registrar-General's Department, claiming to be a professional sub-board, authorised by the Public Service Board, and forecasted certain proposals with regard to some of the senior officers which were diametrically opposed to the late Registrar-General's written recommendations, and that this and similar actions greatly intensified his official worries?
(10.) Under what authority has the Public Service Board power to delegate its functions (in the metropolitan area) to any sub-board?
(11.) Is he aware that, notwithstanding the statement made by the Public Service Board in their first annual report that "in all cases salaries were fixed for the office and not for the man," there are a number of officers in the Registrar-General's Department holding responsible positions who are not receiving the salaries fixed by the Public Service Board as remuneration for these positions?
(12.) Is he aware that an officer of this Department, convicted three years ago of being implicated in the Campbell frauds, and recommended by Mr. Justice Fitzhardinge, sitting as a Royal Commission, to be disrated for trafficking in Departmental information with land-jobbers and others, has been promoted by the Board, on the recommendation of Mr. Noble, over the heads of a number of his senior officers with clean records, to the position next to the Deputy Registrar-General, giving him access to the records of the Department, and confidential information of enormous value?
(13.) In order that the newly-appointed Registrar-General may not be saddled with the responsibility for the state of things now existing, and in view of the fact that the circumstances would render an inquiry by the Public Service Board worse than useless, will he ask the Honorable the Premier to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of this branch of the Public Service?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will presently lay the information desired upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.

(3.) Holidays to Members of the Police Force:—Mr. Spruson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that constables on station duty in the city are on duty for twenty-four out of every forty-eight hours throughout the year, and receive only one day's leave per annum?
(2.) If so, is the practice to be continued; or will any change be made, and, if so, of what nature?
(3.) What was the average number of hours per week spent on duty during the last year by constables attached to Police Stations within the City of Sydney?
(4.) What was the average number of hours leave, exclusive of sick-leave, granted during last year to constables attached to the abovementioned stations?
(5.) In view of the arduous duty performed by constables in the city, and having regard to the fact that they work on Sundays and holidays and at night, will he make arrangements for granting them an annual holiday irrespective of the one day's leave per month ordinarily granted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—
(1 and 2.) Constables on station duty are not on duty for twenty-four hours continuously out of every forty-eight throughout the year, being relieved for about six hours for meals and rest. They have special leave when applied for, but being off duty every alternate twenty-four hours, special leave is not often required. The duty is considered light, and is preferred to ordinary beat duty. No application has been made for a change from station to ordinary street duty.
(3.) About sixty-three, including Sunday.
(4.) As there have been several changes in the men performing station duty during the year, the average number of hours' leave cannot be readily ascertained.
(5.) The police are paid for seven days in each week. They will be granted a fortnight's leave per annum, but if this were to be doubled, a very large additional expenditure would be entailed.

(4.)

(4.) Chairman of the Public Service Tender Board:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has the Under Secretary for Public Works been lately appointed Chairman of the Tender Board in connection with Stores?
(2.) Are the duties of this office performed in the Departmental time; and, if so, for what period?
(3.) Has any additional salary been granted for this extra office; and, if so, how much per annum?
(4.) In the absence from the office of the Under Secretary in fulfilling the duties of Chairman of the Tender Board, who performs the duties of Mr. Hickson's office in the Works Department?

Mr. Young answered,—As most of the annual supplies are required in connection with Public Works, the Public Service Board decided that the Under Secretary for Public Works should be Head of the Stores Department and Chairman of the Public Service Tender Board, and attached an honorarium of £100 per annum to the office. The work connected with the Stores, as well as that of the Under Secretaryship, has to be carried out irrespective of the regulation office-hours, and as the former is done in the Public Works building, the Under Secretary is not absent from the office in connection therewith.

(5.) Public Works Royal Commission Inquiry:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Was any claim or request made to him for legal expenses incurred by Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., in connection with the Public Works Royal Commission Inquiry; and, if so, what was the amount?
(2.) Was the claim, or any portion of it, paid?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes; £262 10s.
(2.) No.

(6.) Public Works Royal Commission Inquiry:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What amount was paid to the Under Secretary for Public Works as his legal expenses in connection with the Public Works Royal Commission Inquiry?
(2.) Was the claim submitted to any legal authority, to say if these legal charges were fair and reasonable for the work performed?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) The amount paid to the Under Secretary as expenses in connection with the Public Works Royal Commission Inquiry was £665 10s. 4d.
(2.) Yes, to the Crown Solicitor.

(7.) The Coast Hospital:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to his replies to Mr. Dacey's Questions of Tuesday, 18th October, *re* the withholding of last month's salaries from a number of the nurses and male employees at the Coast Hospital,—
(1.) As he stated that he was not aware of any such stoppage, on whose authority were these payments withheld?
(2.) Is he aware that his reply, to the effect that the persons whose salaries were thus withheld were notified, is incorrect?
(3.) Is he aware that his reply to Question No. 2, viz., that these salaries were not withheld on account of the persons to whom they were due having been off duty on sick leave, is also incorrect?
(4.) Is it not a fact that these salaries have now been paid, less deductions for sick-leave?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has furnished the following replies:—
(1.) The answer given on October 18th has been misunderstood. At length it would read "No, I am not aware that members of the staff, whose wages were stopped were not notified of the reasons why they were stopped, but, on the contrary, all were notified": and this answer necessarily carried with it an affirmative answer to the other question which was asked in the same sentence. The payments were withheld in course of carrying out Public Service Board Regulations.
(2.) No.
(3.) The question was whether "these salaries were stopped on the ground that the persons to whom they were due have been more than three days off duty on sick leave during the year?" The answer was correctly given in the negative.
(4.) Yes.

(8.) Barges laden with Explosives:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken since the recent narrow escape from a destructive collision in Sydney Harbour to prevent barges laden with explosives being moved in stormy or foggy weather, or at night?

Mr. Reid answered,—Strict instructions have been issued that when the weather conditions are such that the removal of barges laden with explosives would be hazardous, such removal is not to be attempted.

(9.) The Registrar-General's Department:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it the duty of the clerical staff, or other official in the Deeds Branch of the Registrar-General's Department known as the Search Room, to discharge the duties of a search clerk for any member of the public or the legal profession?
(2.) Is it a fact that such searches have been frequently made for a private individual by some officer of the branch in question; and, if so, by whose authority, and under what circumstances?
(3.) Is it a fact that the making of such searches has entailed the loss of much time which should have been devoted to the performance of other important duties connected with the Department, to the general inconvenience of the public?

(4.) Is he aware that the preparation of such searches and the reports thereon has necessitated the services of other officials in the Correspondence Branch of such Department of the Civil Service?

(5.) Will he be good enough to cause a return to be prepared of the number of such searches made within the past twelve months, the time occupied on each, the names of the persons for whom made, and of the officials employed thereon directly or indirectly, the amount of remuneration received therefor, and to whom paid?

(6.) Will he cause the subject of the foregoing Questions to be embodied within the scope of the Royal Commission sought to be obtained to inquire into the working of the Department in question?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Registrar-General has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) No; but assistance in searching is given by the Record attendants when required.

(2.) For any individual in particular, no. It is a long-standing practice of the Department to make searches of a trivial character, and, in special cases, for the convenience of persons writing for information from country places.

(3.) No. The searches referred to in the preceding answer are usually made by the Record attendants in spare time.

(4.) The results of such searches are forwarded through the Correspondence Branch in the usual way.

(5.) About seventy-five such searches have been made during the past twelve months. No remuneration is received therefor beyond the prescribed search fee of 2s. 6d., which goes into the revenue. Many applications for information have been refused.

(6.) As the newly-appointed Registrar-General, in entering upon his duties, is inquiring into the working of the whole of the Department, it is considered that no useful purpose will be served by appointing such a Commission.

(10.) Viticultural Board of Advice to Department of Agriculture:—Mr. Dight asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is there a Viticultural Board of Advice attached to the Department of Agriculture?

(2.) If so, who constitutes the Board, and in what manner were they appointed?

(3.) If abolished, why were they abolished?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) P. F. Adams, T. Fiaschi, M.D., L. Frère, J. Wilkinson, C. F. Lindeman, R. H. Caldwell, and A. Bray. The first six were selected by a conference of vinegrowers. Mr. Bray's name was added on the application of the Corowa Vinegrower's Association.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Condoublin, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations and Rates under the Electric Telegraph Act.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the Registrar-General's Department.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report of the President of the Board of Health on the manufacture and sale of Margarine
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INTO THE CITY OF SYDNEY:—Mr. Jessep presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St. James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary legislative authority for carrying out such extension.
Petition received.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 29th November.

8. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 36.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of October and November, or following month, of the financial year ending 30th June, 1899, and for the advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

Government House,
Sydney, 24*th October*, 1898.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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9. CASE OF THOMAS SUFFIELD:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in view of the refusals of successive Ministers of Justice to grant an inquiry into the case of Thomas Suffield under the provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, this House is of opinion that, with the object of enabling him to clear away the stain which rests upon his name, a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances connected with his trial should forthwith be appointed.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 22.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Law,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Chanter.	Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Spence,	*Tellers,*	*Tellers,*
Mr. Cann,		
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Thomas.	Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—
(1.) The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness.
Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

(2.) Mr. Deputy-Speaker read to the House the following letter from Mr. Speaker:—

Dear Mr. McCourt,— Tarella, North Sydney, 26th October, 1898.

Will you convey to the House my warmest thanks for its generosity to me in allowing me to be absent, for the remainder of the Session, from my duties.

A long experience of the House by me has proved that Members are ever generous to each other where a demand is made upon their sympathy. It is the first time I have been compelled to ask for the sympathy of my fellow Members, and the response has been so kind and generous that it repays me for any hardships of my high office.

To you I am deeply indebted for your readiness at all times to assist me in my work, and to relieve me of some of its hardships.

William McCourt, Esquire, M.P., Legislative Assembly, Sydney.

Believe me, yours faithfully, J. P. ABBOTT.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire, addressed to the Speaker, resigning his seat as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. QUESTIONS:—
(1.) Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the 1884 Act reduced the interest on selections from 5 to 4 per cent. to all who took advantage of it?
(2.) Is it a fact that many selectors omitted to take advantage of the Act referred to?
(3.) Did the Land Act of 1896 place all selectors upon a common footing, whether they applied or not, with regard to the payment of 4 per cent interest, but only started the privilege from 1896?
(4.) Should he not see his way to reduce interest on selections to 3 per cent., will he, as a matter of justice, now take steps to credit the selectors who omitted to take advantage of the 1884 Act with the 1 per cent. extra which they were compelled to pay for the years between 1884 and 1896?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) The provision in the Land Act of 1896 affected those conditional purchasers only who were paying off their balances due to the Crown by instalments under section 8 of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and who had neglected their own interests in not applying to avail themselves of the privileges embodied in section 35 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(4.) The rate of interest now charged is in accordance with the existing law, and no reduction can be made without fresh legislation upon the subject.

(2.) Interest on Borrowed Money:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Government of New South Wales can borrow money at 3 per cent.?
(2.) Is it also a fact that the Government are charging 4 per cent. interest to the selectors of the country?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) The rates fluctuate.
(2.) The rates charged by the Government are those fixed by the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 and the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Wharf at Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the design of the new wharf at Woolloomooloo Bay was originally for three recesses?
(2.) Was the work carried out according to that design?
(3.) Is it a fact that the wharf is now being altered to a continuous one, and that a number of the piles driven are being, or have been, pulled up?
(4.) Who is responsible for the change of design?
(5.) What is the probable cost of the change of design?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) Yes, according to a design prepared six years ago.
(2.) No, only some back piles were driven to support the filling.
(3.) The wharf was not built, but the design has been altered and a straight wharf substituted. Some piles had to be removed, but they can all be used again.
(4.) The Manager for Public Wharfs asked for the change in order that the berths might be leased to a company employing large steamers.
(5.) £300; but this is more than covered by the tender for the new design being £500 below the estimate.

(4.) Residence upon Conditional Purchases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that many of the selectors are young women under age, who are compelled to sleep away from home on distant selections?
(2.) Is he also aware that other selectors holding areas are young men under age, whose services would be more valuable upon the family farm, where agricultural operations are usually carried on?
(3.) In all such cases, where the *bonâ-fide* of a selector has been demonstrated to the Land Board, will he bring in a clause in the new Land Bill to do away with individual residence upon selections held by these young persons?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is already provided that minors holding conditional purchases adjoining their parents' conditionally-purchased or conditionally-leased land, up to the age of 21 years if a male or 24 if a female and unmarried, may reside with their parents, upon intimating to the Local Land Board their intention so to reside. It is not my intention to alter the existing law in this direction.

(5.) Collieries in New South Wales:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) The number of collieries in existence in New South Wales?
(2.) Number of men employed in each, distinguishing those employed underground from those employed above ground?
(3.) The annual output of coal in each colliery respectively, and value of the same?
(4.) The number of coal mines inspected annually in New South Wales?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1, 2, and 3.) The whole of this information will be found on pages 57 and 58 of the Annual Report of the Department of Mines for 1897.
(4.) This information will be obtained and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(6.) Night Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) The number of night schools at present in existence in New South Wales?
(2.) The number of children attending the same?
(3.) Where are the night schools situated?
(4.) The average nightly attendance at these night schools?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will presently lay the desired information upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.

(7.) Light Line of Railway from Gregra to Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it his intention to deal with the question of the extension of a branch or light line of railway from Gregra to Cudal; if so, when?
(2.) Has any survey been made as to the cost of construction of this branch and light line, and what is the result of the same?
(3.) Is it not a fact that in the year 1895 he promised an influential deputation that waited upon him that the matter would receive early attention?
(4.) What (if anything) has been done to carry out this promise?
(5.) In the introduction of a railway policy at an early date, will he see that this matter will receive due consideration, so that the work may be proceeded with without further delay?

Mr. Young answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the reply sent him in May last, that all reports go to show the line in question would not be remunerative, and that it cannot be undertaken at present.

(8.) Inoculation of Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to a special cable message appearing in yesterday's *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* in reference to the prevalence of plague in Europe, and the serious developments that have arisen at the Pathological Institute in Vienna, in which two of the nurses connected with the institute have been stricken with the plague, and that one of the officers attached to the institute, viz., Dr. Muller, has died from the plague, and also two domestic servants, after the doctor of the institute had conducted a series of experiments of inoculation with the plague bacillus?
(2.) In view of the alarming results arising from inoculation as an alleged remedy against the plague that has recently occurred in Vienna in connection with the Pathological Institute, will he see that steps are taken to restrict the indiscriminate use or otherwise of inoculation against

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tick fever, anthrax, and other maladies attacking our herds and flocks, until such time at least as inoculation has been practically and conclusively demonstrated to be a preventive or prophylactic against the spread of these alleged microbe diseases in the Colony, more especially during the months of summer when the thermometer ranges from 100 degrees upwards?
(3.) Will he, as a safeguard, in the interest of public health, obtain from the Board of Health or Board of competent veterinary surgeons some reliable information as to the value of inoculation as a therapeutic or curative agent against the spread of disease amongst stock?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Inoculation is *not* alleged to be a remedy against the plague.
(3.) The scientific staff of the Board of Health, both medical and veterinary, is thoroughly acquainted with the value of inoculation as a preventive or curative process against the spread of disease amongst stock. The information sought—which it would be impossible to recapitulate in answer to the Question asked—will be found in the very numerous works and periodicals which have been published on the subject during many years past.

(9.) Rookwood Cemetery:—*Mr. Harris*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it absolutely necessary for masons, undertakers, &c., having business with the Necropolis, Rookwood, to attend offices in Sydney for permits before commencing work at or upon graves?
(2.) Can payment be made at the Necropolis for graves; and, if so, have receipts to be obtained from offices in Sydney for such payments, or what is the usual course?

Mr. Lee answered,—The requirements of the Trustees of the several cemeteries of the metropolis with regard to these matters are not uniform. Information on the subject is given in the return which I will presently lay upon the Table, in accordance with promise made in answer to a Question asked by the Honorable Member on Thursday last.

(10.) Output of Coal under Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Referring to information given by the late Secretary for Mines, Mr. Sydney Smith, *re* the report of the Chief Inspector of Mines, showing the gross output of coal from the various mines of the Colony,—is that report to hand?
(2.) If so, what is the gross output of the various collieries since the Coal Mines Act came into force?
(3.) What was the proportionate amount weighed at each colliery?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) A report dealing with a number of the principal collieries was furnished by the Chief Inspector, and I will presently lay a copy of it upon the Table.
(2.) The output for a broken period cannot be given, as the Act only provides for an annual return being supplied by the owners. A return is published in each Annual Report of the Department, giving the output of coal at each colliery.
(3.) This information, so far as it has been ascertained, will be found in the document to be presently laid upon the Table of the House.

(11.) Appropriations for Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is the list of appropriations for roads and bridges from March to the 27th July, laid upon the Table of this House and printed, special Votes, or are they sums expended from the amounts voted for the year (as Road and Bridge Vote) ending 30th June, 1899, and expended from the Advance Vote as per three months' Supply Bill?
(2.) If these sums are expended from the ordinary Road Vote for the year, and granted under the three months' Supply Bill, why are not all the road districts included in the return?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) The appropriations referred to are special grants taken from the Unclassified Vote, as distinct from the ordinary Schedule Road expenditure, but charged to the £300,000 granted on the three months' Supply Bill.
(2.) All districts for which special grants were authorised are included in the return.

(12.) Vacancy in Income Tax Department:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the position of Chief Clerk in the Income Branch of the Taxation Office is vacant?
(2.) Is it a fact that it is contemplated by the Public Service Board to fill the position by appointing a gentleman not in the Service?
(3.) Have the Public Service Board certified that there are no officers in the Service capable of performing the duties of this office?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) It is a fact that the position of Senior Clerk and Accountant in this Branch is vacant.
(2 and 3.) No decision whatever has been arrived at in regard to the matter. I am informed by the Board that, in accordance with the practice they usually adopt in such cases, they are now making the vacancy known throughout the Service, so that any officer who has the necessary qualifications, and who desires to do so, may make application for the position.

(13.) Prizes for Competition at the Volunteer Fire Brigades Carnival:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Are the prizes for competition at the Volunteer Fire Brigades Carnival, announced to be held at the Royal Agricultural Society's Grounds, on the 9th of November next, being offered, wholly or in part, from money granted from the Public Treasury of this Colony?
(2.) Are all the trophies, which are to accompany the said prizes, or any of them, being paid for from such public money?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I shall be glad to afford the Honorable Member the information asked for as soon as the Estimates have been revised.

(14.) Water Supply at Ashfield:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it within the knowledge of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage that the water supply to the higher levels of Ashfield sometimes altogether fails early in the afternoon during the summer months, and that it is generally very inadequate to the domestic needs of the inhabitants?

(2.) What (if any) steps have been taken to remedy the evil complained of?

Mr. Young answered,—The Secretary to the Board has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The Board is aware of a slackness in the supply to the higher portions of Ashfield, during the periods of hot weather. Lately the supply was defective for about twelve hours, on account of a break in the trunk main.

(2.) The Board is taking steps to improve the supply to Ashfield and other Western Suburbs, by laying a large trunk main through the district from the Centennial Park reservoir. The work is now in hand, and will be pushed on.

4. Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney:—The following Petitions,—from certain citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, setting forth that the present railway terminus is wholly inadequate for the large and increasing traffic, so much so as to be a continuous source of danger to the passengers; that the Railway Commissioners have pointed out this danger; that two Royal Commissions and the Public Works Committee have inquired into the best methods for extending the railway into the City; that, after full consideration of the various routes and schemes, the extension by what is known as the St James' Road Scheme was recommended; and praying that immediate steps be taken to give effect to this recommendation by providing the necessary legislative authority for carrying out such extension,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) Mr. Dacey.
(2.) Mr. Barton.
(3.) Mr. Terry.

Petitions received.

5. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from William Bain, President, and Richard Morrison Bowles, Secretary of the Ministers' Association of Newcastle and District, stating that they observe with much concern and regret the introduction into the House of a Bill to legalise the sale of intoxicating drinks on the Lord's Day, also, the opening of shops for the vending of articles on the Sunday; that the opening of public-houses on Sunday is sure to result in drunkenness and crime; that the opening of shops will deprive a large number of shop-employees of the requisite weekly rest; that, instead of opening shops on the Sabbath, the House should enforce the law against Sunday trading, which practice is chiefly pursued by foreigners; and praying the House to refuse to pass the Sunday Trading Bill into law.

Petition received.

6. Land fronting Throsby and Cottage Creeks sold by A. A. Dangar, Esq.:—Mr. Fegan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th August, 1898, together with Appendix.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Papers:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Moombooldool Leasehold Area, for providing for Settlement by other Holdings.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21, &c.

(5.) Return respecting Evening Public Schools.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Cemeteries at the Necropolis, Rookwood.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Return showing the gross output of round or large Coal at the several large Collieries since the passing of the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. Contracts for Water Supply and Sewerage Works (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, specifications, schedules, tenders, and other documents in connection with—(1) Contract No. 129, Waverley and Bondi Sewer; (2) Contract No. 3(a), Centennial Park Reservoir; (3) Contract No. 125, Homebush Creek Stormwater Channel; (4) Contract No. 130, Willoughby Falls Stormwater Channel; (5) Contract No. 105, Double Bay Stormwater Channel; (6) Contract No. 184, South Willoughby Sewer.

Question put and passed.

9. Sums paid to Discoverers of Gold-fields (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing what sums have been paid to discoverers of gold-fields by the Mines Department since 1885, the amount in each case, and the nature and position of the fields discovered.

Question put and passed.

10. GRAFTON-GLEN INNES ROAD (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The total amount of money spent on the Grafton-Glen Innes Road during the past twelve months.
(2.) The proportion of same which has been spent from South Grafton to Newton Boyd.
(3.) The like information from Newton Boyd to the Municipal boundaries of Glen Innes.
Question put and passed.

11. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1897 AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1897, to enable municipalities to let, lease, or sell lands within their boundaries upon which rates are due and remain unpaid for a period of more than five years.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of* 1897, *to enable municipalities to let, lease, or sell lands within their boundaries upon which rates are due and remain unpaid for a period of more than five years*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

12. PARLIAMENTARY PRINTING (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of any communication upon the question of Parliamentary Printing and Parliamentary Printing Committees, furnished to the Premier by Mr. F. Ironside, late principal reader at the Government Printing Office, together with any minutes or reports following upon the same.
Question put and passed.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply "certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services "of the year 1898–9," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, No. 1, for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the resolutions relative to Australasian Federation, postponed, to follow Order No. 3.

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

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

Mr. Dick also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dick, that the report be now received.

Mr. Dick then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,038,500, being £988,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the months of October and November or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1899; and £50,000, to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1900.

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

16. WAYS and MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

Mr. Dick also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dick, that the report be now received.

Mr. Dick then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1898–9, the sum of £1,038,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

17. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1898–9.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1898–9,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1898–9."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1898–9,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1898.

18. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—
"This House affirms,—
"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.
"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—
"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.
"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.
"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.
"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the "representation of States."
"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.
"(*f*) *Money Bills*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in "the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.
"(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, "namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not "as at present, indiscriminately to either.
"(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and "just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception "mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration "of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided, if possible, excessive burdens of taxation, "a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, "and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

19. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4 to 11.
(2.) Case of Thomas Suffield; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in view of the refusals of successive Ministers of Justice to grant an inquiry into "the case of Thomas Suffield under the provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, this "House is of opinion that, with the object of enabling him to clear away the stain which rests "upon his name, a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances connected with his trial "should forthwith be appointed."

20. North Shore Bridge Bill:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That the North Shore Bridge Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sawers, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Millard.	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Neild,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Willis,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Moore.	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Hawthorne,		
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ross,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

21. Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That the Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Reymond, Mr. Watson, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Spruson, Mr. Levien, Mr. Price, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of previous Select Committees on the subject of connecting Sydney with North Sydney by bridge, tunnel, or tunnel-railway, be referred to such Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.			Noes: 4.
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Watson.	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Smith,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hawthorne.	
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Ferguson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

22. Adjournment:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 *OCTOBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. ELECTORATE OF PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that the Writ issued by Mr. Speaker on the 19th instant for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Parramatta, in room of William John Ferris, Esquire, whose election had been declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to have been wholly void, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of William John Ferris, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

3. MEMBER SWORN:—William John Ferris, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table Mr. Speaker's Warrant appointing the following gentlemen to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

"PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of "New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby "appoint—

"John Moore Chanter, Esquire,
"John Haynes, Esquire,
"Hugh Macdonald, Esquire,
"Francis Edward McLean, Esquire,
"Simeon Phillips, Esquire, and
"William Sawers, 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, "in room of Messrs. Suttor, Ashton, Cann, Mahony, Whiddon, and Dr. Ross, resigned.

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, "this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred "and ninety-eight.

"J. P. ABBOTT,
"Speaker."

5. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Imported Cattle:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have the various breeds of stud cattle recently imported into the Colony been subjected since their arrival to the tuberculin test for tuberculosis; if so, have any of them been found to suffer any disease of a tubercular character?

Mr. Brunker answered,—These animals were tested immediately before they were imported, and it is necessary to allow some time to elapse before it is advisable to make a second test. It is the intention to retest at the proper time.

(2.) Diseases amongst Stock :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Are there any particular diseases or special distempers of an indigenous character known to exist in the Colony of New South Wales from which our herds and flocks, less or more, are liable to suffer in particular districts, and during particular periods and seasons of the year?
(2.) For the information of stockowners, will he state or specify what the nature of these particular or indigenous diseases (if any) consist of, and the various localities from which they chiefly or are most likely to originate, and the cause of the same?

Mr. Brunker answered.—
(1.) Yes; there are particular diseases to be met with in certain districts during particular periods of the year.
(2.) This is already done. The diseases are dealt with in the Annual Reports of the Stock and Brands Branch, which are widely distributed throughout the Colony. Reports on the causes of the diseases and their treatment have from time to time been published as the occasions required.

(3.) Allowance to Public Servants in the far West :—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the officers of the Post and Telegraph Service in the far West were, until the advent of the Public Service Board, paid an allowance to cover extra cost of living, &c.?
(2.) Is he aware that this allowance was stopped in 1896?
(3.) Is he aware that in other branches of the Service the allowances were not stopped?
(4.) Will he bring this matter before the Colonial Treasurer, with a view to having a sum of money placed on the Estimates to reimburse those officials in his Departments whose allowances were stopped, such to date from 1st July, 1896, instead of 1st July, 1898, as notified in *Gazette*, of 7th October?

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) Under Departmental Regulations issued in June, 1892, officers thereafter appointed to certain places in the back country, where the cost of living was exceptionally high, were granted allowances to cover the extra cost of living, &c.
(2.) Yes, in connection with the grading of the Department by the Public Service Board, but in some cases the original salary was increased.
(3.) No.
(4.) This is a matter entirely under the control of the Public Service Board.

(4.) Search Fee Charged at the Treasury :—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it the practice of the Treasury to charge a search fee of 5s. for furnishing particulars of amounts outstanding as balances of purchase money on conditional purchases?
(2.) Will he take steps to prevent such charge being made in future?

Mr. Reid answered,—It has been found necessary to charge a search fee, in consequence of the large number of inquiries made by financial institutions, such inquiries being evidently for the sole purpose of checking their securities. In no case is the fee charged when the owner of the conditional purchase asks for the information, nor is it charged in cases where it is the intention to pay off the outstanding balance of purchase money. I should like to add to this official answer that it was not my intention, in authorising this charge, that it should fall upon the selectors in any way; but we have had enormous trouble in answering the questions of great financial institutions in reference to hundreds of selections, and it was as to those inquiries that the charge has been imposed. Perhaps I had better be a little more definite, so as to secure that any representative of a selector may have exactly the same facilities as would the owner himself, because we know that the owners live in country districts, and in many cases may employ some persons in town to obtain information for them. I have no wish that this charge should be a burden upon those whose selections are on our books. I feel that we ought to give them the most perfect information; but we cannot undertake to become agents for large financial institutions who have thousands of selections which do not belong to the selectors at all, but which belong to persons who have bought them.

(5.) Revision of the Electoral Rolls :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Having reference to the reply to Question No. 8 of the 6th October, in reference to the revision of the Electoral Rolls, has he submitted to his colleagues the question and the action necessary to be taken under the circumstances; if he has not, when will he do so?
(2.) Will he say when he will give a definite reply as to the action of the Government in the matter, if he is not now in a position to do so through not yet having submitted the matter to his colleagues for consideration?

Mr. Brunker answered,—In view of recent developments it has been necessary to make inquiry for the purpose of obtaining further information before I can give a definite reply to the Honorable Member's Questions. I am now seeking the advice of the Crown Law Officers with regard to several irregularities which have taken place recently, and it will be necessary to obtain fuller information before I can deal with the matter practically.

(6.) Land and Income Tax Act :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is the Land Tax Book, under the 40th clause of the Land and Income Tax Act, yet open to public inspection; if not, when will it be so?
(2.) Have all the disputed valuations under the Land and Income Tax Act been decided; if not, how many have yet to be decided, and what is the cause of the delay in respect to land tax only?
(3.) Will he give the names of the owners of the land that have yet to be decided, as to value of their land, liable to taxation under the Act?
(4.) Has any amount been paid under the Act as tax on the land still under dispute; if not, what are the number of such cases, and the probable amounts due?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The Land Tax Assessment Book is not completed, but any information respecting assessments which may be legally disclosed will be furnished upon application. Every effort is being made to complete the Assessment Book at the earliest possible date.
(2.) Nine per cent. of the disputed valuations still remain undecided; of these the larger proportion is practically settled, but awaits the receipt of formal acceptances from the tax-payers. It was considered advisable to exhaust every means to obtain a friendly settlement with the tax-payers, and thus avoid the expense attendant upon legal proceedings. Arrangements are now being made to set down the remaining cases for hearing at the Appeal Court.
(3 and 4.) The Commissioners are unable to furnish this information.

(7.) Refund to Public School Teachers Paying to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Gormly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will teachers of Public Schools who still contribute to the Superannuation Fund receive a refund of the amount actually paid by them to the Fund on their resigning voluntarily before the age of 60 years?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No; only teachers who ceased to contribute to the Fund previous to the 23rd December, 1896, can obtain such refund.

(8.) Permanent Artillery Band:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Was the Permanent Artillery Band permitted lately to play at a garden party given by the Archbishop of Sydney?
(2.) Is it a fact that no charge was made for the services of the band; and, if so, will he take steps to prevent in future such unfair competition with the private bands of the city?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No.

(9.) Amendment of the Railway Act:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the desirability of amending the Railway Act in the direction of placing the employees of the Railway Service in this Colony on a similar footing to those in the Victorian Railway Service in the matter of their being allowed to have one of their own number on the Board or tribunal for the trial of offences committed by employees?

Mr. Reid answered,—As stated on 31st August last, in reply to a similar Question, I will take this very important matter into my consideration.

(10.) Coroner's Inquest on Stockton Calamity:—*Mr. Anderson*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the evidence of the Coroner's inquest held at Stockton in connection with the Stockton calamity?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This has already been done. The evidence referred to was laid upon the Table of the House on the 6th October, 1897.

(11.) Deputation respecting City Railway Extension:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Did he receive a deputation yesterday of persons advocating the construction of the city railway into Hyde Park?
(2.) Did he, in October last year, receive a letter from Mr. J. M. Chanter, M.P., on behalf of the Hyde Park Defence Committee, requesting him to receive a deputation against the construction of such railway?
(3.) Did he cause a reply to be sent, stating that he declined to receive a deputation, as he considered it unnecessary?
(4.) Will he consent to receive a deputation from the Hyde Park Defence Committee, and permit them to submit reasons why this particular proposed railway should not be carried out?
(5.) Will he consent to receive such deputation on or about the 10th or 11th of November next?
(6.) Will he decline to give any reply to the deputation, in favour of the said railway, until after he has heard the reasons submitted to him by the deputation against the proposal?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) A reply was sent to the effect "that after the careful and full inquiry made into the merits "of this proposal by the Public Works Committee, and the voluminous evidence given, a deputation "would seem to be now unnecessary."
(4.) Yes.
(5.) Yes; on a date to be mutually arranged.
(6.) The matter will be fully considered by Cabinet at an early date.

(12.) The Coast Hospital:—*Mr. James Thomson*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many of the nurses of the Coast Hospital were paid less than their usual salary for the month of September?
(2.) In what way were these nurses notified of the cause of the withholding of their salaries, and of the subsequent deductions therefrom?
(3.) In pursuance of what regulation of the Public Service Board were these deductions made?
(4.) Is it not a fact that some of the nurses who suffered these deductions for absence from duty through illness were suffering from influenza?
(5.) Is it with his sanction that these nurses are compelled to submit to these deductions from their exceedingly small salaries while incapacitated through illness, such as influenza, contracted during the exercise of their duties?
(6.) Will he ask the Chief Medical Officer to explain the fact of these deductions having been made with his denial of the fact contained in the Answer to Mr. Dacey's Question, No. 3, of 18th October?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government:—
(1.) By deductions for absence through illness, 8; by deductions for absence through resignation, 2.
(2.) By word of mouth.
(3.) Section 44 of the Regulations, made under the Public Service Act of 1895.
(4.) Yes.
(5.) When the contagious illness is clearly contracted in the course of, and consequent on, the execution of duty, no deduction is made, in accordance with the answer to Question 3 (4), Mr. Dacey, October 18th. The cases in which the illness was influenza are not considered as falling under this description.
(6.) No discrepancy appears.

(13.) Employees of the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Reverting to Questions asked by Mr. Copeland on 18th October, with respect to the hours of service required from the Government Printing employees,—
(1.) Is he aware that such employees regularly work about eight hours per week, or over 400 hours per annum, more than the officers of the clerical staff of the same Department, and that such employees only receive payment for overtime when required to work after 6 p.m., while the clerks in like manner receive overtime payment if called upon to work after that hour?
(2.) Is the fact of the clerical officers concluding their duties ordinarily at half-past 4, while the printers work till 6, taken to constitute an equitable reason for the former being granted two weeks' annual leave free from conditions, while to obtain a similar concession the printers have to submit to the imposition of a penalty of either working an additional term of forty-six hours overtime, or, failing these extra duties, must submit to a deduction of forty-six hours' wages at overtime rates?
(3.) Is there any professional, practical, or sensible reason for drawing these distinctions between the two branches of employment in the same Department of Public Service; if so, will he please state it?
(4.) As it appears doubtful whether the forty-six hours' deduction at overtime rates is legal, will he consider the advisableness of referring the question to the Crown Law Officers for their opinion?

Mr. Reid answered,—The necessary information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.

6. Deepwater Harbour at Port Kembla:—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from certain colliery proprietors, miners, workmen, and others directly interested in the progress of Illawarra and the Southern coal trade, representing that they are subjected to certain hardships on account of the great loss of time occasioned by the impossibility of loading the large class of steamers now seeking cargoes at the colliery jetties; that the loading of such steamers is impossible except in perfectly calm weather, while the loading of sailing ships is impossible; that, solely on account of the want of protection to the jetties, 80,000 and 90,000 tons of trade, and between £20,000 and £22,000 in wages, have been lost during the six months ending August last; that the House should adopt measures to at once build a deepwater port or harbour at Port Kembla, so that the loading of any class of steamer or sailing ship may proceed constantly and independently of the weather, which would result in giving constant employment as well as doubling the trade; that the necessity of a protected harbour at Port Kembla is urgent; and praying the House will lose no time in adopting such means as may be necessary to give effect to the prayer of Petitioners.
Petition received.

7. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. Paper:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for Quarter ended 30th September, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. Australasian Federation:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—
"This House affirms:—
"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.
"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—
"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.
"(*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.
"(*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*)

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the "representation of States.

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*) *Money Bills*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in "the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

"(*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, "namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not "as at present, indiscriminately to either.

"(3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and "just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception "mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration "of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, "a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, "and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

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

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1898-9,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *27th October*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Accused Persons Evidence Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *27th October*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th October, 1898.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Before* "amend" *insert* "further"
Page 1, Title. *Omit* "in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf"
Page 1, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2.

Examined—
ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(3.) Medical Practitioners Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and other matters connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *27th October*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business (Nos. 2 to 11) postponed until Wednesday next.

(2.) Case of Thomas Sufficld; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in view of the refusals of successive Ministers of Justice to grant an inquiry into "the case of Thomas Suffield under the provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, this "House is of opinion that, with the object of enabling him to clear away the stain which rests "upon his name, a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances connected with his trial "should forthwith be appointed";—postponed until Tuesday next.

12. CASE OF SYDNEY COOPER, AS TO MINING UNDER A ROAD, PARISH OF CLIVE, COUNTY OF GOUGH:—

Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the case of Sydney Cooper, who was the holder of an authority to mine under a road separating portions Nos. 330 and 413, in the parish of Clive, county of Gough, such authority being obtained by him as the holder of a document purporting to be a mineral license, but which was held by the Appeal Court, holden at Inverell, not to be a mineral license, as the "butt" was not attached thereto.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cann, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Cruickshank, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1897 be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from HisExcellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 37.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1898-9,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1898.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported:*—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that Mr. Speaker's Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 20th October, 1898, appointing Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Moore to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Member Sworn:*—Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway from Hay to Deniliquin:—*Mr. Donaldson*, for Mr. Byrne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—That in view of the urgent need of a railway from Hay to Deniliquin, and the reluctancy of the Government to construct a line, would he favour an application or proposal to do the work by private enterprise?

Mr. Young answered,—I am not in favour of allowing any important line of railway in this country to be in the hands of private individuals.

(2.) Noxious Weeds and Plants:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to provide for the destruction of noxious weeds and plants; and, if so, when?

Mr. Cook answered,—My honorable colleague the Secretary for Lands has, I understand, a Bill ready to introduce at the first opportune time.

(3.) Permits to Mine on Conditionally-leased Land:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Mines,—(1.) Is it a fact that it is held that miners cannot enter conditionally-leased land without same is proclaimed by the Governor, and gazetted as private property within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands Amendment Act—thus preventing miners from entering conditionally-leased land until so proclaimed?

(2.) If so, will he take action to have all conditional leases proclaimed private land within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands Amendment Act, so as to afford miners every facility to enter all such lands, and prevent unnecessary delay in obtaining permits to so enter?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes, so far as mining for gold, silver, lead, tin, and antimony is concerned. Other minerals can be searched for on obtaining a permit from the Department to do so.
(2.) It is proposed to make provision for this in the Amending and Consolidating Bill which is in course of preparation.

(4.) Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Will he embody in his Amending Land Act a clause allowing the holder of a residential lease the power to apply for an additional lease up to 20 acres, the increased area now allowed under the Land Act of 1895?
(2.) Will he amend the law, to give the holders of residential leases the right to convert same into homestead selections?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter will be considered; but I may state that in almost all cases the land held under residential lease is auriferous, and not of the character considered to be suitable for homestead selection.

(5.) Revenue and Expenditure of the Postal Department:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Was there any excess of revenue over expenditure on the business of the Postal Department for the year 1896–7?
(2.) Was there any excess of revenue over expenditure on the business of the Postal Department for the year 1897–8?
(3.) If there is any surplus for either or both years, what is proposed to be done with it?
(4.) Has he considered or will he consider the advisability, if there is a surplus for both years, of appropriating it in the direction of granting a general reduction throughout the Colony of the postage on letters to 1d. per half-ounce?
(5.) Whether there is a surplus or not for the two years, will he give his consideration to the matter of making a uniform charge throughout the Colony on letters not exceeding half an ounce, beginning with January, 1899?
(6.) Is he aware that, under the present system, many persons have to pay 3d. per letter on receipt of same, or decline to take them, through the habit of persons getting letters and sending same to certain post offices at the penny rate in one direction, while in the opposite direction it requires a 2d. stamp to send it only 2 miles?

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1 and 2.) While it is gratifying to state that in 1897–8 the operations of the combined Departments of the Postmaster-General, for the first time since 1891 (when there was small surplus in the Post Office accounts), left a balance of revenue over expenditure; on the Votes under the control of the Postmaster-General, there is still an estimated loss of about £70,000 per annum on the working of this Department—taking into consideration the expenditure from Votes under control of other public Departments, such as stores, stationery, repairs, and alterations to buildings, printing, &c., and the interest on the cost of construction of buildings and telegraph lines.
(3.) All receipts go to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue.
(4 and 5.) The question of reducing the inland rate to 1d. has been frequently under consideration, but in view of the loss of revenue (estimated at £60,000 a year) which would be involved, I do not see my way to recommend it.
(6.) I am not aware of this; but if it is so the fault is with the senders, who should either post at the post office of the town in which they live, or direct their correspondents to address to the place at which they (the senders) do post.

(6.) Special Grants for Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that according to the return laid upon the Table of this House, showing special grants for roads and bridges, from March to the 27th July last, and given out of the £300,000 voted in the Monthly Supply Bill, that such grants were made to forty-seven electorates represented by opposition Members, while only twenty Government supporters had the same consideration shown them?
(2.) Is he aware that the total sum represented on that form as special grants amounted to £15,792, and was distributed as follows:—Opposition Members, £10,886; Labour Members, £2,125; Government supporters, £2,781; the latter sum being divided amongst thirteen electorates?
(3.) Will he lay the schedule of classified roads upon the Table of this House not later than ten days before he submits his Road Vote for the year 1898–9?
(4.) Will he see for the future, in the distribution of the Road Vote, that the Members on the Government side of the House will get as fair a proportion of the said Vote as those on the Opposition side of the House?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1 and 2.) It is evident that the Honorable Member's analysis of the special grants of £15,792 is based on the present state of the House, not as parties stood when the grants were made. At the time of the expenditure it happened to be fairly evenly divided, both as to numbers of constituencies and amounts.
(3.) The schedules will be laid on the Table of the House in good time for Honorable Members to consider when my Estimates are before the Committee.
(4.) I think the honorable gentleman can hardly realise the significance of his request, which is tantamount to asking me to make the distribution of road expenditure a political matter. My endeavour has always been to deal with each application upon its merits, irrespective of party consideration, and as long as I have the honor to fill my present position I do not intend to deviate from that course.

(7.) Application for Patent Rights for Gold Dredging:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that a certain application has been made by one Robert Park to obtain sole patent rights for the Colony of New South Wales of a gold dredge similar to those in operation for many years in New Zealand?
(2.) Is he aware that the applicant is neither the inventor nor the agent of the inventors of any of the gold dredging appliances embraced in his application?
(3.) Does he realise, that, if such application is successful, the applicant will practically obtain a monopoly and complete control of the future of gold dredging in this Colony?
(4.) In the interests of the State, the value of whose dredging lands would be affected by any such monopoly, and in the interests of the many who have applied for dredging claims, and who contemplate building gold dredges, will he instruct the officers of the Department of Mines to carefully watch the progress of such application, with a view of preventing the issue of patent rights unless it is clearly demonstrated that the applicant is entitled thereto?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) I believe this is so.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) This is being done.

(8.) Diseases in Sheep Acts of 1866 and 1876:—*Mr. Hayes*, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount now stands in the Treasury to the credit of the Trust Funds contributed under the provisions of the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866 and the Diseases in Sheep Amendment Act of 1876?

Mr. Cook answered,—There is at present no credit balance, but, on the contrary, an amount of £3,140 0s. 2d. is outstanding against the Fund.

(9.) Supply of Dummy Guns for Cadets:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the supply of dummy guns for cadets has not been let by tender for a considerable time; and, if so, how long?
(2.) Is it a fact that the present contractor sublets the work to a person named Duff?
(3.) (*a*) Why are not annual tenders invited for this supply; (*b*) and will he in future see this done; (*c*) and will he also take steps to prevent subletting in connection with same?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) Public tenders for the supply of drill rifles were called for in 1890, and revised prices were obtained on three subsequent dates.
(2.) I am informed that Mr. Duff has been in the employ of the contractor for the past ten years. He supervises the making of the guns.
(3.) (*a*) See reply to No. 1; (*b*) tenders will be invited next year; (*c*) see reply to No. 2.

(10.) Holidays to Members of the Police Force:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has any general order or regulation, dealing with police holidays, been issued since 1st June last?
(2.) What are the conditions under which holidays are granted to the police?
(3.) Are the police to be allowed fourteen days holiday each year as a right, or merely as a favour?
(4.) Is it a fact that at present every policeman applying for a fortnight's holiday must give some reason why his request should be granted?
(5.) How many applications for holidays have been received by the Department since 1st July last?
(6.) How many were granted?
(7.) How many were refused?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information:—
(1.) No.
(2 and 3.) On application they may obtain fourteen days' leave in each year on full pay, or under special circumstances for a longer period, but there may be reasons justifying a refusal to grant leave.
(4.) It is customary to do so, and necessary to know where the constable is to be found.
(5, 6, and 7.) As Superintendents can grant leave in their own districts, this could only be ascertained by calling for returns.

5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1898,—"Sums paid to "Discoverers of Gold-fields."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Water By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and "Sewerage Acts 1892–1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 15th November:—
(1.) Diseased Animals and Meat Bill; second reading.
(2.) Mining Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Macquarie, Mr. Hurley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "necessity of some alteration in the method of appointing Returning Officers for Elections."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Hurley moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

8. ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Meagher, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.
On motion of Mr. Meagher, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf*,"—including the amendments in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1*st November*, 1898.

9. DENTISTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 *NOVEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Passes:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Bennett, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Clibborn, Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, has been granted a free railway pass over the railways of the Colony?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Secretary of the Cricket Association has been granted a free railway pass over the railways of the Colony?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales has been refused a free railway pass on the railways of the Colony, and why?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that neither the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club nor the Secretary of the Cricket Association hold passes over the railways of the Colony.

(3.) Yes.

(2.) Grasses of New South Wales:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Government bringing out new books on indigenous grasses, &c., when already several up-to-date works dealing with these subjects have been published?

(2.) Did the Government instruct Mr. Fred. Turner, F.L.S., to write works on the "Indigenous Forage Plants of Australia," "Grasses of New South Wales," "Australian Grasses," &c.; and can these books be obtained?

(3.) Have the British, United States of America, and Cape Governments, and authorities in other countries, published large extracts from Mr. Turner's works for the information of the botanists, stockowners, and farmers in their respective countries?

(4.) Has not Mr. Maiden, Government Botanist, just brought out a book on grasses which have all been described in Mr. Turner's works; if so, was the book printed at the public expense?

(5.) Did Mr. Turner name and describe the native grasses for Mr. Maiden?

(6.) Is it a fact that bibliographies of New South Wales botanical papers have been published at the country's expense, and no mention of Mr. Turner's books and papers made in them; and has this been adversely commented upon in the Australasian press?

(7.) How many of Mr. Turner's books have been sold by the Government; how many of them have been applied for by persons and institutions in this and the other Colonies, also in countries outside Australasia?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Mines and Agriculture:—

(1.) A "Manual of the Grasses of New South Wales" has recently been published, under the directions of the Minister for Mines and Agriculture.

(2.) He was instructed to write the works on "Indigenous Forage Plants of Australia" and "Grasses of New South Wales." The "Australian Grasses" was offered to, and accepted by the Government.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4, 5, and 6.) No.

(7.) This information will be supplied if moved for in the usual way.

(3.) Solitary Confinement:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he see that some steps are taken at an early date to have the system of solitary confinement in connection with prison discipline abolished, or some other method of punishment introduced of a less severe mental strain on the character and constitution of those undergoing long sentences in our gaols?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am not prepared to take any steps to abolish the system of solitary confinement as a means of enforcing proper discipline among prisoners in our gaols. I may explain that solitary confinement, as applied to our gaol system, means cell punishment for a prison offence under sections 12 and 13 of 4 Vic. No. 29, and is for varying periods, not exceeding one month, according to the nature of the offence. Such punishment is not inflicted by the Comptroller-General, but is imposed by the visiting Justices under the powers conferred upon them by the Prisons Acts and Regulations. The difference between "solitary confinement" and "separate treatment" was fully explained in the answer given in this House by my predecessor (Mr. Gould) to Mr. Millen, on the 8th October, 1896.

(4.) Proposed Railway, Parkes to Werris Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the intention of the Government to extend at an early date a line of railway from the town of Parkes to Werris Creek on the Northern Railway, will he see that the trial survey that has been made between Parkes *viâ* Balderodgery and Wellington to Werris Creek is not overlooked in the construction of this public work?

Mr. Young answered,—Due consideration will be given to the Honorable Member's representations at the proper time.

(5.) Overshot Dam at Nyrang Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in the interest of settlers and the travelling public on the travelling stock route between Eugowra and Canowindra, obtain a report from some competent officer in his Department on the urgent necessity for the construction of an overshot dam at Nyrang Creek, near the Public School, and about 5 miles from Canowindra, the same having been brought under his notice by the Canowindra Progress Committee as far back as August last?

Mr. Young answered,—I have called for a report, and when it is received I will communicate with the Honorable Member.

(6.) St. John's and Civil Service Ambulance Corps:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the importance and advantages arising from instruction furnished to adults by the St. John's and Civil Service Ambulance Corps in rendering first-aid service in cases of accidents, will he see that some steps are taken to have a similar system introduced and made available to senior pupils attending our higher Public Schools?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It is not considered desirable to increase the number of subjects taught in the Public Schools at present.

(7.) Proposal for the Treatment of Indigent Inebriates:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Watkins, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the letter addressed to him on 16th September last by Mr. J. P. T. Caulfield containing a proposal for the treatment of indigent inebriates?

(2.) Do the Government intend to accede to the proposal made by Mr. Caulfield in such letter?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The only communication I have received from Mr. Caulfield on this subject has been treated as private, consequently I cannot lay it upon the Table without Mr. Caulfield's consent.

(8.) Prizes for Competition at the Volunteer Fire Brigades Carnival:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Archibald Campbell on the 26th October concerning prizes for competition at the Volunteer Fire Brigades Carnival on the 9th November, will he please state whether the prizes and trophies will be provided wholly or partly from money already voted by Parliament, or intended to be so voted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This vote was given for the carnival generally, and of course will be disposed of. The vote will not be increased.

(9.) Public Service Board:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board has appointed a sub-Board or sub-Committee of Civil Servants, under the title of Grading Board or Grading Committee, or some similar title?

(2.) If so, what are the functions of this Board?

(3.) Does it, among other duties, report upon recommendations and reports of Under Secretaries and heads of Departments?

(4.) Who are the members of it, and what is their standing in the Service?

(5.) Do the members of this Board receive any additional remuneration?

(6.) By what authority is this Board appointed?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I am informed that the Public Service Board, having under consideration the question of placing the salaries of the Professional Staff throughout the Public Service on a proper and uniform basis, a short time ago met the professional heads of Departments in consultation, and at their suggestion appointed a Committee of some of the most capable professional officers to go though the Departments and collect such information as would enable them to come to a proper decision in the matter. It should be remembered that the officers in the Public Service number nearly 16,000, and that with a large amount of work devolving upon the Board, it is simply impossible for them personally to collect every item of information, or to make every inquiry necessary in connection with the varied matters coming before them for determination. In appointing the Committee referred to, the Board are simply availing themselves of the services of those

those best able to give it in order to obtain the information which is essential to enable a proper decision to be arrived at. In doing this the Board do not delegate their functions, or relieve themselves in any way of the responsibilities imposed on them by the Public Service Act. The Board are not bound in any way by the conclusions of the Committee, and before any action is taken on their report the professional heads of Departments will be again consulted.
(4.) The members of the Committee are:—Mr. J. Davis, Chief Engineer for Sewerage Construction; Mr. C. O. Burge, Principal Assistant Engineer for Railway Construction; Mr. C. J. Saunders, Inspector, Department of Lands; Mr. C. E. Rennie, Chief Draftsman, Department of Lands; and Mr. G. A. McKay, Chief Draftsman, Department of Mines.
(5.) No.
(6.) Answered by 1, 2, and 3.

(10.) Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Mining Company, Hillgrove:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the case of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Mining Company, Hillgrove?
(2.) Is it a fact that this company is proceeded against by an adjoining company upon a claim for pumping and a claim for using tailings on their own ground, to which such adjoining company lay claim?
(3.) Is he aware that the warden at Hillgrove has been advised that the person served with notice of trial has not the power to defend an action on behalf of the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Mining Company, and that, in fact, the company proceeded against has had no notice of the action tried in their absence?
(4.) Is he aware that the Garibaldi Company have by their Sydney agent applied for time to obtain authority to defend such claim, notwithstanding which the warden has proceeded with the case, given judgment, and issued execution?
(5.) Will he direct stay of proceedings, and give the whole matter his earnest consideration?

Mr. Cook answered,—Yes, attention has been drawn to this case; but the Department has no power to interfere with the judicial functions of a Warden. The 111th section of the Mining Act prescribes that the Mining Warden only can grant a stay of proceedings.

(11.) Post and Telegraph Officers:—Mr. FitzGerald asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Are post and telegraph officers, in order to entitle them to increases of salary in accordance with Regulations of the Public Service Board, compelled to pass certain examinations in subjects as laid down in the following text books:—(1) Thompson's Electricity and Magnetism; (2) Culley's Handbook of Telegraphy; (3) Preece and Sivewright's Telegraphy; (4) Terry and Finn's Telegraphic Apparatus; (5) Hobb's Arithmetic of Electrical Measurements; (6) Preece and Stubbs' Manual of Telephony?
(2.) How many post and telegraph officers have been asked if they are willing to submit to examination on these subjects?
(3.) How many have replied in the affirmative?
(4.) How many of the above-mentioned text books are obtainable in Sydney?
(5.) What is the probable cost of each work?
(6.) Are officials expected to procure these books at their own expense?
(7.) How many officers graded from £130 to £220 per annum now require to pass this examination in order to obtain increase in second grade?
(8.) How many quadruplex and duplex instruments are at present in use in country offices, specifying those offices?
(9.) Is not the particular knowledge gained from the text books mentioned mainly required in connection with the working of these instruments?
(10.) What salaries are paid to officers working the quadruplex and duplex instruments?
(11.) What opportunity is afforded to officers generally to acquire a knowledge of these instruments?
(12.) Are not the officers who control these instruments classified in the Professional Division?
(13.) Why is the Post and Telegraph Department graded £25 under any of the other Government Departments?
(14.) Will he endeavour to relieve officers not controlling quadruplex and duplex instruments from the test required by the Regulations?
(15.) Will he endeavour to arrange that the Inspector's certificate of competency will be accepted in lieu of test where instruments mentioned are not in use?
(16.) Is length of service in any case accepted as proof of fitness for the office held; if not, why not?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone these Questions for a week, to enable me to confer with the Public Service Board in regard to the Regulations which govern this Department.

(12.) Deserted Wives and Children's Act of 1840:—Mr. McGowen asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) How many "protection orders" have been issued each year, under the Deserted Wives and Children's Act of 1840, as amended by the Act of 1858, during the last ten years by Supreme and District Court Judges to wives against their husbands?
(2.) How many have been rescinded during the said ten years?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Prothonotary of the Supreme Court has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) 1888, 70; 1889, 107; 1890, 105; 1891, 94; 1892, 111; 1893, 119; 1894, 79; 1895, 94; 1896, 68; 1897, 65; 1898 (to date), 69.
(2.) Three.

(13.) Proposed Railway from Muswellbrook, *via* Merriwa and Cassilis:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. J C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in the list of proposed railways to be submitted to the Public Works Committee for consideration and report, include the line some years since proposed to be run from Muswellbrook, *viâ* Merriwa and Cassilis, on to Pilliga and Walgett?

Mr. Young answered—Due consideration will be given to the Honorable Member's representations at the proper time.

(14.) Refund of Payments to the Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In regard to his reply to a Question by Mr. Gormly, M.L.A., on Thursday, 27th October, to the effect that schoolteachers who ceased to contribute to the Superannuation Fund prior to 23rd December, 1896, could obtain a refund of the amounts they contributed to same, does this apply to postmasters and all other public servants?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Any officer who was a contributor to the Superannuation Fund on the passing of the Public Service Act, and who elected to discontinue contributing under section 62 of that Act, may be allowed a refund of superannuation payments on voluntarily resigning from the Service, arrangements having been made by the Government to formally retire such officers, without gratuity, in order to permit of a refund being legally made.

(15.) Extension of the Public Library:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the report now current to the effect that Mr. D. S. Mitchell has made to the State an offer of his valuable library, and of the fact that new buildings for the housing, of the library at present possessed by the Colony are urgently needed, will he take into consideration the advisability of having erected, rather than of renting, suitable buildings for the purpose?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Mr. David Scott Mitchell has offered to bequeath his magnificent library to the people of this country, on condition that the Government will house it and maintain it intact as a separate wing of our national library. As to whether a rented building will be used for such purpose, I think that question is rather premature at the present time; but it is highly improbable that a building for a national purpose of the kind will be rented.

3. Sunday Trading Bill:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of Public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House not to pass any Bill having such objects,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Dr. Graham—From E. A. Rennie, President, and Robert Dey, Hon. Secretary, of the Council of the New South Wales Branch of the Evangelical Alliance.
(2.) By Mr. See—From William H. George, President, and James Ernest Francis, Secretary, of the Grafton Band of Hope.
(3.) By Mr. See—From William H. George, President, and Percival John Young, Secretary, of the Grafton Wesleyan Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.
Petitions received.

4. Indecent Advertisements Bill:—The following Petitions,—in favour of the passing of the Bill to suppress indecent advertisements,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Molesworth—From William Saumarez Smith, D.D., Archbishop of Sydney, President of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.
(2.) By Dr. Graham—From E. A. Rennie, President, and Robert Dey, Hon. Secretary, of the Council of the New South Wales Branch of the Evangelical Alliance.
(3.) By Mr. Molesworth—From F. E. Harry, President, and Frederick Hibberd, Secretary, of the Baptist Union of New South Wales in Annual Session assembled.
Petitions received.

5. Papers:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Canonbar Leasehold Area, for providing for Settlement by other Holdings.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 20th September, 1898,—"Public Park at Molong."
(3.) Return to an Order, made on 20th September, 1898,—"Racecourse or Recreation Ground at Molong."
(4.) Papers respecting Rifle-shooting under Active Service conditions.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Wharfage Rates and Tonnage Dues Act (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Wharfage Rates and Tonnage Dues Act," (Session 1897), laid upon the Table and referred to the Printing Committee on the 28th June, 1898, and reported upon on the 6th July, 1898, be again referred to such Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

7. George-street and Harris-street Electric Tramway (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the calling for tenders for the circulating pumps and feed pumps for the George-street and Harris-street electric tramway, Contract No. 17, and the acceptance of the tender of H. P. Gregory & Co., together with particulars of the names and amounts of all other tenders in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

8. Claim of John McCabe—Road from Long Reach to Clybucca (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McLaughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, documents, letters, reports, &c., relating to a claim by John McCabe for compensation for land resumed by the Government for a portion of the road from Long Reach to Clybucca.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Dentists Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Tuesday, 13th December.
(2.) Indecent Advertisements Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 13th December.
(3.) Distress for Rent Restriction Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
(4.) Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Haynes, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—until Wednesday, 9th November.

10. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1898–9, AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE OF ADVANCE TO TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1897–8 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

By Deputation from His Excellency.
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No.* 38.
Lieutenant-Governor.

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 Expenditure for the year 1898–9, together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote, "Advance to Treasurer, 1897–8," on account of Services for the year 1897–8, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.

Government House,
Sydney, 1*st November*, 1898.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Statement, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

11. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. O'Sullivan also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, That the report be *now* received.
Mr. O'Sullivan 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 £1,381, for the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1898–9.

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

12. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

13. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine John Henry Cann, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend, and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,
Sydney, *2nd November*, 1898. President.

Mr. Brunker moved, That John Henry Cann, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Bill" if he think fit.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for John Henry Cann, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *2nd November*, 1898.

14. METROPOLITAN SALE-YARDS (FEES) BILL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of* 1879 *in respect of the fees and charges which may be taken and demanded under the provisions of section* 139 *of that Act*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,
Sydney, *2nd November*, 1898. President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

15. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of* 1890, *and the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Act of* 1895,"—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, 2nd November, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 63.			Noes, 17.
Dr. Graham,	Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wise,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. See,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. David Davis.
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Morgan,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Storey.	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Holman,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Piddington.	
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

16. PAPER:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1898-9.
Ordered to be printed.

17. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—

"This House affirms:—

"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.

"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.

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"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

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"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment "of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the "Federal Parliament may determine.

"(*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State "without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the "representation of States.

"(*e*) *Inland Rivers*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies, "that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should "be more clearly safeguarded.

"(*f*)

" (*f*) *Money Bills*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such Bills, namely, that provided in
" the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

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" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform,
" namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High Court, but not
" as at present, indiscriminately to either.

" (3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and " just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception " mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration " of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excessive burdens of taxation, " a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, " and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

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

18. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 4 to 12, postponed until To-morrow.

19. GOVERNMENT ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

Mr. Fegan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to assist holders and occupants of certain classes of lands by advancing money to them on mortgage at reasonable rates of interest; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 10th November.

20. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Duty on Imported Medicines and Drugs :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount or value of imports of medicines and drugs during the year 1897-8, ending 30th September, 1898 ?

(2.) The amount of duty (if any) paid on the same during the same period ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Medicines, 12,346 gallons, valued at £20,317 ; drugs and apothecaries' wine, 25,889 packages, valued at £180,144.

(2.) Duty charged on the percentage of spirits contained therein, £11,871.

(2.) Dog Tax :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Dog Tax in many cases presses very heavily on drovers who are compelled to keep a certain class of dog to aid in earning a living ?

(2.) Can anything be done with the view of relieving drovers from paying such tax on sheep and cattle dogs ; and, if so, will he favourably consider the matter ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—In districts where there is reason to think that the Dog Tax may press heavily on persons who have to keep dogs to keep down vermin or for droving, the police have been instructed to refrain from too stringently enforcing the provisions of the Dog Act. I may add that this concession is not made in districts where sheep are known to be heavily depastured, and it applies principally to the coast districts.

(3.) Roads and Bridges Vote :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount laid aside, or appropriated as the unclassified Vote, from the £300,000 granted in the three months' Supply Bill ?

(2.) How much of the £15,792 expended as special grants, from March to 27th July last, was granted for works that should have been paid out of the Vote for the year ending 30th June, 1898 ?

(3.) Is he aware that to classify the Votes according to the electorates, as represented previous to the last General Election, was as follows—Protectionists (33), £8,460 ; Free-traders (27), £5,196 ; Labour (7), £2,136 ?

(4.) As Question 3 represents the number and amounts granted for the three parties in the House previous to the last General Election, have these sums been fixed as a fair distribution of the £15,792 ?

(5.) Is the Vote granted, and to be granted for the year ending 30th of June, 1899, to be supplemented by asking for a sum over and above the last year's Vote by the sum expended for special grants or other expenditure in the year ending 30th June, 1898 ?

(6.) Will he see, when appropriating the Road and Bridge Vote for this year, that those districts that have not shared in special Votes last year will have their turn this year ?

Mr. Young answered,—I am unable to give the Honorable Member any further information on this subject than that already supplied, except to reiterate that, in appropriating the Roads and Bridges Vote, each case will be dealt with on its merits.

(4.) Officers in the Post and Telegraph Department :—*Mr. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Price, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Will he be good enough to state the names of the officers in the Post and Telegraph Offices who are in receipt of salaries of £300 per annum or over who have been noted for increases ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the increases referred to have been recommended to the Public Service Board ; if so, from whom did the proposals originate ?

(3.) Is it intended to grant proportionate increases to the men in the lower grades of the Service; if so, on what basis, and when?
(4.) Is he aware that some of his Inspectors are impairing the efficiency of the Postal and Telegraph Service by recommending minor alterations inimical to the public interests?
(5.) Is he aware that the Postal Inspectors are performing similar work to the Treasury Inspectors; and further, is it a fact that, in consequence of there being too large a staff of Inspectors, two and sometimes three Inspectors visit the same office during a week and perform exactly similar duties?
(6.) Will he take steps to ensure that some employment is found for the large staff of Inspectors?
(7.) Is he aware that men in various grades of the Service are obliged to undergo examinations to test their efficiency; if so, will he arrange for an examination of the Inspectors, in order to ascertain their competency for the work of supervision?
(8.) Is it a fact that some of the Inspectors are not capable of passing the present test in sound-reading under the new code; and, further, is it true that the officers referred to do not understand the more modern class of telegraphic instruments, their uses, and adjustment?
(9.) Will he arrange for the qualifications of the Inspectors being tested by an examination conducted by the Public Service Board?
(10.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the manner in which Postal officials are being treated by some of the Inspectors?
(11.) Is it proposed to increase the number of Inspectors; if so, will he refer the whole matter to the Public Service Board, with a view to the amalgamation of the various classes of Inspectors, viz., Treasury and Postal, and the transfer of the Inspectors to the Treasury?
(12.) Could a considerable proportion of the work now done by the Postal Inspectors be transferred to the Treasury, thus securing the adoption of a uniform system, and thereby reducing the number of Postal Inspectors?

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) W. Wilson, Station Manager; S. J. Watson, Manager of Telephones; J. Y. Nelson, Electrician; A. A. Dircks, Assistant Electrician; R. L. Russell, Inspector; W. H. Maguire, Inspector; E. W. Bramble, Inspector; F. B. Brewer, Inspector.
(2.) Yes, by the Chief Electrician and Engineer-in-Chief of Telegraphs, whose recommendation was endorsed by the Deputy Postmaster-General, and concurred in by my predecessor.
(3.) The Public Service regulations provide for the payment of annual increments, as from the 1st July last, to officers of the Clerical Division receiving less than £300 a year.
(4.) No.
(5.) No, only in regard to the examination of the accounts. No.
(6.) The staff of Postal Inspectors is fully employed.
(7.) This is a matter for the Public Service Board.
(8.) Yes, in some cases.
(9.) See No. 7. This is a matter for the Public Service Board.
(10.) I have had no complaints; but if the Honorable Member will mention any case of the kind I will make inquiry.
(11.) No.
(12.) No; the Treasury Inspectors are naturally not conversant with postal routine and regulations, and they could report on the accounts only, and not on the general management of the offices, proposed alterations, and extension of mail and telegraphic arrangements, &c.

(5.) Crossing at "Wallis," Wallamba River:—*Mr. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that the crossing at "Wallis," Wallamba River, is dangerous?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to construct a Bridge at that place?
(3.) Will the Department expedite the improvements to this crossing promised some time since?
(4.) Who is responsible for the delay in carrying out this work?

Mr. Young answered,—I am unable to locate the place mentioned by the Honorable Member, and shall be glad if he will furnish me with further information to enable me to do so.

(6.) Major Bayly, Adjutant of the 1st Regiment:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Major Bayly, Adjutant of the 1st Regiment, was some time ago appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Volunteer Force?
(2.) Is it in accordance with the intention and spirit of the Volunteer movement that a professional soldier should hold a purely Volunteer Commission?
(3.) Has Major Bayly been made Commanding Officer of the Volunteers?
(4.) Is it true that since his appointment there has been a material reduction in the numbers of and attendance at parades of the Volunteers?
(5.) What pay and allowances does this officer receive?
(6.) In view of the injury inflicted upon the Volunteer Force by this appointment, will he see that it is at once cancelled, and the Volunteers allowed to revert to the direct control of the General Officer Commanding the Defence Force?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) This is a matter of opinion.
(3.) Yes; of unpaid infantry regiments and corps.
(4.) There has been a decrease of about 7 per cent., except in Irish Rifles, where there is an increase of 15 per cent. Increased and decreased attendances may depend on various causes.
(5.) £631.
(6.) The General Officer Commanding reports that he has no knowledge of such injury.

(7.) Regrading the General Division of the Post Office:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Goodwin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is now ten months since the Civil Service Board spoke about regrading the Post Office General Division?

(2.) Is he aware that the Government Printing Office was regraded in a few weeks after the first grading?

(3.) When will the Post Office be regraded?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Public Service Board have supplied me with the following answer:—It is not quite clear to the Board what the Honorable Member refers to. There is no intention of regrading the General Division of the Post Office, except such partial regrading as may from time to time be required in connection with any particular appointments that may be made. Seeing, however, that in the question a comparison is made with the Officers of the Government Printing Office, the Board think that the Honorable Member may possibly intend to refer to the question of Sick Leave, with regard to which they state that they have now the necessary information from the different Departments with regard to the matter, and that although the problem is a difficult one to solve, owing to the varied conditions obtaining among the Officers composing the General Division, they hope shortly to be able to come to a satisfactory determination on the subject.

3. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. Wilks presented a Petition from James Milroy, Chairman of a meeting of the "Haste to the Rescue" Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held at Balmain, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of this Petition its favourable consideration.

Petition received.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. Papers:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 4th October, 1898,—"Employees "in Public Works Department not on Public Service List."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum respecting the Increment Regulations under the Public Service Act.

(2.) Statement showing what the expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund would have been for the year 1897-8 if payments had been made at the rates per head of the population during the years 1886, 1890, 1894, and as paid in the year 1897-8.

(3.) Statement respecting the Trust Funds in the Treasury.

(4.) Statement of Loans raised during the period from 23rd October, 1891, to 30th September, 1898, under the Parkes, Dibbs, and Reid Administrations.

(5.) Return showing proportion per head of population of direct and indirect Taxation.

(6.) Return showing the difference between the results of the recent bad seasons, and the probable result if those seasons had been average fair seasons.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Stockton Colliery Disaster (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order—"Stockton Colliery Disaster" (Session 1897), laid upon the Table of this House and referred to the Printing Committee on the 6th October, 1897, and reported upon on the 7th October, 1897, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration, with the view of having the evidence of the Coroner's inquest printed.

Question put and passed.

7. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law respecting cruelty to animals.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cohen then 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 Tuesday, 13th December.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Thursday next.

9. Australasian Federation:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following resolutions:—

"This House affirms:—

"(1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies "to bring about the completion of federal union.

"(2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill "most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely:—

"(*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—

"concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other "Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths "majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority "should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a "National Referendum.

"(*b*)

" (*b*) *The 87th Clause, known as the Braddon Clause*—
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" that this Clause should be removed from the Bill.

" (*c*) *The Capital of the Commonwealth*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that Clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the Bill for the establishment
" of the Federal Capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the
" Federal Parliament may determine.

" (*d*) *The Boundaries of States*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State
" without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by Clause 127, as to the
" representation of States.

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" that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should
" be more clearly safeguarded.

" (*f*) *Money Bills*—
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" the case of Taxation Bills and Bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

" (*g*) *Judicial Appeals from States*—
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" as at present, indiscriminately to either.

" (3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and
" just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception
" mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough consideration
" of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided, if possible, excessive burdens of taxation,
" a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided,
" and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Lees then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That this House affirms:—

" (1.) Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other Colonies
" to bring about the completion of federal union.

" (2.) Its desire that the other Colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the Bill,
" framed by the Convention of 1897–98, most generally objected to in New South Wales,
" namely:—

" (*a*) *Representation in the Senate*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other
" Colonies, that, if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths
" majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority
" should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a
" National Referendum.

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" made uniform, namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council, or to the High
" Court, but not as at present, indiscriminately to either.

" (*h*)

" (*h*) *The Alteration of the Constitution*,—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other Colonies,
" that Clause 127 should be altered to provide:
" (1.) That any proposed alteration of the Constitution, approved by both Houses and a
" National Referendum, should be submitted to the Governor-General for the
" Queen's assent.
" (2.) That, where a proposed alteration has been affirmed in two succeeding Sessions by
" an absolute majority in one House, but rejected by the other, such proposed
" alteration should be submitted to the National Referendum.
" (3.) Provided that, respecting proposed alterations transferring to the Commonwealth
" any of the powers retained by the several States at the date of their acceptance of
" the Constitution, such alteration should not take effect in any State unless approved
" by a majority of electors in such State voting.

" (*i*) *Number of Senators*—
" concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other
" Colonies, that the number of Senators for each State should be increased from six to not
" less than eight. Twenty Senators, including the President or Chairman of Committees,
" to constitute a quorum.

" (3.) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and
" just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the Bill, with the one exception
" mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into, and a more thorough considera-
" tion of, the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided, if possible, excessive burdens of
" taxation, a prolonged system of book-keeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to
" be divided, and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States."

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time.
Mr. Reid then moved, That the resolutions be now agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Standing Order 142, That the Honorable Member for Randwick, Mr. Storey, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. McLean.	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	*Tellers*,
Tellers,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Cohen,
	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Young,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the resolutions be now agreed to,—put and passed.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Thursday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No.* 39.
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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, 4*th November*, 1898.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—
(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that Mr. Speaker's Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 27th October, 1898, appointing John Moore Chanter, Esquire, John Haynes, Esquire, Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, Francis Edward McLean, Esquire, Simeon Phillips, Esquire, and William Sawers, Esquire, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was, therefore, open to the Members named to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Members sworn*:—John Moore Chanter, Esquire, John Haynes, Esquire, Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, Simeon Phillips, Esquire, and William Sawers, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. MARGARINE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No.* 40.
Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the preparation, manufacture, export, and sale of margarine.

Government House,
Sydney, 10*th November*, 1898.

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

5. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Officials :—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Are post and telegraph officers, in order to entitle them to increases of salary in accordance with Regulations of the Public Service Board, compelled to pass certain examinations in subjects as laid down in the following text books :—(1) Thompson's Electricity and Magnetism ; (2) Culley's Handbook of Telegraphy ; (3) Preece and Sivewright's Telegraphy ; (4) Terry and Finn's Telegraphic Apparatus ; (5) Hobb's Arithmetic of Electrical Measurements ; (6) Preece and Stubbs' Manual of Telephony ?

(2.) How many post and telegraph officers have been asked if they are willing to submit to examination on these subjects ?

(3.) How many have replied in the affirmative ?

(4.) How many of the above-mentioned text books are obtainable in Sydney ?

(5.) What is the probable cost of each work ?

(6.) Are officials expected to procure these books at their own expense ?

(7.) How many officers graded from £130 to £220 per annum now require to pass this examination in order to obtain increase in second grade ?

(8.) How many quadruplex and duplex instruments are at present in use in country offices, specifying those offices ?

(9.) Is not the particular knowledge gained from the text books mentioned mainly required in connection with the working of these instruments ?

(10.) What salaries are paid to officers working the quadruplex and duplex instruments ?

(11.) What opportunity is afforded to officers generally to acquire a knowledge of these instruments ?

(12.) Are not the officers who control these instruments classified in the Professional Division ?

(13.) Why is the Post and Telegraph Department graded £25 under any of the other Government Departments ?

(14.) Will he endeavour to relieve officers not controlling quadruplex and duplex instruments from the test required by the Regulations ?

(15.) Will he endeavour to arrange that the Inspector's certificate of competency will be accepted in lieu of test where instruments mentioned are not in use ?

(16.) Is length of service in any case accepted as proof of fitness for the office held ; if not, why not ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes, under existing regulations, when they reach the maximum salary of their grade.

(2.) Eighty-two.

(3.) Fifty-one.

(4.) I am unable to say ; but I understand that there is no difficulty in procuring them.

(5.) (1), 4s. 6d. ; (2), 16s. ; (3), 6s. ; (4), 8s. 6d. ; (5), 1s. ; (6), 15s.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) Twenty-one.

(8.) Sixteen—Albury, 2 quadruplex ; Armidale, 2 quadruplex ; Bathurst, 1 quadruplex ; Broken Hill, 1 quadruplex ; Goulburn, 1 quadruplex ; Menindie, 1 quadruplex ; West Maitland, 1 quadruplex ; Wagga Wagga, 2 quadruplex and 1 duplex ; Deniliquin, 1 duplex ; Grafton, 1 duplex ; La Perouse, 1 duplex ; Newcastle, 1 duplex.

(9.) No. It is required for the efficient and general working of any station.

(10.) From £78 to £400 a year.

(11.) Special provision is being made in the Head Office, and facilities will be afforded all officers desirous of qualifying for promotion.

(12.) No.

(13.) I am informed by the Public Service Board that in determining the maximum of the grades, the character of the work was taken into consideration. The educational test is also much lower than that prescribed for the ordinary clerical division. The whole service, however, is open to the officers of the Telegraph Department if they pass the tests prescribed for the clerical division.

(14.) I am informed by the Public Service Board, "No ; but facilities will be given to all officers who desire to qualify."

(15.) I am informed by the Public Service Board, "No. See explanation to questions 11 and 14."

(16.) I am informed by the Public Service Board that promotions are determined by the provisions of the 42nd section of the Public Service Act, from which it will be seen that seniority does not determine "fitness," this being laid down to mean "special qualifications and aptitude for the discharge of the duties of the office to be filled." Seniority is a qualification combined with fitness, the two being determining factors.

(2.) Government Institutions :—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The cost per head of the infirm and destitute in Government institutions ?

(2.) The number of inmates over 65 years of age ?

(3.) The total number of inmates in such institutions ?

(4.) The number of inhabitants of Colony estimated to be over 65 years of age ?

(5.) The estimated length of life after 65 in this Colony ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Cost per head including hospital patients—£13 8s. 3d. per annum.

(2.) 1,892.

(3.) 3,653.

(4.) 19,600 males, 14,100 females.

(5.) Males, 10·97 years, females, 11·41 years.

(3.) Case of Joseph Noble:—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Will he say whether one Joseph Noble was prosecuted for fraudulently procuring a provisional certificate of title for certain land at Coogee, in 1886, whereby the estate of the late Samuel Lane was deprived of said land?
(2.) Was not such fraud carried out by the assistance of a clerk then employed in the Registrar-General's Department?
(3.) Has any claim been made for compensation?
(4.) Is it intended to award any compensation to the widow and executrix of the late Samuel Lane; if not, why?
(5.) Will he please have all papers laid upon the Table of this House in connection with the trial of Noble, in February, 1895, together with His Honor Judge Windeyer's strictures on the Registrar-General's Department, with a full report of the inquiry into the working of that Department at the time named?
Mr. Lee answered,—
(1.) Yes, in 1895.
(2.) It has been so alleged, but never proved. The clerk in question was not, at the date of Noble's trial, and is not now, in the Public Service.
(3.) Notice of intended action was given by the executrix on 13th August, 1897.
(4.) The parties must necessarily be left to their legal remedies.
(5.) I have no objection to lay on the Table, in due course, the papers referring to the strictures passed by the late Mr. Justice Windeyer, in February, 1895, on the Registrar-General's Department, but do not see what good purpose would be served by producing the depositions in the case of the prosecution of Joseph Noble. A full report upon the inquiry into the working of the Deeds and Search Branch of the Registrar-General's Department, which was held by His Honor Judge Fitzhardinge, in October, 1893, has already been presented to Parliament and printed.

(4.) Penny Postage:—*Mr. Rose*, for Mr. Barnes, asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Will he kindly inform the House of the number of post towns in this Colony which enjoy the benefit of the penny postage system within a radius of 15 miles or less?
(2.) Will he kindly provide a list of the names of such offices?
(3.) Also the total income derived from such offices in each case?
Mr. Hogue answered,—The particulars asked for are of too voluminous a character to be supplied in answer to questions, but there will be no objection to lay them upon the Table in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(5.) Land and Income Tax:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the approximate value, according to the returns sent in for land value taxation purposes, of the land held by the 88,000 landholders that are exempted from tax?
(2.) What was the approximate value of the land held by the 36,000 landholders who have to pay the tax?
(3.) What is the total number of persons drawing incomes and subject to taxation, and the total approximate value of the income on which taxation is paid?
(4.) What is the total number of persons having incomes under the exemption amount who sent in returns, and what is the approximate total value of their incomes?
(5.) Is it a fact that persons investing money in Government securities have their incomes from that source exempted from taxation, and what is the approximate total value of the income derived by such persons from that source?
Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The estimated approximate unimproved value of the land held by the persons referred to is £12,000,000.
(2.) Approximately the total unimproved value of such land is £92,000,000.
(3.) 21,100,—the approximate value of the incomes being £11,400,000.
(4.) 20,780. Information as to the value of their incomes is not available at the present time.
(5.) The incomes referred to are exempt from taxation only when the recipients are resident outside the Colony,—*vide* subsection 6 of section 17 of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act. There is no record in the Taxation Department of the information as to the total value of incomes from the source referred to.

(6.) Loan of Marquees:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are in the habit of lending marquees to various bodies, and that military men are employed to erect them?
(2.) If so, is he aware that he is interfering with private individuals who make a business of supplying marquees for various purposes?
Mr. Reid answered,—Yes, for charitable or Government purposes; and to avoid injury it is necessary to employ skilled men, who are paid by those borrowing the tents.

(7.) Allowances to Public Servants:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that all married officers in remote parts of the Colony, in receipt of £200 per year, in the Clerical Division, receive £20 per year allowances as against £10 per year allotted to married persons in the General Division?
(2.) If yes, is he not aware that the General Division have to pay the same price for their commodities as the Clerical Division?
(3.) Upon what principle is the difference made between the two divisions?
Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) I would refer the honorable gentleman to the Regulations dealing with this subject, which were published in the *Government Gazette* of 7th October, and laid upon the Table of this House on the 12th October.
(2 and 3.) I am informed by the Public Service Board the allowances are granted, not merely for the purpose of paying for the extra cost of commodities, but to meet other expenses of living, which expenses are necessarily greater in proportion as officers rise in rank in the Service.

(8.) Bookbinding Class at the Technical College:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Seeing that a large number of persons are likely to be benefited by the formation of a bookbinding class at the Technical College, will he take into his early consideration this question, and endeavour to have such a class started early next year?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I do not think there is any need at present for the formation of a bookbinding class at the Technical College.

(9.) Scheme of Artillery Defence:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has Major-General French offered for sale to the Government a scheme of artillery defence?
(2.) Is the price asked for same £5,000?
(3.) Is it a fact that the British officer commanding the Artillery Forces of the Colony (Colonel Smith) refused to recommend the purchase?
(4.) Is it true that an Imperial despatch, addressed to British Commanding Officers in India and other of Her Majesty's possessions, forbids them to incur expense in connection with Major-General French's scheme, as it has been tested and found valueless?
(5.) In the face of this despatch, does Major-General French persist in offering the scheme to the Government?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) No. He has placed his scheme for coast defence at the disposal of the Government, leaving it to them to settle amount of reward, if any.
(2.) No.
(3.) No.
(4.) I have no knowledge of such Imperial despatch, and think it improbable that there should be one in existence, in view of the fact that the Imperial Government has not tested the scheme.
(5.) Answered by No. 4.

(10.) Fisheries Bill:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Seeing the disabilities under which the fishermen of the Colony labour at the present time, and the difficulty they have to obtain a livelihood, under the present Act, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a new Fisheries Bill during the present Session?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Honorable Member is no doubt aware that a Bill has been prepared for a considerable time to deal with the subject, and I am only awaiting a favourable opportunity to introduce it.

(11.) Railway Proposals of the Government:—Mr. Phillips asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to inform the House what the railway proposals of the Government will be for this Session?

Mr. Young answered,—I cannot yet fix a definite date.

6. Indecent Advertisements Bill:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from Susan R. Rae, President of a Conference of Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and others, held at the Wesleyan School Hall, Newtown, on Tuesday, 11th October last, in favour of the passing of the Bill to suppress indecent advertisements.
Petition received.

7. Sunday Trading Bill:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Brunker—From A. M. Porter, Chairman of a Meeting of Members of the Snowdrop Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars held in East Maitland.
(2.) By Mr. Nelson—From George W. Marks, Chairman of a Meeting of the Dayspring Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held in St. David's Hall, Surry Hills.
(3.) By Mr. Cook—From John P. Williams, Chairman of a Meeting of Members of the Light in the Valley Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held in Lithgow.
(4.) By Mr. Affleck—From Frank Chapple, Chairman of a Meeting of the Jubilee Union Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held in Union Church, Ladevale, on 2nd November, 1898.
(5.) By Mr. Dick—From Nellie Phillips, Presiding Officer of a Meeting of Members of the Hope of Stockton Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars.
Petitions received.

8. Papers:—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of Public Service Board in reference to the appointment of Registrar-General, Examiner of Patents, and Registrar of Trade Marks.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd November, 1898—"George-street and Harris-street Electric "Tramway,"
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Picton, county of Camden, for the supply of water to the town of Picton.
(3.) Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1898,—"Grafton-Glen Innes Road."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

10. EXTENSION OF RAILWAY FROM LISMORE TO CASINO:—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from certain residents of the town and district of Casino, representing that the question of the construction of a railway from The Tweed to Grafton was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in the year 1890, and such Committee reported in favour of the construction of the line from The Tweed as far as Casino; that the line was subsequently carried out as far as Lismore only; that on a second reference to that Committee, in the year 1892, a recommendation in favour of the extension of the line from Lismore to Casino was made; that the reasons for such extension were stronger at the present time than they were in the years named; and praying the House to take such steps as will ensure the construction of the said line of railway from Lismore to Casino with the least possible delay.
Petition received.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

   The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Francis Edward McLean, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
   (1.) By Mr. Piddington—From Ashton J. Smith, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Hope of Walcha Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held at Walcha.
   (2.) By Mr. Henry Clarke—From James Morrison, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Hope of Bermagui Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held at Bermagui.
   (3.) By Mr. Sleath—From T. W. Marriott, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Hope of Wilcannia Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held at Wilcannia.
   (4.) By Mr. Law—From A. de Jersey, C.T., and Thos. A. Sterland, L.D., members of the Lily of the Hill Lodge, No. 728, Independent Order of Good Templars, Balmain West.
   (5.) By Mr. Young—From Thomas Dawson, Chairman of a meeting of members of the John Wright Lodge of Good Templars, held at Tinonee, Manning River.
   (6.) By Mr. Watson—From Henry Fowler, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Hope Revived Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, held at Monteagle.
   (7.) By Mr. Jessep—From certain members of Hearts of Oak Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, in meeting assembled at Oddfellows' Hall, Waverley.
   (8.) By Mr. Phillips—From certain members of the Church of England, Dubbo.
   (9.) By Mr. Phillips—From certain members of the Presbyterian Church, Dubbo.
   (10.) By Mr. Phillips—From certain members of the Dubbo Wesleyan Church.
   (11.) By Mr. Phillips—From certain members of the Independent Order of Good Templars and Sons and Daughters of Temperance of Dubbo.
   (12.) By Mr. Phillips—From certain members and adherents of the Salvation Army, Dubbo.
   (13.) By Mr. Thomas Brown—From Joseph Holmes, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Hopeful Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars held at Condobolin.
   Petitions received.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the Notice of Motion in the name of the Honorable Member for The Hastings and The Macleay (Mr. Barton) taking precedence of all other business on the Business Paper for this day.
   Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
   (1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday, 23rd November.
   (2.) Municipalities Act of 1897 Amending Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 29th November.

6. VOTE OF CENSURE—FISCAL PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in view of the fact that at the recent General Election the Members supporting the Government pledged themselves to maintain the then existing Free-trade policy, while Opposition Members were as distinctly pledged that, so far as they were concerned, the fiscal question should not be raised until this Parliament had decided the question of Federation, this House is of opinion that to vote for the fiscal proposals now submitted by the Treasurer would be a most unconstitutional proceeding and a direct breach of faith with the constituencies, inasmuch as any "tinkering" with the existing duties, in view of the near approach of Federation, received absolute condemnation by the People, the Press, and the individual Members on both sides of the present Parliament.

(2.) That the above resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

   The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
   (1.) By Mr. Fegan—From George Barran, jun., Chief Templar, and John Downie Lodge, Electoral Deputy, members of a meeting of the Rosebud Lodge, Islington, near Newcastle, Independent Order of Good Templars.
   (2.) By Mr. Newman—From John Wills, Chairman of a meeting of members of Australia's Pride Lodge, No. 250, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Forest Reefs.
   (3.) By Mr. Alexander Campbell—From J. T. Brandon, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pride of Wattamolla Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Wattamolla.
   (4.) By Mr. Young—From W. E. Ricketts, Chairman of a meeting of members of the McLaughlan Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Taree.
   Petitions received.

3. VOTE OF CENSURE—FISCAL PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton,—
   "(1.) That, in view of the fact that at the recent General Election the Members supporting the "Government pledged themselves to maintain the then existing Free-trade policy, while Opposition "Members were as distinctly pledged that, so far as they were concerned, the fiscal question should "not be raised until this Parliament had decided the question of Federation, this House is of opinion "that to vote for the fiscal proposals now submitted by the Treasurer would be a most unconsti-"tutional proceeding and a direct breach of faith with the constituencies, inasmuch as any "'tinkering' with the existing duties, in view of the near approach of Federation, received absolute "condemnation by the People, the Press, and the individual Members on both sides of the present "Parliament.
   "(2.) That the above resolution be conveyed 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,—

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 17 *NOVEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 62.	
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Phillips,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Sutter,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Chanter,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Paddington.	Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dight,		Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Copeland,		Mr. Law,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hassall,		Mr. Perry,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Miller,		Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Colton,
Mr. Lyne,		Mr. Neild,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Goodwin,		Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hurley,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Barnes,		Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Mackay,		Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nelson,		Mr. Newman,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. FitzGerald,		Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Waddell,		Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Price,		Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gillies,		Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Spruson,		Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Quinn,		Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Smith,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. David Davis,		Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Ferris,		Mr. Lees,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. O'Connor,		Mr. Watkins,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Donaldson,		Mr. Ross,	
Mr. Wilson,		Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,		Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. T. H. Griffith,		Mr. Nobbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker laid upon the Table,—Supplement to the Auditor-General's Report upon the Treasurer's Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year ended 30th June, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. QUESTIONS:—
(1.) The Zoological Gardens:—*Mr. McLean*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many men are employed by the Trustees of the Zoological Gardens in attending to the menagerie?
(2.) How many days and hours do the men work in each week?
(3.) What wages do the men receive per week?
(4.) What salary does the Secretary receive, and what are his hours of attendance?
(5.) What number of positions does the Secretary hold, and what salary is attached to each position?
(6.) How many animals and birds has each man to look after, and how many hours are allotted for the work?
(7.) Is it a fact that eleven pumas died recently; if so, what was the cause of their death?
(8.) Was a *post mortem* examination held; if so, by whom?
(9.) Are the dead horses upon which the animals are fed free from tuberculosis or other injurious disease; if so, when and where is the meat examined, and by whom?
(10.) Were the stomachs of the dead pumas analysed; if so, by whom?
(11.) What fee did the analyser charge?
(12.) Why were the stomachs not sent to the Government Analyst?
(13.) Is it a fact that three men have recently been dismissed?
(14.) What was the reason for their dismissal?
(15.) Did the informer Bean receive the Government reward of £50?
(16.) Will he see that Honorable Members receive the last report and balance-sheet of this Society?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.

(2.) Width of Tyres Bill:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to regulate the width of tyres?

Mr. Young answered,—Not this Session. The matter is, however, under consideration.

(3.) Holidays to Members of the Police Force:—*Mr. Wilks*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he give instructions that members of the Police Force are to receive fourteen days' holiday in each year on full pay, free from any condition whatever?
(2.) How many applications for fourteen days' holiday have been received from men in the Metropolitan District since 1st June last?
(3.) How many were granted?
(4.) How many refused, together with the reason of such refusal (if any)?
(5.) Has Inspector Lawless been relieved from duty; if so, for what reason?
(6.) Has Sergeant Walker been relieved from duty; if so, for what reason?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) This would be impracticable. Firstly, because it would be equivalent to the loss of the services of thirty men in the year, and no provision has yet been made for an increase. Secondly, because there may be emergencies which would render it necessary to defer leave. At present, for example, about forty men are taken from their police duties to collect the Jury Lists.

(2.) Nineteen.

(3.) Sixteen.

(4.) Three. (1) Senior-constable Corcoran applied for fourteen days, but did not require the leave for any urgent purpose, and had for a long time been allowed monthly leave. When informed he could not be allowed both, he stated he would make another application at a future time; (2) Constable Duffy applied for fourteen days, but was allowed seven on the ground that he participates in the usual monthly leave, and was allowed twenty-eight days' special leave last year; (3) Constable Alexander Brown applied for fourteen days on account of ill-health, but the Police Surgeon considered seven days sufficient, which was granted.

(5 and 6.) Inspector Lawless and Sergeant Walker have claimed their pensions in accordance with the Act of Parliament, which have been recommended by the Board, but held in abeyance pending the consideration of the state of the Superannuation Fund.

(4.) Marquees and Tents:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the military authorities or colonial storekeepers are in the habit of lending marquees and tents free of charge?

(2.) Is it a fact that such tents have recently been used at Botany and North Shore for other than military purposes?

(3.) As this practice seems unfair to our tentmakers, will he have it stopped?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Beyond incidental expenses, yes; for Government or charitable purposes.

(2.) Yes; at North Shore, in aid of the hospital. Nothing is known with regard to Botany.

(3.) I cannot see any serious interference with private enterprise in the lending of marquees, &c., by the Government for charitable purposes, and I hesitate to stop a long established practice which has much to recommend it.

(5.) Natural History in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is there any mention of Australian mammals, birds, and reptiles in the standard of proficiency?

(2.) Are snakes, wombats, lyre-birds, &c., ranked under familiar objects to children in the second class?

(3.) Are they included under "lessons on animals with special reference to agriculture"?

(4.) Have the teachers been instructed to give lessons on the new chromo-lithograph charts of snakes and the treatment of snakebite?

(5.) Do the inspectors examine primary schools on the indigenous animals of this Colony?

(6.) Will he see that they adopt a system of Australian teaching?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) In giving object and science lessons, teachers are not tied down to the flora, fauna, or productions of any particular countries; but, as a matter of fact, they deal more largely with Australian subjects than with any others.

(4 and 6.) No directions are necessary.

(5.) Inspectors examine in all subjects taught.

(6.) Fruit imported from America:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of cases and value of fruit that have been imported from America during the months of October and November?

(2.) Is it a fact that recent importations of fruit from America are affected with codlin moth in an aggravated form?

(3.) Has any of the fruit been condemned; if so, what percentage, and what became of the fruit that was condemned, or was it manufactured into jam?

(4.) Can any reason be assigned why the apple trade from the sister colony of Tasmania is so restricted compared with the wholesale importation from America?

(5.) Is the codlin moth pest more prevalent in Tasmanian fruit than in American?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) 2,300 cases.

(2.) Yes, some of it had been badly affected, but the moth had passed from it.

(3.) The fruit was not condemned, because there was no grub in it at the time. The cases and covering papers were, however, condemned.

(4). There is no special restriction with respect to the Tasmanian fruit. The Tasmanian output is now over, whilst the American is coming forward, owing to difference in seasons.

(5.) No.

(7.) Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the number of tons of mineral ore that has been treated by the chlorination process at the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde since the works started operations?

(2.) What is the number of tons of mineral ore that has been treated by the cyanide process at the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde since the works started operations?

(3.) What is the number of tons of ore that has been treated by what is known as freemilling or the battery process at the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde since the works started operations?

(4.) What is the number of tons of mineral ore, of all classes, treated by all processes at the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde since the works first started operations?
(5.) What has been the value of gold bullion or other metals extracted from all ores treated at the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde since the works started operations?
(6.) What is the amount of money the Government has received for the treatment of all ores at the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde since the establishment of the works at Clyde?
(7.) What is the amount of an average pay-sheet per month for salaries and all expenses in connection with the working of the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde?
(8.) What have the Government Metallurgical Works cost the Government, including everything, up to date 15th November, 1898?

Mr. Cook answered,—This information will be prepared as soon as possible, and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return.

(8.) The Hare Pest:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that farmers and selectors suffer severe losses to crops and gardens as the result of adjacent holdings being maintained as harbours for hares, marsupials, &c.?
(2.) Will he consider the advisability of inserting provision in the law compelling eradication of the pest, and authorising the issue of permits by Pastures and Stock Boards to persons desirous of entering such lands to shoot?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) I am aware in some parts of the Colony owners suffer losses from depredations by hares and marsupials, but am not aware of adjacent holdings being maintained as harbours for them.
(2.) The law already exists for compulsory destruction of marsupials, the Pastures and Stock Protection Boards having the necessary powers to enforce it. Hares may be proclaimed noxious animals in any district on petition. It is considered inadvisable to allow persons to enter private lands for shooting purposes unless with the consent of the owner.

(9.) Proposed Duty on Tea:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the proposed tea tax, will steps be taken to secure expert inspection of all teas, with the object of excluding the importation of tea dust and other rubbish sold as tea?

Mr. Reid answered,—Inquiries are now being made with the view of ascertaining the most efficient and economical methods of testing the quality of teas imported into the Colony, and of excluding those deleterious to the public health.

(10.) Leave of Absence to Employees in Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Hurley*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As Minister in charge of the Government Printing Department, will he take the necessary steps to have the Printing Office employees placed on the same footing with respect to annual leave of absence as the clerks in the same branch of the Public Service, such change to take effect from the commencement of the ensuing new year?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will presently lay on the Table papers which will give full information on the matter of these questions.

(11.) Provisions of the Bread Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the provisions of the law regulating bakers are very arbitrary and very different in principle from the English Act?
(2.) Will he take steps to introduce a Bill at an early date to make the law more liberal and nearer to the principles of the English Act?

Mr. Lee answered,—The request of the Honorable Member will receive consideration. I may state that, in accordance with the promise made by me in reply to a question asked by the Honorable Member for Newcastle East on the 12th ultimo, a Bill is now being drafted for the purpose of altering the law with regard to the penalties to be imposed on persons convicted of having light-weight bread for sale, and to other matters connected with the baking and sale of bread.

(12.) Instalments due on Crown Lands:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—In consequence of the severe loss and suffering caused to the settlers in the south-western portion of Riverina by the prolonged calamitous drought, will he grant them an extension of time to pay the instalments due upon their several holdings?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—So far as conditional purchasers are concerned the Crown Lands Act of 1895 provides for suspension of payment of instalments where the conditional purchasers are residing on their holdings; every application made in view of the provision will receive the fullest possible consideration. In all other cases, if represented to me in writing, they will be dealt with on their merits.

(13.) Allowance to Officers in the Stock Department in the Riverina District:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—As the Public Service Board has decided that all public servants resident in the Hay, Deniliquin, and Moama portions of Riverina shall receive, in addition to their fixed salary, a special district allowance, will he arrange that a similar allowance be made to the officers of the Stock Department resident in those districts?

Mr. Cook answered,—The salaries of Stock Inspectors were fixed after taking into consideration the conditions of the different districts; but in view of the fact that the Public Service Board has made a regulation providing for a living allowance to public servants in remote parts of the Colony, the question of making a similar allowance to Stock Inspectors will be considered after reference has been made to the Stock Boards as to whether the allowance should be made.

(14.) Report on Old Age Pensions:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has any report been received by him in respect to Old Age Pensions from Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.?
(2.) If so, will he lay a copy upon the Table of this House?
(3.) What costs have been incurred in procuring this report?
(4.) To whom have the payments been made?
(5.) From what fund were these payments made?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) I am informed that Mr. Neild has prepared a report of about 540 pages dealing with Old Age Pensions, State Insurance, and Charitable Relief, and that the work is now being printed at the Government Printing Office.
(2.) Yes, very shortly.
(3.) None.
(4 and 5.) Answered by No. 3.

(15.) Cost of Trawling Expedition by Mr. Frank Farnell:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What has been the total cost of the trawling expedition conducted by Mr. Frank Farnell?
(2.) To whom were the moneys paid?
(3.) What was the value of the returns from the expedition?
(4.) Has any detailed report been made to him by Mr. Farnell?
(5.) If so, will he lay a copy upon the Table of the House?
(6.) What has become of the appliances purchased for this expedition?
(7.) Is it intended to take any further action in the use of these appliances?
(8.) If so, by whom will it be conducted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1, 2, and 3.) This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way. I think it is only fair, in the interests of Mr. Frank Farnell, to state that his services in connection with these trawling expeditions were given gratuitously. He received no monetary consideration.
(4 and 5.) Mr. Farnell's report upon the trawling operations was laid upon the Table on the 7th July last.
(6.) The gear is stored at the Docking Establishment, Biloela.

(16.) Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What was the cost to this Colony of its representation at the Adelaide Exhibition?
(2.) Was Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., Chief Commissioner?
(3.) Has that gentleman furnished any report as to detailed receipts and expenditure?
(4.) If so, will he lay a copy upon the Table of this House?
(5.) Is it intended to appoint Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., as Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition?
(6.) If not, who is to receive the appointment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) £13,557 19s. 7d., about half of which was expended in the purchase of metal and mineral exhibits, which were subsequently handed over to the Commissioners for the Melbourne Exhibition.
(2.) Yes; Executive Commissioner.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) These were laid before Parliament with the Report of a Select Committee in 1890, which Report was unanimously adopted by the Assembly. The expenditure on the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London in 1885 was £24,493 9s. 10d., and on the Melbourne Exhibition in 1888 was £38,381 15s. 11d.
(5 and 6.) The matter of the representation of the Colony at the Paris Exhibition has not yet been finally decided.

4. Sunday Trading Bill:—The following Petitions, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Price—From Samuel McQueen, junr., Chairman of a meeting of members of the Evening Star Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at William Town.
(2.) By Mr. Fegan—From certain residents of New South Wales.
(3.) By Mr. Fegan—From C. Piper, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Gordon Lodge, No. 471, of Independent Order of Good Templars at Bowral.
(4.) By Mr. Byrne—From W. G. Butterworth, Chairman, and R. Massie, D.G.C.T., members of a meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Hay.
(5.) By Mr. Price—From W. McIntyre, Chief Templar, and other members of a meeting of the Banner of Hope Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Stroud.
(6.) By Mr. Hurley—From E. Brown, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Union is Strength Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Wiseman's Creek.
(7.) By Mr. McFarlane—From John B. Osborne, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Beacon Light Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Cowper, Clarence River.
Petitions received.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for the purpose of erecting a Station-master's Residence at Wingen.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for duplicating the Great Western Railway between Blackheath and Mount Victoria.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for maintaining the traffic on the Great Northern Railway by improving the grades between Wyee and Morisset.
(4.) Regulations under the "Gunpowder and Explosive Consolidation Act of 1876."
(5.) Return respecting the number of hours of overtime worked and paid for, also the number of hours worked and not paid for, in the Clerical and General Divisions of the Government Printing Office, from 1st July to 18th October, 1898.
(6.) Proceedings of a deputation representing the employees in the Government Printing Office respecting leave of absence, sick-leave, and overtime.
(7.) Additional Regulations under the "Gunpowder and Explosive Consolidation Act of 1876."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the New South Wales Zoological Society.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Returns to Orders, made on 31st August, 1898,—"Men sent "to Railway Deviation Work"; "Men employed on Relief Work on Centennial Park"; "Men "employed on work at Shea's Creek, Muddy Creek, and the Sewage Farm"; "Men employed "Scrub Cutting."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Gloucester, county of Gloucester.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Middlehope, county of Durham, for a Bridge over the Paterson River, at Hinton.
(3.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1898.
(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Orange, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
(5.) By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petitions—Bavister v. Wise—Ashfield*):—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred on 14th September, 1898, a Petition from Thomas Bavister, and on 5th October, 1898, a second Petition from Thomas Bavister, against the return of Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield.
And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, as follows:—"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 17th August, 1898, "to whom were referred, on 14th September, 1898, a Petition from Thomas Bavister, and on 15th "October, 1898, a second Petition from the said Thomas Bavister, against the return of Bernhard "Ringrose Wise, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield,—have determined "and do hereby declare:—
"1. That the Petition presented on the 14th September, 1898, is informal, inasmuch as it "is not subscribed in accordance with the Act; that the Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious; "and that the Committee make no award as to costs.
"2. That in the matter of the second Petition, presented on 5th October, 1898,—
"(1.) With respect to the two points submitted by counsel for Mr. Wise, to the effect "that the Petitioner, Mr. Bavister, had not complied with the terms of the Act, the "point as to the non-payment of the £50 deposit is sustained, and consequently the "Petition is dismissed.
"(2.) The Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious.
"(3.) The Committee make no award as to costs.

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"Chairman.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Law, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Hayes, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

9. ELECTION FOR MACQUARIE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all documents, vouchers, and correspondence in connection with the Macquarie election, held on the 27th July, 1898.
Question put and passed.

10. RIFLE SHOOTING UNDER ACTIVE SERVICE CONDITIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers relating to "Rifle Shooting under Active Service conditions," laid upon the Table of this House and referred to the Printing Committee on 30th August, 1898, and reported upon on the 6th September, 1898, be again referred to such Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Trade Option Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 29th November.
(2.) Distress for Rent Restriction Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.

12. PORT KEMBLA HARBOUR BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 41.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour.

Government House,
Sydney, 15*th November*, 1898.

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

13. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 42.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes.

Government House,
Sydney, 14*th November*, 1898.

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

14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 *NOVEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Fegan also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fegan, that the report be now received.
Mr. Fegan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1898–9, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,381, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor.

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

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Diseases in Sheep Act :—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Byrne, asked the Secretary for Mines,—That, in view of the unsatisfactory statement in Appendix N in the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the year 1897, will he cause full information to be made public as to how the money collected under the "Diseases in Sheep Act" is expended?

Mr. Lee answered,—The full information showing the expenditure of the moneys collected under the Diseases in Sheep Acts for the years 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897, was laid on the Table of the House on the 20th ultimo, at the request of the Honorable Member for Macquarie. The same particulars will in future be given in the Annual Reports of the Stock Branch.

(2.) Refund to Stock Inspectors paying to the Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Referring to previous Questions on the subject, will he now state if it is intended to refund to Stock Inspectors interest on the amount of money they paid into the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

(2.) If so, when will the amounts be paid?

Mr. Lee answered,—It is not intended to make a refund of the moneys referred to.

(3.) Estimates of the Australian Museum :—*Mr. Gormly*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Would he have any objection to the estimates prepared by the Trustees of the Australian Museum being laid upon the Table?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It is not the practice to lay such papers on the Table, as they are only submitted for the Minister's information in the preparation of his Estimates.

(4.) Aid to the Geographical Society in England :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the interest of science, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps by way of rendering some aid to the Royal Geographical Society in England in the way of completing an Antarctic exploration?

Mr. Reid answered,—Not at present.

(5.) Prince Alfred Park :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has Prince Alfred Park been dedicated to the public?

(2.) Have the Railway Commissioners taken possession of part of the park; if so, by what authority and under what conditions?

(3.) What is the nature of the building that is being erected in the park?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The land known as "Prince Alfred Park" (18 acres 3 roods), was dedicated as a "Reserve for Public Recreation" by notice in the *Government Gazette* of 22nd December, 1865, and the Municipal Council of Sydney were appointed trustees on 18th October, 1869.

(2 and 3.) I am informed a small portion of the park, at the extreme north-east corner, was resumed under Proclamation dated 29th October, 1896, gazetted 11th November, 1896, by which the Railway Commissioners were appointed the Constructing Authority to carry out a necessary work. The small portion in question was of no practical use, and the City Council as trustees agreed to the resumption. The building being erected on the land provides for an extension of the Institute erected for the use of the Railway men, the existing building not affording sufficient accommodation for the classes, meetings, library, &c., conducted there.

(6.) Subscribers to the Telephone in Botany and North Botany:—Mr. Dacey asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many subscribers to the telephone system are there in Botany and North Botany?

(2.) How many in Waterloo and Alexandria south of the Waterloo tram terminus?

(3.) Will he instruct one of his officers to inquire into the advisability of establishing an exchange at North Botany?

(4.) Will he consider the advisability of making the minimum charge cover lines not exceeding 2 miles in length?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Ten.

(2.) Twenty-three.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) This will also receive consideration, and the Honorable Member will be advised of the decision later on.

3. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of Public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Piddington—From James Edward McMillan, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Miners' Hope Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Tia Gold-fields.

(2.) By Mr. Cruickshank—From Edwin Pigott, Chairman of a meeting of members of Happy Homes Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Rob Roy.

(3.) By Mr. Law—From Samuel Bonsall, Chairman of a meeting of members of the We Hope to Prosper Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Balmain.

(4.) By Mr. Reid—From John Townsend, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pioneer Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, held in the Temperance Hall.

(5.) By Mr. McFarlane—From J. McLachlan, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Rock of Refuge Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Maclean.

(6.) By Mr. McFarlane—From H. McPherson, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Record Reign Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held in the Protestant Hall, King's Creek.

Petitions received.

4. SUNDAY TRADING BILL—TOTALISATOR LEGALISING BILL:—Mr. McLean presented a Petition from the Rev. W. M. Dill-Macky, President of the New South Wales Christian Endeavour Union, representing that at a meeting of that Union resolutions were unanimously carried expressing unabated opposition to the liquor traffic, and the proposal to legalise the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays; also urging the rejection of any proposal to legalise the totalisator; and praying the House to give the subjects of such resolutions its most favourable consideration.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 4th October, 1898,—"Applications for Oyster Leases, Manning "River, by Messrs. Ongley and Marshall."

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 4th October, 1898,—"Oyster Leases."

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd August, 1898,—"Application of Edward Elias Smith for "an Oyster Lease, Clarence River."

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

(5.) Rule of the Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Comptroller-General of Prisons respecting the operations of the new system of Restricted Association in Gaols.

(2.) Papers referring to strictures passed on the Registrar-General's Department by the late Mr. Justice Windeyer, in February, 1895.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Public Service List for the year 1898.

(2.) Report of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of an officer to conduct experiments in connection with the growth of wheat.

(3.) Statement of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during October, 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1898,—"Contracts for Water Supply and Sewerage "Works."

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 20th October, 1898,—"Refusal of Water and Sewerage Board "*in re* Hospital for Female Insane at Ryde."

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee."

6. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Wilks (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Flora Roger, praying for leave to appear by counsel or attorney before the Select Committee on "Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) "Enabling Bill," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the said Bill.

Question put and passed.

7. CASE OF SYDNEY COOPER AS TO MINING UNDER A ROAD, PARISH OF CLIVE, COUNTY OF GOUGH:—Mr. Cruickshank, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 27th October, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. TRAWLING EXPEDITION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The total cost of the trawling expedition conducted by Mr. Frank Farnell.
(2.) To whom the moneys were paid.
(3.) The value of the returns from the expedition.
Question put and passed.

9. ASSISTANT CUSTOMS SEARCHERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of the recently-appointed assistant Customs searchers, and the periods during which they have resided in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

10. PENNY POSTAGE SYSTEM (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Barnes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of post towns in this Colony which enjoy the benefit of the penny postage system within a radius of 15 miles or less.
(2.) A list of the names of such offices.
(3.) The total income derived from such offices in each case.
Question put and passed.

11. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hogue, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN,, *Message No.* 43.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes.
Government House,
Sydney, 19*th November*, 1898.

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

12. NAVIGATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 44.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such department and court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871–1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.
Government House,
Sydney, 19*th November*, 1898.

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

13. SHOPS CLOSING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 45.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the above objects.
Government House,
Sydney, 19*th November*, 1898.

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

14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid announced the intentions of the Government in relation to the transaction of the Public Business during the remainder of the present Session.

15. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise "ordered," Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dacey moved, That the Question be amended by inserting, after the word "ordered," the words "this House shall meet for the despatch of business at 1·30 p.m. every Tuesday, and that"
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that the proposed amendment, which referred to the hour of meeting, and not to the precedence of business, was not relevant to the question on which it was proposed, and was therefore out of order.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled in accordance with the objection taken.

Original Question put,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Neild,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. David Davis,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Bennett,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wise,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Terry.	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Phillips,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Ross,		
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Lees,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Price.	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Edden,		
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Newman,		

Noes, 9.

Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Storey,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Chanter.	
Tellers,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Gillies.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. PROPOSED RAILWAY TO CONNECT BODANGORA WITH WELLINGTON:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be constructed to connect the mining and agricultural district of Bodangora with the Western Railway line at Wellington.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. CLAIMS OF MR. W. BITHREY—ROAD CONTRACTS, GLOUCESTER:—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. W. Bithrey, in connection with certain forfeited road contracts in the county of Gloucester.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Gillies, Mr. McLean, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Edden, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. James Thomson, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

18. CASE OF RACHEL DAWSON:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Rachel Dawson.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wood, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dick, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

19. GOVERNMENT COAL MINES:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should take steps to secure coal mines sufficient to supply their own requirements.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. James Thomson,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Watson.	
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Law,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Fegan.	
Mr. Thomas Brown,		

Noes, 21.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hogue,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Garland.	
Mr. Sawers.	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Cruickshank,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Rigg.	
Mr. Young,		
Mr. Reid,		
Mr. Alexander Campbell,		
Mr. Nelson,		
Mr. Dight,		
Mr. Hawthorne,		
Mr. Stevenson,		
Mr. Millard,		
Mr. Cotton,		
Mr. Harris,		
Mr. Lyne,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL:—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to proceedings in the Supreme Court, and to amend such other statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.
Question put and passed.

21. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL:—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings, and to amend such other statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.
Question put and passed.

22. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, section 27, subsections 4 and 5.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Hogue,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Edden,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Smith.	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Perry,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Moore.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. The Clerk Summoned:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions, at Parramatta, on Friday, the 25th day of November, instant, in a case Henry Tucker Jones *versus* John J. Miller, and others, to produce the Writ for election of Member for Parramatta at last General Election, and all ballot-papers, books, and documents used at the said election.
And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the summons, personally, or by any of the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which was resolved in the affirmative.

3. Questions:—
(1.) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the estimated annual amount that would be paid by the lessees of runs through which it is proposed to construct the Byrock to Brewarrina railway if a farthing per acre was charged and paid by the said lessees towards the revenue of such railway line?

Mr. Young answered,—According to the evidence of the Chief Draftsman of the Department of Lands, page 48 of Public Works Committee's Report, approximately 826,000 acres of Crown land are under pastoral lease, and, at one farthing per acre, £860 8s. 4d. would be paid by the lessees annually.

(2.) Private Railway Sidings or Short Lines:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways granted any permission for the construction of private railway sidings or short lines, branching off from trunk lines passing through municipal townships and streets in the interior, as a concession to private individuals or firms; and under what authority have they done so?
(2.) In how many cases has such concession or permission been granted?
(3.) In what municipal townships has such permission been granted, to whom, and on what conditions?
(4.) Has he obtained the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the Railway Commissioners or the municipal councils would be liable for accidents on such sidings; if not, will he do so?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have to point out that the Questions asked are of too general a character to admit of the information being readily given. It is suggested that the Honorable Member should base a question on any case he may have in view, when the fullest information will be afforded.

(3.) Lusk's History for Schools:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Has the work known as "Lusk's History for Schools" ever yet been introduced into the Public Schools of the Colony; if not, why not?
(2.) Is it a fact that prizes were offered for the best written history, when Lusk's was accepted; what were the amounts offered and paid, and who received the same?
(3.) Has Lusk's History been revised; if so, by whom, and was any sum paid to the revisers, and what sum did each receive?
(4.) What is the total sum this work has cost the country up to the present time?
(5.) Is the said Lusk's History ever likely to become a lesson book in the schools of New South Wales; if so, when?

Mr.

Mr. Hogue anwered,—
(1.) No; the work, as revised, has not yet been published.
(2.) Yes; Mr. H. H. Lusk, £450; Rev. James Milne, £150.
(3.) Yes; Mr. J. T. Caldwell, £26 5s.; Mr. J. Finney, nothing yet paid.
(4.) £995.
(5.) (*a*) Yes. (*b*) I am at present unable to say.

(4.) Drill of the Police Force:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Do boxing, calisthenics, and swimming form any part of the drill of the Police Force?
(2.) If so, what proportion of the Force are considered efficient in each of these acquirements?
(3.) If not so, will he provide measures to ensure that every member of the Force be taught these very necessary accomplishments?
(4.) Is ambulance work a part of the police duties; if not, will he provide that every constable be taught how to render first aid in cases of accident or other emergency?
(5.) Should not certificates of competency in the above matters be required from all constables before being promoted to higher grades in the Service?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
(1 and 3.) Yes. There is a small gymnasium at the Police Depôt. One of the conditions for employment in the Police Force is that candidates should be able to swim. There is also a Police Swimming Club.
(2.) It is unlikely that the police deteriorate in these athletic acquirements after appointment, but those advancing in years are, of course, not so proficient. The actual proportion could hardly be stated.
(4.) Police regularly attend courses of ambulance lectures voluntarily, and obtain certificates after examination, which are entered on each man's record.
(5.) Proficiency in such matters has due weight when considering recommendations for advancement.

(5.) Public Service Board Examination:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it necessary for a person, having once passed the usual Senior or Junior University Examination, and received a certificate of a standard of competence, to undergo a second or further examination by a separate tribunal before being admitted into the Civil Service?
(2.) What is the reason that University examinations and certificates are ignored for examinations that are held and supervised by tribunals under the Public Service Board?
(3.) What is the difference (if any) between the two Examining Boards, or is the certificate of the Civil Service Examination Board a higher or lower standard than the University examinations?

Mr. Hogue answered,—These Questions should be addressed to the Right Honorable the Premier, as the matter relates to the Public Service Board.

(6.) Board of Exports:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) On what date was the Board of Exports appointed?
(2.) Who are the members of the Board?
(3.) What are their duties?
(4.) How often do the Board meet?
(5.) What is the record of their individual attendances at each meeting since their appointment up to 30th June, 1898?
(6.) What are the total costs incurred by the Board up to 30th June, 1898?
(7.) From what fund have such costs been defrayed?
(8.) What speculations have the Board gone into, and with what net results?
(9.) Are any of the members of this Board paid by salary or fee; if so, what is the nature of same, and the amount paid to each?
(10.) Is there any staff connected with the Board; if so, what number and at what total cost to the 30th June, 1898?
(11.) Have the members of the staff been taken from the Public Service, and with the approval of the Public Service Board; what are their respective salaries?
(12.) Have the members of the Board or staff received any allowance for travelling by rail, steamer, or otherwise; if so, how much and to whom paid?
(13.) Have the Board made any report tabulating the various articles dealt with, and formulated any rules for the conduct of any trade or product; if so, will he cause a copy to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Cook answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(7.) Steam Launches under Military Control at Chowder:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) How many steam launches have been under the control of the military authorities at Chowder and elsewhere for the past four years ending 30th June, 1898?
(2.) What were the sizes and values of each launch during each separate year of this four-year period?
(3.) What number of crew was apportioned to each; the amount of wages paid to each crew during each year of the four years ending 30th June, 1898?
(4.) What was the amount and cost of fuel and other expenses incurred in running each of these launches each year for the four years ending as aforesaid?
(5.) What amount of money has been spent on each of these launches each year of the four mentioned?
(6.) For what duties were each of these launches employed during each year of those mentioned, and the number of hours each boat has been under steam?
(7.) Have any accidents occurred on any of these boats during any of the four years; if so, of what nature, and the amount of cost to effect repairs?

(8.) Are these boats, or any of them, insured; if so, for what amount?
(9.) Who are the officers in charge of these launches?
(10.) Have they passed the Marine Board examinations; if not, what are their qualifications?
(11.) What has been the total cost of each boat each year of the past four, as defrayed out of the Military Vote?

Mr. Reid answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Proposed Tramway from Rose Bay to South Head:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he decided to recommend the extension of the tramway from Rose Bay to South Head?
(2.) Has he referred the matter of the proposed extension to the Railway Commissioners for report?
(3.) If so, has he received such report from the Railway Commissioners?
(4.) If so, is such report favourable to the proposed extension?

Mr. Young answered,—I promised a deputation which waited upon me in September that I would cause inquiries to be made from the Railway Commissioners as to whether it was desirable or not that the tramway should be extended from Rose Bay to Watson's Bay; and this promise will be kept so soon as a survey, which is now in hand, is completed, and the necessary estimate of cost of the extension prepared.

(9.) Court-house at Angledool:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the applications of the Angledool magistrates for a proper Court-house in that township?

Mr. Lee answered,—As the erection of a suitable building for Court purposes, with rooms for the magistrates and witnesses, has been approved of, the production of the papers would not appear to be necessary.

(10.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did he, when speaking of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, ever say, "That the late Parliament gave the "Public Officers who wished to be relieved from the Fund, or any connection with it, an oppor- "tunity to leave it with a refund of their contributions," as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of 3rd November?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes. Of course this statement does not apply to officers dismissed from the Service for misconduct.

(11.) Amendment of the Country Fire Brigades Act:—Mr. Richards asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government introduce a Bill to amend the Country Fire Brigades Act, so as to compel Fire Insurance Companies to contribute towards the maintenance of brigades established under the Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Bill already prepared for submission to Parliament contains the provision referred to in the Honorable Member's question.

(12.) Proposed Railway from Dubbo to Coonamble:—Mr. Phillips asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to propose, during this Session, for the consideration of the Public Works Committee, the construction of a railway from Dubbo to Coonamble?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes.

(13.) Sewerage for the Newcastle District:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to at once commence a sewerage work within the boundaries of the Newcastle Sewerage District, as defined in the *Government Gazette* of April, 1897?
(2.) Has the Government consulted the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board as to the necessity of this work being carried out?
(3.) What will be the extra cost of taxation to the people if the work is carried out?
(4.) Have complaints been made to the Board of Health as to the insanitary condition of certain suburbs of the Newcastle District?
(5.) If so, by whom?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1, 2 and 3.) A scheme for dealing with the sewerage of Newcastle and suburbs is being prepared, and will, in the course of a few weeks, be submitted to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for an expression of opinion as to whether, from a financial point of view, the time has arrived for it to be carried out.
(4 and 5.) I am not aware.

(14.) Norfolk Island:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Wood, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a report was received on Norfolk Island affairs from the Assistant Auditor-General and Chief Inspector of Public Accounts?
(2.) Has he any objection to laying that report and all papers connected with it upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Reid answered,—The affairs of Norfolk Island are under the Ministerial control of the Secretary for Lands.

(15.) Old-age Pensions Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact he intends to introduce a Bill to provide for Old-age Pensions this Session?
(2.) Will he endeavour to get it passed into law this Session?
(3.) Is it a fact he held out this inducement to any section of this House, and promised, if the duty on tea was carried, he might appropriate £50,000 of the tax to start the fund?
(4.) Is he aware one of the thirty-nine articles (as they are called) in the Federation Bill provides for Old-age Pensions?
(5.) Is it necessary or proper that any one or all of the States should also provide for Old-age Pensions?
(6.) What is really the intention of the Government with regard to Old-age Pensions?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—I have no intention to bring in an Old-age Pensions Bill this Session, but would like to do so next Session if I had sufficient Revenue. I am prepared to offer that inducement to any section of the House, because it is part of the declared policy of the Government on the opening of Parliament. I have urged this on several Members as a reason for passing the tea duty. The fact that the Federal Parliament may deal with the subject does not prevent a State doing so. If the Federal Parliament did deal with it, the State systems would no doubt be taken over. The real intention of the Government on this subject is to pass an Old-age Pensions Bill, but, like the ancient Israelites in Egypt, they see a slight difficulty in the way of making bricks without straw.

(16.) Lavatories in Second-class Carriages, Sydney to Molong and Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the many hardships attending passengers travelling on long journeys inland on our railway lines, will he, in the interests of the travelling public, see that some steps are taken to provide suitable lavatories in second-class compartments in the carriages that run between Sydney and Forbes, *viâ* Molong and Parkes?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it is the intention of the Railway Commissioners to extend the use of the second-class lavatory carriages, and additional carriages will be provided for all long-distance lines as speedily as other rolling-stock requirements will permit.

(17.) The Zoological Society:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the annual report of the Zoological Society printed for presentation to Fellows and members only?

(2.) Why is the annual report not sent to Members of Parliament?

(3.) Is it a fact that the amount received from Fellows and members of the society during 1896 only amounted to £45 3s., while Fellows and members and their friends to the number of 8,423 passed through the gate free?

(4.) Is the working superintendent a zoologist?

(5.) Who is the zoologist (if any) in charge of the menagerie?

(6.) Is it a fact that the secretary is only in attendance in the gardens, on an average, for two hours per day; if, not, what is the actual time?

(7.) Is it not a fact that for days the secretary does not attend at all?

(8.) How many meetings of the Council of Management have been held during the year ending 31st December, 1897, together with the names of the members and the number of meetings which each member has attended?

(9.) When did the Government Analyst analyse the excrement from the grizzly bear; and what was the nature of his report?

(10.) What caused the death of the Zebu calf?

(11.) What qualification has the working superintendent as an expert in diseased meat?

(12.) How many carcases have been condemned as tuberculous—(*a*) by the working superintendent, and (*b*) by the society's butcher during the past twelve months?

(13.) What is the total amount of money which the Zoological Society has received from the Government?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I must ask the Honorable gentleman to postpone this question. He seems to be under a misapprehension with regard to the management of the Zoological Gardens. They are controlled by a Board, and we have to wait until the information desired can be obtained from them, and therefore I cannot answer the Honorable Members question immediately.

(18.) Pensions Payable to Inspector Lawless and Sergeant Walker:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the dates upon which Inspector Lawless and Sergeant Walker claimed their pensions in accordance with the Act of Parliament?

(2.) What were the earliest dates upon which these two officers were entitled to retire according to the Act?

(3.) What are the respective dates upon which these officers were relieved from duty?

(4.) How many members of the Force in the Metropolitan district have claimed their pensions, in accordance with the Act, during the past two years?

(5.) How many of these claims were allowed?

(6.) How many were disallowed?

(7.) What was the reason for such disallowance (if any)?

(8.) Did he, on the 31st August, 1898, inform the Honorable Member for Rylstone (Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick) that fourteen days' leave per annum would be allowed to all members of the Force who desired it?

(9.) Did Senior-constable Corcoran and Constables Duffy and Brown desire to obtain fourteen days' holiday?

(10.) How many Sabbaths in the year are allowed to members of the Force?

(11.) What constitutes "monthly leave"; is it granted to all or only those who apply for it?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information:—

(1.) Inspector Lawless, 21st June, 1898; Sergeant Walker, 18th July, 1898.

(2.) Inspector Lawless, 14th June, 1891; Sergeant Walker, about the 18th July, 1898.

(3.) Both on the 7th October, 1898.

(4.) Ten.

(5.) All.

(6 and 7.) None.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) Yes, as already explained.

(10.) Sunday leave is allowed only when the monthly leave falls on that day.

(11.) A day of twenty-four hours each calendar month granted to all performing ordinary beat duty. Others obtain special leave when applied for.

(19.) Lethal Chamber for Destruction of Dogs:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the Government built a lethal chamber for the destruction of dogs; if so, where?
(2.) Has this chamber been tested; if so, with what result?
(3.) What is the total cost of the experiment up to the present?
Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes,—at the Police Depôt.
(2.) Yes. The first experiments were not successful, but the last answered the purpose.
(3.) £88 5s. 11d.

(20.) Holidays to Members of the Police Force:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that members of the Police Force, relying upon his promise, have applied for fourteen days' holiday, and have been refused?
(2.) Will he see that the Police Department makes the necessary arrangements to redeem his promise to the electors?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) My promise of fourteen days leave will be kept, but it is not always possible to grant the leave at the particular time it is asked for. This is a rule in all services where leave of absence is given.
(2.) A sum has been placed on the Estimates for additional police, which will facilitate the granting of the fortnight's annual leave authorised by the Government.

(21.) Steam Launch for use of the Marine Board:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has the Works Department authorised the building of a new steam launch, to replace the "Sol," for the use of the Marine Board?
(2.) If so, what is the cause of delay in construction?
(3.) If possible, will he have the work proceeded with at once?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) Yes, at the request of the Colonial Treasurer.
(2.) The difficulty in obtaining suitable building material from contractors.
(3.) When suitable timber is obtained, the construction of the boat will be proceeded with.

(22.) Drowning of Kate Johnson in the Balmain Baths:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Why was a magisterial inquiry instead of a coroner's inquest held in the case of the drowning of Kate Johnson in the Elkington Park Baths, Balmain, on 2nd November?
(2.) Was all the available evidence called?
(3.) Was the father of this young woman repeatedly refused admission to the various sittings of this inquiry?
(4.) If so, on what authority?
(5.) Did the magistrate conducting the inquiry make any recommendation as to the necessity for providing attendants at swimming baths?
(6.) Will the Department cause a further inquiry into this case?

Mr. Lee answered,—I have been furnished by the City Coroner with the following information in reply to these questions:—
(1.) A magisterial inquiry was held instead of an inquest because, from information received on inquiry from the Police, the facts were plainly indicative of accidental death.
(2.) All available evidence was called.
(3 and 4.) The father of the deceased was never at any time refused admission to the sittings of the inquiry.
(5.) No recommendation was made as to the necessity for providing attendants at swimming-baths, as, in the case in question, the attendants were present, and rendered prompt assistance when the deceased was observed to be in danger.
(6.) There does not appear to be any necessity for further inquiry.

(23.) Promotion of Senior Mail-boys.—Mr. Meagher asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is it a fact that some twelve months back the Public Service Board stated that senior mail boys would be eligible for promotion to such positions as messengers, &c.?
(2.) Is it a fact that senior mail boy James Macklin applied for the vacant position of indoor messenger on 21st October last?
(3.) Is it a fact that a mail boy standing seventy-eight on the grade has been recommended over the head of Macklin, who stands first?
(4.) Will he see that length of service, competency, and priority of position are fairly recognised?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) There is no record in this Department of such a statement having been made, but mail-boys have always been regarded as eligible for promotion to such positions as messengers, &c., on their furnishing the necessary certificate as to competency.
(2.) An application, dated the 21st October, was received from mail-boy James Macklin on the 24th idem., three days after a recommendation had been sent to the Public Service Board in connection with the vacancy referred to.
(3.) No. A mail-boy standing 68th on the grade has been recommended for transfer to the position of messenger at his present salary (£78 per annum), but not over the head of Macklin, whose seniority would not be interfered with by such transfer.

(4.) These factors are always taken into consideration in filling vacancies. The Regulations, however, require that "every officer applying for promotion or transfer to another position must "(except in cases where it is necessary to pass an examination) forward with his application a "certificate from a Postal Inspector or the head of the Branch in which he is employed, that he "is in every respect qualified for the position sought," and Macklin did not furnish this certificate until after the recommendation in connection with the vacancy referred to had been made.

(24.) Positions held by Mr. T. A. Coghlan:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What have been the various positions held under the Government during the past four years ending 30th June, 1898, by Mr. T. A. Coghlan?
(2.) What are the positions held by that gentleman at the present time?
(3.) For what specific period did Mr. Coghlan hold these or any of these appointments?
(4.) When was Mr. Coghlan appointed to the position or positions he now occupies, and by whom made?
(5.) Has this gentleman during the past four years held any dual positions; if so, of what character?
(6.) Has he during that period been granted leave of absence on full pay; if so, for what period?
(7.) What amount of money has been paid to Mr. Coghlan, each year of the past four, as salary, gratuity, allowance, or otherwise, and the services rendered each year?
(8.) What amount of expense has been incurred during the past four years in defraying Mr. Coghlan's travelling expenses by boat, rail, or otherwise?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Government Statistician and Registrar of Friendly Societies to 14th January, 1896, and Government Statistician and Member of the Public Service Board from 15th January, 1896, to date.
(2.) As in previous question.
(3.) Statistician from 4th August, 1886, to date, and Member of Public Service Board from 15th January, 1896.
(4.) On the dates mentioned in the foregoing question he was appointed by the Governments then in office.
(5.) Yes. See previous answer.
(6.) Yes. Six months during 1897, which period was extended for two months to enable him to report upon the working of the Agent-General's Office and the steps that ought to be taken to make the Office more useful to the Colony.
(7.) Up to his appointment as Member of the Public Service Board he received the salary voted for the Statistician, and fees as Registrar of Friendly Societies. From the 15th January, 1896, he received the statutory salary of £1,000 a year as Member of the Public Service Board, but no other fee or emolument.
(8.) 1894–5—May, 1895, £6, Taxation proposals of Government; 1895–6—March, 1896, £3 5s., Battye Royal Commission; 1896–7—September, 1896, £5 15s., Public Service Board Inquiry. I may add that Question No. 8 recalls to my mind the fact that at the request of the Government, Mr. Coghlan spent nearly two months in London inquiring into the working of the Agent-General's Office, and has furnished me with a full report thereon. So far, Mr. Coghlan has not submitted any claim for expenses incurred on this service.

(25.) Ranger at the Centennial Park:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the vacancy of ranger at the Centennial Park been filled?
(2.) Were applications invited in the usual way in the daily papers?
(3.) Were application forms refused to persons who desired to apply for the appointment by the Secretary to the Public Service Board, or any one in the Department, with the intimation that they would not be issued until applications were invited in the usual way?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No, this course was not necessary, as there were fit and qualified persons in the Service due for promotion and available for appointment. A person already in the Service was appointed.
(3.) It is possible that this may have been the case, as the Board's application forms are only issued to applicants for any particular position which may be advertised.

(26.) Picture Purchased by Trustees of National Art Gallery:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact, as announced in the Press, that the trustees of the National Art Gallery returned a picture purchased last year to the painter, Mr. Sydney Long?
(2.) If so, what reasons are furnished in explanation?
(3.) Did Mr. Long return the money paid him for the picture?
(4.) Is the Mr. Ashton, whose picture was recently purchased by the trustees of the National Art Gallery from the Society of Artists' Exhibition a relative and pupil of Mr. Julian Ashton, a member of that trust?
(5.) Is Mr. Long, whose picture, entitled "Pan," was recently purchased by the trustees of the National Art Gallery from the Society of Artists' Exhibition, or was he ever, a pupil of Mr. Julian Ashton, a member of the National Gallery Trust?
(6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Julian Ashton, a trustee of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales, is a member of one of the two rival Art Societies in Sydney; if so, which one is he a member of?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) No.
(2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.
(4.) A son of Mr. Julian Ashton.
(5.) Mr. Long was a pupil of the Art Society of New South Wales when Mr. Julian Ashton was engaged as Art Instructor to the Society.
(6.) Yes; the Society of Artists.

4. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of Public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By *Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Goodwin—From John Skelton, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Endeavour Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Boggabri.
(2.) By Mr. Alexander Campbell—From H. Cook, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Rock Lilley Lodge, No. 772, of Independent Order of Good Templars, at Upper Broger's Creek.
Petitions received.

5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Affleck, pursuant to leave granted on 22nd November, 1898, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of* 1888, *section* 27, *subsections* 4 *and* 5,"—which was read a first time.
Mr. Affleck then moved, That the Bill be printed, and the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 41.	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Sutton,	Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Stevenson.	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Anderson,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Newman,		Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Watson.	Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hughes,		Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. McGowen,		Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Watkins,		Mr. Donaldson,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Holman,		Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,		Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Ross,		Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Alexander Campbell,		Mr. Copeland,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PAPERS:—
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly "Returns of Accidents."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Amended Gaol Regulations Nos. 25 and 80.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"Purchase and Importation of Stock by "the Government."
(2.) Return respecting the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. AWARDS FOR SHARK-KILLING (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The total amount of money paid as awards for shark-killing during the four years ending 30th June, 1898.
(2.) A full detailed statement of the conditions upon which such sharks are paid for, and the evidence produced before payment is made.
(3.) A copy of the notice authorising the awards, and its date.
(4.) The amount received by Government for the oil, jaws, &c., of such sharks.
(5.) The names of all persons to whom such moneys have been paid, and the amount received yearly by each during the four years ending as above.
Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next :—
(1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
(2.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

(1.) Customs Duties Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 46.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the establishment of duties of Customs ; for the alteration of existing duties ; to make permanent certain diminishing duties ; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object.
Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(2.) Probate Duties Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 47.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose certain probate, succession, and other duties ; and for purposes of and incidental to those objects.
Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(3.) Margarine Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 48.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the preparation, manufacture, exportation, importation, and sale of margarine.
Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

10. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

(1.) Tweed River Harbour Works Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 49.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.
Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(2.) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 50.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.
Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(3.) Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 51.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River.
Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(4.)

(4.) Macleay River Harbour Works Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 52.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River.

Government House,

Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(5.) Hastings River Harbour Works Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 53.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River.

Government House,

Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(6.) Manning River Harbour Works Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 54.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River.

Government House,

Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(7.) Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 55.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell.

Government House,

Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(8.) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 56.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, and to provide for the payment of additional rent by certain lessees from the Crown.

Government House,

Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

(9.) The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 57.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah.

Government House,

Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Bingara, Mr. Moore, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "administration of the Crown Lands Acts in regard to the valuation of improvements to an "incoming tenant."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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12. SHOPS CLOSING BILL:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the above objects.
Question put and passed.

13. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes.
Question put and passed.

14. PORT KEMBLA HARBOUR BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour.
Question put and passed.

15. MARGARINE BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the preparation, manufacture, export, importation, and sale of margarine.
Question put and passed.

16. SEAMEN'S AGREEMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864.
Question put and passed.

17. CUSTOMS (COMMISSIONERS) BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Customs Regulation Act, 1879.
Question put and passed.

18. WHARFAGE RATES AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.
Question put and passed.

19. STRATHFIELD RAILWAY CROSSING BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level-crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof; and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare.
Question put and passed.

20. CUSTOMS (SUGAR DRAWBACKS) BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for a drawback of Customs duties on sugar and glucose.
Question put and passed.

21. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 *NOVEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

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

22. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Maintenance-men in the Goulburn District:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many maintenance men have been recently discharged from Goulburn District?

(2.) What was the total number employed before such men were discharged?

(3.) Is it a fact that the object of discharging such men is to replace their work by contract labour?

(4.) How many of the discharged men have wives and families?

(5.) How many of the men whose services are retained are single men?

(6.) Has any other district been treated similarly to Goulburn in respect to superseding the day labour of maintenance men by the contract system?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Eight; one of these for neglect of duty and absence from work.

(2.) Twenty-one.

(3.) The District Engineer, in recommending the reduction of the number of hands, pointed out that this course was imperative as the amount of money being disbursed in wages during the year would absorb nearly 50 per cent. of the total schedule votes with unsatisfactory results; and, as I have already informed the Honorable Member, the reduction in the staff of maintenance men will not have the effect of reducing the amount of money expended on the roads, as the same amount will be spent, but to greater advantage.

(4.) I am not aware.

(5.) One—a ganger.

(6.) Whenever it is ascertained that a considerable proportion of the schedule votes is being expended in day labour, similar action has been taken in other districts.

(2.) Punkas for Public Schools:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he take into consideration the advisableness of having each of our Public Schools provided with punkas, so as to secure a cooler atmosphere and better ventilation during the summer months, such punkas to be worked by water power where that is available, and in other places to be worked by hand?

Mr. Hogue answered,—No; the cost of providing punkas would be so large as to prohibit the adoption of the suggestion.

(3.) Public Service Examination:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it necessary for a person, having once passed the usual Senior or Junior University Examination, and received a certificate of a standard of competence, to undergo a second or further examination by a separate tribunal before being admitted into the Civil Service?

(2.) What is the reason that University examinations and certificates are ignored for examinations that are held and supervised by tribunals under the Public Service Board?

(3.) What is the difference (if any) between the two Examining Boards, or is the certificate of the Civil Service Examination Board a higher or lower standard than the University examinations?

Mr. Reid answered,—If the honorable gentleman will be so good as to refer to sections 24 and 26 of the Public Service Act, he will see that the Board are compelled to hold competitive examinations in connection with entrance to the Public Service.

(4.) Norfolk Island:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Wood, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a report was received on Norfolk Island affairs from the Assistant Auditor-General and Chief Inspector of Public Accounts?
(2.) Has he any objection to laying that report and all papers connected with it upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The Honorable Member should move in the usual way for this.

(5.) Salary Increases in the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has provision been made for the increases in salaries promised the clerks in the Government Printing Office last year?

Mr. Reid answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to page 56 of the Estimates for this year, he will find that the sum of £15,000 is provided therein to meet adjustments of salaries on revision by the Public Service Board.

(6.) Tender Board:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Who are the members of the Tender Board, and what does each receive for his services?

Mr. Reid answered,—Messieurs R. R. P. Hickson, Under-Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads (Chairman); E. Fosbery, Inspector-General of Police; E. Sinclair, M.D., Inspector-General of the Insane; F. W. Neitenstein, Comptroller General of Prisons; P. B. Walker, Chief Electrician and Engineer-in Chief of Telegraphs; and W. A. Gullick, Government Printer. The Chairman receives £100 per annum, and the other members £1 1s. per sitting each, the total fees to any one member, however, not to exceed £50 per annum.

(7.) Chief Messenger, Department of Justice:—*Mr. Gormly*, for Mr. Carroll, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Was a Sub-board appointed by the Public Service Board recently to examine a number of candidates (already in the Government Service) for the position of Chief Messenger in the Justice Department?
(2.) Is it intended to give the position to one of four recommended by the Sub-board?
(3.) Did such Sub-board accept the statements of the whole of the applicants as to the duties they performed, or did they rely on the reports of the permanent heads of the various Departments in which the candidates were employed as to their merits?

Mr. Reid answered,—The course pursued in regard to this matter was as follows:—The Public Service Board, through the heads of the various Departments, invited messengers who thought they had claims to the vacant position to make applications therefor. The Chief Clerk of the Justice Department and the Registrar of the Public Service Board were afterwards instructed to examine the applications received, with a view of ascertaining which of the candidates, having regard to fitness and seniority, had the best claims to the position. When their report was received the Board asked the Under Secretary of Justice to give them the benefit of his advice in the matter, and his reply has only just been received by the Board and has not yet been dealt with.

(8.) Road from Coobool Island to Swan Hill:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the road from Coobool Island to Swan Hill be gazetted and declared open for traffic?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The necessary resumptions of land have been effected, and the matter is now under reference to the Executive Council for authority to proclaim the land resumed a public road, in accordance with section 5 of the Public Roads Act of 1897. Notification in the *Government Gazette* to this effect will shortly be made.

(9.) District Allowance to Public Servants in the Riverina:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Public Service Board has arranged that a special district allowance shall be granted to all public servants resident in the south-western portion of Riverina, on account of the high cost of living?
(2.) Will he see that members of the Police Force resident in that portion of the Colony receive also a like allowance?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) A sum of money has been placed on the Estimates for the purpose. Police in the more expensive districts have received an allowance for some years.

(10.) Amendment of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he brought before the Executive Council the necessity for a new Electoral Act; if so, with what result?
(2.) If he has not, will he do so without delay, so that it might be determined the constitution of such new Electoral Act?
(3.) If agreed to propose the introduction of a new Bill, will he have it drafted and printed and circulated amongst members before the prorogation of the House, so that they may be able to consider it during the recess?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1 and 2.) No.
(3.) Considering the importance of this Question, and the complications and irregularities which have arisen under the present electoral law, it appears to me necessary either that the Act should be substantially amended, or that a new Bill should be introduced. It is impossible to deal in the present Session with a subject of such vast importance in the way in which it requires to be dealt with.

(11.) Rentals for Berths at the Circular Quay:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he be good enough to state what are the annual rentals for the use of the berths at the Circular Quay for the North German Lloyd's Steamship Company, Eastern-Australian Steamship Co., German-Australian Steamship Co., Floyd & Co.'s Loading Berths, also the Anglo-Australian Co.'s steamers' berths?

Mr. Reid answered,—The only company paying an annual rental for the use of berths among those specified, is the North German Lloyd, which pays £2,000 per annum. The other companies are charged tonnage dues under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.

(12.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. Edden asked Secretary for Lands,—Has he yet decided upon the terms and conditions that land can be taken up on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve that was cleared for settlement by the expenditure of £1,000 voted by the last Parliament for that purpose?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor that he is preparing a design of the blocks, and that the clearing is almost complete. The lands will be made available probably in blocks from 2 to 4 acres at prices calculated at 2½ per cent., to include the cost of clearing.

(13.) Land Revenue—Old Age Pensions:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that during last financial year he received an amount in excess of £1,000,000 from land sales?
(2.) If yes, will he consider the advisableness of setting apart £100,000 per annum of such revenue to provide a sinking fund for Old Age Pensions?

Mr. Reid answered,—No, if the Honorable Member refers to conditional purchases as well as auction sales. The auction sales amount to £89,399 for the past year.

(14.) Mr. James Powell, late Collector of Customs:—Mr. O'Conor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has Mr. James Powell, late Collector of Customs, retired from the Public Service; if so, on what grounds?
(2.) Is Mr. Powell in receipt of a pension; if such be the case, what is the amount thereof?
(3.) Is he now employed in any capacity under the Government; if so, what position does he occupy?
(4.) What are the respective sums, in addition to his pension, he is in receipt of for such employment; what are his duties in connection with such employment?
(5.) Have any members of his family been appointed to Government positions since his retirement?
(6.) If such appointments have been made, what are the positions and salaries for the same, and were such positions advertised for public competition?
(7.) Have the usual test examinations required by the Public Service Act been duly passed; if not, what is the reason?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(15.) Meat Inspectors under the Board of Health:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Were applications recently called for by the Board of Health for three inspectors of killed meat?
(2.) How many applications were received?
(3.) Were applicants compelled to undergo any examination as to fitness, &c.?
(4.) What are the names and previous occupations of the three successful candidates?
(5.) Is it not a fact that a very large number of those who applied and furnished credentials were not called upon to undergo any examination at all?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) 165.
(3.) A selected number were examined.
(4.) (*a*) James Anthony Crawford, Thomas John Everett, and Edward George Griffiths; (*b*) one was a foreman in a meat-works, two were butchers.
(5.) Yes; from the papers, eight apparently among the best were selected for examination. If three of them had not proved suitable, the papers would have been again referred to, and a further selection and examination would have been made.

(16.) Site for proposed new Public Library:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Has he yet determined upon a site for the proposed new Public Library, in portion of which to lodge the library offered to the Government of this Colony by Mr. D. S. Mitchell?
(2.) If not, and in view of the importance of the matter, will he, as soon as possible, make his determination known to the House?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) The matter is now under consideration. As soon as it is determined the result will be made known.

(17.) Annual Leave to Public Servants:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Are all public servants entitled to annual holidays expected, before being granted same, to give at least one reason why they should obtain the said holidays?
(2.) If not, why is the distinction made in the case of the police?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) It is necessary to know where officers and constables are to be found when on leave, also whether it is asked for on account of ill health. There can be no hardship entailed by affording the information required.

(18.) Defamation Bill:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When does he propose to proceed with the Defamation Bill, recently received from the Legislative Council?

Mr. Reid answered,—I cannot, at present, say.

(19.) Fees to Presiding Officers and Poll-clerks:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that complaint has been very general in country electorates regarding the smallness of the fees paid to presiding officers and poll-clerks in connection with the elections of 1895 and 1898?
(2.) Has any provision been made in the Estimates for 1898-9 for increases in pay for the work referred to?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) It is unnecessary to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of these fees, as they are provided for by Act of Parliament, and, consequently, payable from the revenue.

(20.) Appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates:—*Mr. Hughes*, for Mr. Smith, asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the vacancies existing on the Stipendiary Bench, will he take into consideration the advisableness of appointing as magistrates men who have had a legal training?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes. The question whether gentlemen from a branch of the legal profession should be appointed is one upon which I cannot give a definite opinion at the present time; but I can assure the Honorable Member that that phase of the question is receiving very careful consideration.

(21.) Foundering of brig "Malcolm" and s.s. "Fiado":—*Mr. Hughes*, for Mr. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the brig "Malcolm" foundered off the coast of New South Wales whilst on a voyage from Wollongong to Sydney?
(2.) Did the s.s. "Fiado" founder off the northern coast of New South Wales whilst proceeding on a voyage from Sydney to Noumea?
(3.) Why were the above-named vessels not included in the return,—"Loss of vessels on the coast "of New South Wales,"—recently laid upon the Table of the House?
(4.) Will he have the vessels named added to the list of returns?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The "Malcolm" sailed from Wollongong, bound to Sydney, but has not since been heard of.
(2.) The "Fiado," a French Steamer, left Sydney, bound to Noumea, but has not since been heard of.
(3 and 4.) At the time the return was prepared, these vessels could scarcely be said to have been definitely lost.

3. Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the borough of Lithgow, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the borough of Lithgow.
And Mr. Clark having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Lithgow Mercury* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. Affleck presented a Petition from A. S. Wheatley, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Neal Dow Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Mundoonen, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of this Petition its favourable consideration.
Petition received.

5. Proposed Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from certain residents of the town of Cowra and surrounding district, stating that they are deeply impressed with the existing necessity for the construction of a railway line from Koorawatha, a part of the Harden-Blayney line, to the important town of Grenfell, as approved by the Public Works Committee, the Secretary for Public Works, and the Railway Commissioners, and praying the House, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, to consider these facts, and sanction the proposal when submitted for its consideration.
Petition received.

6. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. Paper:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Wentworth Irrigation Act.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distress for Rent Restriction Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Wednesday next.

9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Brunker, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 58.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 24*th November*, 1898.

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

10. METROPOLITAN WATER (CAMDEN) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 59.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden.

Government House,
Sydney, 22*nd November*, 1898.

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 *NOVEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dick, that the report be *now* received.
Mr. Dick then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty there shall be levied and collected, from and after the third day of November, 1898, upon all goods enumerated hereunder, on their importation, and upon all such goods in bond, the duties of customs specified against each respectively:—

		s.	d.
Tea	per lb.	0	1
Fruits—dried, candied, and prunes (exclusive of dates), in lieu of the duty of one penny per pound now chargeable ...	per lb.	0	2

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty the existing duties on refined sugar, namely, four shillings per cwt.; on raw sugar and glucose (solid), namely, three shillings per cwt.; and on molasses and treacle, glucose (liquid and syrup), namely, two shillings per cwt.,—shall cease to be diminishing duties, and shall become permanent duties.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty the existing duties of Customs upon biscuits, namely, of one halfpenny per pound; upon confectionery (including cakes, comfits, liquorice, liquorice paste, lozenges of all kinds, cocoanut in sugar, sugar-candy, succades, and sweetmeats), namely, of one penny per pound; upon jams and jellies, namely, of one halfpenny per pound; upon preserves and canned fruits, fruits boiled, peel (drained or dry), namely, of one halfpenny per pound,—shall cease to be diminishing duties, and shall become permanent duties of Customs.

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty—

1. Where under Part III of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, duty is payable or chargeable in respect of the estate of any person dying after the first day of December, 1898, or is payable or chargeable on or after the death of any person so dying in respect of any estate the subject of any settlement, trust, disposition, conveyance, transfer, vesting, purchase, investment, or gift, such duty shall be levied, collected, paid, and charged and chargeable under that Act according to the duties hereinafter mentioned.

Where the total value of the estate, after deducting all debts, exceeds £500, but does not exceed £1,000	1 per cent.
Where the value exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £5,000...	2 ,,
,, ,, £5,000 ,, ,, £6,000...	3 ,,
,, ,, £6,000 ,, ,, £7,000...	3½ ,,
,, ,, £7,000 ,, ,, £8,000...	3⅔ ,,
,, ,, £8,000 ,, ,, £9,000...	3¾ ,,
,, ,, £9,000 ,, ,, £10,000...	3⅘ ,,
,, ,, £10,000 ,, ,, £12,000...	4 ,,
,, ,, £12,000 ,, ,, £14,000...	4½ ,,

Where

Where the value exceeds	£14,000	and does not exceed	£16,000...	$4\frac{2}{5}$	per cent.
,, ,,	£16,000	,, ,,	£18,000...	$4\frac{3}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£18,000	,, ,,	£20,000...	$4\frac{4}{5}$	,,
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,, ,,	£22,000	,, ,,	£24,000...	$5\frac{1}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£24,000	,, ,,	£26,000...	$5\frac{2}{5}$	,,
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,, ,,	£28,000	,, ,,	£30,000...	$5\frac{4}{5}$	,,
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,, ,,	£32,000	,, ,,	£34,000...	$6\frac{1}{5}$	,,
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,, ,,	£52,000	,, ,,	£56,000...	$7\frac{3}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£56,000	,, ,,	£60,000...	$7\frac{4}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£60,000	,, ,,	£64,000...	8	,,
,, ,,	£64,000	,, ,,	£68,000...	$8\frac{1}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£68,000	,, ,,	£72,000...	$8\frac{2}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£72,000	,, ,,	£76,000...	$8\frac{3}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£76,000	,, ,,	£80,000...	$8\frac{4}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£80,000	,, ,,	£84,000...	9	,,
,, ,,	£84,000	,, ,,	£88,000...	$9\frac{1}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£88,000	,, ,,	£92,000...	$9\frac{2}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£92,000	,, ,,	£96,000...	$9\frac{3}{5}$	,,
,, ,,	£96,000	,, ,,	£100,000...	$9\frac{4}{5}$	,,
And over the value of	£100,000			10	,,

2. Where under Part III of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, duty is payable or chargeable in respect of the estate of any person dying after the first day of December, 1898, or is payable or chargeable on or after the death of any person so dying in respect of any estate the subject of any settlement, trust, disposition, conveyance, transfer, vesting, purchase, investment, or gift, there shall be levied, charged, and paid for the use of Her Majesty and to form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, according to the rates hereinafter mentioned, a duty upon any property or any interest in the same which any person, on or after the death of the person so dying, takes under or by virtue of any probate of the will, or letters of administration of the estate or order to collect the estate of the person so dying, or any such settlement, trust, disposition, conveyance, transfer, vesting, purchase, investment, or gift.

Lineal issue or lineal ancestors of the deceased, or the husbands or wives of any such persons	1	per cent.
Brothers and sisters of the deceased and their descendants, or the husbands or wives of any such persons...	3	,,
Brothers and sisters of the father or mother of the deceased and their descendants, or the husbands or wives of any such persons	5	,,
Brothers and sisters of a grandfather or grandmother of the deceased and their descendants, or the husbands or wives of any such persons... ...	6	,,
Persons of more remote consanguinity, or strangers in blood to the deceased	10	,,

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

12. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3, 4, and 5) for the establishment of Duties of Customs; for the alteration of existing duties; to make permanent certain diminishing duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the establishment of Duties of Customs; for the alteration of existing duties; to make permanent certain diminishing duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

13. PROBATE AND SUCCESSION DUTIES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to impose certain probate, succession, and other duties; and for purposes of and incidental to those objects.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose certain probate, succession, and other duties; and for purposes of and incidental to those objects,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land at Broken Hill in Trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th November, 1898.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 1. *Before* "Whereas" *insert* "Whereas by section one of the Silverton "Tramway Act of 1886 certain persons were authorised to make and construct a certain "tramway across the lands described in the Schedule to that Act, and to take and use so "much of the said lands as might be required for the purposes of such tramway: And "whereas all the rights, powers, authorities, privileges, liabilities, and obligations conferred "and imposed upon the said persons by the said Act were under the provisions of section "fifty-four of that Act assigned, transferred, conveyed, and released to the Silverton "Tramway Company (Limited): And whereas the land described in the Schedule to this "Act was at the time of the passing of the said Silverton Tramway Act Crown lands and "formed part of the lands described in the Schedule to the said Silverton Tramway Act: "And whereas in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one the said company "surrendered all its rights, title, interest, claims, and demands whatsoever to, in, or upon "the piece of land described in the Schedule to this Act: And whereas on the fifteenth "September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, the Governor, by notice in the "*Gazette*, dedicated the land described in the Schedule to this Act as a site for mechanics' "institute, museum, hall, or other institution for public amusement; and".

Page 1, Preamble, line 1. *Omit* "certain" *insert* "the"

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *After* "elected" *insert* "from time to time"

Page 2, clause 1, line 2. *After* "by-laws" *insert* "and the said land shall be vested in the said "trustees from time to time without the necessity for any conveyance or assignment "whatsoever"

Page 2, clause 1, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "any newly-elected" *insert* "the"

Page 2, clause 1, line 3. *After* "trustees" *insert* "for the time being"

Page 2, clause 1, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "without prejudice"

Page 2, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "thereon" *insert* "and maintenance on the said land"

Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *Omit* "as of their former estate" *insert* "and become Crown lands "within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts"

Examined—
ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Inebriates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates; and for purposes incidental to the abovementioned objects*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, *24th November*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cann, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Garibaldi Gold-mining Company:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Cann, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the number of leases held by the Garibaldi Gold-mining Company?

(2.) What is the number of men to be employed thereon?

(3.) Have exemption from labour conditions been applied for; if so, for how long; and, if granted, for what reason?

(4.) Have any complaints against the company for non-fulfilment of labour conditions been lodged?

(5.) Have any applications been made for forfeiture of leases since such complaints; if so, what is the nature of such complaints and applications?

(6.) Have the Government obtained any reports on this case; if so, what is the nature of such report?

(7.) Do the Government intend to take immediate steps for the forfeiture of those leases?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Nine.

(2.) Twenty-nine.

(3.) No suspensions of labour since July, 1897.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes, two complaints of non-work; these must be disallowed, as only one complaint can be dealt with at a time.

(6.) Yes; from the Warden, to the effect that tributors have been employed on the leased land.

(7.) A lawsuit is pending between this Company and the adjoining Eleanora Company, and the Warden has been asked to report as to whether the covenants of the leases are being complied with. As soon as the report is received the whole of the circumstances surrounding the case will be considered and a decision arrived at.

(2.) Alienation of Old Gold-fields:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In view of the contemplated action by the Mines Department to test for deep leads in various parts of the Colony, by boring and other process, will he confer with the Secretary for Lands, with the object of causing instructions to prevent further encroachment on the old gold-fields by leasing, selection, or other provision of the Lands Act, unless sanctioned by the Mines Department after the fullest local inquiry?

(2.) Is he aware that many of the old gold-fields and adjacent reserves are being gradually alienated, to the detriment of the struggling miners left on such fields?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. In every instance the matter is carefully inquired into, and the land is not alienated where it is found *bona fide* mining interests are likely to be prejudiced.

(3.) Tighe's Hill, Plattsburg, and Merewether Tramway Lines:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the cost of the construction of the Tighe's Hill tram line?

(2.) What revenue did the Tighe's Hill tram return for the years 1896 and 1897?

(3.) What was the cost of construction of the Plattsburg tramway?
(4.) What revenue was derived from the Plattsburg tram?
(5.) What was the cost of the construction of the Merewether tram line?
(6.) What was the revenue for the Merewether tram?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information is not kept separately, as asked for. It would take some time to prepare it; but this could be done if it is still desired and is moved for in the usual way. Information is already published in the Railway Reports as to the cost of construction and equipment, and the earnings and working expenses on the Newcastle to Plattsburg Line, including the Merewether and Tighe's Hill sections.

(4.) Increase of Salary to Assistant Auditor-General:—Mr. Levien asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Assistant Auditor-General and Chief Inspector of Public Accounts is down for an increase of salary on the Estimates?
(2.) Is it a fact he is now being paid the increase?
(3.) If so, under what authority is such payment being made?
(4.) Are all officials who have been recommended for increase of salary being similarly treated?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1 and 2.) Yes.
(3.) Under the authority of the Public Service Board, Mr. Brodie's salary having been regraded at £750 from 1st July, 1897.
(4.) So far as the Public Service Board is aware all those officers who were granted increases of salary in 1897 have been so treated.

(5.) Martini-Enfield Cartridges:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) How many orders for ·303 Martini-Enfield cartridges have been sent to England by the Government of this Colony?
(2.) What was the date of the despatch of each order respectively?
(3.) To whom was each order sent for execution, and on what terms?
(4.) Have any of the Martini-Enfield cartridges of calibre ·303, so ordered, been delivered in the Colony; if so, on what dates?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is not considered advisable by the Military authorities to make public the information respecting our ammunition supply desired by the Honorable Member.

(6.) Increases of Salaries of Civil Servants:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Pyers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that increases recently made in the salaries of Civil Servants take effect from commencement of the present financial year?
(2.) If so, will he see that all who have been granted an increase receive it from same date?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes, unless there are special reasons to the contrary.
(2.) See reply to No. 1.

3. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. Bennett presented a Petition from Wm. See, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Multum in Parvo Lodge, No. 83, Independent Order of Good Templars at Hinton, Hunter River, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give this Petition its favourable consideration.
Petition received.

4. Papers:—
Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Board of Exports.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"Andrew Clark's Conditional Purchase, "Kockibertoo, Bourke."
(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the year ended 30th September, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the borough of Lithgow.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Clark 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 validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Lithgow*,"—read a first time.

6. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
(2.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
(3.) Inebriates Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.
(4.) Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday next.
(5.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday, 7th December.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "administration of the affairs of Norfolk Island."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Lyne submitted that the subject referred to in this notice could be legitimately discussed in Committee of Supply on the item "£1,100, Lord Howe Island and "Norfolk Island," on the General Estimates, and that a Debate now would anticipate the discussion on that item in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker read previous decisions given by Mr. Speaker Abbott in similar cases, and ruled, in accordance therewith, that this notice was irregular.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Harbour Works at Tweed River*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing harbour works at Tweed River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 75.			Noes, 12.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck.	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Law,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Millard,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dacey,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Terry.	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Kidd,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Ferguson,		
Mr. See,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Meagher.	
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) *Harbour Works at Bellinger River*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing harbour works at Bellinger River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 79.			Noes, 12.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dick,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. See,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Law,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Sutton,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Ashton.	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Storey,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Millard,		
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Moore.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.)

(3.) *Harbour Works at Nambucca River*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing harbour works at Nambucca River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such alterations as are suggested in the report of the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.			Noes, 14.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Nicholson,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. See,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Alexander Campbell.	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Nobbs,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cann,		Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Cohen.	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Hayes,		Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Macdonald,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Meagher,		
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. McLaughlin,		Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McGowen,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) *Harbour Works at Macleay River*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing harbour works at Macleay River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 44.			Noes, 11.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Law,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Alexander Campbell.	*Tellers,*
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sawers,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cohen,		Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Thomas.
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Jessep.	
Mr. See,	Mr. Macdonald,		
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Meagher,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(5.) *Harbour Works at Hastings River*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing harbour works at Hastings River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out by the completion of the southern training wall, now in course of construction, as recommended by the said Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.			Noes, 13.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Willis,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Phillips,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Holman.	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Archer,		Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Rigg,		Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Macdonald,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Law,		
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nicholson,		Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. McLaughlin,		Mr. Thomas Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(6.) *Harbour Works at Manning River*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing harbour works at Manning River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such modifications as are suggested in the report of the Committee.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 30 *NOVEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Ross.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Holman,	*Tellers,*
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Price,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Spruson.
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stevenson.	
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Archer,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Nobbs,		
Mr. Cook,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Phillips.	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Ewing,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(7.) *Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina* :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, provided that it be made legally binding upon the Crown lessees in the district served by the railway to pay, until the railway shall become self-supporting, ¼d. per acre rent additional to their present or ordinary assessment, such additional rent to be credited to the Railway Commissioners, as recommended by the said Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(8.) *Railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah* :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

9. JOINT STOCK COMPANIES ARRANGEMENT (CONTINUATION) BILL :—

(1.) *Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue section 3 of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act, 1891, to the 1st day of January, 1901.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue Section 3 of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act*, 1891, *to the 1st day of January*, 1901,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills, consolidating existing Acts, through all their stages in one day :—

(1.) Dog and Goat Bill.
(2.) Lunacy Bill.
(3.) Seamen Bill.
(4.) Foreign Seamen Bill.
(5.) Small Debts Recovery Bill.
(6.) Evidence of Parties Bill.

Question put and passed.

11. METROPOLITAN WATER (CAMDEN) BILL :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden.

Question put and passed.

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 23 of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

13. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land at Broken Hill in Trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30*th November*, 1898, *a.m.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 *NOVEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road between Glen Innes and Inverell:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Secretary for Public Works,— What was the total amount of money spent on the main road between Glen Innes and Inverell during the year 1897–8?

Mr. Young answered,—£5,026 16s. 3d. expended by the Department, and £230 8s. 3d. issued to Municipalities for expenditure, making a total of £5,257 4s. 6d.

(2.) Proposed Court-house at Wardell:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that the site of the proposed Court-house at Wardell is in the Ballina electorate?
(2.) Is he also aware that there are two newspapers printed and published in the Ballina electorate; also one on the Border, at Coraki; if so, what reasons are assigned for calling for tenders for said Court-house in newspapers printed and published 100 miles away, and not in the local papers?

Mr. Young answered,—The practice of the Department is to insert notices inviting tenders in papers published in the towns where the plans, &c., are on exhibition. Should no paper be published at a town where the plans are on view, a notice is inserted in a paper published in a neighbouring town. In the case of the work referred to, as there is no local paper at Wardell, the notice was sent to the Government Printing Office for insertion in the Coraki paper, as Coraki is almost as close to Wardell as Ballina. The plans, &c., were also exhibited at Grafton, because of the number of contractors resident there. I regret the Honorable Member did not draw my attention to this omission before a tender was accepted.

(3.) Duty on Maize, Wheat, Oats, Hay, Potatoes, and Green Fruit:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Now that his tariff recognises a duty of £3 per ton on imported sugar, will he, at an early date, extend similar duties in favour of the growers of maize, wheat, oats, hay, potatoes, and green fruit?

Mr. Reid answered,—No. The Honorable Member had better try his chances in this matter with the Treasurer of the Federal Commonwealth.

(4.) Inspection of Imported Green Fruits:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that, without the imposition of a customs duty, a rigid inspection is applied to imported green fruits?
(2.) Do not the Customs authorities assist such inspection by preventing the removal of fruit from the wharfs until the inspection is made by the Agricultural Department?
(3.) If yes, what grounds are there for the statement made by him in his financial address that a duty on tea was necessary to ensure inspection of the quality?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes, under the special provisions of a statute referring to such fruit.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No such statement was made by me in my financial address.

(5.) Report by the Health Officer on Margarine:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the last report made by the Chief Health Officer on margarine?

Mr. Reid answered,—The only report received from the President of the Board of Health on the manufacture and sale of margarine was laid upon the Table of this House on 25th ultimo.

(6.) Proposed Railway from Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains to Cassilis:—Mr. Dight asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to submit to the Public Works Committee at an early date the construction of a light line of railway from Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, to Cassilis, a portion of which has been already surveyed?

Mr. Young answered,—The Honorable Member's suggestion will receive consideration next Session.

(7.) Bubonic Plague Virus:—Dr Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the way in which a supply of bubonic plague virus (a virus of a most dangerous character) was lately imported into the Colony of Victoria by a Dr. Heydon, will he see that steps are taken to prevent a similar occurrence taking place in New South Wales, and that all such dangerous articles are forthwith reported to the Board of Health, so as to prevent them from being used without authority?

Mr. Reid answered,—The importation or reception of any such microbes is expressly forbidden by law (see section 3 of the "Animals Infectious Diseases Act of 1888").

(8.) Report by Veterinary-surgeon Quinnel on Animals at the Zoological Gardens:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Did Veterinary-surgeon Quinnel make a report to the Minister about the death of some animals at the Zoological Gardens?
(2.) Will he grant the Honorable Member for Botany a copy of that report?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The papers relating to this matter will be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

(9.) Police Raids on Gaming-houses and "Tote-shops":—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Are the police in the habit of making raids on gaming-houses that are frequented by the poorer portion of society, and known as "tote-shops"?
(2.) Do tobacconists keep these "tote-shops"?
(3.) Is it a fact that people have gone into these shops to purchase tobacco, &c., and been arrested and marched through the public streets handcuffed to any blackguard who may happen to be present?
(4.) Is it not a notorious fact that gambling is carried on to an alarming extent in the best clubs in Sydney?
(5.) When did the police raid, or attempt to raid, any of these clubs?
(6.) Is betting on a "tote" a crime of such magnitude as to warrant the police in making such a humiliating public exhibition of the offenders?
(7.) Will he see that this clumsy and unnecessarily harsh method of procedure is discountenanced?
(8.) What was the amount of pension to which Inspector Lawless was entitled on 14th June, 1891?
(9.) What amount of pension is that officer entitled to receive now?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
(1.) Three gaming-houses have been entered under the authority of a Magistrate's warrant. They were frequented by promiscuous persons, and not exclusively by the poor.
(2.) Many "tote shop" establishments are tobacconists' shops, or ostensibly such.
(3.) No person arrested in a "tote shop" has been acquitted on the ground of being there to purchase tobacco, nor have any such offenders been handcuffed.
(4.) The police have no information.
(5.) Never.
(6 and 7.) The law authorises the arrest of all persons found in a gaming-house entered under the authority of a Magistrate's warrant.
(8.) £275 per annum.
(9.) £312 10s. per annum.

(10.) Provisions of the Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Will he state upon what provisions of the Stamp Duties Act the recent ruling of the Commissioner for Stamp Duties, to the effect that shares to which executors or others have become entitled through the death of the holder thereof are liable to a duty of 20s. per scrip certificate before they can be legally held by such executors or others, is founded?
(2.) Will he explain why a duty of 20s. should be imposed in cases where persons have died possessed of shares (say £10 worth) on a transaction which the persons, before decease, could effect for sixpence?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The duty of 20s. is charged under that part of the Schedule to the Act which imposes that duty upon all transfers other than transfers by way of sale.
(2.) Because of the state of the law.

(11.) Estates in Bankruptcy:—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Justice,—What is the mode of procedure in allotting estates in bankruptcy?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Registrar in Bankruptcy has furnished me with the following information:—Under section 10 of the Bankruptcy Act, 1898, upon the making of a sequestration order, one of the official assignees is named in the order of the Court, which order has the effect of vesting the estate of the bankrupt in such official assignee. The matter is entirely in the discretion of the Court.

(12.) Expenditure on Roads from Byrock to Brewarrina:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount of money expended per annum for last four years on the roads that the railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, if constructed, would save the country?

Mr. Young answered,—The expenditure on the direct road, Byerock to Brewarrina, has been very small during the last four years, and no appreciable saving in the general road expenditure in the Brewarrina district is anticipated if the proposed railway be constructed.

(13.) City Railway Extension:—Mr. Archer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Will he state definitely what action he intends to take in respect to the extension of the railway into the city?
(2.) When does he intend to take such action?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is not possible to make a definite statement in reply to these Questions to-day, but I am making special efforts to be in a position to do so within a fortnight.

(14.) Inspection of Tea:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the serious statements made by Dr. Ross, Member for Molong, during the debate on the tea duty, as to the danger to the public of their being injuriously affected by the tea received in this Colony, will he take the necessary steps to ensure the tea being tested as to its quality and fitness for consumption, with a view to protecting the health and lives of the public?

Mr. Reid answered,—As I stated on the 17th instant, in reply to a Question by the Honorable Member for Mudgee, inquiries are now being made with the view of ascertaining the most efficient and economical methods of testing the quality of teas imported into the Colony, and of excluding those deleterious to the public health. A standard of purity for tea has been approved by me, and is being submitted to the Executive.

3. Papers:—
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Notification of Rates for Transmission of Telephone Messages between Moree and Moree Railway Station.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1898,—"Parliamentary Printing."
(2.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Banks within the Colony, for quarter ended 30th September, 1898.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for the purpose of improving the Grades on the South-western Railway, near Marrar.
(4.) Regulations respecting the Public Service Tender Board, under the Public Service Act of 1895. (*In lieu of those published 7th October*, 1898.)
(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tumut, under the Public Health Act, 1896.
(6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dungog, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
(7.) Papers in connection with the proposed concessions to the British New Guinea Land Syndicate.
(8.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1898-9, showing the total remuneration estimated to be received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who receive any fees, special allowance, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries; also deductions of amounts chargeable for quarters, provisions, fuel, and light, during the year ending 30th June, 1899.
(9.) Schedule to Military Allowances proposal for the year 1898-9.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Sunday Trading Bill:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of Public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Hawthorne—From Albert Henry Smith, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Phœnix Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Leichhardt.
(2.) By Mr. Rigg—From T. H. Keep, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pride of St. Peters Lodge, No. 407, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at St. Peters.
Petitions received.

5. Proposed Railway from Temora to Wyalong:—Mr. Holman presented a Petition from certain residents of Wyalong, and surrounding districts, setting forth the necessity for the immediate construction of the railway from Temora to Wyalong on the following grounds, viz.:—(1) That the route is the most direct and cheapest, and most advantageous to the population of the surrounding districts; (2) that this district has become a large farming centre by reason of there being under cultivation 11,000 acres of land, and which area would increase tenfold by the construction of this line of railway; (3) that the permanency of the Wyalong gold-field is now undoubtedly assured, it having for the past four years and is at the present time supporting a population of 4,000; (4) that the output of gold for the past twelve months ending December, 1897, was 34,370 ozs.; and praying the House will be pleased to forthwith recommend the construction of the abovenamed line of railway.
Petition received.

6. Case of Rachel Dawson;—Mr. Sleath (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Address, "Case of Rachel Dawson, tried at Dubbo for shooting at Frederick Acheson," of Session 1897, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Case of Rachel Dawson."
Question put and passed.

7. North Shore Bridge Bill:—Mr. Neild, 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 26th October, 1898, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Neild then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday, 8th December.
Question put and passed.

8. STATE CHILDREN (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of children and young persons who are at present a charge upon the State, in terms of the State Children's Relief Act.
(2.) The number of children who have become a charge upon the State for each year during the last five years.
(3.) The number each year of children who have been boarded to their mothers, in terms of the State Children's Relief Act Amendment Act.
Question put and passed.

9. RETIREMENT OF MR. JAMES POWELL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Conor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) All papers in connection with the retirement of Mr. James Powell from the Public Service.
(2.) A return showing—(1) the amount of pension he is in receipt of; (2) whether he is now employed in any capacity under the Government; (3) the respective sums in addition to the pension he is in receipt of; (4) the nature of such employment; (5) the like information as to any member of his family who has been appointed since his retirement from office.
(3.) All papers in connection with the appointment of any member of his family since Mr. Powell's retirement from office.
Question put and passed.

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with three Members of the Legislative Council, the "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works," as provided for by the Public Works Acts Further Amendment Act of 1897 :—

William Thomas Dick, Esquire.
Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire.
John McFarlane, Esquire.
John Christian Watson, Esquire.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Henry Clarke requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with three Members of the Legislative Council, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, as provided for by the Public Works Acts Further Amendment Act of 1897,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—

John Perry, Esquire.
William Thomas Dick, Esquire.
John Christian Watson, Esquire.
Robert Henry Levien, Esquire.

11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell*) :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it is expedient that the construction of a line of Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas Brown moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the proposal be remitted back to the Public Works Committee for reconsideration" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.			Noes, 16.
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Ewing,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Kidd.	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Spence,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Meagher.	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Law,		Mr. Watson,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Ferguson,		Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McLean,		Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Smith,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Macdonald,		Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McGowen,		Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Millard,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

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12. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cook, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

(1.) Mining in River Beds Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 60.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for and regulate mining and dredging for gold in river beds, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd November*, 1898.

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

(2.) Mining Laws Further Amendment Bill:—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 61.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894 and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896.

Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd November*, 1898.

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

13. SYDNEY AND NORTH SYDNEY BRIDGE AND TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 26th October, 1898, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 25 of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

15. DISTRESS FOR RENT RESTRICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Point of Order:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported a *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given.
Mr. Lees stated that clause 1 being under consideration, it was proposed to leave out the word "female," line 3, to which the objection was taken that the effect of the amendment would be to enlarge the scope and subject matter of the Bill beyond its original bounds. He had upheld the objection.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment was outside the original scope of the Bill, and was therefore out of order.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at Twenty minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Zoological Society:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the annual report of the Zoological Society printed for presentation to Fellows and members only?

(2.) Why is the annual report not sent to Members of Parliament?

(3.) Is it a fact that the amount received from Fellows and members of the society during 1896 only amounted to £45 3s., while Fellows and members and their friends to the number of 8,423 passed through the gate free?

(4.) Is the working superintendent a zoologist?

(5.) Who is the zoologist (if any) in charge of the menagerie?

(6.) Is it a fact that the secretary is only in attendance in the gardens, on an average, for two hours per day; if not, what is the actual time?

(7.) Is it not a fact that for days the secretary does not attend at all?

(8.) How many meetings of the Council of Management have been held during the year ending 31st December, 1897, together with the names of the members and the number of meetings which each member has attended?

(9.) When did the Government Analyst analyse the excrement from the grizzly bear; and what was the nature of his report?

(10.) What caused the death of the Zebu calf?

(11.) What qualification has the working superintendent as an expert in diseased meat?

(12.) How many carcases have been condemned as tuberculous—(*a*) by the working superintendent, and (*b*) by the society's butcher during the past twelve months?

(13.) What is the total amount of money which the Zoological Society has received from the Government?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.

(2.) Applications for position of Assistant Foresters:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Public Service Board advertise for applications for the position of Assistant Foresters to be sent in by the 10th October last?

(2.) Were any applications sent in; if so, how many, and what were the names of the applicants?

(3.) How many Assistant Foresters were required; how were they selected from the applications; was it by examination; were all examined; if not, how many, and under what arrangements were those examined selected for examination?

(4.) If any have been appointed as Assistant Foresters, who are they; did they hold any position in the Public Service before; if so, what positions did they hold?

(5.) Were any of the applicants who were not examined in the Forestry Department before; if so, why were they not examined and given a chance of the position again?

(6.) What are the duties these Assistant Foresters are supposed to carry out?

(7.) What are the salaries attached to such offices, and are the offices permanent; if not, how long will their services be required?

(8.) Who were the persons appointed to pick out those examined from the applicants; and who were the examiners?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is a fact that the positions in question were advertised by the Public Service Board as stated, but no appointments have yet been made, the whole matter being still under consideration. When it has been decided there will be no objection to a return, giving the information asked for, being laid upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

(3.) The Drought:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) In view of the serious nature of the protracted drought from which the Colony (in many parts of the interior) is at present suffering, will he ascertain from the Government Astronomer some information as to the probable cause of the frequent and continuous recurrence of late years of these havoc-producing droughts which are so seriously affecting our pastoral and agricultural industry?
(2.) Will he also ascertain what effect (if any) wholesale deforestation and ringbarking has had of late years in increasing or diminishing the humidity of the atmosphere in country that has been ringbarked?
(3.) Is the severity of the drought confined to districts where the practice of ringbarking has most frequently prevailed, or does it occur in the rung and unrung country alike?
(4.) In what districts in the Colony is the drought most prevalent and most continuous of late years?
(5.) Can he assign any reasons, climatically or otherwise, for the frequent recurrence of late years of these sad and destructive droughts throughout the Colony?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table such information as I have been able to obtain upon this subject.

(4.) Supply of Telegraphic Materials:—Mr. Barton asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is he aware that, in the specifications and schedules on which the tenders for supply of telegraphic materials are to be based, it is made requisite that sundry articles and materials, of large aggregate value, are to be of German manufacture?
(2.) If cheapness is the thing desired, is it necessary that the competition should be restricted in this way?
(3.) If cheapness is not a necessity, what reason is there to stipulate for German articles and materials?
(4.) Will he take steps to prevent such restrictions in future, and to see that the conditions are freed of provisions in favour of foreign manufacturers?

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) No. German manufacture is not specified. The insulators required by the Department have for the last thirty years been made from German porcelain of the best quality, which has been found to be the highest class of material for these articles. No restriction is laid down as to where they are to be made.
(2 and 3.) It is not a matter of cheapness, but a question of procuring the best article for the purpose required; but, as a matter of fact, they are the cheapest for the quality of ware supplied.
(4.) There are no stipulations in the conditions in favour of foreign manufacturers for these articles; but in the case of certain portions of telephonic apparatus, made only by American, English, and foreign manufacturers, it is necessary to specify the pattern of articles to suit the class of instruments in use in the Department.

(5.) Road from Menan Creek to Swan Hill:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) When will the road from Menan Creek to Swan Hill be gazetted and declared open for traffic?
(2.) Is he aware that the owners of Murray Downs Station have notified selectors that they will refuse to allow them to use the only road through their property after the 31st December next?
(3.) Under these circumstances, will he have the new road made available for immediate use?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) The land resumed for the road in question will be proclaimed to be a public road under the Public Roads Act of 1897, by notification in the *Government Gazette* of the 3rd instant.
(2.) No.
(3.) After the 3rd instant the road will be a public road.

(6.) Teachers in Country Public Schools:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that teachers in country Public Schools are paid according to classification and attendance?
(2.) Is he aware that such teachers' salaries diminish, to correspond with a decreased attendance?
(3.) When a diminished attendance occurs through no fault of the teacher, will he consider the justice of maintaining the original salary?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2 and 3.) It is the practice of the Department to take into consideration all reasons advanced against reduction in the classifications of schools.

(7.) Government Farms at Moonbi and Nemingha:—Mr. Sawers asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) For what period have the Government farms at Moonbi and Nemingha been leased to Mr. A. M. Howell?
(2.) What conditions (if any) are attached to the leases?
(3.) Are such conditions being carried out to the satisfaction of the Department?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Twelve months from 1st August, 1898, with the right to cancel at any time.
(2.) To plant 10 acres for the purpose of demonstrating whether high-class tobacco and cotton can be successfully grown in the district, and to take proper care of the buildings, stock, and appliances.
(3.) The property, it is reported, is being well cared for, but owing to the unfavourable season it is too early to say if the required area will be planted. Mr. Howell recently neglected the work for a time, and has been warned if further complaint be made the agreement with him will be terminated.

(8.) Locomotives for the Government Railways:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a large tender has been recently accepted from persons outside the Colony for the manufacture of a number of locomotives for the Government railways?
(2.) Before accepting such tenders was an opportunity given to our local manufacturers to supply same?
(3.) Will the Government, where work of a like nature is required, give an opportunity to local manufacturers to compete for same before entering into contracts with outside firms?
(4.) If tenders, as mentioned in Question No. 1, have been accepted, were they advertised for in the usual way; if not, why not, and what are the names of the successful tenderers and the amount of such tenders?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) A tender was recently accepted for the manufacture of ten locomotives.
(2.) Tenders were invited from leading firms in Great Britain.
(3 and 4.) The Commissioners have done a great deal towards obtaining, where it is economical to do so, all stock and supplies in the Colony. During their term of office practically all the carriages and waggons required have been made in the Colony; over 3,000 goods waggons and 400 coaching vehicles being so obtained. The Commissioners considered the time was not opportune for attempting to place an order for locomotives locally. Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co. obtained the order for the ten locomotives referred to, the amount of the tender being £48,700.

(9.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that there is a considerable number of men out of employment, who, while not able to do heavy manual labour, are still capable of doing lighter work, will he endeavour to devise some means for giving this class of labour some, at least, temporary work, in order to tide them over the Christmas season?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will confer with my honorable colleague the Minister for Labour and Industry and see what can be done.

(10.) Gates on Road from Molong to Redbank and Delaney's Dyke:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken to have all gates on the road from Molong to Redbank and Delaney's Dyke removed, as they are a great nuisance and obstruction to the travelling public?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Department is not aware that there is an authorised road between the places named.

(11.) Pension to a District Court Judge:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any District Court Judge been placed on the pension list since June, 1897; if so, who was he?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have been furnished by the Attorney-General's Department with the following reply:—Mr. District Court Judge Forbes retired from his position on the 30th June, 1898, and has been in receipt of the statutory pension from that date.

3. Sunday Trading Bill:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Mahony—From certain members of the Christian Endeavour Society, Annandale Primitive Methodist Church, and citizens of New South Wales.
(2.) By Mr. Anderson—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
(3.) By *Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Millard—From G. P. Eckley, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Myrtle Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Nelligen.
(4.) By Mr. Anderson—From Darius Brunt, Chairman, and Josiah Smith, Deputy G.C.T., members of a meeting of Earnest Workers' Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Waterloo.
Petitions received.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Nobbs brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return (*in completion*) to an Order, made on 2nd November, 1898,—"George-street and Harris-street Electric Tramway."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the cause and effect of Droughts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly Returns of "Accidents."
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd November, 1898,—"Trawling Expedition."
(3.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Drummoyne.
(4.) Information respecting the New South Wales Zoological Society.
(5.) Return respecting charges against the management of the New South Wales Zoological Society.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Thomas Clarke, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Richards, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Spruson, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Perry, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of 1896 be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Joint Stock Companies Arrangement (Continuation) Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.
(2.) Shop Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the above objects;—until Wednesday next.
(3.) Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes;—until Wednesday next.
(4.) Port Kembla Harbour Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour;—until Tuesday next.

8. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.
Question put and passed.

9. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.
Question put and passed.

10. NAMBUCCA RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River.
Question put and passed.

11. MACLEAY RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River.
Question put and passed.

12. HASTINGS RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River.
Question put and passed.

13. MANNING RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River.
Question put and passed.

14. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, and to provide for the payment of additional rent by certain lessees from the Crown.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.			Noes, 2.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Barnes,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Lyne,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Rose,	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Chanter.	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Anderson,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Hurley,		
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Dight,	
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. O'Sullivan.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah.
Question put and passed.

16. METROPOLITAN WATER (CAMDEN) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden.

Mr.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, that the report be *now* received.

Mr. O'Sullivan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts*, 1880–1889, *and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of* 1894, *with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. Customs Duties Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.			Noes, 7.
Mr. Reid,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. See,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Gillies,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Edden.	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Macdonald,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Perry.	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Nobbs,		
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hayes,		
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,		
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kidd,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

18. Probate and Succession Duties Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid 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. Brunker, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

19. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 and 10 to 13 of Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.

20. Strathfield Railway Crossing Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion fo Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level-crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof; and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, that the report be *now* received.

Mr. O'Sullivan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level-crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof, and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to. 21.

21. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day Nos. 15 to 25 of Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.

22. DISTRESS FOR RENT RESTRICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, *passed.*
Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to Distress for Rent.*"
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 amend the law relating to Distress for Rent,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1898, *a.m.*

DISTRESS FOR RENT RESTRICTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd December, 1898, *a.m.*

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page, 1, Preamble. *Omit* "Whereas many women in poor circumstances are enabled to earn "money for the support of themselves or their families by the use of sewing-machines, "type-writing machines, or mangles, but are liable to have the same seized and sold in "distress for rent due by themselves or others: And whereas it is expedient to protect "such articles from distress for rent to the extent hereinafter set forth:"
Page 1, Preamble, line 7. *Omit* "therefore"
Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *After* "machine" *insert* "piano"
Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *Omit* "or"
Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *After* "mangle" *insert* "or household furniture (including bedding) up "to the value of twenty pounds"

Examined—
SAMUEL E. LEES,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

23. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ferguson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "be" and inserting the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Neild, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Wise, "Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Archibald Campbell, and the Mover.
"(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Neild, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Wise, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Archibald Campbell, and the Mover.
(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House,—put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Subsidy to the Balmain Cottage Hospital:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What amount of subsidy has been paid to the Balmain Cottage Hospital for the periods January to December, 1895; January to December, 1896; January to December, 1897; January to June, 1898?
(2.) Upon what dates were such subsidies paid?
(3.) Upon what dates were such subsidy claims received, and what was the cause of the delay in paying such claims?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1 and 2.) January to June, 1895, £245 1s. 8d.; paid, 31 December, 1896. July to December, 1895, £420 13s.; paid, 31 December, 1896. January to June, 1896, £177 8s.; paid 25 January, 1897. July to December, 1896, £377 15s. 9d.; paid, 12 October, 1897. January to December, 1897, £565 10s. 8d.; not yet paid.
(3.) January to June, 1895; July to December, 1895; received, 21 July, 1896. January to June, 1896; received, 27 July, 1897. July to December, 1896; received, 7 July, 1897. January to December, 1897; received, 15 April, 1898. The delay in payment was caused by the non-receipt from the Hospital authorities of necessary medical returns. I may inform the Honorable Member that in the statements furnished by Hospitals generally throughout the country, there are numerous irregularities, and they are sometimes returned as many as three or four times for completion. Unless they are in a complete form, the Auditor-General refuses to authorise the payment of the amounts.

(2.) The Sydney Technical College:—*Mr. Smith*, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What classes were carried on at the Sydney Technical College during 1897 by teachers receiving no remuneration except students' fees?
(2.) The amount of the fees paid to each teacher for each class?
(3.) The number of pupils enrolled in 1897, and the number and grade of passes for that year?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(3.) Increase of Rabbits in the South-west:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Watson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware of the rapid increase of rabbits in the south-western farming districts of the Colony?
(2.) Will he introduce a short Bill this Session providing for the granting of rabbit-proof netting to farmers on easy terms of repayment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) I am not aware of any abnormal increase.
(2.) I fear that there will be no opportunity this Session to deal with this matter, but if such opportunity does occur I shall not neglect to use it.

(4.) Charges for water at Government Watering-places:—Mr. W. W. Davis asked the Secretary for Mines,—Whether, in view of the fact that travelling stock weakened by the drought have to camp at Government watering-places, including artesian bores, for days together, involving the owners in repeated charges, the Government will take into consideration the advisability of either abolishing all charges for water, or at least temporarily abandoning such charges during the currency of the drought, the privilege to apply to all stock, teamsters, and travellers generally?

Mr. Cook answered,—A number of the bores are under lease, and the Government could not make a general concession of this nature without compensating the tenants; but if any special cases are brought under the attention of the Department they will be considered.

(5.) George F. Millgate's Conditional Lease at East Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Are the terms of the conditional lease, granted some time back to one George F. Millgate, of town lots in the town of East Molong in regard to fencing being fully complied with; if not, is it the intention of the Department of Lands to see that steps are taken to have the lease cancelled for non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Inspector having reported that the conditions of fencing have not been complied with, the Minister on the 17th ultimo authorised the Land Board to hold an inquiry under the 20th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 as to whether the special leases are forfeitable for non-fulfilment of conditions.

(6.) Construction of Private Railway Sidings:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Are there any records in existence in the office of the Railway Commissioners to show that the Commissioners have at any time granted to one John Black, at Molong, authority to construct a railway siding into his flour mill from the Molong-Parkes and Forbes railway, and across Crown lands and a main street in the municipal town of Molong?
(2.) Was authority granted; if so, when and by whom, on what terms or conditions, and under what Act?
(3.) Will he lay a copy of the agreement or authority for the construction of this railway siding upon the Table of this House?
(4.) Will he obtain the opinion or authority of the Attorney-General or Crown Solicitor as to the legality of the construction of these private railway sidings in municipal townships, and on whom the responsibility rests in the event of accidents occurring on such railway sidings?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioner gave authority in 1885 for the construction of a siding within the railway boundary at Molong, from which a short branch line has been extended to Mr. Black's mill. The cost of the work was borne by Mr. Black. It is understood that the extension crosses a street but does not encroach on Crown land. The Railway Commissioners are not concerned in the extension beyond the railway boundary. The question of the legality of the extension appears to be a matter for the local Council to deal with.

(7.) Exchange of Land on Larras Lake, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has anything yet been done respecting an application made by one James Lee, of Larras Lake, near Molong, in regard to an exchange of a valuable water reserve in the neighbourhood of Larras Lake for land of a most inferior and waterless character?
(2.) Will he state if the Local Land Board has yet dealt with the case, or if they have recommended that the exchange should took place; if so, when, and on what public grounds?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) The application by James Lee for exchange of land at Larras Lake has been referred to the Wellington Land Board for inquiry and report.
(2.) The case has not yet been dealt with by the Board.

(8.) Salaries of Officers of the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Why have the salaries of the clerical and professional staffs of the Government Printing Office been reduced on this year's Estimates?
(2.) Were not the amounts now deducted passed on last year's Estimates?
(3.) Did the officers receive the amount voted by this House on last year's Estimates; if not, why not?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The increases were placed on the last year's Estimates by inadvertence, and without the concurrence of the Public Service Board, as required by law.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No. For the reasons stated in answer to No. 1.

(9.) Officers of the Land and Income Tax Departments:—Mr. Ferris asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Have the officers of the Land and Income Tax Departments been graded as to positions and salaries?
(2.) If not, when will same be effected?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) Before the closing of the year.

(10.) Sale of Illustrated Christmas Post-cards:—Mr. Smith asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the illustrated Christmas post-cards can only be obtained at the General Post Office?
(2.) If so, will he give instructions to have the cards placed for sale at the suburban city divisional post offices, also country post offices?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) The cards can be obtained at all post offices where there is a demand for them, it being left to the Postmasters throughout the Colony to requisition for the quantity they think they can dispose of.

(11.) Subsidies to Benevolent Societies:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it compulsory upon the Benevolent Societies at present receiving subsidies from the Government to join the newly formed charity organisation?
(2.) Will such subsidies be affected by a refusal to join?
(3.) If so, to what amount?
(4.) Has any basis of representation to the metropolitan organisation been decided upon by the Government?
(5.) If so, will the various societies affected be empowered to elect their own representatives?
Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) No.
(2 and 3.) No.
(4 and 5.) The Government has nothing to do with these matters.

3. Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill:—Mr. Wright presented a Petition from William Briggs, Thomas Saywell, Thomas Wilton, and William Bragg, representing that a Bill had been introduced into this House to validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Lithgow; that such Bill had been referred to a Select Committee; that Petitioners were largely interested in the questions to be considered by such Committee; and praying that they may be granted permission to appear before the said Committee in person, or by solicitor or counsel, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses before such Committee.
Petition received.

4. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. Newman presented a Petition from J. D. Baker, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Ark of Safety Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Orange, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of this Petition its favourable consideration.
Petition received.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th October, 1898,—"Licensing "Public Gates, Deniliquin District."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Return respecting classes taught at the Technical College by teachers who receive no remuneration except students' fees.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from A. Armstrong, Managing Director of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), stating that on the 20th December, 1890, the said Corporation was empowered by Act of Parliament to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, and to construct, maintain, and in certain respects control a harbour within the waters of the said lake, to make, establish, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation therewith, and to construct and work a line of railway to connect with the said harbour, and to reclaim, purchase, take, and occupy, and otherwise acquire land on certain terms, provided that the said harbour and channel should be commenced within two years, and be made and completed for the admission of certain vessels within the term of seven years from the passing of the Act referred to; that, by the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Act of 1895, the time mentioned in the Principal Act for the completion of the harbour and entrance was extended for a further period of one year from the 20th December, 1897; that the Corporation has already expended £44,312 16s. 9d., under the provisions of the Statute, upon surveys, plans, and works in connection with the construction of the said harbour, and in a line of railway connecting the said lake with the Ocean Colliery; that the said Corporation has introduced a Bill before your Honorable House to further extend the time for the completion of the works, which Bill has been before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, which has taken evidence and carefully deliberated thereon; that such Bill has been referred to a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly; and praying that leave may be granted to the Corporation aforesaid to be represented by its legal advisers at and during the sittings of such Committee, and also that the said Corporation may be represented before the Bar of this Honorable Assembly during further discussion upon the Bill.
Petition received.

7. Case of Thomas Buckley—Public Works Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Case of Thomas Buckley, Public "Works Department," be authorised to make visits to, and hold inquiries at, the residence of Mr. E. D. Dyson, for the purpose of examining him upon the subject under consideration, that gentleman being incapacitated by reason of illness from attending as a witness.
Question put and passed.

8. Friendly Societies Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

9. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Sleath 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 all papers, reports, &c., in connection with the administration of the government of Norfolk Island.
Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow :—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(2.) Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
(3.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(4.) Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

11. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Ferguson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on this Bill have leave to bring up a Special Report.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon Mr. Ferguson, as Chairman, brought up a Special Report from the Committee, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, as follows :—
The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on 2nd December, 1898, a.m., the "Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further "Amendment Bill," and to whom was granted on the same date "leave to sit during any adjourn-"ment of this House," have the honor to report the following resolution :—
"That the Chairman report the question to the House as to whether Mr. Neild is eligible to sit on "the Committee in accordance with Standing Order 348."
No. 1 *Committee Room, Legislative Assembly*, WM. J. FERGUSON,
5th December, 1898. Chairman.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(3.) Mr. Neild, as a matter of *Privilege*, moved, That Mr. Neild, the Honorable Member for Paddington, be discharged from further attendance upon the Select Committee sitting upon the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(4.) Mr. Ferguson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Wise and Mr. Lyne be discharged from attendance upon the said Committee.
Question put and passed.

(5.) Mr. Ferguson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cann, Mr. Ashton, and Mr. Waddell be added to the said Committee.
Question put and passed.

12. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—
HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 62.
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land at Broken Hill in Trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, his Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, *6th December*, 1898.

13. KOORAWATHA TO GRENFELL RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell.
Question put and passed.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section 63 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

15. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—
(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section 63 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section 63 of the Crown Lands Act of* 1884,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

16. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed.*
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the establishment of Duties of Customs; for the alteration of existing duties; to make permanent certain diminishiny duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object.*"
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 establishment of Duties of Customs; for the alteration of existing duties; to make permanent certain diminishing duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th December, 1898.

17. PROBATE AND SUCCESSION DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.			Noes, 18.	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. See,	
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Macdonald.	Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cohen,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck,		Mr. Ferris.	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Law,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Waddell.	Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. James Thomson,		Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Cotton,		*Tellers,*	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Watkins,			
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Watson,		Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,		Mr. Piddington.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed.*
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose certain probate, succession, and other duties; and for purposes of and incidental to those objects.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carred to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose certain probate, succession, and other duties; and for purposes of and incidental to those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th December, 1898.

18. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fegan, That the report be *now* received.
Mr. Fegan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.

On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

19. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

20. NAMBUCCA RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

21. MACLEAY RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fegan, that the report be *now* received.
Mr. Fegan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River.
On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.

22. HASTINGS RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

23. MANNING RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

24. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, and to provide for the payment of additional rent by certain lessees from the Crown.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

25. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, That the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

26. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Wilks, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 17th November, 1898, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Wilks then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

27. METROPOLITAN WATER (CAMDEN) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, the Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Young, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

28. PORT KEMBLA HARBOUR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a deep-water Harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sunny Corner Gold and Silver Mine:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Sunny Corner gold and silver mine has not been worked for the last two years?

(2.) Is he aware that this mine has returned over £100,000 worth of gold within the last twenty-four years, saying nothing of other metals?

(3.) Is it a fact that the leases have been cancelled; if so, who caused them to be cancelled, and for what reasons (if any) were they cancelled?

(4.) Is it a fact that the gold leases have been cancelled, and the late lessees, or any of them, been allowed (in the face of many protests) to take up the land as mineral leases; and has he approved of the old gold-mine being taken up as a mineral lease?

(5.) Is he aware that, when a gold-mine has been worked for over twenty years, all outcrops and surface ore would be worked out?

(6.) Is it a fact that within the last six weeks the Government Geologist has been instructed by the Mines Department to visit this old and illustrious gold-mine, with a view of seeing if all the gold had been worked out, and also that, if the gold had been worked out, he may grant mineral leases on this supposed worked out gold-mine?

(7.) What time did the geologist put in on the mine on his late visit; did he go underground and take average samples from the many stopes and ore faces in the mine?

(8.) Is it a fact that the geologist brought away from the mine samples of ore in a handbag, to test and decide the question if this valuable gold-mine was no longer a gold-mine, and by such tests to enable the Minister to grant mineral leases?

(9.) Does he, in the face of this mine being allowed to ignore the labour conditions for over two years, intend prolonging the issue of the leases lately applied for?

(10.) Will he cause the leases to issue without delay, and cause the labour to be put on?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) No; only one suspension of labour has been asked for by the present lessees.

(2.) I am not aware of the amount of gold taken from the mine.

(3 and 4.) The leases were not cancelled. The lessee was allowed to surrender them in order to take up the land in another form, and give up a portion of the area held. Two applications for mineral leases have been lodged.

(5.) Not necessarily.

(6.) The Government Geologist was instructed to visit the mine for the purpose of sampling the ore in the lode, and reporting definitely whether it contains a sufficient proportion of gold to warrant its being regarded as a payable auriferous deposit.

(7 and 8.) The Government Geologist spent a day at the mine, and took six samples from various parts of the property, the assays of which clearly show that the mine is not a payable auriferous mine. The samples were brought away in a hand-bag.

(9 and 10.) No; and instructions have been given to expedite the issue of the leases.

(2.) Rifle Range at Newcastle:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Rifle Range at Newcastle be opened for practice?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Rifle Range at Newcastle, after completion of necessary repairs, was opened for practice on the 2nd ultimo.

(3.) Road and Bridge Contractors:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is there any condition imposed on road and bridge contractors at the present time that a deposit on the tender accepted must be lodged when the contract is signed, and if the work is not begun within fourteen days of the signing of the contract the same will become void and the deposit forfeited?
(2.) If no condition exists at present to that effect, will he issue instructions at once to all Road Superintendents that such a condition must be complied with?
(3.) Is he aware that certain contractors tender for work, and get five or six different contracts, and sign for same, lodging the deposit, and instead of carrying the same on, and employing labour, they hold same back, finishing one job before beginning another, or do a little on each, so as to keep them in hand, while many men are looking for work, who, if employed, could finish the work in contract time if compulsion was used with the contractors?
(4.) Does he inflict the fines, and retain the same when work is delayed under the above circumstances; if not, will he authorise the superintendents to report such cases, and determinedly impose the penalties?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1 and 2.) A deposit is required in all cases before tender is accepted, and deposit is forfeited should the contractor fail to take up the work. A regulation providing for forfeiture of deposit if work was not started within fourteen days after signing contract would not be practicable; but when dealing with question of fines for overtime any delay exceeding a week in starting is fully considered.
(3.) It is unusual for a contractor to have so many as five or six contracts in hand at the same time; but should this happen the time for all the contracts would run concurrently, and over time be punished by fines.
(4.) Yes, where the circumstances warrant this action—each case being fully considered on its merits. Officers have full instructions in this matter, as the printed regulations I now hand the Honorable Member will show.

(4.) Contributions to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are Civil Servants who discontinued paying contributions to the Superannuation Fund allowed a refund of their contributions by applying for same before retiring?

Mr. Reid answered,—No.

(5.) Liability of Pawnbrokers as to Pledges:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that pawnbrokers have no liability in regard to goods pledged with them and destroyed by fire while in their possession, as it seems that goods left with pawnbrokers, on which only small sums have been advanced, can be insured at their full value?
(2.) Will he take steps to remedy the evil complained of?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

(6.) Chinese Deported from Deniliquin to Victoria:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed by a communication to the deportation of three Chinese from Deniliquin to Echuca, Victoria, on Saturday, 26th November?
(2.) Has he considered the whole matter; if so, will he state what action (if any) he proposes to take in this case?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The three Chinese referred to pleaded guilty, and were convicted of an evasion of the Chinese Restriction Act by entering the Colony without payment of poll-tax. Upon appeal, and by a technical objection, the conviction was quashed. I am informed by the Collector of Customs that he directed the Customs Officer at Deniliquin to escort the Chinese across the border to Victoria, which was done. The Chinese may congratulate themselves on being at liberty and escaping the penalty provided by the Act. They have merely, without charge, been transferred to their recent place of residence. No further action appears to be necessary.

(7.) Steam Launches under control of the Military:—*Mr. Barton*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of steam launches that have been under the control of the Military authorities at Chowder and elsewhere for the past four years ending 30th June, 1898?
(2.) The sizes and values of each launch during each separate year of this four-year period?
(3.) The number of crew apportioned to each; the amount of wages paid to each crew during each year of the four years ending 30th June, 1898?
(4.) The amount and cost of fuel and other expenses incurred in running each of these launches each year for the four years ending as aforesaid?
(5.) The amount of money spent on each of these launches each year of the four mentioned?
(6.) For what duties each of these launches were employed during each year of those mentioned, and the number of hours each boat was under steam?
(7.) Any accidents which occurred on any of these boats during any of the four years, nature of same, and the amount of cost to effect repairs?

(8.) Whether these boats, or any of them, were insured, and for what amount?
(9.) The officers in charge of these launches?
(10.) Whether they passed the Marine Board examinations; and the nature of their qualifications.
(11.) The total cost of each boat each year of the past four, as defrayed out of the Military Vote?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes, if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Travelling Stock Reserve between Canowindra and Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to throw open for selection at an early date that valuable area of land, viz., the travelling stock reserve between Canowindra and Eugowra, *via* Nyrang Creek, in the Molong district; if so, when?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The case is at present under reference to the Department of Mines and Agriculture, whose attention has been invited to the matter.

(9.) Funafuti Boring Expedition:—Mr. Quinn asked the Secretary for Mines,—What has been the total cost to the Colony of the Funafuti Boring Expedition?

Mr. Cook answered,—The total cost of the three expeditions to Funafuti during 1896, 1897, and 1898, up to date of the latest returns, has been about £4,087, exclusive of cost to the Admiralty and of cost to the London Missionary Society for carriage of men and gear. Of this sum the Colony of New South Wales has contributed £2,193 12s. 6d., and the remaining sum of £2,793 has been raised by private subscriptions. The expedition is understood to be now on its return to Sydney after the completion of the work, and it is unlikely that the expenditure since latest returns will materially increase the above estimate of the total cost.

3. Sunday Trading Bill:—The following Petitions,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Cotton—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
(2.) By Mr. Molesworth—From William Saumarez Smith, D.D., Archbishop of Sydney, President of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.
Petitions received.

4. Papers:—
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of North Gundagai, county of Clarendon, for the erection of a Bridge over Jones' Creek, Gundagai.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Second Report of the Royal Commission on Public Charities, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix—Part II—Benevolent Society of New South Wales.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies accepting deposits in New South Wales, for quarter ended 30th June, 1898.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 5th October, 1898,—"Sydney-Hurstville, Sydney-Belmore, and "Hurstville-Nowra sections of Railway Lines."
(3.) Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for the year ended 30th June, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Metropolitan Water (Camden) Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Young, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts*, 1880–1889, *and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of* 1894, *with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts*, 1880–1889, *and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of* 1894, *with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *7th December*, 1898.

6. Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—
Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of the Managing Director of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), presented to this House on the 6th December, 1898, for leave to be represented before the Select Committee and at the Bar of the House during the proceedings on the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill, be granted.
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only four Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Pyers, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Edden, and Mr. Thomas Brown.

7. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Inebriates Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.

8. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills through all their remaining stages in one day:—

(1.) Port Kembla Harbour Bill.
(2.) Tweed River Harbour Works Bill.
(3.) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill.
(4.) Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill.
(5.) Macleay River Harbour Works Bill.
(6.) Hastings River Harbour Works Bill.
(7.) Manning River Harbour Works Bill.
(8.) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Bill.
(9.) The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Bill.
(10.) Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Bill.

Debate ensued.

And the House requiring that the various Bills, for which the Standing Orders were to be suspended, should be put *seriatim*,—

Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills through all their remaining stages in one day:—

The House divided.

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Spence,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Pyers.

Tellers,

Dr. Graham,
Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Dight,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Gillies.

Tellers,

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—(1) Port Kembla Harbour Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Brunker,
Dr. Graham,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Sutton,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Spence,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Cook.

Tellers,

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 42.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Neild.

Tellers,

Mr. Watson,
Mr. Thomas Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

Question put,—(2) Tweed Harbour Works Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 72.			Noes, 10.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cruikshank,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. David Davis.
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Harris,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Lees,	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Mackay.
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Carroll.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. James Thomson,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Nobbs,		
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Dight.	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Henry Clarke,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—(3) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 62.			Noes, 15.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. David Davis,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Neild,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cotton,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Cohen,		
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Waddell.	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Nobbs,		
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Barnes,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—(4) Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.			Noes, 18.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. O'Conor,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nicholson,	*Tellers*,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cotton,		
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Perry.	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. McGowen,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—(5) Macleay River Harbour Works Bill,—put and passed.

Question,—(6) Hastings River Harbour Works Bill,—put and passed.

Question put,—(7) Manning River Harbour Works Bill,—and Division called for, but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Question

Question put,—(8) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Bill.
The House divided.

Ayes, 74.			Noes, 2.
			Tellers,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. David Davis,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Neild,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Watkins.	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. O'Conor,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. James Thomson,		
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McLean.	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,		
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McFarlane,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—(9) The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Bill,—put and passed.

Question,—(10) Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Bill,—put and passed.

9. GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Richard Read, of Singleton, doctor of medicine, William Longworth, of Lithgow, mine manager, and Thomas Longworth, of Cobar, mine manager, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a line of railway from the mines of the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited), at Cobar, to communicate with the Great Western Railway, Nyngan to Cobar branch; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871–1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.
Question put and passed.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section 63 of the Crown Lands Act of* 1884."
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 regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section 63 of the Crown Lands Act of* 1884,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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13. NAMBUCCA RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported to Bill without amendment.

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.			Noes, 13.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Stevenson.	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. See,	Mr. Nicholson,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Moore,		Mr. Watson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Macdonald.	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,		*Tellers*,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Garland,		
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Sleath,		Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Donaldson,		Mr. Gillies.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. HASTINGS RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 15.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. See,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	*Tellers*,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Stevenson.	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Jessep,	*Tellers*,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Sleath,		
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Hawthorne.	
Mr. Ewing,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River*.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. MANNING RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Mr.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.			Noes, 3.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Willis,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Young,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Thomas Brown.	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Millard,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Price,	Mr. James Thomson,		
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Macdonald.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed.*
Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River.*

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.
Question put and passed.
The resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, and to provide for the payment of additional rent by certain lessees from the Crown.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina, and to provide for the payment of additional rent by certain lessees from the Crown*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Young, the Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
The Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. Young, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

17. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.
Question put and passed.
The resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from the Rock to Green's Gunyah*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Young, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary-Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Young the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed.*
Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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18. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed until To-morrow.

19. KOORAWATHA TO GRENFELL RAILWAY BILL:—

(1). The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

Mr. Cann then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell.

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

(2). Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell*,"—which was read a first time.

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

20. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies; and for other purposes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

Mr. Cann then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies, and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th December.

21. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidential to the above objects.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

Mr. Cann then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the above objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Hogue then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the above objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

22. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Cann then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes.

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

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

23. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young 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. Young, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time.

Whereupon Mr. Young moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Price, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Spruson, Mr. Dick, and Mr. Affleck.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 8*th December*, 1898, *a.m.*

24. MACLEAY RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Young the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River.*"

Question put and passed.

Mr. Young moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Dick, Mr. Affleck, and Mr. Gillies.

25. PORT KEMBLA HARBOUR BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Young moved, That the resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour*",—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "be" and inserting the words "referred to a Select Committee to inquire into and report "upon the relations existing between the Crown and the holders of statutory rights under the "'Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Railway Act of 1881,' and also on the relations existing "between the Crown and the holders of the land in the vicinity of the proposed works.

"(2). That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Nicholson, "Mr. Edden, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Perry, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Perry,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Spruson,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Stevenson.	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Cann,		Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Nicholson.	Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.			Noes, 12.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Reid,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Phillips,		Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Meagher.	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Cotton,		Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Ewing,		Mr. Price,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Spence,		Mr. Dick,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Pyers,		Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Millard,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dacey,		
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Watson,		Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Stevenson,		Mr. Affleck.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary-Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Young the report was adopted.

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

26. MARGARINE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the preparation, manufacture, export, importation, and sale of margarine.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Cann 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 preparation, manufacture, export, importation, and sale of margarine.

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

27. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Partially-paid Forces :—*Mr. Thomas Brown*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that, on or about the 2nd of July last, instructions were issued for the payment of deferred payments to the Partially-paid Forces of New South Wales?
(2.) Is it a fact that such payments have been made to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Regiments, according to instructions issued in July last?
(3.) Has the 4th Regiment, stationed at Newcastle and district, been paid deferred payments under instructions issued in July last; if not, why not?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No. The 4th Infantry Regiment have not applied for it.

(2.) Richie Bogie Sheep-trucks :—*Mr. Thomas Brown*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) With reference to the Richie bogie sheep-trucks and similar type built at the Government workshops, has anything been done to remedy the structural defects in those trucks pointed out by Mr. Dacey on the occasion of the discussion on last year's Railway Estimates?
(2.) If any alteration has been made, what is the nature of such alteration?
(3.) How many trucks have been so dealt with, and how many trucks have yet to be altered?
(4.) At what cost per truck has the alteration been effected?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the Honorable Member is aware, from a reply given on the 6th August, 1896, that the axle-brasses on the vans referred to were replaced at the expense of the contractor soon after the vans were taken over. The cost of the work was £129 19s. The vans were of a new type, built on the bogie principle, and have proved a great success in working, although when first finished one or two minor faults were discovered. In addition to the axle-brasses referred to, a slight defect was found in the top floors of a number of the vans, owing to the drawing not being closely adhered to, and also through some of the timber used not being properly seasoned. The matter was remedied at a cost of about £4 per van, forty-three vans being dealt with. Sixteen of the vans have not yet been touched, as the defect was not material; they will, however, be attended to when necessary.

(3.) Weirs in Darling River between Bourke and Brewarrina :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to forward the proposed works of erecting weirs in the Darling River between Bourke and Brewarrina, and similar works in the same river?

Mr. Young answered,—I hope to be able to deal with the matter this Session.

(4.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In accordance with his promise made in the House two or three weeks ago, will he take steps to see that Civil Servants are afforded another opportunity of ceasing to contribute to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall be greatly indebted if the Honorable Member will refer me to the promise to which he refers.

(5.) Ventilation of Shafts on Sewerage Works:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he cause immediate inquires to be made as to the inadequacy or otherwise of the present provisions for the ventilation of shafts at the contract now being carried out on the Monier system, by a contractor named Atherton, at North Sydney?

(2.) For the safety of men employed on this kind of work, will he take extra measures of precaution to insist upon proper ventilation being provided on sewerage contracts?

Mr. Young answered,—I will have inquiries made, and communicate the result thereof to the Honorable Member as quickly as possible.

(6.) Imported Arsenic:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The quantity of arsenic that has been imported into the Colony during the last two or three years for the use of stockowners?

(2.) Is a fact that stockowners or pastoralists throughout the Colony are in the habit of using it in a wholesale manner for the destruction of hares, ticks, rabbits, noxious animals, &c.?

(3.) If so, is it necessary to obtain authority, and from whom, before it can be used for the above purposes?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) It is not possible to get this information.

(2.) I believe that stockowners or pastoralists are in the habit of using considerable quantities of arsenic for the destruction of noxious animals.

(3.) No.

(7.) Nurseries infested with the "San Jose" scale:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it within the knowledge of the Agricultural Department that certain nurseries are infected with the "San Jose" scale, and have been so for many months?

(2.) Have the Department made any representations or taken any steps to prevent the scale and distribution of fruit-trees infested with this most pernicious scale throughout the Colony?

(3.) Does the Department consider that the examination of imported fruit at the wharfs a sufficient protection of orchardists and the general public?

(4.) In the interests of our fruit industry, is it not an essential necessity, in order to stay the ravages of this increasing pest, that some steps should be taken by a competent authority to have nurseries periodically inspected and certified to be free from this blight or pest before allowing fruit-trees to be offered for sale or distribution?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes; but steps are being taken by the owners to clean them.

(2.) Yes, and full instructions have been given as to how best to destroy the pest.

(3.) Yes, so far as likely distribution by imported fruit is concerned.

(4.) Under the existing Act there is no power to take such action, but the question of amending the present law is under consideration.

(8.) Double-ended Steamers:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisability of introducing a short measure compelling steam ferry companies to adopt double-headed steamers, with a view to minimising the great danger at present existing on account of the necessity of turning single-headed vessels in narrow or crowded waters?

Mr. Reid answered,—This is scarcely a matter requiring legislation, inasmuch as single-ended ferry-steamers are becoming a thing of the past. The ferry companies, in their own interests, invariably build double-ended boats at the present time.

(9.) Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—When does he intend tabling the report, in answer to Mr. Hurley's Questions, on the 17th November, in reference to the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde?

Mr. Cook answered,—The replies to the Questions asked by the Honorable Member were laid upon the Table of the House on the 23rd ultimo.

(10.) Hides for Tanning Purposes:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the value of hides for tanning purposes is very materially depreciated by reason of the indiscriminate branding system at present in vogue in this Colony?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of introducing and passing a measure dealing with this matter similar to that which has recently been agreed to by the Queensland Legislative Assembly?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A Bill has been prepared with that view, and will be introduced at the first convenient opportunity.

(11.) Protection of Marsupials:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability, in view of the wholesale destruction at present taking place, of introducing next Session a Bill providing for the proper protection during certain periods of the year of marsupials?

Mr. Cook answered,—No; the Government pays large sums yearly for their destruction.

(12.) S.S. "Ajax":—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) On what date did the s.s. "Ajax" arrive at Fitzroy Dock works, to be fitted as a pilot steamer for the port of Newcastle?

(2.) What was the estimated cost of the work?

(3.) What time was allowed for completion?

(4.) What was the actual cost incurred?
(5.) When did the vessel go into commission?
(6.) Why was she not available during the "Maitland" gales?
(7.) What officer of the Marine Board passed the accounts before payment by the Works Department?

Mr. Young answered,—I will have the necessary information prepared as quickly as possible in the form of a report, which will be forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(13.) Hopper-barge "Castor":—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) On what date (after being sunk in Newcastle) did the hopper-barge "Castor" arrive at Fitzroy Dock Works for repairs?
(2.) What was the cost of the repairs and alterations?
(3.) When did the vessel resume work?

Mr. Young answered,—I will have the necessary information prepared as quickly as possible in the form of a report, which will be forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(14.) Land-pump Hopper Dredge "Castor":—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) On what date was the "Castor" taken to Fitzroy Dock to be fitted up as a land-pump hopper dredge?
(2.) What was the total cost of the work?
(3.) When was she again put into commission?
(4.) Is it a fact that, when nearing completion, it was found that her stern was so low in the water that the hoppers were rendered useless for carrying sand, and that they had to be plated over in the bottom?
(5.) Is it true that the result was that the bow was sunk so deeply that about 40 tons of iron ballast had to be put into the water to make the vessel sit properly in the water?
(6.) What officer of the Dredge Service superintended this work?

Mr. Young answered,—I will have the necessary information prepared as quickly as possible in the form of a report which will be forwarded to the Honorable Member.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nobbs brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.			Noes, 3.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Holman,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Pyers,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Watson,	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Ross,	
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Sawers.	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Byrne,		
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Fegan.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed*.
Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1898.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Tuesday next.

6. Additional Sitting Day (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 3 o'clock p.m. on "Monday" in each week, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Gillies moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "Monday" and inserting the word "Friday" instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill :—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st December, 1898, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.

8. Port Kembla Harbour Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed*.
Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a deep-water Harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour.*"
Question put and passed.

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

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a deep-water Harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *8th December*, 1898.

9. Navigation (Amendment) Bill :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871–1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to resolution.

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

Mr. Lees then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871–1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of* 1871–1896 *in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Bill :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas Brown moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "be" and inserting the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Holman, Mr. Copeland, "Mr. Millard, Mr. Terry, Mr. Reymond, Mr. W. W. Davis, Mr. Lees, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 55.			Noes, 10.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. See,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Stevenson,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferris,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Macdonald.	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Cohen,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Byrne,		
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Meagher.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1898.

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

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

The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS—

(1.) Proposed Line, Grenfell to Wyalong:—*Mr. Hurley*, for Mr. Carroll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to submit the line, Grenfell to Wyalong, to the Public Works Committee?
(2.) Does this form part of a line to tap the Lachlan at Hillston?
(3.) Will he expedite the surveys, so that the extension to Hillston can be considered at the earliest possible date?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) I cannot promise to do so at present.

(2.) University School of Mines:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the expenditure (including capital cost) from all sources, including grant from the Prospecting Vote, to end of the last financial year, in connection with the University School of Mines?
(2.) The number of pupils whose education was completed in said school within the period named?
(3.) The number of pupils under tuition on 30th June last?
(4.) For what reason is a portion of the expense of this school defrayed from the Prospecting Vote?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) £9,078 9s. 4d. There was no grant from the Prospecting Vote.
(2.) Eleven have taken the complete course and graduated as Bachelors of Engineering in the Department of Mining Engineering, while ten others have completed special courses of study without proceeding to the degree.
(3.) Twenty-eight.
(4.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) Accidents in Loading and Discharge of Vessels in Sydney Harbour:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the number of fatal accidents which have occurred during each of the past three years in the loading and discharge of vessels in Sydney Harbour?

Mr. Reid answered,—An endeavour will be made to obtain the required information, if moved for in the usual way.

(4.) Lactic Acid:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Are there any factories or laboratories in the Colony for the preparation of "lactic acid," or alleged agent or growth of certain suitable organisms or microbes that have lately been recommended to our dairy or butter farmers to induce a condition of incipient acidity or ripening of cream; if so, where is the article manufactured, or from whom can it be obtained?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Pure cultures of lactic ferment are prepared by the Dairy Expert of the Department for distribution in small quantities free of cost, but there are no other factories or laboratories in the Colony that I am aware of where such ferments are made.

(5.) Metropolitan Transit Commission:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the continued unsatisfactory condition of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, will he early next Session introduce a Bill for the reconstruction and better working of the said Commission, with a view to giving more satisfactory control of the street traffic in Sydney and suburbs, in accordance with the resolutions recently passed by this House?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have very little to add to the reply which I gave to the Honorable Member in regard to this matter a short time since. Of course we recognise the inconvenience which arises from the present state of the traffic; but subsequently to the Honorable Member placing a Question upon the Notice Paper some time ago, I had an opportunity to examine into the law and the by-laws affecting this matter, and it appeared to me that the congestion of the traffic arises from the laxity of the administration rather than from the inefficiency of the law.

(6.) Christmas Holidays:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (the 26th, 27th, and 28th instant) Christmas holidays, and Monday and Tuesday (2nd and 3rd January) New Year holidays, the same as in Victoria?

Mr. Reid answered,—No.

(7.) Land Tax:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will he fulfil the promise to amend the provisions of the Act under which lessees are charged their proportion of the land tax on improved, while owners pay on unimproved, value only?

Mr. Reid answered,—When an amending Bill is brought in.

(8.) Lease of portion of Victoria Markets as a Free Lending Library:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he completed any contract with the Municipal Council of Sydney for a lease of a portion of the Victoria Markets, to be used as a Free Lending Library?
(2.) What is the nature of the contract and the term of lease?
(3.) What is to be the rental per annum?
(4.) What alterations are necessary, and the estimated cost of effecting the same?
(5.) From what Fund will these payments be made?

Mr. Hogue answered,—No agreement has yet been entered into, though I hope to see one completed in the course of a few days, when I shall be glad to give all the information in regard to the subject in my power.

(9.) Old Gold-fields:—*Mr. Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he take the earliest opportunity of instructing the Government Geologist to visit the old gold-fields of the Colony, and cause reports on same to be made, with a view to indicating to miners the most likely places for future mining operations?
(2.) Pending such action, will he take the necessary precautions to prevent any further alienation of land on such gold-fields, or the lands in reserve in close proximity to such gold-fields?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The Government Geologist and his assistants are fully employed in mapping and describing the metalliferous deposits of the Colony. Most of the old gold-fields have been inspected and reported upon, and in special cases reports are still being made.
(2.) Every precaution is taken to prevent the alienation of gold-bearing land, and in no case is a reserve within a gold-field cancelled until the proposed cancellation has been reported on by an officer of the Government Geologist's Branch.

(10.) Mining Accidents:—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he introduce this Session a Bill to deal with the granting of pensions to the widows and children of miners killed whilst following their avocations?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Bill is in the hands of the Parliamentary Draftsman, but owing to the pressure of other urgent legislation he has not yet been able to prepare the measure.

3. Sunday Trading Bill:—Mr. Ross presented a Petition from J. J. Piper, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pride of Namoi Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars at Narrabri, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of this Petition its favourable consideration.
Petition received.

4. Additional Sitting Day—*Sessional Order*—(*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday in each week, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.
Question put and passed.

5. Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, Rossiville-Kenmore Asylum, referred to the Printing Committee on 22nd November, 1898, and reported upon by the Committee on 1st December, 1898, be referred back to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

6. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Thursday next:—
(1.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in view of the necessity of dealing with papers laid upon the Table, leave be given to the Printing Committee to sit during the sittings of the House for the remainder of the present Session.
Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(2.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill; second reading.
(3.) Joint Stock Companies Arrangement (Continuation) Bill; second reading.

9. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hogue moved That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
Mr. Hogue moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 2" instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

10. DISTRESS FOR RENT RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 2nd December, 1898, in reference to the Distress for Rent Restriction Bill,—

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendments in this Bill,—

1. Because such amendments are outside the scope of the Bill as introduced and passed in the Legislative Council.

2. Because it is undesirable to extend the exemptions contained in the Bill as passed by the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,
Sydney, *13th December*, 1898. President.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

11. PAPER:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Address adopted on 6th December, 1898,—"Administration of the Government of Norfolk Island."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

12. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Ferguson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st December, 1898; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Ferguson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—Mr. Reid moved, That the remaining Orders of the Day, Nos. 5 to 20, of Government Business, be postponed until To-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That Mr. Deputy-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 legalise, regulate, and restrict Sunday trading; to make other provisions with respect to Good Friday and Christmas Day; and to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Watkins.	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Reid,		Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Spruson.	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Ferguson,		Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,		Mr. Law,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Carroll,		Mr. Cook,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Sleath,		Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Sawers,		Mr. Edden,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Millard,		Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Quinn,		Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Willis,		Mr. Miller,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Dacey,		Mr. Phillips,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Young,	
Mr. Smith,		Mr. Lees,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Stevenson,		Mr. Newman,	Mr. Jessep.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—Orders of the Day, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, of General Business, postponed until To-morrow.

16. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wilks 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. Wilks, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Wilks, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day, Nos. 6, 7, and 10 to 23, also Notices of Motions, Nos. 1 to 3, of General Business, postponed until To-morrow.

18. ESTATE OF THE LATE S. M. SWIFT, OF PETERSHAM:—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged evasion of probate duty by the executors in the estate of the late S. M. Swift, Esq., Petersham.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McLean, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Thomas, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1897 be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Four o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker laid upon the Table,—Minute by Mr. Speaker, and information on the subject of franking letters and telegrams for Members of Parliament.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. QUESTIONS :—
(1.) Sunny Corner Mine :—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) When the lessee of the Sunny Corner Mine was allowed to surrender the leases, what rent was due on them; and, if rent was due, was such rent paid up before the surrender, or allowed to fall through with the surrender?
(2.) If the leases were not cancelled, how is it intended that the public should go about taking up the land that was not re-pegged by the lessee?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) When application to surrender the leases was made the rents had been fully paid up.
(2.) Leases are only cancelled for non-observance of some of the conditions of the lease. In this case the lessee surrended them of his own accord; the land not re-pegged by him became available Crown land at date of *Gazette* Notice, 23rd September, 1898. The land outside the new pegging has been available for anyone to take up since the date named.

(2.) Metropolitan Transit Commission :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Who are the members of the Metropolitan Transit Commission?
(2.) How are they paid, by fee or salary; and from what Fund is such paid?
(3.) What sum does each member of the Board receive?
(4.) Do any of the members receive any other Government salary for any other office held by them; if so, what office do they hold?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) The Mayor of Sydney, Matthew Harris; the Inspector-General of Police, Edmund Fosbery; George Hudson Sparkes, and William Martin.
(2.) (*a*) £2 each per sitting attended—not more than one sitting a week is paid for; (*b*) from Metropolitan Transit Commission Fund.
(3.) Varies according to attendance.
(4.) Yes; the Inspector-General of Police.

(3.) Metallurgical Works at Clyde :—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What was the cost of the whole of the Metallurgical Works at Clyde, including cost and erection?
(2.) How many years have the works been established?
(3.) How many mine-owners has the Government Metallurgist advised on the treatment of their ores (if any)?
(4.) Has the Government Metallurgist at any time recommended any suitable methods to miners for the treatment of ores; if so, in what district?
(5.) Is anyone in New South Wales working and treating their ores on the advice given; if so, in what district?

Mr. Cook answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(4.)

(4.) Macquarie Election :—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Hurley, the Member for Macquarie, moved a motion, on the 17th ultimo, that there be laid upon the Table of this House all documents, vouchers, and correspondence in connection with the Macquarie Election, held on the 27th July, 1898?
(2.) If so, will he lay the documents moved for upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will lay papers upon the Table immediately in reply to the Honorable Member's Question.

(5.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Who are the members of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board?
(2.) How are they paid, and what amount does each receive for the position he holds?
(3.) How are they appointed to the position?
(4.) If any of them are Government officers, or are getting payment for any service for which the Government has to pay, what is the total amount of the said payment?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1.) Thomas Rowe, George Allen Mansfield, John Macpherson, official members; Henry Chapman, John Taylor, city members; David Davis, John Ahearn, suburban members.
(2.) All are paid monthly, Thomas Rose (President) receiving at the rate of £600 per annum, and the other members at the rate of £250 per annum.
(3.) The Governor, by Commission, appoints three members, who are designated "Official Members." The Municipal Council of the City of Sydney elects two members, who are designated "City Members," and the Mayors and Aldermen of the several boroughs of the municipal districts within the County of Cumberland elect two members, who are designated "Suburban Members"; this mode of procedure being in accordance with section 5, Act 43 Vic. No. 32.
(4.) None of these gentlemen are Government officers, and I am not aware what amounts have been paid to Messrs. Henry Chapman and David Davis in respect of their allowance as Members of the Legislative Assembly.

(6.) Increases to Public Servants:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is he aware that there is a Regulation or Rule of the Public Service Board providing for fixed and regular increases to Civil Servants?
(2.) Is it true that such Rule does not apply to teachers whose salaries are fixed according to the average attendance of pupils?
(3.) Has the Minister or Public Service Board power to reduce the salaries of teachers in consequence of diminished attendance, irrespective of the causes of such diminution?
(4.) If yes, will he consider the advisableness of having any such Rule or Regulation amended, so that teachers will not be subject to a reduction of salary when diminished attendance is not caused through any fault on their part?

Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) Yes, to deserving officers in the lower grades of the Service who pass the necessary examinations, and when vacancies occur in the higher grades.
(2.) Teachers can pass examinations under the Regulations applying to them, and can receive promotion when vacancies exist.
(3 and 4.) Yes, but reductions are made only after very careful consideration and after repeated warnings to the teachers concerned.

(7.) Members of the Board of Health:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What are the names and profession or calling of the members of the Board of Health?
(2.) What is the amount paid to each member of the Board; and how is it paid, by fees or otherwise?
(3.) Do any of the members of the Board receive any other Government salary or fees; if so, how much, and what for?
(4.) What is the total amount paid to each member for the various positions held by him?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of return if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Examiners of Candidates for the Public Service:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Who are the examiners appointed by the Public Service Board to examine candidates for the Public Service?
(2.) Is there any salary or fee paid to the gentlemen holding the position; if so, what is the amount for such each receives?
(3.) If such examiners hold positions in the Public Service, what position do they hold, and what is the salary for such office?
(4.) Do such examiners hold any other sub-office, that is, any other than their permanent office, and that of examiners of candidates; if so, what do they receive for each separate position they hold, and what is the total amount per annum received by them as salaries, fees, and other allowances?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The examiners referred to are:—Professor T. T. Gurney, M.A., Chairman; Professor Thomas Butler, B.A.; Professor T. W. E. David, B.A.; Henry Deane, Esquire; W. Edmunds, Esquire, M.A., LL.B.; R. N. Morris, Esquire; and R. F. Irvine, Esquire.
(2. and 3.) Two only of these gentlemen are public officers, and they do not receive payment unless they examine papers, neither do they hold any sub-office in the Service.
(4.) The information required in answer to this question will take some little time to prepare. It will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(9.)

(9.) Cable Tramway in King-street:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the reports that have appeared in the public Press respecting the unsatisfactory working of the cables in the King-street section of the Ocean-street cable tramway, causing serious interference to traffic, will he state,—

(1.) The number of ropes that have been used in this section?
(2.) By whom supplied?
(3.) The total life of each rope, and the cost per mile run of each?
(4.) How long has the present rope been running?
(5.) By whom was it supplied, and upon what terms?
(6.) Have any further orders been given; if so, to whom, and on what terms?

Mr. Reid answered,—There will be no objection to supply this information if it is moved for in the shape of a return in the usual way.

(10.) Fruit-trees infested with San Jose scale:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Referring to his admissions that it is within the knowledge of the officers of his Department that certain nurseries for the growth of fruit-trees are infested with San Jose scale, will he state, if it is not possible to subject plants infested with scale and other diseases to a treatment which, without being injurious to plant-life, will be absolutely destructive of scale or other pests before they are sent from the nursery?
(2.) If so, will he state, for the information of nurserymen and others, what that process is, and whether, without much difficulty or expense, it could be applied in order to prevent the dissemination of fruit-trees from these nurseries throughout the orchards of the Colony?

Mr. Cook answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) If the plants are treated by fumigation with hydrocyanic gas all scale and insect life is destroyed. The process of fumigation is inexpensive, and some nurseries have already adopted it.

(11.) Fire-escapes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that steps are taken to have all large buildings in the city inspected and reported on, with the view to better provision being made for the escape of inmates, employees, and lodgers, &c., in cases of fire occurring at night especially?

Mr. Brunker answered,—An Inspector of Factories and Shops, with the Superintendent of Fire Brigades, has been engaged for the last two months in making inspections of this character. The work is still proceeding, and will probably occupy some three or four months more. The Department of Labour and Industry is acting upon the reports of those officers, and insisting upon the provisions of section 34 and regulation 7 of the "Factories and Shops Act of 1896" being carried out. These compel provision for extinguishing fire, and for means of escape for the inmates of the buildings. In the case of buildings which do not come within the scope of that Act, other than places of public entertainment, there is no existing law under which the owners or occupants could be compelled to provide means of escape in case of fire.

(12.) Proposed light line of Railway from Gregra to Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention, at an early date, to submit to the Public Works Committee, for their report, the construction of a branch light line of railway from Gregra to Cudal, on the Molong-Parkes and Forbes line; if so, when?
(2.) If not, will he cause a survey and report to be made of this short branch line as to the actual amount of money or cost of its construction, in the interest of settlers in the neighbourhood of Cudal, Barragin, Big Flat, Cargo, Lockwood, Boney's Rocks, Toogong, &c.?

Mr. Young answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply I gave to a somewhat similar Question of his on the 26th October last, viz.—"that all reports go to show the line in question will not be remunerative, and that it cannot be undertaken at present."

(13.) Increments to Letter-sorters and Postmen:—Mr. Barnes asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that letter-sorters and postmen are not to participate in the increments provided for by the £15,000 placed on the Estimates?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This amount is provided on the Estimates of the Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, "to meet adjustments of salaries on revision by Public Service Board," and I have no information as to what classes of officers are to participate in the increments thus provided for.

(14.) Report of Public Service Board on Regrading of the Professional Division:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will the Public Service Board's report on the regrading of the Professional Division be made known?
(2.) Is it a fact that no provision has been made on the present Estimates for increasing salaries of members of Professional Staff in receipt of less than £300 per year?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The Public Service Board are not preparing any report on the regrading of the Professional Division. What the Honorable Member alludes to is probably the inquiries set on foot by the Board in order that they might have before them full information to enable them to adjust the salaries of the professional officers on a uniform basis to correspond with their responsibilities.
(2.) As the Board have not decided upon the principle which should govern increments to or adjustments of professional salaries, no provision has been made on the Estimates to meet such increments.

(15.) Municipal Rates on property owned by Superintendent Read :—*Mr. Thomas*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government at any time paid municipal or other rates on property owned by Police Superintendent Read ; if so, to what amount, and upon what grounds ?

(2.) What were the chief duties discharged by Constable Nicholas Daly during the past fourteen years ?

(3.) How many officers of the force are at present relieved from duty with a view to retirement ?

(4.) Are they still in receipt of allowances in lieu of quarters ; if so, to what amount ?

(5.) Out of what Vote are these officers paid ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—

(1.) Superintendent Read's rates are paid the same as other officers who occupy private quarters, in accordance with municipal valuation.

(2.) Police Constable Daly is Superintendent Read's orderly, he being entitled to one the same as other officers of the same rank, in accordance with the Regulations.

(3.) Six.

(4.) Yes. Inspector Lawless 22s. 6d. per week, the others 1s. per diem, temporarily pending decision.

(5.) Vote for Rent of Premises for Police Purposes.

4. Sunday Trading Bill :—The following Petitions from certain citizens of New South Wales,—protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses and shops on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of these Petitions its favourable consideration,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Rigg.

(2.) By Mr. Parkes.

Petitions received.

5. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Election Petition—Ball v. Griffith—Albury* :—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 4th October, 1898, the Petition of Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hunter Griffith, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Albury.

And the said report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, as follows :—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 17th August, 1898, "to whom was referred, on 4th October, 1898, a Petition from Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, "against the return of Thomas Hunter Griffith, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District "of Albury, have determined, and do hereby declare :—

"1. That the allegations of the Petitioner, Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, that Thomas "Hunter Griffith, Esquire, was guilty of undue influence and intimidation, have not been sus-"tained, and that the said Thomas Hunter Griffith, Esquire, was capable of being elected, and is "entitled to sit as Member for the Electoral District of Albury, and the Petition is therefore "dismissed.

"2. That the Petition of Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"*No.* 3 *Committee Room*, "E. W. O'SULLIVAN,

"*Legislative Assembly*, 14*th December*, 1898." "Chairman.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Adjournment of the Committee :—Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

6. Papers :—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations respecting Telegraph Money Orders.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to D, Estimates 1898-9, Public Works Department.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1897.

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

(3.) Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into certain allegations concerning the conduct of the Honorable J. H. Young, Secretary for Public Works, during the recent Election for The Hastings and The Macleay Electorate, and into the circumstances and proceedings of such Election generally, together with Minutes of Proceedings and Appendix.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 17th November, 1898—"Election for Macquarie."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd November, 1898,—"Assistant Customs Searchers."

(2.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during November, 1898.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta, under the "Public Health Act of 1896."

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for improving the Traffic on the Great Western Railway at Mullion Creek.

(5.) Amended Orders and Regulations, under the Act 14 Vic. No. 36, for the control of the Public Abattoir and its Appurtenances, Glebe Island.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nobbs brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wilks, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wilks then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay in the Borough of Balmain, being a portion of College-street and the north-east end of Mort-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay in the Borough of Balmain, being a portion of College-street and the north-east end of Mort-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th December*, 1898.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "inaction of Ministers in reference to the Government Advances to Settlers Bill."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Young took exception to the Notice on the ground that any discussion thereon would of necessity anticipate that which would take place on the consideration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill referred to, No. 10 on the Business Paper for to-day.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that the objection was in accordance with previous decisions of this House, and also with restrictions upon motions of this character in the House of Commons. He ruled that the Notice was out of order.

10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid 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. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

11. NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid 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. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from Legislative Council:—

(1.) Customs Duties Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the establishment of Duties of Customs; for the alteration of existing duties; to make permanent certain diminishing duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 14*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.)

(2.) Metropolitan Water (Camden) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts*, 1880–1889, *and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of* 1894 *with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day, Nos. 3 to 20, of Government Business, and No. 2 of General Business, postponed until To-morrow.

14. BOROUGH OF LITHGOW VALIDATING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Clark, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fegan, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Clark, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at eleven minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Refund of Income Tax to A.M.P. Society:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What will be the approximate refund for income tax to the A.M.P. Society under the decision of the Privy Council?

(2.) What is the total approximate amount to other persons or companies that will have to be refunded by virtue of the decision of the Privy Council in the A.M.P. Society's case?

(3.) What is the total amount paid to the Treasury up to date as income tax?

(4.) What is the total amount refunded up to date of income tax, by virtue of any decision by any Court or arrangement with the Commissioners?

(5.) What is the total net amount received up to date as income tax?

(6.) What is the total amount received up to date as land tax?

(7.) What is the total approximate cost of carrying out the Land and Income Tax Assessment Acts and collection of taxes under the same up to date?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(2.) Electric Light in the Public Works Department:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cost of installation of electric light in the Public Works buildings to date?

(2.) Is there any necessity for placing battens all over the walls of the corridors, as is now being done?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £2,043.

(2.) Yes. This is the proper mode for carrying and protecting the wires, and is done in accordance with the regulations of the British Board of Trade.

(3.) Removal of Produce consigned to Darling Harbour:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Railway Commissioners have lately decided that from the 1st January next all farm produce in the shape of hay, chaff, and straw, consigned to Darling Harbour for sale, from inland districts, and received on any one day, will have to be cleared from the truck and rail on the same day by 6 o'clock p.m.?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Government intended the erection of sheds at Redfern to become an auction mart for the consignment and sale of farm produce carried by railway; if so, why is reasonable time (say, a few days, as formerly) not allowed to agents and consignees, to enable them to dispose of and remove such produce in a reasonable manner?

(3.) Is he aware that the scheme now proposed will have a most ruinous effect upon farmers by having to compete with foreign producers, who are allowed every facility of dumping their produce on our wharfs on more reasonable terms than farmers residing in the interior, and who send their produce by rail?

(4.) Will he see that agents and consignees of farm produce by rail are allowed similar reasonable privileges and concessions that are now granted to foreign producers, who dump their produce on our wharfs to the injury of the local producer and local market?

(5.)

(5.) Is it fair or reasonable for the Government, after spending public money in erecting necessary sheds at Darling Harbour for the consignment and disposal of farm produce, and spending large sums of money annually in educating and keeping up agricultural farms and colleges, to allow foreign producers privileges and concessions on our wharfs that are not allowed at Darling Harbour to the local producer?

(6.) Will he see that steps are taken to bring about a more reasonable consideration in the consignment and disposal of farm produce at Redfern than the scheme now proposed to be carried into effect on the 1st January next to have all trucks and rails cleared on day of sale by 6 o'clock p.m.?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall presently lay the desired information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Consulting Engineer to the Colony in England:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the reorganisation of the Agent-General's Department, and the death of Sir John Fowler, Consulting Engineer to the Colony, will he consider the advisability of the Colony having its own Consulting Engineer, who would be attached to the Agent-General's staff, after the arrangement successfully followed in connection with the Colony of South Australia?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter is already under consideration.

(5.) Appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates:—*Mr. James Thomson*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that it has been the frequent practice in England of recent years to appoint barristers of considerable standing and experience to positions analagous to those of our own Stipendiary Magistrates?

(2.) Is he aware that such appointments have, on the whole, been extremely satisfactory?

(3.) Is he prepared to fill vacancies in the Stipendiary Magistracy by highly qualified members of the legal profession?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not prepared to give any definite information on the subject of these Questions; but I understand that appointments of Stipendiary Magistrates in England are made from the ranks of professional men of standing.

(3.) I have not yet arrived at any decision; but the subject is one which is receiving careful consideration.

(6.) Report on Tick Pest by the Board of Health:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House reports made by the Department of Health on the Tick?

(2.) If the House is not sitting, on the receipt of any further report (if any), will he make it known through the Press?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(7.) Allowance to the Premier, £500:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Bennett, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—*Re* "Allowance to the Premier, £500," included in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1898–9, has any portion of that sum been paid to the present occupant of the Premiership?

Mr. Reid answered,—No.

(8.) Ventilation of Shafts on Sewerage Works:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the Question of Mr. E. M. Clark, on the 8th instant, on the subject of the ventilation of shafts in connection with sewerage contracts,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the officers of the Department reported in regard to Atherton's contract No. 184, North Shore, that the ventilation was adequate, and the miners employed had not complained of the insufficiency of air?

(2.) Is it a fact that since the Question was asked Atherton has made extra provision for ventilation, and of what character?

(3.) Is it a fact that four men who were employed on this work left the work because of the inadequate ventilation of the shafts, that the contractor refused to pay wages to these men because of their action, and that they were compelled to summons him in the Small Debts Court for the recovery of wages due?

(4.) Is it a fact that a verdict was given for the moneys due, and that the contractor proposes to appeal to the Supreme Court in the matter?

(5.) In view of the great danger to the life and health of men employed in underground sewerage work, will he take steps to inquire into the question of providing perfect ventilation on these contracts?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No extra provision has been made other than that which was intended in the ordinary course. As fans are required they are provided by the contractor. One has been placed in position since the 8th instant, and this and another on the deep shafts will be worked by steam power.

(3.) I am informed that four men left the work, but not on account of bad ventilation. I understand they were not giving satisfaction to the contractor, but I cannot say whether they summoned him.

(4.) I am not aware.

(5.) Care is, and will be, taken that good ventilation is provided in all sewerage underground works. I may inform the Honorable Member that this is the report of the officer. But I have given special instructions that all possible care should be taken to insure that the ventilation of these works should be as perfect as possible.

(9.) Gambling in a Room in Engine-street:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a crowd of boys and young men assemble and gamble nightly, and on Sundays, in a room in Engine-street?
(2.) Is it a fact that in connection with the business of this gambling-den two deaths have occurred within the last few months?
(3.) Have the police visited this place on a Sunday or on any other day after the exposures in the columns of the *Daily Telegraph*; and have any proceedings been instituted by them?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—
(1.) Reports have been received on this subject.
(2.) The police are not aware, but a man who resorted to the place died at Waterloo recently.
(3.) The place has been constantly visited by the police.

(10.) Allowance to Public Servants in distant Country Districts:—Mr. W. W. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of granting an increase of pay to members of the Police Force and Civil Service who are stationed in the hot and arid districts of the Colony, where the cost of living is so much higher than in more favoured localities?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A Regulation is already in force providing for the payment of special allowances to officers in the Public Service stationed in remote districts of the Colony (*vide Gazette*, No. 877, of 7 October, 1898), and an amount has been placed on the Estimates for this year to meet the cost thereof. As regards the members of the Police Force, a sum of money has also been placed on the Estimates for the purpose. The police in the more expensive districts have received an allowance for some years.

(11.) Application for a Conditional Purchase by Mr. Denzell:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it true that the Land Board at Cowra refused to confirm Mr. Denzell's application for a conditional purchase, on the ground that his father had lent him the money to take it up?
(2.) Is the fact of a father so assisting his son, when applying for a conditional purchase or homestead selection, regarded as evidence of a want of *bona fide* by the Department?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) No. The application was disallowed as the Land Board was not satisfied that it was made in good faith.
(2.) Not necessarily. The law, however, requires the Land Board to be satisfied that an application is made *bona fide*.

(12.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that every Sunday there are several hundred small shops carrying on Sunday trade contrary to law within the City of Sydney and the suburbs, as well as in the various towns throughout the Colony?
(2.) Is it his intention to allow this Sunday-trading to continue, and to accustom the people to set the laws at defiance, or to hold them in contempt, or does he intend to maintain such laws; if so, when will he commence to do so?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The law has been and will be enforced as far as practicable and reasonable.

(13.) Article on "An Australian Commonwealth," by Mr. G. B. Barton:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the article on "An Australian Commonwealth," which was contributed by Mr. G. B. Barton, of Sydney, to the October number of the *Imperial Asiatic and Quarterly Review*, and reprinted by the editor of that review for distribution to the editors of the principal reviews and journals in Great Britain?

Mr. Reid answered,—This would be an unusual proceeding, and I cannot adopt it.

(14.) Increments to Civil Servants:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With respect to the £15,000 placed on the Estimates for providing increments for Civil Servants, will he be prepared, when dealing with that matter, to inform the House how such increment is to be distributed?

Mr. Reid answered,—The increments will be distributed in accordance with the Regulations on the subjects published in the *Government Gazette* of 8th July last, and laid upon the Table of the House on 24th August last. The names of Officers entitled to receive the increments, as the cases are dealt with, are being published from time to time in the *Government Gazette*.

(15.) Proposed Overflow Dam or Weir at Nyrang Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In view of the effects of the present drought, and the scarcity of water available for settlers, will he see that steps are taken to construct an overflow dam or weir at Nyrang Creek, near Canowindra, in Molong District, as a relief to settlers in that locality who are compelled, owing to a scarcity of water, to draw water for domestic purposes a distance of 6 miles from Belabula Creek?
(2.) Will he obtain a report on the matter, with the view to some steps being taken to have the public grievance complained of rectified as speedily as possible?

Mr. Young answered,—I will obtain a report upon this request.

3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Sales and disposal of Farm Produce at Darling Harbour.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Divorce Jurisdiction.
(2.) Amended Gaol Regulations Nos. 9, 35, and 80A.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. BOROUGH OF LITHGOW VALIDATING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Lithgow.*"
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 validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Lithgow*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th December*, 1898.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
(2.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(3.) Case of Thomas Suffield; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in view of the refusals of successive Ministers of Justice to grant an inquiry into "the case of Thomas Suffield under the provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, this "House is of opinion that, with the object of enabling him to clear away the stain which rests "upon his name, a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances connected with his trial "should forthwith be appointed."

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Ashfield, Mr. Wise, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "danger to life from the inadequacy of the present railway station at Redfern for the require-"ments of traffic."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Wise moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Point of Order:—Mr. Reid, directing Mr. Deputy-Speaker's attention to Mr. McLean's Notice of Motion, No. 41, submitted that to permit a discussion now, on Mr. Wise's Notice, would be to anticipate the consideration of that Notice of Motion, as also the consideration, in Committee of Supply, of the Railway Estimates.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled in favour of the two objections taken, and declared this Notice out of order.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 16 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) The Drought:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In view of the answer given to Dr. Ross' Question on the 1st December, *re* the effect of ring-barking, and the succession of late years of disastrous droughts, will he ascertain from the Government Astronomer what effect (if any) ringbarking and wholesale deforestation has in increasing or diminishing the humidity of the atmosphere and evaporation from the soil during the months of summer, and at what rate humidity and evaporation takes place under the burning rays of an almost vertical and tropical sun on land that has been denuded of tree shade and every vestage of foliage?

(2.) Has ringbarking been found to have a tendency to increase or diminish the heat and humidity of the atmosphere during the summer; and to what extent does the change occur (if any) in districts that have been rung compared with unrung country?

(3.) If ringbarking has no effect, as alleged, on rainfall or the production of heat waves or climatic disturbances, how is the effect explained of an increased evaporation arising from an overheated state of the land that is divested of trees, shade, and foliage; and what becomes of the moisture that is extracted from the overparched state of the soil and dried-up watercourses under the rays of a tropical sun?

(4.) Has deforestation been found to have had any effect in the production of heat-waves or sudden fall in temperature from which the Colony has suffered of late; or has any cause been assigned (physical, antarctic, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise) to account for the remarkable occurrence of heat and cold disturbances that have of late been experienced in the Colony?

(5.) In the face of the present disastrous drought and dried-up river channels through which the Colony is now passing, what becomes of the alleged nineteen-year cycle theory of droughts; and does the year 1898 come under the category, or coincide in any way with the cycle theory, or is it merely a bald theory, put forth and founded on no other principle only that of mere guesswork?

(6.) Are there any records in existence to show the number of blizzards and cyclones that have occurred in the Colony, such as has been experienced in America; if so, when did they occur, and how and from what cause were they created?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(2.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take steps to see that the Civil Servants are afforded another opportunity of ceasing to contribute to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have already directed that inquiries be made with a view of ascertaining if any considerable number of the officers still contributing to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund desire to retire from it. Should such be the case, the necessary legislation will be introduced.

(3.) Fumigation of Fruit trees by Hydrocyanic gas:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he prepared to propose legislation to compel New South Wales nurserymen and the importers of nursery stock to subject fruit trees to fumigation by hydrocyanic gas before supplying same to growers, and to make other needful provision to prevent the destruction of our fruit industry?

(2.) If so, when will he be prepared to submit a Bill?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is proposed next Session to amend the existing Vegetation Diseases Act, and in it power will be taken to deal with the fumigation of diseased nursery stock.

(4.)

(4.) Public Service Examinations:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the nature of the test examination that officers on the maximum salaries are required to pass by the Public Service Board to enable them to pass into the higher grade, and on what date is the examination likely to be held?

(2.) Is it a fact that, under the Board's Regulations, if any of the officers pass the necessary test, that officer or officers will not be entitled to any increase unless a vacancy occurs?

(3.) What was the nature of the late examination held by a Sub-Board going round the Departments; and is it intended to hold another examination?

(4.) Did he not clearly state in the House the other night that all officers receiving less than £300 per annum would receive an increase?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The test will be entirely of a practical character, and not an academical one, the object being to test the capabilities of officers to carry out the work of the particular Department in which they are employed.

(2.) To a certain extent this is correct; but in order that there may be no undue block to promotion, special provision has been made under Regulation 264 to meet the case.

(3.) A Sub-Board has not been going round holding examinations. Perhaps the Honorable Member refers to a simple examination to which certain of the telegraph messengers have been subjected in order to test their capabilities for simple clerical work. It is, however, to be clearly understood that the passing of this test does not entitle these messengers to be admitted into the Clerical Division of the Public Service.

(4.) Yes, under certain conditions, set forth in the published Regulations made in relation to the scheme.

(5.) Appointment of Magistrate at Martinsville:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who was the gentleman who furnished the report to his Department, stating that no additional Magistrate was required at Martinsville?

(2.) Is he aware that at the present time Martinsville, though an important and rising district, has never had a resident Justice of the Peace?

(3.) Is he aware that settlers, who require the signature of a Magistrate to any document, have to travel to Cooranbong, a distance of from 3 to 6 miles, and, in the event of that gentleman being absent from home, are compelled to make a second journey into Cooranbong?

(4.) Is he aware that during the last ten years representations have been repeatedly made, with a view of having Martinsville represented on the Commission of the Peace?

(5.) Seeing that there is only one Magistrate at Cooranbong—considered the centre—where a Court is held, to serve for the districts of Martinsville, Morrisett, Mandelong, Dora Creek, Inglewood, and Awaba, will he take steps to appoint a second Magistrate for the convenience of the above-named districts?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The name of the gentleman recommended by the Honorable Member has been recorded, and his appointment will receive consideration, with others, when further additions are being made to the Commission of the Peace.

(6.) Annual Increases to Public Servants:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he correctly reported on page 3114, *Hansard*, as having said that "The Government had "a scheme for dealing with the smaller salaries by annual increases. This would apply to all "officers in the Service receiving salaries under £300 a year. There were to be grades; and until "a man got to the top of his grade he would receive an increase of £10 or £15 per year"?

(2.) What number of Public Servants will receive increases under this scheme?

(3.) What sum has been set apart on the Estimates to meet the increased expenditure rendered necessary by this scheme?

(4.) Is not this scheme inconsistent with the Regulations under the Public Service Act?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The words quoted are a brief and by no means complete description of the scheme, the full details of which are contained in published Regulations.

(2.) This information cannot at present be given, as the necessary inquiries have not been completed.

(3.) £15,000.

(4.) No action will be taken, except in accordance with the Regulations.

(7.) Hours worked by Employees of Messrs. W. Brooks and Co.:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the local firm of printers, Messrs. W. Brooks & Co., who are supplying books for use in Public Schools, have received special permission to work their employees a considerable number of hours in excess of the usual hours of labour; if so, what are the hours so worked, and for what reason has the permission been granted?

(2.) Has the matter been considered in connection with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Act?

(3.) In view of the tendency of legislation to shorten hours of labour, and the fact that there is always an excess of labour in the printing trades, will he take steps to prevent any excess of hours of labour on the contract referred to?

Mr. Hogue answered,—No such permission has been asked for or granted, but inquiries will be instituted.

(8.) Proposed Railways between Deniliquin and Jerilderie:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works?

(1.) Will he submit to the Public Works Committee during the present Session a proposal to construct a line of railway between Deniliquin and Jerilderie, or an extension of the line from Finlay to Deniliquin?

(2.) If not will he do so in the early part of next Session?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The matter will receive my consideration during the recess.

(9.) Position of Agent-General:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has the position of Agent-General been offered to William McMillan, Esq., ex-M.L.A.?
(2.) Has it been declined by that gentleman?
(3.) When is it intended to make this appointment?
(4.) On whom will the appointment be conferred?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) No.
(3.) Soon.
(4.) That is a question I cannot at present answer.

(10.) Trawling Expedition conducted by Mr. Frank Farnell:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What quantity of fish was caught in the recent trawling expedition conducted by Mr. F. Farnell, ex-M.L.A.?
(2.) What became of these fish?
(3.) Were any supplied to the Fresh Food and Ice Company, Sydney; if so, what quantity?
(4.) What price was paid for them?
(5.) To whom was the money paid, and to what Fund was it credited?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) It is difficult to say, as no tally was kept of the number, but the aggregate was very large.
(2.) They were distributed, as caught, to the various public and other institutions.
(3, 4, and 5.) No; but a few fish were placed in the window of the company (by permission), in order to show what species were caught.

(11.) Marriage Contracts:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Dight, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the recent decision in the Divorce Court in the case of Tooher *v.* Tooher, will he, during the recess, consider the necessity or desirability of introducing a short measure rendering it compulsory that all marriage contracts shall be entered into before a Government Registrar, it being optional with the contracting parties to go through the religious ceremony afterwards?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will refer this Question to the Cabinet.

(12.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that, leaving out of consideration the ancient statutes dealing with Sunday trading, under which the culprits are liable to be put in the "stocks," the Sydney Police Act is still in force, in which it is enacted, "That the said Justices shall as far as in them lies cause the Lord's "Day to be duly observed by all persons in the said town and port and shall not permit or suffer "any house shop or store or other place therein to be open on that day for the purpose of trade or "dealing, the shops or houses of butchers bakers fishmongers and greengrocers until the hour of "ten in the forenoon and of bakers between the hours of one and two in the afternoon and of "apothecaries at any hour only excepted; and any person who shall trade or deal or keep open "any shop store or other place (except as aforesaid) for the purpose of trade or dealing on the "Lord's Day shall on conviction forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding three "pounds nor less than one pound"?
(2.) Is the above law being complied with, and is a similar enactment being complied with in the country towns?
(3.) Is he the responsible Minister controlling the Police Department?
(4.) If so, can he say why the police occasionally take proceedings against individuals for breaches of the above law, while they take no action against hundreds of others carrying on Sunday trade without let or hindrance under the very noses of the police officers?
(5.) Is there any understanding between himself and the Police authorities that the latter are to be allowed to act arbitrarily in applying this law to some, while others are exempt?
(6.) Can he mention any other law that is not made to apply to all alike, without fear or favour?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) It would take a considerable time to obtain reports from all towns as to the practice.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) The fact that magistrates frequently deal with such charges by inflicting nominal penalties probably affects the police action in some instances.
(5. and 6.) No.

3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Return respecting effect of ringbarking and deforestation upon the climate of the Colony.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly Returns of "Accidents."
(2.) Report of the completion of the Stormwater Drain at O'Neill-street, Leichhardt.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
Return to an Order, made on 2nd November, 1898,—"Claim of John McCabe—Road from Long "Reach to Clybucca."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLAIM OF JOHN BRENNAN AGAINST ROADS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Pyers, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 11th October, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall meet for the dispatch of Business at 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday next, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—
(1.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) Case of Thomas Suffield; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in view of the refusals of successive Ministers of Justice to grant an inquiry into "the case of Thomas Suffield under the provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, this "House is of opinion that, with the object of enabling him to clear away the stain which rests "upon his name, a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances connected with his trial "should forthwith be appointed."

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

8. LAND AND INCOME TAX (DECLARATORY) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—
HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 63.
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purpose of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the obtaining, extracting from the soil, winning, producing or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been, and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales; and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land, and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax.
Government House,
Sydney, 16*th December*, 1898.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

9. LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1898-9:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—
HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 64.
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1898-9, proposed to be provided for by Loan.
Government House,
Sydney, 15*th December*, 1898.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 21, of Government Business, postponed until Monday next.

11. DISTRESS FOR RENT RESTRICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 13th December, 1898, in reference to the amendments in the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Council.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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 13th December, 1898, in reference to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Distress for Rent Restriction Bill,—
Does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Council.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1898, *p.m.*

12. STRATHFIELD RAILWAY CROSSING BILL:—Mr. Reid, pursuant to leave granted on 2nd December, 1898, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof, and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock p.m., until *Monday next at 10 o'clock a.m.*

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 19 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. LAND AND INCOME TAX (DECLARATORY) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that a Bill to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax,—should be passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Reid then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Bill through all its stages in one day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(3.) Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, that the report be now received.
Mr. O'Sullivan then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax.

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

(4.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895 *the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

3. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the Appropriation Bill through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

4. Postponement:—The Order of the Day, No. 1, for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, postponed until after Order No. 3.

5. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.
Mr Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to make provision for the prevention and settlement of Trade Disputes*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the prevention and settlement of Trade Disputes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1898.

6. Navigation (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of* 1871–1896 *in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of* 1871–1896 *in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1898.

7. Supply:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

8. Postponements:—
(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day, Nos. 4 to 22, of Government Business postponed to follow after the Order of the Day No. 3 of General Business.
(2.) The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2, of General Business postponed to follow after the Orders of the Day of Government Business, as postponed.

9. Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Reid moved, That this debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

10. Supply:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 20 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
Question proposed,—That leave be given to the Committee to sit again at a later hour of the day.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 57.			Noes, 3.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Spence,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Gormly.	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. McLaughlin,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,		
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Stevenson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved that Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
Whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Dick also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dick, that the report be now received.

Mr. Dick then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time as follows:—

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER 1897-8" ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1897-8 SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £134,223 15s. 8d. in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1898-9.

No. I.—SCHEDULES A, B, AND C TO SCHEDULE 1 OF ACTS 18 AND 19 VICTORIA, CAPUT 54.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,583, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, for the year 1898-9.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £973, for Executive Council, for the year 1898-9.
(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,882, for Legislative Council, for the year 1898-9.
(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,238, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1898-9.
(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,420, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1898-9.
(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,013, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1898-9.
(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,172, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1898-9.
(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1898-9.

No. III.—Chief Secretary.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,346, for Chief Secretary, for the year 1898-9.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,365, for Auditor-General, for the year 1898-9.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1898-9.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,575, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1898-9.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £346,987, for Police, for the year 1898-9.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105,458, for Lunacy, for the year 1898-9.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,125, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1898-9.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185, for Medical Board, for the year 1898-9.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,329, for The Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1898-9.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,136, for Government Statistician, for the year 1898-9.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £907, for Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions, for the year 1898-9.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,100, for Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1898-9.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £114,869, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1898-9.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,928, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1898-9.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,276, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1898-9.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, for Re-organisation of the Public Service, for the year 1898-9.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,952, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1898-9.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £925, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1898-9.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,685, for Government Domains, for the year 1898-9.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,105, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1898-9.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,176, for Centennial Park, for the year 1898-9.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,347, for Electoral Office, for the year 1898-9.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66,950, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1898-9.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £89,026, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1898-9.

No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,869, for Treasury, for the year 1898-9.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,511, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1898-9.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,800, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1898-9.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,087, for Customs, for the year 1898-9.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1898-9.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1898-9.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,423, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1898-9.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91,853, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1898-9.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,970, for Mercantile Explosives Department, for the year 1898-9.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,830, for Board of Health, for the year 1898-9.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,222, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1898-9.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,756, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1898-9.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, for Lifeboats, for the year 1898-9.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,798, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1898-9.
(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £245,441, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1898-9.
(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1898-9.

No. IV.—Military and Naval Forces.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,080, for Military Secretary, for the year 1898-9.
(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £184,710, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1898-9.
(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,734, for Naval Forces—Naval Brigade, for the year 1898-9.
(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,466, for Naval Forces—Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1898-9.
(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,745, for Naval Forces—Torpedo Defence, for the year 1898-9.
(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £450 for Naval Forces—Warlike Stores and Ammunition for Naval Forces, for the year 1898-9.

No. IV.—Railways.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,926,754, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1898-9.

No. V.—The Attorney-General.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,854, for The Attorney-General, for the year 1898-9.

No. VI.—Secretary for Lands.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £160,511, for Department of Lands for the year 1898-9.
(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,650, for Department of Lands—Contingencies, for the year 1898-9.
(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1898-9.
(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £715, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1898-9.
(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,700, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1898-9.
(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66,380, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1898-9.
(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,110, for Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony, for the year 1898-9.
(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1898-9.

No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £88,832, for Establishment, for the year 1898-9.
(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £720,000 for Public Works and Services, for the year 1898-9.
(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,818, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1898-9.
(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,970, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1898-9.

No. VIII.—Administration of Justice.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,027, for Department of Justice, for the year 1898-9.
(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,488, for Master in Equity, for the year 1898-9.
(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,890, for Prothonotary and Divorce Court, for the year 1898-9.
(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,122, for Sheriff, for the year 1898-9.
(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,525, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1898-9.
(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,920, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1898-9.
(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,654, for District Courts, for the year 1898-9.
(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,373, for Coroners, for the year 1898-9.
(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,768, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1898-9.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £98,125, for Prisons, for the year 1898–9.
(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,858, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1898–9.
(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,161, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1898–9.

No. IX.—Public Instruction, Labour and Industry.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £686,624, for Public Instruction, for the year 1898–9.
(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,779, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1898–9.
(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,507, for Observatory, for the year 1898–9.
(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,021, for Museum, for the year 1898–9.
(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,545, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1898–9.
(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,386, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1898–9.
(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,481, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1898–9.
(91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,150, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1898–9.
(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1898–9.

No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,460, for Department of Mines, for the year 1898–9.
(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,512, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1898–9.
(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,917, for Imported and Introduced Stock, for the year 1898–9.
(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £870, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1898–9.
(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £685, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1898–9.
(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,218, for Public Watering-places and Artesian Boring, for the year 1898–9.
(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,046, for Agriculture, for the year 1898–9.
(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1898–9.
(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, for Board of Exports, for the year 1898–9.
(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,000, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1898–9.

No. XI.—The Postmaster-General.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £710,478, for Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1898–9.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

I.—Permanent and Reproductive Works.

No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898–9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £300,000, for Railways,—being £50,000 towards the Duplication of portion of existing Railway Lines, and Works in connection therewith; £100,000 towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum; and £150,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops, for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances.
(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,000 for Tramways,—being £35,000 for Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes, including duplication of part of existing lines; and £25,000 for Additions to Tramway Lines and Rolling Stock, and for other purposes.
(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £35,200 for Military,—being £15,700 to complete Defences and Works necessary on the Coast, including cost of resuming land; and £19,500 towards the establishment of a Small Arms Ammunition Factory in New South Wales.

No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £167,100, for Harbours and Rivers,—being £5,600 for Trial Bay Prison—erection of quarters; £25,000 for Richmond River Improvements; £6,500 for Moruya River Improvements; £10,000 for Tweed River Improvements; £5,000 for Nambucca River Improvements; £12,000 for Macleay River Improvements; £5,000 for Hastings River Improvements; £8,000 for Camden Haven River Improvements; £5,000 for Bateman's Bay Training Wall; £7,000 for Shea's Creek and Cook's River—Stone pitching along banks; £15,000 for Landing Silt from Dredges, including Special Dredging and Forming Ground; £5,500 for Woolloomooloo Bay Wharf—New Wharfs, Cargo Sheds, Office, and Latrines; £10,000 for Port Kembla Improvements; £5,000 for Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra Mooring Accommodation—further sum; £15,000 for Newcastle Wharf and Shipping Appliances, Inner Basin—towards construction of; £500 for Naval Station Works, Garden Island—further sum; £25,000 for Country Towns Water Supply—further sum; and £2,000 for George's River Improvements.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £441,614 for Railway and Tramway Construction,—being £1,500 for Cootamundra to Gundagai railway—costs, M'Sharry *v.* Commissioner for Railways—further sum; £4,500 for Nevertire to Warren railway—further sum; £96,825 for Koorawatha to Grenfell railway; £65,939 for The Rock to Green's Gunyah (Lockhart) railway; £146,350 for Byrock to Brewarrina railway; £75,000 for Tramways generally; £16,000 for trial surveys; £15,500 for Tarrawingee railway line at Broken Hill—purchase of; £20,000 for Rose Hill railway, from Clyde to Carlingford, including the branch line to the Parramatta River, timber wharf at the terminating point of the branch line with the loading appliances upon it, turntable, land, stations, platforms and siding accommodation, and everything provided or carried out in connection with the railway under Bennett and Simpson's Railway Acts—purchase of (as recommended by the Public Works Committee in their Report on the proposed Railway from the terminus of the Rose Hill railway to Dural).

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £210,273 for Government Architect,—being £13,500 for Australian Museum—additions, &c.; £13,000 for National Art Gallery—additions, further sum; £1,000 for New Offices for Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board, Newcastle—further sum; £2,473 for Government Printing Office—additions, &c.; £19,300 for Custom-house Buildings—additions; £3,500 for Treasury Buildings—additions—further sum; £3,500 for Board of Health—Disinfecting Station and Machinery; £1,500 for Rydalmere Hospital for Insane—additions; £30,000 for Kenmore Hospital for Insane—erection, &c.—further sum; £27,000 for Post and Telegraph Offices—erection and additions—West Maitland, Narrandera, Pyrmont, Newcastle, Berrigan, Dulwich Hill, Concord, Balranald, Post and Telegraph Offices generally; £12,500 for General Post Office—additions—further sum; £3,000 for Purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph Offices generally; £22,000 for Gaols—erection and addition—Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Bathurst, Berrima, East Maitland, Gaols generally; £4,000 for Lock-ups—erection and addition—Armidale, Mosman, Lock-ups generally; £36,000 for Court-houses—erection and additions—Temora, Coolamon, Condobolin, Wyalong, Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Wilcannia, Cobar, Moree, Court-houses generally; £15,000 for Police Stations—erections and additions—Murrurundi, Major's Creek, Swamp Oak, Nowra, Condobolin, Jerilderie, Forbes, Cootamundra, Darlinghurst, Police Stations generally.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £28,500 for Sewerage Construction,—being £1,700 for Double Bay Low Level Sewerage—further sum; £3,800 for Brennan-street, Easton Park, and Wallsend Stormwater Channels; £4,800 for Willoughby and Chatswood Sewerage—further sum; £1,700 for Rookwood Asylum Sewerage—further sum; £4,500 for Quarantine Station Sewerage and Water Supply; £12,000 for North Sydney and Mosman Sewerage Extension—further sum.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £401,000, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,—being for Water Supply—£90,000 for Improvements to Trunk Mains, Reticulation Works, Improvements to existing Reservoirs, strengthening Upper Canal Banks, and minor works; and £6,000 for Erection of new buildings; and for Sewerage—£180,000 for Western Suburbs, including Balmain, completion of Reticulation Works, and ventilation and minor works, gravitation and low level; £85,000 for Northern Suburbs, including Willoughby, Mosman, and Neutral Bay Divisions; £27,000 for Eastern Suburbs, including Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick, and Kensington; £5,000 for City Sewers; and £8,000 for Sewage Farms—Distributing Carriers, under-draining Railway Buildings.

No. VIII.—Administration of Justice.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £12,000, for Trial Bay Harbour Improvements.

No. XI.—Postmaster-General.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for construction and extension of telegraph and telephone lines generally.

II.—Other Works.

(*To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.*)

No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Government Printer,—being for additional machinery for the Government Printing Office.

No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £57,000, for Bridges,—viz.—Tumut River, at Oddy's; Nepean River, at Camden; Merrowie Creek, at Bellingerambil; Killawarra, Manning River; Cooma Creek; Clarence River, at Tabulam; Little River; Kempsey, Macleay River (further sum); Myall Creek; Flood Channel, Bogan River; Dingo Creek, at Cameron's Crossing; Manilla River, at Upper Manilla; Jugiong Creek; Cuttagee Creek; Talbragar River; Condie's Creek; Haslam's Creek; Dignam's Creek; Bottle Creek; Billabong Creek, at Garryowen; Croppa Creek; Lachlan River, at Condobolin; Yass River, at Gundaroo; Orara River, at Sharp's Crossing; St. Mary's Crossing, Allyn River; Reedy Creek, at Warialda; Tarlo River; Run of Waters Creek; Muddy Creek, West Botany; Rosedale, Murrumbidgee River; Billabong Creek; Bridges generally.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £71,750 for Harbours and Rivers,—being £10,000 to provide Water Supplies for Minor Townships (unincorporated); £2,000 for Sea-wall, Fort Macquarie; £1,500 for Sea-walls, Manly (rebuilding); £1,000 for Dredge Dock, Richmond River—further sum; £1,500 for Dredge Dock, Tweed River—further sum; £1,250 for Government Warehouse, Circular Quay, west side—alterations; £8,000 for Additional Cargo Sheds and Approaches, eastern side Woolloomooloo Bay; £7,500 for Fitzroy Dock—extension and appliances; £4,000 for Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works; £3,000 for Shea's Creek and Cook's River—Wharfs, and Bridge at Ricketty-street; £10,000 for New Hull for s.s. "Thetis"; £1,500 for Sea-wall, Snail's Bay; £1,000 for Bourke Wharf and Crane—further sum; £6,500 for Deepening Duck River; and £1,500 for Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, and providing for discharge of Flood Waters—further sum.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,900 for Government Architect,—being £500 for Bourke Land Board and Survey Offices—further sum; £2,000 for Royal Mint—additions and fittings—further sum; £5,600 for Quarantine Station Buildings—additions and improvements, Sydney Heads and Woolloomooloo; £1,500 for Government House, Sydney—rebuilding; £1,400 for Conversion of Old Court-house, Redfern, into Fire Brigade Station; £1,500 for Newcastle Hospital for Insane—additions; £4,000 for Parramatta and Gladesville Hospital for Insane—additions; £2,900 for Coast Hospital, Little Bay—additions and water supply; £9,000 for Post and Telegraph Offices—erections and additions—Bourke, Wallsend, Jerilderie, Hillgrove, Nowra, Wyalong West, Bathurst, Minor Towns, Post Offices generally, Turret Clocks for Post Offices, Newtown, Broken Hill, Lismore and North Sydney, on condition that the respective Municipal Councils provide one-third of total cost; £6,000 for Lock-ups—erections and additions—Moree, Narrabri, Erskine-street, Sydney, Wyong, Taree, Condoblin, Gundagai, Bingara, Ryde, Bourke, Lock-ups generally; £6,500 for Court-houses—erections and additions—Bathurst, Albury, Warren, Broken Hill, Wellington, Parkes, Coopernook, Angledool, Whitton, Bourke, Mudgee, Daysdale, Coonamble, Court-houses generally; £12,000 for Police Stations—erections and additions—Gosford, Parkes, Currabubula, Glen Innes, Goolagong, Wollongong, Broke, Collie, Gilgandra, Girilambone, Tumbarumba, Ellenborough, Bathurst, Wardell, Frederickton, Tuena, Chatsworth Island, Koorawatha, Waroo, Balranald, Kempsey, Mt. M'Donald, Finley, Merriwa, West Maitland, Canowindra, Wagga Wagga, Camden Haven, Police Stations generally; and £8,000 for Gaols—erections and additions—Young, Mudgee, Electric Light installation in Gaols Darlinghurst, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Maitland, and Parramatta (further sum), Gaols generally.

No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Agriculture,—being for the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges and Experimental Farms.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for public watering places, artesian wells, &c.,—being for boring for artesian water and minerals, for public watering places generally, and expenses incidental thereto.

III.—Repayment of Loans.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1898-9, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £197,700 to meet 5 per cent. debentures falling due in 1899;—In January—Railways and Public Works—32 Vic. No. 13.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

13. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 4 to 21, of Government Business, postponed until after Order 22.

14. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

Mr. Dick also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dick, that the report be now received.

Mr. Dick then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time as follows:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the financial year 1897-8, the sum of £134,223 15s. 8d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1898-9, the sum of £6,875,892 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(9.)

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £2,233,537 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 7 and 8), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year, from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote, "Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8," for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1897, to the 30th day of June, 1898, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year, from the 1st day of July*, 1898, *to the 30th day of June*, 1899, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer*, 1897-8,' *for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July*, 1897, *to the 30th day of June*, 1898, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

16. LOAN BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

17. PAPERS :—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bengerang, county of Stapylton, for the drainage of the Gwydir District.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Reply from the Board of Management of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind to the Report and recommendations of the Royal Commission on Public Charities respecting the abovenamed institution.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

18. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

(1.) Customs Duties Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 65.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the establishment of Duties of Customs, for the alteration of existing duties, to make permanent certain diminishing duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object*,"—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, 17*th December*, 1898.

(2.) Metropolitan Water (Camden) Bill :—

HAMPDEN, *Message No.* 66.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts*, 1880–1889, *and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of* 1894, *with regard to water supply to the Municipal District of Camden*,"—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, 17*th December*, 1898.

19. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay in the Borough of Balmain, being a portion of College-street and the north-east end of Mort-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Port Kembla Harbour Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla, and to provide for levying wharfage rates on goods, merchandise, packages, and articles landed at or laden from any wharf or jetty within the said harbour,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(3.) Capertee Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally,*"—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, 20*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.

(4.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies Acts of* 1874 *and* 1888,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.

(5.) Crown Lands Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section* 63 *of the Crown Lands Act of* 1884,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20*th December*, 1898.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *After* "made" *insert* "after the commencement of this Act"
Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *Omit* "original"

Examined,—
ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

20. Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Bill (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, That the Order of Leave on which the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Bill was brought in be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No.* 53, *Entry* 2), read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895 *the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony, of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment

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

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

Bill read a third time.

Ordered, that the Bill be *passed* at a later hour of the day.

21. Paper:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Tenth Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

22. Appropriation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July*, 1898, *to the 30th day of June*, 1899, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote, 'Advance to Treasurer*, 1897–8,' *for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July*, 1897, *to the 30th day of June*, 1898, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July*, 1898, *to the 30th day of June*, 1899, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote, 'Advance to Treasurer*, 1897–8,' *for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July*, 1897, *to the 30th day of June*, 1898, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1898, *p.m.*

23. Loan Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1898, *p.m.*

24. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1) Borough of Lithgow Validating Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain assessments and rates made by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Lithgow*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber.
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

KOORAWATHA TO GRENFELL RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21*st December*, 1898.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "Provided that the said works shall not be commenced to "be constructed unless the private lands required for the construction of the line (except "town allotments) have been contracted, by instrument in writing, to be conveyed by "deed of gift, transfer, or exchange, from the owners to the Crown, or there has been "paid to the Constructing Authority a sum equal to or greater than the amount "estimated by the said authority to be required for the resumption of land for the said "work. And the money so paid shall be applied for the purpose of the said resumption."

Page 2. *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause:—

Additional rent to be paid in respect of Crown Lands served by the railway.

(1.) The Governor shall within three months after the commencement of this Act by proclamation in the *Gazette* declare the district which in his opinion will be served by the said work, and upon the publication of that proclamation every owner of land and every lessee from the Crown of lands within that district shall in the year in which the said work is completed and the line of railway open for traffic, and in every succeeding year up to and including the year in which the amount of the receipts from the said line of railway equals or exceeds the amount of the working expenses, together with the amount of the interest payable on the cost of construction, but no longer, pay in addition to any sum which he is liable under any Act relating to Crown Lands to pay as rent for such land one penny per acre within a distance of five miles on each side, one half-penny per acre within a distance of ten miles, and one farthing per acre within a radius of fifteen miles.

(2.) The provisions of the Acts relating to Crown Lands which apply to the payment and recovery of rent for such land shall apply to the payment and recovery of such additional rent, which, when paid, shall be forwarded by the Secretary for Lands to the Railway Commissioners.

Examined,—
ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(3.) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 21*st December*, 1898.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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Additional rent to be paid in respect of Crown Lands served by the railway.

(1.) The Governor shall within three months after the commencement of this Act by proclamation in the *Gazette* declare the district which in his opinion will be served by the said work, and upon the publication of that proclamation every lessee from the Crown of lands within that district shall in the year in which the said work is completed and the line of railway opened for traffic, and in every succeeding year up to and including the year in which the amount of the receipts

receipts from the said line of railway equals or exceeds the amount of the working expenses, together with the amount of the interest payable on the cost of construction, but no longer, pay the sum of one farthing per acre for every acre of such land leased by him in addition to any sum which he is liable under any Act relating to Crown Lands to pay as rent for such land.

(2.) The provisions of the Acts relating to Crown Lands which apply to the payment and recovery of rent for such land shall apply to the payment and recovery of such additional rent, which, when paid, shall be forwarded by the Secretary for Lands to the Railway Commissioners.

Examined,—

ACHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

25. LAND TAX (CONTRIBUTION) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that a Bill to amend section 12 of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 should be passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Reid then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the Land Tax (Contribution) Bill through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That Mr. Deputy-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 section 12 of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lees, That the report be now received.

Mr. Lees then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend section 12 of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895.

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

(4.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend section* 12 *of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895,"—which was read a first time.

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

(5.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend section* 12 *of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895."

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 section* 12 *of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898, *p.m.*

26. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

27. STRATHFIELD RAILWAY CROSSING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof; and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare*."

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 the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level-crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof; and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1898, *p.m.*

28. LAND AND INCOME TAX (DECLARATORY) BILL (2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill do now *pass.*

Question put and passed.

Mr. Reid then moved. That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895 *the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895 *the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also, to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1898, *p.m.*

29. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 7 to 14, of Government Business, postponed until To-morrow.

30. DOG AND GOAT BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Dogs and to Goats.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Dogs and to Goats,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1898, *p.m.*

31. LUNACY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the law respecting the Insane.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law respecting the Insane,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898 *p.m.*

32. SEAMEN BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Seamen.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Seamen,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898, *p.m.*

33. FOREIGN SEAMEN BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lees, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Foreign Seamen.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to consolidate the laws relating to Foreign Seamen,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st December*, 1898, *p.m.*

34. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

35. EVIDENCE OF PARTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair.

36. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Eight o'clock p.m., until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 *DECEMBER*, 1898.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) The Zoological Society :—*Mr. Thomas Brown*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the total amount paid away by the Zoological Society to private analysts?
(2.) How long has the present superintendent occupied his position?
(3.) Is the secretary a zoologist?
(4.) Where did the secretary obtain his knowledge of animals?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) Ten guineas.
(2.) About three and a half years.
(3 and 4.) It does not require a person to be a zoologist, or to be possessed of special qualifications, to understand the duties of secretary to the Zoological Society, but the present holder of the office is a gentleman of considerable attainments, and is, in the opinion of the Council, thoroughly qualified to carry out the duties which he is required to perform.

(2.) The Agent-General :—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has the position of Agent-General been offered to Mr. Gould, ex-M.L.A., or to the Honorable J. Want, Attorney-General?
(2.) Has it been accepted by either of these gentleman?
(3.) If not, will he state who is to obtain the position before Parliament goes into recess?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have already made a statement to the House, which shows that there cannot possibly be anything in the questions asked.

(3.) Sentence passed on John Petersen :—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. McLaughlin, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is he aware that at the last Court of Quarter Sessions, Kempsey, Mr. Judge Docker sentenced one John Petersen to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour, to commence at the expiration of a sentence he was then undergoing, for alleged contempt of Court in refusing to become a Crown witness and give Queen's evidence?
(2.) Is it the practice for a Chairman of Quarter Sessions to order imprisonment with hard labour to commence at a future date, for alleged contempt of Court?
(3.) Can he mention any case where even the Supreme Court has awarded such punishment?
(4.) If the sentence is illegal, will he take steps for the immediate liberation of Petersen?
(5.) What term of this sentence has been served?
(6.) Assuming that the Judge had power to make the order referred to, in view of the severe nature of the punishment for the alleged offence, will he take steps to have the prisoner now liberated?

Mr. Lee answered,—The matter referred to in these questions is under consideration.

(4.) Springs at Kiama :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he obtain from the Government Astronomer his views, or some information, as to the cause of springs breaking out and commencing to run at Kiama and other places in the interior during the present protracted drought, and how this peculiar phenomenon is produced in dry seasons?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will request the Government Astronomer to furnish a report upon this matter.

(5.) Maintenance Men:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that some maintenance men, who have to keep 20 miles of road in repair, have to provide a horse to enable them to travel the road at their own cost?

(2.) Is he in favour of flying gangs of roadmen being sent to localities to construct culverts and carry out road work in localities where there are many unemployed workmen?

(3.) Is he in favour of all road-work being let by tender or to local men, instead of being carried out by flying gangs?

(4.) Is he aware that maintenance men who provide a horse and cart to repair the road are only allowed 2s. 6d. per day for same; will he favour an increase?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Where a maintenance man is in charge of a long length of road, cost of shifting camp is allowed. Men who use horses for their own convenience in riding to and from work receive no allowance for this.

(2.) It is the custom to use flying gangs only when it is clear the work to be done can be carried out to greater advantage in this way than by contract, and the gangs are then made up of picked men.

(3.) As far as practicable the work is let by tender.

(4.) Maintenance men are not expected to provide a horse and cart for the repair of roads; but when the services of a horse and cart are required, the allowance varies from 2s. 6d. per day upwards, according to the conditions as to cost of horse-feed. The question as to allowance given in the Honorable Member's district will receive my consideration.

(6.) Bursaries for the School of Mines:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) *Re* bursaries for the School of Mines, are the subjects for competitive examination for the bursaries as follows:—

(i) Mathematics, viz.:—

(*a*) Arithmetic, including the elements of Mensuration, 150 marks.

(*b*) Algebra, including Progressions, the Binomial Theorem for a positive Index, and the Properties and Use of Logarithms, 150 marks.

(*c*) Geometry, Euclid, Books i–iv, vi, xi, Propositions 1–21, with easy deductions, 100 marks.

(*d*) Trigonometry, 150 marks.

(ii) Latin, 150 marks.

(iii) Not more than one of the following:—

(*a*) French, 150 marks.

(*b*) German, 150 marks.

The bursar will be required to matriculate, and to commence attendance upon the School of Mines Classes immediately after the award of the bursary to him.

(2.) The examinations being so severe, is there no danger of excluding the sons of miners and people in ordinary circumstances in life?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The subjects are those which a student is required by the University By-laws to pass before admission to the classes of the Mining School; and unless he passed an examination of that standard he would not be capable of understanding the lectures in the subsequent course of instruction at the Mining School.

(7.) Tenders for Public Works:—Mr. Archer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many tenders have been called for works this year which, owing to a considerable excess of the Department's estimate, have to be re-tendered for?

(2.) Does not the faulty estimation of works by the Department cause considerable loss of money and time to contractors?

(3.) Is the lowest tenderer compensated for such loss?

(4.) What is the number of contracts for the year 1896 and 1897 on which extras have been incurred?

(5.) What are the amounts and causes for such extras?

(6.) Similar information for the year 1897–98?

(7.) Why are certain senior professional officers of the Government Architect's Department doing ordinary clerical and bookwork which can be done under their supervision by a junior clerk?

Mr. Young answered,—This information can be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return if moved for in the usual manner.

(8.) Proposed Public School at Alexandria:—Mr. Anderson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he taken any steps to have plans and specifications prepared for the proposed Boys' and Girls' School at Alexandria?

(2.) If not, will he give instructions to the Clerk of Works of his Department to do so without further delay?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Plans and specifications for the proposed Primary School buildings at Alexandria will be prepared without unnecessary delay.

(9.) Men employed Painting Park Railings:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. David Davis, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many men are employed on the cleaning and painting park railings?

(2.) How many gangers are employed in charge of the men?

(3.) What pay do the men receive per day?

(4.) What pay do the gangers receive per day?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The cleaning and painting of the park railings is being carried out under the supervision of the Works Department. These questions should, therefore, be addressed to the Secretary for Public Works.

(10.)

(10.) Long Service Medals :—Mr. O'Conor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Did the Home Government some years ago intimate that medals would be awarded to Volunteers for long service?
(2.) Have these medals been awarded to members of the Volunteer Forces in South Australia and Victoria?
(3.) Why have these medals been withheld from the Volunteer Forces of New South Wales?
(4.) Will he take steps to provide for the distribution of these medals among New South Wales Volunteers?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Not known.
(3.) Pending the Imperial Government deciding as to whether those serving under a partial payment system are eligible, the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimated, on the 10th August, 1897, that this question was about to be considered by a joint Departmental Committee of the War Office and the Colonial Office, and that a further communication would be made. A reminder on this subject was sent last July to the Imperial Government.
(4.) Yes, if questions referred to in answer (3) are satisfactory.

(11.) Inspectors of Accounts :—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) From what sources are Inspectors of Accounts, Departmental Accountants, or other Examiners of Accounts, appointed?
(2.) If persons are appointed to such positions from the clerical ranks of the Public Service, are they compelled by the Public Service Board, by examination or otherwise, to demonstrate their fitness for such important positions?
(3.) If not, will he, in view of the importance of such officers' duties, bring under the notice of the Public Service Board the desirability of testing future applicants for such appointments in their knowledge of national finance, banking, and cognate subjects?

Mr. Reid answered,—When vacancies arise, appointments are always made from within the Service, if there are suitable persons to fill the positions. If it is necessary to appoint a person from outside the Service, special examinations and inquiries are held to test the suitability of the applicants for the position applied for.

(12.) Customs Duties on Undressed Timber :—Mr. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Customs Duties Act of 1895 enacted that the duty on undresed timber should remain in force till 30th June, 1896?
(2.) Is it a fact that, contrary to the provisions of this Act, the Collector of Customs permitted two large shipments of undressed coopers' pickets to be landed in Sydney duty free during January, 1896?
(3.) Did Mr. Henry Dose, of Pyrmont, write to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, on 4th August, 1896, informing him that, at the time of this illegal action on the part of the Collector of Customs, the greater portion of three shipments of these pickets, on which he (Mr. Dose) had a short time previously paid duty amounting to £123 15s., was thereby rendered unsaleable at remunerative rates?
(4.) Will he place on the Estimates for next year a sum of £100 to reimburse Mr. Dose for the loss suffered by him through the action of the Collector of Customs in removing the aforesaid duty six months prior to the date fixed by the Customs Duties Act?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No. Pickets were free of duty from the 31st December, 1895, being specially mentioned in Schedule A in the tariff of 1892; were not mentioned in Schedule A in the tariff of 1895; and were free under the tariff in January, 1896.
(3.) Yes; but was informed that the duty was paid in October and November of 1895, when properly chargeable with duty, and that a refund could not be made.
(4.) As the pickets were properly charged for duty at the time of importation, there is no valid claim for refund.

(13.) Leave of Absence to Officers of the Public Works Department :—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What officers of the Public Works Department have applied during this year for six months' leave of absence?
(2.) What applications have been granted; and why?
(3.) What is the length of permanent service of the officers so favoured?
(4.) Are the grounds for granting such leave stronger than those on which similar leave has been refused other Civil Servants retired; if so, what are they?

Mr. Young answered,—
(1 and 2.) An officer, John Barr, applied for 12 months' leave of absence without pay, which was granted. Another officer, G. J. Oakeshott, made application for 6 months' leave—4 with pay and 2 without, and was granted 6 weeks' leave with pay and the remainder without pay. The former officer required his leave for the purpose of travelling and studying in England, and the latter to attend to urgent family matters in England.
(3.) John Barr, 1 year 9½ months; G. J. Oakeshott, 3 years.
(4.) I am not aware what applications were refused to which the Honorable Member refers, and, consequently, cannot answer this question.

(14.) Bando Leasehold Area:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Goodwin, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has the survey of the Bando leasehold area, county Pottinger, been completed; if so, when?
(2.) When will the lands embraced in the survey above referred to be open for settlement?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—
(1.) The completion of the survey has not yet been reported, but efforts are being made to expedite the work.
(2.) A date cannot at present be fixed, but in any case the land will not be available for application before the 1st March next.

(15.) Proposed Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa:—Mr. Lees asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In introducing the Railway policy of the Government before the close of the Session, will he give the proposed line of railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa his favourable consideration, with a view to its inclusion?

Mr. Young answered,—I am sorry to be obliged to inform the Honorable Member that the consideration of this line must stand over until next Session.

(16.) Appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates:—Mr. Lees asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) When considering the question of appointing Stipendiary Magistrates, will those already filling such positions be considered with a view to promotion?
(2.) Also, if there be any Acting Stipendiary Magistrates, will their claims for promotion or permanent appointment be considered?

Mr. Lee answered,—The claims for promotion of the officers referred to in these questions will receive due consideration.

(17.) Richie Sheep Trucks:—*Mr. Thomas Brown*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) With reference to Mr. Dacey's previous Question respecting the structural defects in the Richie sheep trucks, is it a correct inference that the cost of such "minor faults" was charged to the contractor, as well as cost of replacing faulty axle brasses?
(2.) If not so charged, who was responsible, and how do they arise?
(3.) Is he aware that stockowners have suffered injury and loss from the use of leaky sheep trucks?

Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) I am informed the contractor was not charged with the cost of the minor faults referred to, as he was not responsible for the alteration in the top floors of the vans.
(2.) The original drawing provided for a tongued and grooved floor, but the officer in charge of the work found it would be an advantage to have the boards rabbeted. It is pointed out that the vans in question were of a new design, and have answered satisfactorily. As pointed out previously, minor defects also arose through the timber not being thoroughly seasoned.
(3.) The Commissioners are not aware of loss and injury being occasioned as represented.

(18.) Expenditure under the Diseases in Sheep Acts:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have full information made public as to how the money collected under the Diseases in Sheep Act is expended, as Appendix IV in the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the year 1897 is not satisfactory?

Mr. Cook answered,—The full information showing the expenditure of moneys collected under the Diseases in Sheep Acts, for the year 1897, was laid upon the Table of the House on the 20th October last.

(19.) School-hours in Country Districts:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Owing to the present wave of heat in some country districts, will he, when the parents and teachers approve, allow the alteration of the school-hours to 8 till 11·30 in the morning, and from 3 till 5 in the afternoon?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I cannot see my way to accede to this request. The hours of instruction are fixed by the Regulations, and I do not think it advisable to make any alteration in the daily routine authorised. Under Regulation 110, school may commence at either 9 or 9·30 o'clock a.m.

(20.) Sunday Trading.—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his reply to Mr. Copeland's Question on 15th instant, *re* Sunday trading, wherein he states that "the law "has been and will be enforced as far as practicable and reasonable,"—
(1.) Will he be good enough to state whether the police find it impracticable to discover offenders against this law on any Sunday while patrolling George-street, King-street, or any other of the principal streets in the city or suburbs, or in the country towns?
(2.) Has he given instructions for the constables not to take notice of such breaches of the law in most cases, while examples are being made in individual cases?
(3.) Does section 10 of the "Sydney Police Act," or section 10 of the "Towns Police Act," contain any provision for the law being administered in a "reasonable" manner; on the other hand, are not the said laws imperative and binding on all alike, and do not "permit or suffer any "house, shop, or store, or other place therein to be open on that day for the purpose of trade or "dealing"?
(4.) Is it "reasonable" that some persons should be punished for doing what others are allowed to do with impunity?
(5.) Will he cause the said laws to be repealed, or else see that they are administered to all persons alike?

Mr. Brunker answered,—
(1.) No difficulty is experienced by the police in discovering persons engaged in Sunday trading.
(2 and 3.) No.
(4.) The Magistrates by their decisions evidently think that certain businesses, such as retailers of fruit, milk, cakes, and non-intoxicating drinks, are not unreasonably carried on on Sundays, and are in some cases a public convenience, but that no necessity exists for other shops to be kept open for the sale of goods not required on Sundays. The Government cannot control Magistrates' decisions.
(5.) The law certainly requires revision in some respects, and the question will be considered.

3. APPLICATION OF WILLIAM HENRY MONAGHAN FOR CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Reymond presented a Petition from William Henry Monaghan, stating that he had, about nine years ago, made application to conditionally purchase 300 acres of land, situated on Flagstone Creek, Land District of Parkes, and paid as deposit thereon the sum of £30 sterling; that, subsequently, the lessee on whose run the land was situated selected the same land, and when the applications came before the Local Land Board the name of the lessee was called before that of your Petitioner; that your Petitioner was allotted other land of very inferior nature, but refused it, and his deposit money was therefore confiscated; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant relief to the Petitioner.
Petition received.

4. APPLICATION OF MICHAEL MADDEN FOR CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AND CONDITIONAL LEASE:—Mr. Reymond presented a Petition from Michael Madden, stating that he had about nine years ago made application to conditionally purchase 500 acres, and to conditionally lease 750 acres of land, situated on Flagstone Creek, Land District of Parkes, and paid £50 deposit and £6 5s. as rent, respectively; that, subsequently, the lessee on whose run the land was situated selected the same land, and when the applications came before the Local Land Board the name of the lessee was called before that of your Petitioner, the land allotted to him, and your Petitioner's money confiscated; and praying the House to take action in the matter, and grant relief to the Petitioner.
Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of St. Andrews' College, University of Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 22nd November, 1898,—"Penny "Postage System."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table.—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for improving the traffic on the Railway from Milson's Point to Hornsby Junction.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended Regulation No. 324, under the Crown Lands Acts.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd November, 1898,—"Awards for Shark-killing."
(3.) By-law of the Borough of Richmond.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ESTATE OF THE LATE S. M. SWIFT, OF PETERSHAM:—Mr. Hughes, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 13th December, 1898, together with Appendix.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. SPECIAL PURCHASE APPLICATION AT BEGA BY J. T. RITCHIE AND W. J. LANE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the special purchase application at Bega, No. 97-2, by J. T. Ritchie and W. J. Lane, for 32 acres; No. of papers, 97-8,890.
Question put and passed.

8. LAND AND INCOME TAX (DECLARATORY) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 8 to 15, of Government Business, postponed until To-morrow.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid referred to the various schemes proposed for the extension of the railway into Sydney, and stated that, as the result of a consultation with the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways of Victoria, a new proposal would be made which would not involve the objectionable feature of taking a portion of Hyde Park for a central station. With reference to the Federation of the Colonies, he stated that a Conference of Premiers would be held in January next to consider the amendments proposed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of this Colony, and any proposals from the other Colonies, and to decide upon a course of procedure in relation thereto.
Mr. Barton also addressed the House.

11. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber;
Sydney, 22nd December, 1898.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

THE

THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd December, 1898.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "Provided that the said works shall not be commenced to "be constructed unless the private lands required for the construction of the line (except "town allotments) have been contracted, by instrument in writing, to be conveyed by "deed of gift, transfer, or exchange, from the owners to the Crown, or there has been "paid to the Constructing Authority a sum equal to or greater than the amount "estimated by the said authority to be required for the resumption of land for the said "work. And the money so paid shall be applied for the purpose of the said resumption."

Additional rent to be paid in respect of Crown Lands served by the railway.

Page 2. *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause :—

(1.) The Governor shall within three months after the commencement of this Act by proclamation in the Gazette declare the district which in his opinion will be served by the said work, and upon the publication of that proclamation every owner of land and every lessee from the Crown of lands within that district shall in the year in which the said work is completed and the line of railway opened for traffic, and in every succeeding year up to and including the year in which the amount of the receipts from the said line of railway equals or exceeds the amount of the working expenses, together with the amount of the interest payable on the cost of construction, but no longer, pay in addition to any sum which he is liable under any Act relating to Crown Lands to pay as rent for such land one penny per acre within a distance of five miles on each side, one half-penny per acre within a further distance of ten miles, and one farthing per acre within a radius of fifteen miles, but the land for a distance of five miles from The Rock Station on the main Junee-Albury line to be excluded.

(2.) The provisions of the Acts relating to Crown Lands which apply to the payment and recovery of rent for such land shall apply to the payment and recovery of such additional rent, which, when paid, shall be forwarded by the Secretary for Lands to the Railway Commissioners.

Examined,—
A. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—

(1.) Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waterloo, Mr. Anderson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"That of providing the "residents of Redfern, Alexandria, and Waterloo, and other business people with requisite accom- "modation for transacting the produce business of the country."

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

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

Points of Order :—

(1.) Mr. Hughes submitted that this matter was not one of urgent public importance.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the resposibility of deciding upon that point did not rest upon the Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Crick drew attention to Notice No. 53 on the Business Paper, and contended that a discussion on this matter would anticipate the consideration of that Notice.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the two Notices were not so much alike as to warrant the objection taken.

(3.) Mr. Hughes proceeding to move, under Standing Order No. 395, a motion of urgency,—

Mr. Young called attention to the Standing Order No. 156, which provided that a Member could not be interrupted in his speech by a motion of urgency.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled in favour of Mr. Young's contention.

Mr. Anderson then proceeded to address the House.

Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Waterloo, Mr. Anderson, be not further heard

Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

(2.) Mr. Hughes then moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (*d*) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. See,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Hughes,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Dight,		Mr. Garland,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Waddell.	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. O'Conor,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Austin Chapman,		Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Crick,		Mr. Terry,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Copeland,		Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Quinn,		Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Wilks,		Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Thomas,		Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. McLaughlin.
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Law,		Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Watson,		Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Piddington,		Mr. Storey,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Hurley,		Mr. Molesworth,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Proposed Water Supply Works for the Borough of Wollongong*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing water supply works for the Borough of Wollongong.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Proposed Railway from Dubbo to Coonamble*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Proposed Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Proposed Railway from Grenfell to Wyalong*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Grenfell to Wyalong.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Proposed Locks and Weirs on the River Darling*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing locks and weirs on the River Darling.

Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the words "between Bourke "and Menindie."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question then put,—That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing locks and weirs on the River Darling, between Bourke and Menindie.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. See,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stevenson,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Quinn.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Smith.	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Sleath,	*Tellers*,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Ross,		
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Watson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(6.) *Proposed Public Offices, Phillip, Bridge, and Young Streets, Sydney* :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting public offices on land with frontages to Phillip, Bridge, and Young Streets, Sydney.
Question put and passed.

(7.) *Proposed Public Offices, Phillip and Hunter Streets, Sydney* :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting public offices on land with frontages to Phillip and Hunter Streets, Sydney.
Question put and passed.

(8.) *Proposed Penitentiary and Prison for Females, Randwick* :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a penitentiary and prison for females, Randwick
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 *DECEMBER*, 1898, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. See,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Thomas Clarke.
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Millard.	Mr. Jessep,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Anderson,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Mahony,		Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Thomas Brown.	Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Garland,		Mr. Nelson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Watson brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Appropriation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July*, 1898, *to the 30th day of June*, 1899, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer*, 1897–8,' *for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July*, 1897, *to the 30th day of June*, 1898, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd December*, 1898, *a.m.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd December*, 1898, *a.m.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(3.) Strathfield Railway Crossing Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level-crossing near Strathfield Railway Station, and to provide a way in substitution thereof; and to declare certain portions of that way to be a public thoroughfare*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd December*, 1898, *a.m.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(4.)

(4.) Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that, for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895, *the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony after making certain deductions; also to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd December*, 1898, *a.m.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LAND AND INCOME TAX (DECLARATORY) BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23*rd December*, 1898, *a.m.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "to have carried on and"
Page 2, clause 1, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "to have been and"
Page 2, clause 1, line 24. *After* "reduction" *insert* "by the exemptions allowed by section seventeen of the Principal Act and"
Page 2, clause 1, lines 27 to 30. *Omit* "to be calculated according to the proportion which such product, commodity, or substance so exported bears in value to the value of the total exports by the taxpayer of such product, commodity, or substance during the preceding twelve months" *insert* "and by such other deductions as are allowed by section twenty-eight of the Principal Act"
Page 2, clause 1, line 31. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall in order to adjust the incidence of the tax so that it shall not exceed the rate of tax payable on profits only"
Page 2, clause 1, line 32. After deductions *insert* "and exemptions"
Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "and in fixing such rules income derived from the ownership, use, and cultivation of land subject to land tax shall be held to be exempted"
Page 2, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2, *insert* the following new clause :—

No deduction for land tax under section ten of the Principal Act shall be allowed in respect of the mortgage of lands not situate in New South Wales.

Page 3, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the decision of the Privy Council in the case of the Commissioners of Taxation against Teece, or the decision to be given by the Privy Council in the following cases now pending :—The Commissioners of Taxation against Charles Grant Tindal; the Commissioners of Taxation against the Broken Hill Proprietary Company (Limited), and the Commissioners of Taxation against the Broken Hill Proprietary Block Ten Company (Limited), or those cases now before the Court of Review which would be governed by the decision of the Privy Council given or to be given in the aforementioned cases." Saving clause
Page 3, clause 5. *Omit* clause 5.

Examined,—
A. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

16. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the determination of the value of improvements on holdings applied for under the Crown Lands Acts; to provide for the notification of the estimated values of improvements on lands set apart for holdings under such Acts; and to declare the meaning of certain words in section* 63 *of the Crown Lands Act of* 1884."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd December*, 1898, *a.m.*

17. LAND AND INCOME TAX (DECLARATORY) BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.

Ordered.

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

MR. PRESIDENT;

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare, in order to give effect to the intention of the Legislature, that, for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895, *the extracting from the soil, winning, producing, or manufacturing in this Colony of any product, commodity, or substance, and its export, shall be deemed to have been and to be the carrying on of such trade in New South Wales, and that the value of such product, commodity, or substance when exported shall be deemed to have been and to be income earned in the said Colony, after making certain deductions; also to give effect to the intention of the Legislature with respect to the deductions from land tax on mortgaged land and the deductions in assessing income tax in certain cases; and to validate certain payments of land and income tax.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1898, *a.m.*

18. KOORAWATHA TO GRENFELL RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Young, 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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1898, *a.m.*

19. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Young, 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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1898, *a.m.*

20. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Young, 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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from The Rock to Green's Gunyah.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1898, *a.m.*

21. POSTPONEMENTS :—
(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 16, and 17, of Government Business, postponed until To-morrow.
(2.) The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 4, of General Business, postponed until To-morrow.

22. CASE OF THOMAS SUFFIELD :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in view of the refusals of "successive Ministers of Justice to grant an inquiry into the case of Thomas Suffield under the "provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, this House is of opinion that, with the object "of enabling him to clear away the stain which rests upon his name, a Royal Commission to "inquire into the circumstances connected with his trial should forthwith be appointed."
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Sutton,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Stevenson.	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Meagher,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Watson,		Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Willis,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Ashton,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Ross,		Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Hughes,		Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Jessep,		Mr. Millard,	Mr. O'Conor.

And so it passed in the negative.

23. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit. } By His Excellency The Right Honourable HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT
(L.S.) HAMPDEN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South
HAMPDEN, *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, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, 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 thirty-first day of January next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

G. H. REID.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1898.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 23 DECEMBER, 1898.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. DAVID DAVIS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
   (1.) How many men are employed on the cleaning and painting Park railings?
   (2.) How many gangers are employed in charge of the men?
   (3.) What pay do the men receive per day?
   (4.) What pay do the gangers receive per day?

2. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Will he, in view of the strong feeling which exists with reference to the high salaries paid to officers in the Military Service, cause the Public Service Board, sitting as a Royal Commission, to make inquiry into the whole working and ramifications of same, with a view towards its rearrangement on a more equitable and satisfactory basis?

3. MR. ROSE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Will the men employed under the Military Department receive pay for Christmas holidays?

4. MR. GILLIES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
   (1.) Is it a fact that a number of officers were selected from the Works and Lands Departments as a Sub-Board for the purpose of assisting the Public Service Board in regrading the Professional Division of Civil Service?
   (2.) Was the Chairman of such Sub-Board a qualified engineer, surveyor, or draftsman?
   (3.) When will such regrading be gazetted?
   (4.) Will the Professional Division participate in the amount of £15,000 now on the Estimates for the purpose of adjustment of salaries?
   (5.) What are the special reasons for placing on the Estimates £100 extra to Chairman of Sub-Board?
   (6.) State amount of salary and allowances received by each Chairman of Sub-Board for each of the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898?

5. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
   (1.) Will he see that the men of the 4th Regiment be paid the deferred pay due to them without further delay?
   (2.) Will he authorise the erection of suitable targets on the Newcastle Rifle Range in lieu of the useless targets now in use there?

6. MR. CHANTER *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
   (1.) With reference to the vacancy on the Sydney Stipendiary Bench, have applications for the position been made by any of the country Police Magistrates; and, if so, what are their names?
   (2.) What is the length of service of each such officer in the grade of Police Magistrate; and what is the Departmental record respecting his integrity and fitness?
   (3.) Is he aware that, while the business of metropolitan and country Police Courts is ordinarily identical, the latter courts frequently deal with cases that are peculiar to country districts, whereby Police Magistrates are enabled to have a more varied experience of contentious law than the city magistrates?
   (4.) Will an opportunity be given to reputable magistrates of long service to practically prove their eligibility for promotion by having them appointed to do duty temporarily in the metropolis?

7. MR. PERRY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
   (1.) Have the salaries and positions of the Taxation Department been readjusted?
   (2.) If so, what will be the status of those officers under the Public Service Act?
   (3.) Why has the result of the investigation into this Department by the Board not been made known to those interested?

8. MR. PERRY *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
   (1.) Has it yet been decided who is to receive the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate, *vice* Mr. Whittingdale Johnstone, deceased?
   (2.) Or in lieu of Mr. Addison, who will shortly retire?
   (3.) Will these appointments be made from amongst the Police Magistrates of the Colony, whose length of service and proved ability eminently fit them for the position?

9. Mr. Perry *to ask* The Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has Mr. Fitzhardinge, solicitor, of Glen Innes, been offered the appointment of Police Magistrate at Tenterfield?
(2.) Has the offer been accepted?
(3.) Was it made on the understanding or promise that he would be appointed to the Metropolitan Bench?

10. Mr. Chanter *to ask* The Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the position of Agent-General has been, or will be, offered to Mr. C. E. Pilcher, barrister-at-law?
(2.) If not, will he state to whom the position will be offered, in order that Parliament may express its opinion upon the appointment?

11. Mr. Barnes *to ask* The Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the answer given to Mr. Barnes' Question (without Notice) on 22nd December, in reference to the Temora-Wyalong railway, as the Public Works Committee will be taking evidence concerning the Grenfell-Wyalong line, will he supply the Committee with plans and any other information to enable them to take evidence *re* the alternate line?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Early Closing Bill (No. 2); third reading.
2. Joint Stock Companies Arrangement (Continuation) Bill; second reading.
3. Friendly Societies Bill; second reading.
4. Seamen's Agreement Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864.
5. Customs (Commissioners) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Customs Regulation Act, 1879.
6. Wharfage Rates Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.
7. Customs (Sugar Drawbacks) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for a drawback of Customs duties on sugar and glucose.
8. Government Advances to Settlers Bill; second reading.
9. Medical Practitioners Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
10. Defamation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
11. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
12. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
13. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. Chanter to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Mr. Guilfoyle, forester, of Moama, who died in the service, for a gratuity or allowance.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Byrne, Mr. McLean, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.

2. Mr. Chanter to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and other documents relating to the claims of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Mr. Guilfoyle, forester at Moama, who died in the Service, for a gratuity or allowance.

3. Mr. Fegan to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Land fronting Throsby "and Cottage Creeks, sold by A. A. Dangar, Esq.," brought up on 26th October, 1898, be now adopted.

4. Mr. Fegan to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a Bill should be introduced in accordance with the provisions of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" which has recently been passed by the British Legislature.

5. Mr. Barnes to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase made by one George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai, on the 22nd day of August, 1878, of 640 acres, parish of Mooney Mooney, county of Harden.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Carroll, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Ashton, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions 1894–5, and 1897 respectively be referred to such Committee.

6. Mr. Waddell to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as soon as possible, reintroduce, for the consideration of this House, the Lands for Closer Settlement Bill, introduced on the 27th May, 1896.

7. Mr. Thomas Brown to move, That, in the opinion of this House, for the purpose of developing the agricultural capabilities of the interior, light or pioneer lines of railways should be constructed to centres where such developments are possible, and the Crown lands benefiting by such facilities shall contribute towards the working expenses of those lines until they become self-supporting.

8. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the appointment of a Public Trustee.

9. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to license and regulate servant's registry offices.

10. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration.

11. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the transfer of land by Government officials.

12. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of scholarships should be established by which the children attending the half-time, provisional, or other minor country schools, should be enabled to receive an education at Superior schools, and thence win their way to the University.

13. Mr. Austin Chapman to move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be at once introduced providing for the reappraisement of conditional purchases, and the reduction of interest at present demanded from the selectors.

14. Mr. Austin Chapman to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Act of 1874 by giving right of audience in Wardens' Courts and Mining Appeal Courts to agents.

15. Mr. Wise to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act.

16. Mr. Dight to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any amendments of the Crown Lands Acts the following provisions should be inserted:—
(1.) The fines on overdue instalments and interest on conditional purchases and on rents of conditional leases, homestead leases, and homestead selections, should be reduced to an amount not exceeding 5 per cent.
(2.) That holders of homestead selections should be allowed the option of converting their holdings into conditional purchases or freeholds.
(3.) That holders of homestead leases and homestead selections should be allowed to give security on their holdings by way of mortgage for money borrowed.

17. Mr. E. M. Clark to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, plans, &c., relating to the alignment of the Crow's Nest Road, North Sydney, and the dispute as to the boundaries thereof.

18. Mr. E. M. Clark to move, That, in the opinion of this House, any extension of the railway into the city should provide for the extension of the North Shore line at Milson's Point to connect with same.

19. Mr. Gormly to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers having reference to portion No. 34, county of Mitchell, parish of Yarragundry, being proclaimed open for settlement and withdrawn on the day on which it was provided that applications could be made.

20. Mr. Chanter to move,—
(1.) That inasmuch as New South Wales is, in proportion to population, according to the estimates of its Official Statistician, the richest country in the world, and as it also has no burden of war debt, and no heavy or Military expenditure, it should pay all the ordinary expenses of Government out of taxation, as poorer countries do.
(2.) That the land revenue, being a species of special endowment arising from the peculiar circumstances of a new country, should be entirely set apart for the construction of public works.
(3.) That borrowing, except for the purpose of renewal of old Loans, should be entirely abolished.
(4.) That, if the Legislature is not prepared to abolish borrowing, Loan moneys should be used only for the construction of railways, telegraphs, telephones, and such water and sewerage works as will yield direct revenue to the Treasury, but all works not productive of direct revenue to the Treasury, such as gaols, lock-ups, bridges, roads, schools, crockery for Jenolan accommodation-house, fortifications, breakwaters, dredging works, river improvements, repairs to public buildings, &c., &c., should be chargeable to revenue.
(5.) That there be established a separate Public Works Fund, into which all land revenue shall be paid, and to which all works shall be charged, it having been found that the principle of mixing up works and ordinary expenditure leads to confusion. The Treasurer who pays most of his expenses out of revenue is ejected for being an extravagant person who spends too much, while the one who puts most of his works expenditure into Loans poses as an economist who keeps down the public outgoings.
(6.) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

21. Mr. Copeland to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the expediency of adopting the following new Standing Order to expedite the introduction of Bills:—
"131 (b). All motions for leave to bring in Bills, or for a Committee of the Whole to consider "the expediency of bringing in Bills, shall be put from the Chair as Formal Motions, no objection "being allowed."

22. Mr. O'Sullivan to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of William Reid, of Brindabella, to compensation for loss of mining tenements in consequence of maladministration.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Perry, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McLean, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Wood, and the Mover.

23. Mr. Price to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to encourage the manufacture of tobacco and cigars from colonial leaf.
(2.) That it is, therefore, desirable that the excise duties on tobacco and cigars made from colonial leaf be reduced.
(3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

24. Mr. Price to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and allow free traffic over bridges.
(2.) That the tolls on punts should be abolished.
(3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

25. Mr. E. M. Clark to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims and titles to the various grants known as the Gore and Artarmon Estates, North Shore.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Haynes, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Law, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Watson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Henry Chapman, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1896 be referred to such Committee.

26. Mr. David Davis to move, That the question of the extension of the South Coast Railway from Bomaderry to the town of Nowra be submitted to the Public Works Committee for investigation and report.

27. Mr. Barnes to move, That, owing to the large strides made in agricultural and mining industries in and around Temora, Barmedman, and Wyalong Districts, the time has arrived when the proposed extension of the railway line from Temora to Wyalong, *via* Barmedman, should be referred to the Public Works Committee for investigation and report, with a view to having the same constructed.

28. Mr. Barnes to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers having reference to applications for permission to mine for gold upon public roads situated on conditional purchase portion 139, parish of Kimo, county of Clarendon, Land District of Gundagai.

29. Mr. Rose to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the judicial functions of the Legislative Assembly, as represented by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, should be abolished.
(2.) That all matters relating to disputed elections should come within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

30. Mr. Rose to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, effect should be at once given to the recommendation of the National Bank Committee in the direction of amalgamating the Savings Banks as a nucleus of a National Bank of Issue.
(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

31. Mr. Holman to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of Stationmaster Robert White from the Railway Service.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Rose, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Thomas Clarke, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, and the Mover.

32. Mr. Spruson to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the reorganisation of the municipal government of Greater Sydney has become urgently necessary; and that an unified representative authority should be established and charged with the municipal government of the metropolitan area.

33. Mr. Waddell to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
(1.) The provision of the Licensing Act which requires each hotel-keeper to pay £30 per annum for his license (except for a hotel 10 miles distant from any other) is a most unjust one, and should be amended.
(2.) The Government should, as soon as possible, introduce an amending Bill, providing a minimum of £10, and a maximum of £50 per annum for publicans' licenses, and authorising the local Licensing Bench of Magistrates, after full inquiry in open court, to fix the sum to be paid by each applicant, subject to the said minimum and maximum sums named.

34. Mr. Meagher to move,—
(1.) That the matter of the inquiry at the Victoria Barracks into a charge preferred against Quarter-master Sergeant Troy, of the Permanent Staff, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Dick, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick; Mr. Dacey, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Quinn, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.

35. Mr. Meagher to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no scheme of city railway extension will be acceptable which does not go to the deep waters of Port Jackson, in the vicinity of Circular Quay; and that only so much of Hyde Park be utilised as may be necessary for the purpose of an intermediate passenger station.

36. Mr. Alexander Campbell to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of James and Patrick Guihen, of Kangaroo Valley, against the Government for loss sustained through the action of the Government in disputing their title to certain land at Lower Brogher's Creek, Kangaroo Valley.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Moore, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Millard, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Law, Mr. Rose, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1897 be referred to such Committee.

37. Mr. Pyers to move, That the Tuckian drainage scheme, Richmond River, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report.

38. Mr. Nobbs to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
(1.) In view of the proposal to erect a special building for the valuable library of Australian works, recently presented to the Colony by Mr. David Scott Mitchell, provision be also made in that structure for the proper keeping of all important public documents relating to the early history of the Australasian Colonies, owned by the Government.
(2.) Further steps should be also taken by the Government to forthwith collect and preserve the early records of the various public institutions of the Colony in another properly designed fire-proof compartment, and that these manuscripts be collated for easy reference by local historians and accredited students of Australian history.

(3.)

(3.) The compilation of this Reference Library of Australian archives should be made on somewhat similar lines to the invaluable private collection of the records of the Pacific States of North America made by Mr. H. H. Bancroft, of San Francisco, and described in the work on "Literary "Industries," published by him in 1890.
(4.) The special custody of these public records should be entrusted to a competent Board of Trustees, who would have to report annually on the condition of these historical collections.

39. Mr. Cruickshank to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Sydney Cooper "as to Mining under a Road, parish of Clive, county of Gough," brought up on 22nd November, 1898, be now adopted.

40. Mr. Donaldson to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the growing importance of the agricultural, mining, and other industries in the district of Tumut warrants the Government in sending on for the consideration of the Public Works Committee the proposal for the extension of the railway from Gundagai to Tumut.

41. Mr. Donaldson to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Travers Jones to dig and search for gold on selected lands on the Adelong Creek proclaimed gold-field, and the cause of operations being suspended on his alluvial mine, Adelong Creek.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Cann, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Barnes, and the Mover.

42. Mr. Garland to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Life Assurance Encouragement Act of 1862, to further encourage and protect life insurance and other like provident arrangements for insurers and their families.

43. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice of the legal profession and amalgamation of the separate branches thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.

44. Mr. Neild to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legitimatise the issue born before marriage of parents subsequently married.

45. Mr. Wright to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all letters, minutes, reports, and correspondence in connection with the application of Messrs. Lyttleton and Clair for two gold-mining leases at Rocky River, Glen Elgin.

46. Mr. Lyne to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John McLachlan, late secretary and accountant, Botanic Gardens, whose pension and retiring allowance are stated to have been computed on a wrong basis.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carroll, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Moore, Mr. Watkins, and the Mover.

47. Mr. Neild to move,—
(1.) That, in terms of the Report of the Select Committee upon gratuities and pensions granted and refused by the Public Service Board (Session 1897), a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of the gratuities and pensions granted and refused by the Public Service Board to persons retired or dismissed from the Public Service, and also into appointments and dismissals to and from the Public Service.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Perry, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Cotton, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Gillies, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1897 be referred to such Committee.

48. Mr. James Thomson to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all locomotives, cars, rolling-stock, &c., required for the railways of this Colony, should be manufactured in the Colony in Government workshops.

49. Mr. Pyers to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the extension of the railway line from Lismore to Casino, as passed and recommended by two separate Works Committees, should be constructed forthwith.
(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

50. Mr. Spruson to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The names of all male teachers in Public Schools who have been promoted from second-class to first-class since 1st January, 1889.
(2.) The dates of promotion in each case.
(3.) The present position and salary in each case.
(4.) The immediately previous position and salary in each case.

51. Mr. Hayes to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no exchange of land, under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act, should be agreed to, unless for other lands on the holding, and in no case for lands outside, unless adjoining or in the immediate vicinity of the nearest town.

52. Mr. Thomas Brown to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to cheapen and facilitate the handling and storage of wheat and other grain products, a large central grain-elevator should be erected at Darling Harbour terminus forthwith, and grain elevators should be erected at local wheat centres, and this system of grain handling, &c., made auxiliary to the railways.

53. Mr. McLean to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to extend the railway into the city, in accordance with the recommendations of the Royal Commission and Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

54. Mr. Reymond to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no land sold by the Crown on the deferred payment principle should be forfeited through the non-payment of instalments until the amount already paid by the purchaser has been exhausted by the interest on the balance due.

55. Mr. Reymond to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the provisions of sections 11 and 14 of the Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act of 1888 should be extended to homestead selections and settlement leases.

56. Mr. Reymond to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the provisions of section 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 should be extended to the holders of homestead selections and settlement leases.

57. Mr. Dick to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase of Mrs. Ann Rouse, of 80 acres, in the parish of Kahibah, and the forfeiture of the same.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McLean, Mr. Hughes, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Pyers, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions 1887–8 and 1891–2 respectively, together with all papers referred thereto, be referred to such Committee.

58. Mr. Phillips to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should propose for the consideration of the Public Works Committee the advisability of constructing a line of railway from Dubbo to Werris Creek.

59. Mr. O'Sullivan to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Prospecting Vote should be increased to £50,000 per year, half of which should be expended upon parties of expert and reliable prospectors, who should be sent to examine auriferous or metalliferous country not hitherto well explored.

60. Mr. O'Sullivan to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in cases where the holders of the old ninepenny leasehold held selections have paid £1 per acre, their land should be converted into freeholds.
(2.) In cases where less than £1 per acre has been paid, the holders of these selections should have the right to convert their holdings into freeholds on paying up the £1 per acre.

61. Mr. Moore to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the provisions of the Electoral Law relating to electors' rights should be repealed, and other means adopted for the prevention of personation which will not cause the wholesale disfranchisement of electors.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capertee Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
2. Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
3. Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cohen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
6. City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
7. Inebriates Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
8. Dentists Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Indecent Advertisements Bill; second reading.
10. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Great Cobar Copper-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
12. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
13. Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
14. Garnishee (Wages Protection) Bill; second reading.
15. Womens Franchise Bill; second reading.
16. Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
17. Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
18. Municipalities Act of 1897 Amending Bill; second reading.
19. Trade Option Bill; second reading.
20. Municipalities (Election) Bill; second reading.
21. Early Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes.
22. Diseased Animals and Meat Bill; second reading.
23. Mining Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
24. Metropolitan Sale-yards (Fees) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

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ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1898.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, K.C.M.G. (*Speaker*)	.....	1	.....	1
Affleck, William, Esq.	55	68	.....	123
Anderson, George, Esq.	61	76	1	138
Archer, William, Esq.	41	59	.....	100
Ashton, James, Esq.	21	53	.....	74
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	29	38	.....	67
Barton, Edmund, Esq., Q.C. (From 29th September, 1898)	27	22	.....	49
Bennett, Walter, Esq.	29	39	.....	68
Brown, Thomas, Esq.	51	58	1	110
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq.	59	83	2	144
Byrne, Francis Arthur, Esq.	30	36	.....	66
Campbell, Alexander, Esq.	33	51	.....	84
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	39	57	.....	96
Cann, John Henry, Esq. (*Temporary Chairman of Committees*)	44	45	.....	89
Carroll, James George, Esq.	48	71	.....	119
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq.	28	36	.....	64
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	26	45	1	72
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	21	45	.....	66
Chapman, Henry, Esq.	18	41	.....	59
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	21	43	1	65
Clarke, Francis, Esq. (Resigned, 7th September, 1898)	4	.....	.....	4
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	31	28	.....	59
Clarke, Thomas, Esq.	41	48	1	90
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	49	59	.....	108
Cook, The Hon. Joseph, Esq.	57	74	1	132
Copeland, The Hon. Henry, Esq.	22	59	.....	81
Cotton, Francis, Esq.	41	61	.....	102
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	11	11	.....	22
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	29	29	1	59
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	41	62	.....	103
Davis, David, Esq.	39	54	.....	93
Davis, William Walter, Esq.	22	13	.....	35
Dick, William Thomas, Esq. (*Temporary Chairman of Committees*)	26	39	1	66
Dight, Charles Hilton, Esq.	33	29	1	63
Donaldson, Robert, Esq.	27	15	.....	42
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	49	62	1	112
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	21	15	.....	36
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq. (*Temporary Chairman of Committees*)	43	60	1	104
Ferguson, William John, Esq.	29	46	.....	75
Ferris, William John, Esq. (Unseated by Elections and Qualifications Committee, 18th October, 1898; Re-elected, 26th October, 1898)	25	50	.....	75
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	11	12	.....	23
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq.	39	67	1	107
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq.	23	44	.....	67
Garland, John, Esq.	38	56	.....	94
Gillies, John, Esq.	42	59	.....	101
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall, Esq.	9	13	.....	22
Gormly, James, Esq.	15	28	.....	43
Graham, James, Esq., M.D.	17	29	.....	46
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq.	35	55	.....	90
Griffith, Thomas Hunter, Esq.	14	18	.....	32
Harris, Matthew, Esq.	31	23	.....	54
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	12	37	.....	49
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	60	77	1	138
Hayes, James, Esq.	27	26	.....	53
Haynes, John, Esq.	26	37	.....	63
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander, Esq.	52	76	1	129
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	36	54	.....	90
Howarth, George, Esq.	22	46	.....	68
Hughes, William Morris, Esq.	30	56	.....	86

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total
Hurley, William Fergus, Esq.	42	73	.....	115
Jessep, Thomas, Esq.	39	71	1	111
Kidd, John, Esq.	25	52	.....	77
Law, Sydney James, Esq.	38	66	.....	104
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred, Esq.	44	55	1	100
Lees, Samuel, Esq. (*Temporary Chairman of Committees*)	39	40	.....	79
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	18	28	.....	46
Lyne, William John, Esq.	35	54	.....	89
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq.	43	41	.....	84
Mackay, James Alexander Kenneth, Esq.	18	37	.....	55
Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	23	37	.....	60
McCourt, William, Esq. (*Chairman of Committees*)	9	.....	1	10
McFarlane, John, Esq.	22	22	.....	44
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	48	69	.....	117
McLaughlin, John, Esq.	32	21	.....	53
McLean, Francis Edward, Esq.	39	48	.....	87
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq.	53	52	.....	105
Millard, William, Esq.	48	72	1	121
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	15	53	.....	68
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	34	50	1	85
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	45	62	1	108
Morgan, William, Esq.	39	46	.....	85
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	25	19	.....	44
Nelson, Arthur David, Esq.	29	48	.....	77
Newman, Henry William, Esq. (From 25th October, 1898)	13	32	.....	45
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	50	52	1	103
Nobbs, John, Esq.	46	72	.....	118
O'Conor, Broughton Barnabas, Esq.	34	56	.....	90
*O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq. (*Temporary Chairman of Committees*)	23	27	.....	50
Parkes, The Hon. Varney, Esq.	24	42	1	67
Perry, John, Esq.	40	61	1	102
Phillips, Simeon, Esq.	40	56	.....	96
Piddington, William Henry Burgess, Esq.	30	51	.....	81
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	36	34	.....	70
Pyers, Robert, Esq.	37	61	.....	98
Quinn, Patrick Edward, Esq.	31	53	.....	84
Reid, The Right Hon. George Houstoun, P.C., Q.C.	59	63	1	123
Reymond, Joseph Bernard, Esq.	18	19	.....	37
Richards, Edwin, Esq.	13	2	.....	15
Rigg, William, Esq.	34	53	.....	87
Rose, Thomas, Esq.	23	38	.....	61
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	33	35	1	69
Ross, Hugh, Esq.	38	24	.....	62
Sawers, William, Esq.	45	57	.....	102
See, John, Esq.	27	25	.....	52
Sleath, Richard, Esq.	27	50	.....	77
Smith Samuel, Esq.	53	77	.....	130
Spence, William Guthrie, Esq.	46	59	.....	105
Spruson, Wilfred Joseph, Esq.	44	73	.....	117
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	48	55	.....	103
Storey, David, Esq.	15	16	.....	31
Suttor, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq.	26	52	.....	78
Terry, Edward, Esq.	29	43	.....	72
Thomas, Josiah, Esq.	37	44	.....	81
Thomson, Dugald, Esq.	13	44	.....	57
Thomson, James, Esq.	48	49	.....	97
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	32	31	1	64
Watkins, David, Esq.	48	62	.....	110
Watson, John Christian, Esq.	54	72	.....	126
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas, Esq.	24	29	.....	53
Wilks, William Henry, Esq.	31	66	.....	97
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	33	38	1	72
Wilson, Charles Graham, Esq.	17	24	.....	41
Wise, Bernard Ringrose, Esq., Q.C.	7	18	.....	25
Wood, William Herbert, Esq.	25	51	.....	76
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	28	48	.....	76
Young, The Hon. James Henry, Esq.	50	64	.....	114

*Mr. O'Sullivan gave a casting vote as Temporary Chairman of Committees.

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1898.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1898.

1. New Writs issued				7
2. Select Committees :—				
On Public Matters	12			
On Private Bills	6			
				18
3. Standing Committees				5
4. Public Bills :—				
Originated in the Assembly—				
Received the Royal Assent	14			
Otherwise disposed of	49			
		63		
Brought from the Council—				
Received the Royal Assent	5			
Otherwise disposed of	8			
		13		76
5. Private Bills :—				
Originated in the Assembly—				
Received the Royal Assent	2			
Otherwise disposed of	4			
		6		
Brought from the Council—				
Received the Royal Assent	0			
Otherwise disposed of	3			
		3		9
6. Petitions received :—				
Printed	90			
Not Printed	12			
				102
7. Divisions :—				
In the House	61			
In Committee of the Whole	83			
				144
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—				
Days of Meeting				54
Hours of Sitting			555 h.	9 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight			128 h.	27 m.
Daily Average			10 h.	16⅝ m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—				
Before commencement of Business	1			
After commencement of Business	1			
				2
9. Votes and Proceedings				54
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—				
Of Business done	696			
Of Questions answered	541			
				1,237
Daily Average				22
Entries in Notice Paper—				
Of Questions	821			
Of Notices of Motion	3,587			
Of Orders of the Day	1,446			
Of Contingent Notices	34			
				5,888
Daily Average				109
10. Contingent Notice Papers				6
11. Orders for Papers				41
12. Addresses for Papers				1
13. Other Addresses				2
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—				
By Message	31			
By Command	189			
In Return to Orders	40			
In Return to Addresses	1			
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	17			
				278
Ordered to be Printed	98			
Not ordered to be Printed	180			
				278

15.

15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Second Session of 1898, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Midnight.	Entries in Votes.
					h. m.	h. m.	
1	16 August	Tuesday	12 noon	1.46 o'clock p.m.	1 46	...	7
2	17 „	Wednesday	10.30 o'clock a.m. / 4 o'clock p.m.	12.15 „ p.m. / 10.34 „ „	8 19	...	9
3	18 „	Thursday	4 „	10.53 „ „	6 53	...	5
4	23 „	Tuesday	4 „	11.21 „ „	7 21	...	11
5	24 „	Wednesday	4 „	1. 2 „ a.m.	9 2	1 2	10
6	25 „	Thursday	4 „	11. 6 „ p.m.	7 6	...	11
7	30 „	Tuesday	3 „	10.20 „ „	7 20	...	25
8	31 „	Wednesday	3 „	8.45 „ „	5 45	...	16
9	6 September	Tuesday	3 „	11.19 „ „	8 19	...	12
10	7 „	Wednesday	3 „	4.23 „ „	1 23	...	8
11	8 „	Thursday	3 „	11. 8 „ „	8 8	...	3
12	13 „	Tuesday	3 „	10.50 „ „	7 50	...	5
13	14 „	Wednesday	3 „	11.24 „ „	8 24	...	5
14	15 „	Thursday	3 „	12.55 „ a.m.	9 55	0 55	3
15	20 „	Tuesday	3 „	11.53 „ p.m.	8 53	...	16
16	21 „	Wednesday	3 „	11. 2 „ „	8 2	...	16
17	22 „	Thursday	3 „	3.30 „ „	0 30	...	.....
18	27 „	Tuesday	3 „	11.28 „ „	8 28	...	9
19	28 „	Wednesday	3 „	12.48 „ a.m.	9 48	0 48	8
20	29 „	Thursday	3 „	5.27 „ „	14 27	5 27	12
21	4 October	Tuesday	3 „	6.14 „ p.m.	3 14	...	21
22	5 „	Wednesday	3 „	10.55 „ „	7 55	...	10
23	6 „	Thursday	3 „	9. 7 „ a.m.	18 7	9 7	7
24	11 „	Tuesday	3 „	11. 8 „ p.m.	8 8	...	9
25	12 „	Wednesday	3 „	1.24 „ a.m.	10 24	1 24	5
26	13 „	Thursday	3 „	11. 0 „ p.m.	8 0	...	11
27	18 „	Tuesday	3 „	11. 6 „ „	8 6	...	12
28	19 „	Wednesday	3 „	12. 8 „ a.m.	9 8	0 8	8
29	20 „	Thursday	3 „	3.13 „ „	12 13	3 13	16
30	25 „	Tuesday	3 „	11.15 „ p.m.	8 15	...	10
31	26 „	Wednesday	3 „	11.44 „ „	8 44	...	22
32	27 „	Thursday	3 „	11.14 „ „	8 14	...	12
33	1 November	Tuesday	3 „	12.10 „ a.m.	9 10	0 10	10
34	2 „	Wednesday	3 „	11. 0 „ p.m.	8 0	...	20
35	3 „	Thursday	3 „	11.32 „ „	8 32	...	11
36	10 „	Thursday	3 „	3.54 „ „	0 54	...	11
37	15 „	Tuesday	3 „	11. 7 „ „	8 7	...	6
38	16 „	Wednesday	3 „	1.58 „ a.m.	10 58	1 58	3
39	17 „	Thursday	3 „	1.55 „ „	10 55	1 55	14
40	22 „	Tuesday	3 „	11.21 „ p.m.	8 21	...	22
41	23 „	Wednesday	3 „	1.59 „ a.m.	10 59	1 59	22
42	24 „	Thursday	3 „	3.13 „ „	12 13	3 13	14
43	29 „	Tuesday	3 „	1.28 „ „	10 28	1 28	13
44	30 „	Wednesday	3 „	1.20 „ „	10 20	1 20	15
45	1 December	Thursday	3 „	3.25 „ „	12 25	3 25	23
46	6 „	Tuesday	3 „	11. 8 „ p.m.	8 8	...	28
47	7 „	Wednesday	3 „	7.40 „ a.m.	16 40	7 40	27
48	8 „	Thursday	3 „	11.13 „ p.m.	8 13	...	11
49	13 „	Tuesday	3 „	4.22 „ a.m.	13 22	4 22	18
50	14 „	Wednesday	3 „	4.49 „ „	13 49	4 49	14
51	15 „	Thursday	3 „	1.14 „ „	10 14	1 14	9
52	16 „	Friday	3 „	11.35 „ p.m.	32 35	23 35	12
53	19 „	Monday	10 „ a.m.	8.25 „ „	58 25	44 25	36
54	22 „	Thursday	3 „ p.m.	4.50 „ a.m.	13 50	4 50	23
		Total			554 45	128 27	696

Average length of sitting, daily, 10 hours $16\frac{7}{18}$ minutes.

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