## Sessional Papers

## No. 1.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS 

in

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

## $T U E S D A Y, 8$ A $U G U S T, 1899$.

No. 1.
Prevention of Cruedty to Animals Act Amenpnent Bilds?
Clauses 1 to 3 having been dealt with,-
Clause'4. Whenever it shall by the onth of any credible person be made to appear to the Justices may satisfaction of a justiee police or stipendiary magistrate, or two justices that an allow certain offence against this or the Principal Act has been, is being, or is about to be committed on menpectod. or in certain premises, such jutiee magistrate or justices may by writing under his or their hand, authorise such areny-ether person or some constable named therein to enter upon or into such premises and inspect any animal confined or kept there.
And whosoever shall at any time or in any manner unlawfully obstruct, hinder, molest, or assault renalty for any constable or other person while in the exercise of any power or anthority under or by constructing or virtue of this or the Principal Act shall forfeit and pay a penalty fotless then-twor-other persons. mere-then not exceeding ten pounds for every such offence. Section twelve of the Principal Act is hereby repealed. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr. Ooken), to leave out from lline 2 the word "justice" and insert the words "police or stipendiary magistrate or two justices" instead thereof,--and the word proposed to be left out having been left out,-
Question put;-That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,-
Conmittee divided

Ayes, 54.

| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Mackay, | Mr. Henry Clarke, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Hogue, | Mr. Moore, | Mr. Lrne, |
| Mr. Cohen, | Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wood, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Hurley, | Mr. Spruson, |
| Mr. Garland, | Mr. Rigg, | Mr. Richards, |
| Mr. Ievien, | Mr. Ferris, | Mr. Rose, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. Goodwin, |
| Mr. Wateod, | Mr. Wilks, | Mr. Byrne, |
| Mr. Dight, | Mr. Morgan, | Mr. Dick, |
| Mr. Jessep, | Mr. Haynes, | Mr. Torry, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Holman, | Mr. McLanughlin, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. Jaw, | Mr. Whiddon, |
| Mr. Pyers, | Mr. Thomas Clarke, | Mr. Macdonald, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Howarth, | Mr, Sce. |
| Mr. Sowners, | Mr. Watkins, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Mahony, | Mr. Carroll, | Tellera, |
| Mr. Neild, | Mr. Nelson, | Mr. Quinn, |
| Mr. Moleswortl, | Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick. |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Parkes, |  |

And the clause having been further amended as indicated,-
Clause as amended agreed to.
And clauses 5 and 6 having been dealt with-

Noes, 12.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson
Tellers,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. McLean.

No. 2.
Same Bral.

Titlo and date of commencement of Act.

Receipts of
Trustees to act
as reconvey-
ances.

Clause 7. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the "Prevention of Cruclty to Animals Act Amendment Act of 1899," "and-ghatl-eome inte-operation-0n-the-fifet day of the"-seeond menth after-itsparing (Read.)
And the clause having been amended as indicated,-
Motion made (Mr. Cohen), to leave out from line 2 the words "and shall come into operation on the first day of the," and
Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Sleath
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Levien
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Macdonald.
Tellers,
Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Brunker, $\quad$| Noes, 35. |
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| Noes, $\mathbf{3 5}$ |  |
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| Mr. Tery, | Mr. Nobbs, |
| Mr. Ferris, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Dight, | Mr. Rigg, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Neid, |
| Mr. Hawthorne, | Mr. Jessep, |
| Mr. Zaw, | Mr. Thomas Clarke, |
| Mr. Hogue, | Mr. Cook. |
| Mr. Smith, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Moore, | Mr. Bennetr, |
| Mr. Quinn, | Mr. Mahony. |
| Mr. Sruson, |  |
| Mr. Wilke, Fitzpatrick, |  |

Words left out.
And the clause having been further amended as indicated,-
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
No. 3.
Same Bill.
Motion made (Mr. Cohen), that the Chairman leave the Chair, and report the Bill with amend. ments to the House,- and Question put.
Committee divided.

| Ayes, 30. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Gariand, | Mr. Quinn, |
| Mr. Hogue, | Mr. Ferris, |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Neild, |
| Mr. Cohen, | Mr. Thomas Clarke, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. David Davis, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Sawers, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Moore, |
| Mr. Cotton, | Mr. McGowen, |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Terre, |
| Mr. Mahony, | Mr. Henry Chapman, |
| Mr. Nobbs, Mr. McLean, | Mr. Cook, Mr. Carroll |
| Mr. Molesworth, |  |
| Mr. Fegan, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Law, | Mr. Donaldson, |
| Mr. Wilks, <br> Agreed to. | Mr. Jessep. |

Noes. 14.
Mr . Byrne,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Arthur Griflith;
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Daces,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Waddell.
Tellers,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Macdonald.
$T H U R S D A Y, 10 A U G U S T, 1899$.
No. 4.
Friendiy Societies Bibl.
The clauses and schedules of the Bill having been dealt with,-
Mr. Mahony brought up the following new clanse to follow clause 40.-
Where any portion of the funds of a Society or Branch have in accordance with the rules of such Socicty been invested upon mortgage or other assurance of real property, a receipt under the hauds of the trustees countersigned by the Secretary in the form in the second schedule hereto, if endorsed upon or annexed to the mortgage or other assurance, shall vacate the mortgage or assurance and vest the property thercin comprised in the person entitled to the equity of redemption of that property without reconveyance or resurrender.
Question put,-That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.
Mr . Brunker,
Mr . Lee,
Mr Hawthorne,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Spenee,

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Bree,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mawthorne,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Donaldon,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Spenee,

Mr. Mahour,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McGow,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Reid,

Noes, 4.
Mr . Bennett,
Mr. Gillies.
Tellers,
Mr. Smith, Mr. Macdonald.

Olause, as read, ajreed to.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.
1899. (THIRD SEssION.)

Legislative Assembly.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS 

IN<br>COMNTTTEE OF THE WHOLE.<br>(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

No. 1.

## $T H U R S D A Y, 17 A U G U S X, 1899$.

Coal Mines Requlation Act Amendment Bill:-
Clause 1. Rule 40 of the general rules contained in section forty-seven of the Coal Mines New:genera Regulation Act, 1896, is hereby repealed, and the following rule is substituted in its ralc,40. place:-
Rulc 40 . No person ethor-than-a-pergon-employed-at the-emmenement of-thio-10tac and retter-or-a hele shall be allowed to work as a coal getter or a shale getter in the face of the workings of a mine, unless-
(a) he has been employed for two years in or about the face of the workings of a mine as a coal getter or shale getter ; or
(b) he works in company with a person who has been employed for two years in or about the face of the workings of a mine as a coal getter or shale getter.
(c) Where an inspector is satisfied, after due inquiry, that any person working in or about the face of the working of a mine has contravened the provisions of this rule, he may, after notice to the owner, agent, or manager, order such person to cease working, and such person shall thereapon discontinue working in such mine. (Rcad.)
And the clause having been amended as indicated,-
Motion made (Mr. Arthur Griffth), to add to the words added to the clause the following words, "and such notice shall be deemed to be evidence of disqualification under this rule." and Question put.
Committee divided.


Addition of proposed words negatived.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
And the remaining clauses of the Bill and the Title having been dealt with,
On motion of Mr. Cook, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments and. an amended Title.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 3.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS 

IN<br>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.<br>(EXTRACTED FROM THE MTNUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1899.
No. 1.
Supple.
(Vote of Credit-Resolution.)
Resolved,-TThat there be granted to Her Majesty a sum notexceeding £ 810,500 , being $£ 512,000$, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Sorvices of the Colony during the month of November or following month of the financial year ending 30 th June, 190 , to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899 , subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1899-1900.
For Services of the year 1899-1900, £30,000, towards the raising, transport, payment, maintenance, and equipment of the New South Wales Military Contiment for service in South Africa, and the purchase and transport of stores, munitions, victuals, horses, forare, and equipincnts of any description whatsoeser, or for any purpose in connection with the said Contingent.
And in anticipation of Lomas,-
For Railmays, $£ 120,000$, being $£ 40,000$ towards purchase of new rolling stock to meet additional traflic and equipment of new lines; $£ 40,000$ towards additions to rallway lincs, stations, buildings, workshops, and for other purposes; and $£ 40,000$ towards the improvement of grades and curves-further sum. For tramways-£51,000, being $£ 40,000$ towards the couversion of the Western systom of tram lines to electric, and for rolling stock; $£ 10,000$ towards amount required to put the Tarrawingee 'lramway in working order, and making necessary improvements; and $£ 1,000$, cost of extension of the Tarrawingee Tramway to Racecourse and Sidings connected therewith, \&c. For Public Works, £93,000, being $£ 87,500$ for Railway Construction Branch, Cootamundra Railway-towards completion of paymenti of verdict and costs in McSharry Arbitration Case; and "f55,500" for Port Kembla Harbour Scheme-towards purchase of land and improvements thereon required for the carrying out of the works approved by Parliament; and for Lands, £4,500, for thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves-further sum.
And the Committec continuing to sit after midnight,-

## THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1899, А.м.

Motion made (MLr. Miller), That the item " $£ 55,500$," for Port Kembla Harbour Scheme-towards purchase of lavd and improvements thereon required for the carrying out of the works approved by Parliament, be reduced by the sum of $£ 30,000$, and Question put.

Committee divided.

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\text { Ayes, } 8
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Mr. Miller,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. MeGowen
Mr. Watkins.
Tellers,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dick.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brunber,
Mr. Gariand,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Orick,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. See,
Mr. Nobbs,

Noes, 40.

| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Nielsen, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Archer, | Mr. McFarlane, |
| Mr. Alexander Campbell, | Mr. Rose, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Smith, |
| MIr. Hassali, | Mr. Ferris, |
| Mr. Pyers, | Mr. Richards, |
| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. O'Conor, |
| Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nichol | Mr. J. C. S. Fitzpatrick |
| Mr. Wood, | Toller |
| Mr. McLaughlia, |  |
| Mr. Cruicishhank, | Mr. Bennet |
| Mr. Law, . | Mr. Terguson. |

Mr. Nielsen, Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Smit!
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Richards
Mr. Oarrol,
Mr. J. C. T. Fitzpatrick,
r. Hawthorne.

Tellers,
$M_{r}$. Ferguson.

Reduction of item negatived.
Resolution agreed to.
On motion of Mr. See, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again ; also to report the Resolution to the House.
R. W. ROBERTSON,
for Clerk Assistant.
1899.

## (mhird session.)

Legislative Assembly.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

## No. 4.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
(EXTRACTED FROM THE MTNUTES.)
$W E D N E S D A Y, 1$ NOVEMBER, 1890, А.м.
No. 1.
Symner Corporation Act Amendment Bril.
Clause 1 having been read,-
Motion made (Mr. Jessap), That the Chairman leave the Chair to report prugress and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday next-and
Question put.
The Committeo divided.

Ayes, 9.
Mr. Arthur Grifith
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Garland,
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Spence.

Tellers,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Austin Chapman.

Noes, 18.
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'sullisan,
Mr Lees,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nobbs,

Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Je erguson
Mr. Jamos Themson,
Mr. Millard.
Tellers,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Јеseep.

Negatived.
And clauses 1 and 2 having been dealt with,--
Motion made (Mrr. Jessep), That the Chairman leave the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday next,-Question put and voices given,-The Chairman stated his opinion that the dyes had it.
Whereupon Division called for, and the Chairman 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 Committee to be in the affirmative, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz., Mr. Edden, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. James Thomson.
The Chairman left the Chair accordingly.

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## No. 5.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISTONS 

IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
(EXTRACTED WROM THE MTNUTES.)

WED NESDAY, S NOVEMBER, 1890, А.M.
No 1.
Sxuney Corporation Act Amendment Bima.
Clause 3 having been dealt with-




 first day of December in each year the citizens shall elect one of their number to be Mayor of the City for the following year. The Mayor shall enter into office on the first day of January next following the election, and shall hold office until the thirty-first day of December following, and shall be eligible for re-election if still qualified. The provisions and qualifications contained in the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879 relating to the nomination and election of auditors shall be applicable to the nomination and election of Mayor. (Further considered.)
Motion made (Mr. Hughes), to leave out all the words after the word "the" in line 1, to the end of the clause, with a view to insert "first day of December in each year the citizens shall elect one of their number to be Mayor of the City for the following year. The Mayor
"shall enter into office on the first day of January next following the election, and shall
"hold office until the thirty-first day of December following, and shall be eligible for
"re-election if still qualified. The provisions and qualificaions contained in the Sydney
"Corporation Act of 1879 relating to the nomination and election of auditors shall be
"applicable to the nomination and election of Mayor"-instead thereof, and Question proposed, -
Mr. Sleath moved, -That the Chairman leare the Chair to roport progress, and ask leave to sit again.
During debate, Mr. Sleath, the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, interrupting an Honorable Member while speaking to a Point of Order, was ordered by the Chairman to resume his seat.
Whereupon Mr. Sleath moved,-That the Chairman leave the Chair to report a Point of Order, and ask leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House,The Point of Order is, That a Point of Order having been taken when Mr. Meagher, the Member for The Tweed, was speaking, -Mr. Dacey, in speaking to the Point of Order, was making a personal attack upon Mr. Sleath, that gentleman, on rising to a Point of Order, was ordered to resume lis seat without being fllowed to state his Point of Order,-and Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

|  | Ayes, 13. |
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| Mr. Sponce, |  |
| Mr. Ferguson, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Hawthorne, | Mr. Edden, |
| Mr. MeGowen, |  |
| Mr. Nieholson, |  |
| Mr. Reid, |  |
| Mr. J. C. I, Fitapatrick, |  |
| Mr. Sleatil, |  |
| Mr. Cook, |  |
| Mr. Snith, |  |
| Mr. Miller. |  |

Negatived.
No. 2.

No. 2.

## Same Bitil.

## Same clause.

Question put,-That the Charman leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.


## Negatived.

And the clause having been amended, as indicated by the omission of certain words,-
No. 3.
Same Bill.
Same clause.
Question put,-That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.
Ayes, $27 . \quad$ Noes, 10.


## Mr. Lees,

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Jyne,
Mir. dessep,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr . Archer,
Mr . Carroll.
Mr. Carroll.
Tellers,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Dacey.

Words inserted.
Clause, as amended, ugreed to.
And Clause 5 haring been dealt with,-
No. 4.

## Same Bill.

Clause 6. The Aldermen shall be elected for a term of theee two ycars and shall then retire together, and their places shall be filled by a new election. The retiring Aldermen shall be eligible for re-election if still qualified in other respects. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr. Meagher), to leave ont from line 1 the word "threc" and insert the word "two" instead thereof.
Question put,-That the word proposerl to be left out stand part of the clause.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

| Mr. TEenry Ohapmun, | Mr. Fegan, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Carroll, | Mr. Perry, |
| Mr. Havthorne. | Mr. Lyne, |
| Tellers, | Mr. Miller, |
| Mr. Dacey, | Mr. Nielsen, |
| Mr. Lees.' | Mr. O'Sullivan, |
|  | Mr. Brunker, |
|  | Mr. Kicharde, |
|  | Mr . Spence, |
|  | Mr. Sleath, |

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Noes, 31.

| Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Ferguson, |
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| Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Morgan, |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Smith, |
| Mr. Thomas, | Mr. Archer, |
| Mr. Gillies, | Mr. S.C.L. Fitzpatrick, |
| Mr. Quinn, | Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, |
| Mr. MoGowen, | Mr. Rose. |
| Mr. Jcesep, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. Wook, | Matson, |

And the word "two" having been inserted,-
Clause, as amended, agreod to.
And the remaining clauses of the Bill having been dealt with,--
On motion of Mr. Jessep, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Piddington, left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

## WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 5.
Early Closing Bidil.
Clause 1. (1) The closing times for all shops (except those mentioned in Schedule One) situate Closing times. within the metropolitan or the Newcastle shopping district shall in every week be as follow-
on "Monday" and Tuesday, six o'clock;
on Wednesday, one o'clock or six o'clock, whichever of these times is chosen by the shopkeeper in pursuance of this Act;
on Thursday, six o'clock;
on Friday-
(a) six o'clock wbere the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was one o'clock;
(b) ten o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was six o'clock;
on Saturday-
(a) one o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was six o'clock
(b) ten o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Weduesday was one o'clock; and all such shops shall close on those days not later than the hours above-men which shall be hours after the hour of noon on each day:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in so far as it fixes the closing time before ten o'clock to the day immediately preceding Gurimaz-ep-New Foar's-Day;世r, where-Ghristrms-or Now-Year's-Day ib- Monday, to the -7ext preeding Saturday a public holiday or where a public holiday falls on Monday to the Saturday immediately preceding the same.
(2) The choice of the shopkeeper as to the closing time on the Wcdnesday may be Option of made in respect of any shop occupied by him, and shall be made by sending to the Minister shopkecper. or to any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf a notice in the form prescribed, and affixing a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place in the shop. And until he makes such choice in the manner aforesaid the shopkeeper shall be deemed to have chosen one o'clock as the closing time for his shop on Wednesday.

When a shopkeeper has made any such choice he shall not make another choice until after the expiration of three months from the day when the former choice was made.

Any shopkeeper who, having made any such choice, fails to keep the copy of the notice affixed as hereinbefore directed shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr. Meagher), atter the word "Monday," in line 3, to insert the words "eight " o'clock,"-and Question put.
Committee divided.

## Ayes, 6.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Waddell.
T'ellers, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Mengher.

Noes, 64.

| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Hu |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Levien, |
| Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Dugald Thomson, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Sawers, |
| Mr. Niclsen, | Mr. Rose, |
| Mr. Spence, | Mr. Watson, |
| Mr. Law, | Mr. Nelson, |
| Mr. Wilks, | Mr. O'Conor, |
| Dr. Graham, | Mr. McFarlane, |
| Mr. W. W. Davis, | Mr. Feg |
| Mr. Henry Chapman, | Mr. Millard, |
| Mr. Hassall, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Dncey, | Mr. Dick, |
| Mr. Reymond, | Mr. Jessep, |
| Mr. Cann, | Mr. Macdonald, |
| Mr. Burnes, | Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick. |
| Mr. Nicholson, <br> Mr. Smith, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Richards, | Mr. Gar |
| Mr. Holman, | Mr. Mahony. |

Insertion of proposed words negatived.
And the clause having been further amended as indicated,-
No. 6.
Same Bill.
Same clause.
Motion made (Mr. Spruson), to leave out from lines 18 and 19 , the words "Christmas or New "Year'a Day, or, where Christmas or New Year's Day is a Monday, to the next preceding Saturday" and insert the words "a public holiday or where a public holiday falls on Monday to the "Saturday immediately preceding the same"-instead thereof.
Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.

Committee divided
Ayes, 21.
Noes, 45.
Mr . Watson,
Mr . Hughes,
Mr . O'Corior,
Mr. Niolsen,
Mr . MuGowen,
Mr. Cano,
Mr. Lerien,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Duces,
Mr. Henry Chrpman,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Spene,
Mr. Nieholson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatricis,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Quinn.
Tellers,

Mr. Arthur Grillith, Mr. Miller.

Mr, Lees,
$\mathrm{Mr}, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$,
Mr. Huwthorte
Mr. Maloouy,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. J M. Chark, Mr. Reid,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cohen,
Dr. Grohum,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr . Jessep,
Mr . Pyers,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Byrue,
Mr. W. W. Dari
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Richards Mr. Wise,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Kicld,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Sbe,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Law,
Mr . Law,
Mr . Carrol
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Fegun.
Tellers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpalrick,
Mr. Spruson.

Words left out.
And the words proposed having been inserted,-
Clatse, as amonded, agreed to.
And Clauses 2 to 7 having been postponed and clause 8 dealt with,-
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Moore, left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

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No. 6.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS 

IN

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINOTES.)

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1899.
No. 1.

## Early Closing Bill (No. 2):-

Clause 9. (1) No shop-assistant shall be employed in any shop (not being a shop mentioned in Fnuployment of Schedule One) situate within any shopping district for more than fifty-two hours in shops not any week nor more than one half-hour after any closing time fixed, appointed, chosen, $\begin{gathered}\text { mentioned in } \\ \text { Schedule onie. }\end{gathered}$ or deemed to be chosen in pursuance of this Act for such shop:

Provided that, if the shopkeeper of any auch shop makes application to the Minister, in the form of Schedule Three, and obtains a permit in the form prescribed and exhibits the same in a conspicuous place in his shop, any shop-assistant in the shop may on any six week-days in any one quarter of the year (not being days on which the shop closes at one o'clock or any public or bank holiday allowed within the district as a holiday) be employed for a period not exceeding three hours (exclusive of the hour to be allowed for tea under this section) after the closing times on the said days; but during any such period the shop shall be closed, and the assistants so employed shall be allowed by the shopkeeper one hour for tea.
(2) If the shopkeeper of tho shop, or any person acting or apparently acting in the Penalty. management of the shop, employs any shop-assistant in breach of this section, or otherwise contravenes the provisions of this section, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. (Read.)
And the clause having been amended by the insertion of the words indicated in lines 2 and 3,Motion made (Mr. Hogue), to insert, after the words just inserted, the words "nine hours in any one day except when the closing hour is ten $0^{\prime}$ clock, nor for more than"
Question put,-That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.

## Ayes, 12.

Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Storoy,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Whiddon
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Chanter.
Tellers,
Mr. Molesworth
Mr. Garland.

Noes, 69.

| Mr. Jyne, | Mr. Millard, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Spence, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. Cann, | Mr. Dight, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Spruson, |
| Mr. Law, | Mr. Byrne |
| Mr. Thomas Eitzpatricks, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Thomas, | Mr. Watkins, |
| Mr. Jessep, | Mr. Wood, |
| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Ferris, | Mr. Thomas Clarke, |
| Mr. Ferguson, | Mr. Rose, |
| Mr. Smith, | Mr. Waddell, |
| Sir Matthew Harris, | Mr. Edden, |
| Mr. Niolsen, | Mr. Watson, |
| Mr. James Thomeon, | Mr. Willis, |
| Mr. Nicholson, | Mr. Gillics, |
| , Mr. Dick, | Mr. Sleath, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Hassall, |
| Mr. David Davis, | Mr, J. C. L, Fitzpatrick. |
| Mr. Arthur Grifith, | Telle |
| Mr. Wright, | Lelle |
| Mr. Affleck, | Mr. Moore, |
| Mr. Dugald Thomson, | Mr. Holman, |
| Mr. Copeland, |  |

Insertion of proposed words negatived.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
And clauses 10 to 16 haring been dealt with,--278-

No. 2.

No. 2.

## Sabe Bila.

Exemption of shopkeeper from penalty upon broing the real offender.

Clause 17. "Where" any act or default constituting an offence against this Act for which any shopkeeper or person acting or apparently acting in the management of a shop is by this Act liable to a penalty has in fact been done or committed by some other person, such other person shail be liable to a penalty not excceding pounds.

Where sưch shopkeeper or person is charged with any such act or default so done or committed by some other person, the said shopkceper or person shall be exempt from any penalty upon proving that he had supplied proper means and issued proper orders for the obscrvance and used due diligence to enforce the observance of this Act, and that the said act or default was actually done or committed by some other person without his connivance.

Where an inspectior is satisfied before instituting a procecding for any such offence against the said shopkeeper or person that such shopkeeper or person if such proceedings were instituted against him would, under the foregoing provisions of this section, be exempt from any penalty, and the said shopkeeper or person gives all facilities in his power for proceeding against and convicting the person whom the inspector believes actually to have been guilty of the act or defanlt constituting the offence, the inspector shall proceed against that person in the first instance without first proceeding against the said shopkeeper or person. (Read.)
Motion made (dfr. Garland), to omit all words after the first word "Where" with a view to insert the words "a shopkeeper or owner is charged with any offence against the provisions of this Act, he shall bo entitled, upon information duly laid by him, to have the person whom he charges as the actual offender brought before the Court at the time appointed for the hearing of the charge; and if, after the commission of the offence has been proved, such storekeeper or owner proves to the satisfaction of the Court that he used due diligence to enforce the execution of this Act, and that the other person so charged by him committed such offence without his knowledge, consent, or connivance, the charge against such shopkecper or owner shall be dismissed, and such other person shall be summarily convicted of such offence, and shall be liable to the same penalty that such shopkeeper or owner would have been liable to had be been convicted of such offence,"-instead thereof.

Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.
Committee divided.
A yes, 30.
Noes, 17.


## Words stand.

Clause, as read, agreed to.
And clauses 18 to 20 having been dealt with,-
And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,-

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1899, A.M.
The remaining clanses, schedules, and postponed clauses of the Bill laving been dealt with,-
On motion of Mr. Lywe, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to tho House.

WEDNESDAY, i5 NOVEMBER, 1899.
No. 3.
Goumburn to Crookweil Raisway Bill.
(Recommittal to add proviso to clause 1.)
Clause 1. The carrying out of the said work (more particularly described in the Schedule to this Work sancAct) is hereby sanctioned; and the Secretary for Public Works, or the Member of the tioned. Executive Council for the time being performing the duties of the said Secretary, is hereby authorised to undertake and carry out the said work, subject to the provisions of this Act, and for that purpose shall be, and shall have the powers and duties of, a Constructing Authority within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 188s. Provided that the said work shall not be commenced until the land (not being land within two miles of the boundaries of the municipality of Goulburn, or one half mile of the surveyed boundary of the town of Crookwell), which, in the opinion of the said Secretary or Member, is required for the carrying out of the said work is contracted to be conveyed free of cost to the Crown by the owners thereof.
Motion made (Mr. O'Sullivan), to add to the clause the following words:-Provided that the said work shall not be commenced until the Iand (not being land within two miles of the boundaries of the municipality of Goulburn or one half mile of the surveyed boundary of the town of Crookwell), which, in the opinion of the said Secretary or Member, is required for the carrying out of the said work is contracted to be conveyed "free of cost" to the Crown by the owners thereof.
Motion made (Mr. Mroore), to leave out from the words proposed to be added, the words "free of cost"
Queation put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the amendment.
Committee divided.

| Ayes, 40. |  |
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| Mr. Sawers, | Mr. Molesworth |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Brunker, |
| Mr. Wilks, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. James Thomson, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Gillies, | Mr: 'Thomas, |
| Mr. MeGowen, | Mr. Millard, |
| Mr. Affleck, | Mr. Cann, |
| Mr. Lees, | Mr. Byrne, |
| Mr. Quinn, | Mr. Rigg, |
| Mr. T. H. Griffth, | Mr . Nielson, |
| Mr. Watson, | Mr. Jessep, |
| Mr. Edden, | Mr. Smith. |
| Mr. Dacey, Mr. Anderso | Tellers, |
| Mr. David Davis, | Mr. R |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Ferris. |

Noes, 7.
Mr. Wood,
Mr Suttor,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Se,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fegnn,
Mr. Hawthorne;
Mr. Piddingtou,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Hagall,
Mr. Kidd,

Words stand.
Words added to the clause.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill $2^{\circ}$ with an amendment to the House.

## THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 4.
Gold and Mineral Dredging Bul.
Clause 1 having been dealt with,-
Clause 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates or requires-
" Lake" includes a lagoon, swamp, or other collection of still water, whether permanent or temporary, not contained in an artificial work.
"Minerals" means all minerals as defined by the Mining Act of 1889.
"Mininter"-mean the-Seeret for-Mines:
"Occupier" means any lessee from the Crown under any tenure under the Crown Lands Acts, or any tenant of land alienated from the Crown, or any person in charge of alienated lands for the owner thercof.
"Owner" means the owner or conditional purchaser of any land, or holder of a homestead selection, whether hig-ifle-ifompleted-or not; or any trustec in whom any geet land is rested.
"River" includes any stream of water, whether perennial or intermittent, flowing in a natural channel.
"River-bed" means the soil between the tops of the banks of a river, to be defined by the Mining Surveyor when making the survey. (Read.)
The clause having been amended as indicated,
Motion made (Mr, Fegan), to add to the clause the words "to be defined by the Mining Surveyor when making the survey."
Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Committee divided.

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\text { Ayes, } 30 .
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## Mr. Wise, Mr. See, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Barton, <br> Mr. Lyne, <br> Mr. Meagher, <br> Mr. Miller, <br> Mr. Moore, <br> Mr. O'Sullivan,

## Mr. Law, Mr. McGowen <br> Mr. Watson,

Mr. Wood

Mr. J. C. I. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Spence,
Mr. Garland, Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gillies, Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Macdona
Mr. Hurley,
Ir. Sleath.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. MeFarlane,
Tellers,
Mr. Tessep,
Mr. Phillips.

Noes, 6.
Mr . Cook,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Millerd.
Tellers,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Piddington.

Words adiled.
Clause, as amended, agrced to.
And clause 3 having been postponed, and clauses 4 to 7 dealt with,-
No. 5.
Same Bill.
Clause 8. The warden on receipt of such direction shall cause to be insorted in two consecutive issues of the Gazette, and of a newspaper published or circulating in the locality where the land applied for is situated, and shall exhibit at the nearest post office or Courthouse a notice stating that on a day therein named, which shall not be less than seven days from the date of the later issue of the Gazette, and at a place therein specified within the mining district in which such land is situated, an inquiry concerning the application mentioned in such notice will be made by a warden in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, and requiring any objections to the granting of such application to be lodged with him before the day therein specified for the holding of such inquiry. (Read.)
Motion made (Mfr. Miller), to insert after the word "newspaper," in line 2, the worde "published or.'
Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

| r. Lyne,r. Fegan,r. Spenc,r. O'Sllliranr. Suttor,r. Meagher,r. Richard,r. Wood,r. Barton,r. Hurley,Haseall,r. Carroll, |
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Words inserted.

Mr. McFarlano,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Mrunker
Mr. Mrunker,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Piddington.
Tellers,
Mr . Miller,
Mr. M.C. L. Fitzpatrick.

No. 6.
Same Bidis.
Same clause.
Motion made (MAr. CooZ), to insert after the word "gituated," in line 3 , the words "and shall exhibit at the nearest post office or Court-house"
Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 19.
Noes, 15.

| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Gillies, | Mr. Barton, | Mr. Jessep, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr . Spence, | Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. McLaugblin, | Mr. Phillips. |
| Mr. Piddington, | Mr. Watson, | Mr. O'Sullivan, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Dick, | Mr. Fegan, | - |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. McGowen, | Mr. Lyne, | Mr. McFarlane, |
| Mr. Hurley, | Mr. Millard. | Mr. Wise, | Mr. Cohen. |
| Mr. Sleath, Mr. Moore, | Tellers, | Mr. See, Mr. Suttor |  |
| Mr. Garland, | Mr. Richards, | Mr. Harsall, |  |
| Mr. Lawr, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick. | Mr. Carroll, |  |

Words inserted.
Clause, as amended, agreer to.
And clause 9 haring been dealt with, clause 10 postponed, clauses 11 to 22 dealt with, clause 23 postponed, and clauses 24 and 25 dealt with, -
On motion of Mr. Fegan, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Thomas, left the Chair to report progress and ask leare to sit again on Tuesday next.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.
1899. (THIRD SESSION.)

## Legislative Assembly.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. \%.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS 

IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLR.
(EXTRACTED FROM THK MINDTES.)

TUESDAY, 21 NOFFMBER, 1899.
No. 1.
Goid and Mineral Drenging Brla.
Postponed clause 3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Governor may grant for the governor may purpose of mining for gold or any other mineral, by dreaging, pumping, sluicing, or other prant leases for method, leases of the land forming the bed of any river or lake, or under any tidal water, or purposes ot under the ocenn contiguous to the coast line, or of the land contiguous to any such place, dredging. sc. except land held under or by virtue of any Act relating to mining.
(2) The area that may be demisod by any such lease shall be in oueh propertion-to Aren that may
 the mining eperationo intended-within the eqid-area, -se io preseribed by the regetation proportion to the number of men to be employed for the purpose of working the area, not exceeding ten acres for every man to be employed. Provided that the Minister shall have power to modify such condition if it be shown that the circumstances warrant a reduction thereof. Provided also that the maximum area to be demised by any such lease shall not exceed one hundred acres.
(3) Where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Minister that two or more adjoining leases issued under this Act can by amalgamation be more efficiently worked, the Minister may authorise such amalgamation, according to the conditions whicb may be prescribed by the regulations. Provided that any application for such amalgamation shall be made in open Court, before the Warden, who shall forward his report and recommendation to the Minister, who shall then give his decision.
(3) (4) Such leases shall not be granted for a longer term than fifteen years, but may puration o be renewed for any term not exceeding fitteen years on payment of the fine, and subject to leasss and the conditious prescribed by the regulations. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr, Watson) to insert at the end of sub-clause (1) the words "Provided that no
"lease shall be granted in respect of land situated within three hundred feet of any
"dwelling-house, unless with the consent of the owner."
Question put,-That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 27.
Noes, 39.


| Mr. Dight, | Mr. Miller, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Jessop, | Mr. McFarlane, |
| Mr. Rose, | Mr. Affleek, |
| Mr . Garland, | Mr. Hawthorne, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. See, | Mr. Pyers, |
| Mr. O'Sullivina, | $\frac{\mathrm{Mr}}{\mathrm{Mr} .}$ Wilexander Campbell, |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Phillips, |
| Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Sleath, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Ferguson, | Mr. David Davis, |
| Mr. Moore, | Mr. Nicholson, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Hogue, |
| Mr . ${ }^{\text {O Conor, }}$ | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Wood. |
| Mr. Levien, | tellers, |
| Mr. Hurley, | Mr. Macdonald, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Willis. |
| Mr. Lyne, |  |

Insertion of proposed words negatived.
And the clause having been amended as indicated,-

No. 2.
Same Bill.
Same clause.
Motion made (dfr. Fegan), to insert as sub-clause (3) the words "(3.) Where it shall appear "to the satisfaction of the Minister that two 'or more' adjoining leases issued under
"this Act can by amalgamation be more efliciently worked, the Minister may authorise
" such amalgamation according to the conditions which may be prescribed by the regulations."
Mr. Cook moved that the worls proposed to be inseried be aménded by leaving out tho words "or more"
And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,--

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOFEMBER, 1899, к.м.
Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the amendment.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 23.
Noes, 17.

| Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Alesander Campbell, |
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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Andergon, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Cruickshank, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Huriey, |
| Mr. Antin Clapman, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Lrne, | Mr. Garland, |
| Mr. Sullivan, | Mr. Meagher, |
| Mr. Jessep, | Mr. Willis. |
| Mr. McFurlane, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Wood, | Mr. Mclaugblin, |
| Mr. Pyers, | Mr. Sleath. |
| Mr. OConor, |  |


| Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Gillies, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. McGowen. |
| Mr. Phillips, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Jonaldson, | Mr. Meors, |
| Mr. Millard, | Mr. Moore, |
| $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Richards, Mr. T. H. Crificth, | Mr. Bennett. |
| Mr. Miller, |  |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, |  |
| Mr. Watson, |  |
| Mr. Spence, |  |
| Mr. Sinith, |  |
| Mr. Nielsen, |  |

## Words stand.

And the words proposed to be inserted having been amended by the addition of the following words:-" Provided that any application for such amalgamation shall be made in open
"Court before the warden, who shall forward his report and recommendation to the
"Minister, who shall then give his decision"-words as amended inserted in the clausc.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
No. 3.
Same Bill.

Warden may

Postponed Clause 10. (1) The warden may order that any road of access or site as aforesaid which he finds to be necessary shall be marked out on the land by a person appointed by him in that behalf, and such person shall not incur liability for trespass committed by him in pursuance of such order.

Such road shall be marked out in the manner prescribed by the regulations from the nearest practicable point of a public road.
(2) The order of a warden declaring that a road of access along the line determined by him is necessary shall entitle the lessee to use such road with horses, cattle, and vehiclos.
(3) The warden may order that any compensation awarded by him shall be paid in one amount, or by yearly or half. ycarly instalments during the term of the lease, and, except as to the first payment, at such times as he thinks fit.
(4) The order of $a$ warden by which any rent or compensation is directed to be paid to the Crown or to any person "shall be final and not subject to any appeal, and" shall entitle the Crown or such person to sue for and recorer any instalment thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction : Provided that the rent to be paid to the Crown shall be not less than one pound per acre per annum in respect of gold leases and five shillings per acre per annum in respect of leases other than gold leases. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr. Moore), to leave out from sub-clause (4) the words "shall be final and not " subject to any appeal, and"
Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

- Mr. Wood,

Mr. Hassall Mr. Suttor, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr . Willis, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Conor Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Sleath. Mr. Hurley,

Noes, 12.
Mr. McLanghlin,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sioore,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Spence.

## Tellers,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Watson.

No. 4.
Same Bitil.
Same clause.
Motion madc (Mr. Watson), to add to the clause the words "Provided that the rent to be " paid to the Crown shall be not less than one pound per acre per annum in respect of gold
" leases and five shillings per acre per annum in respect of leases other than gold leases."
Question put,-That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Committee divided.

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\text { Ayes, } 23 . \quad \text { Noes, } 11 .
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Mr . Jessep,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
$\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Cruickshunk,
Mr . Pyers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr.
Mr. Phillips.
Tellers,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Bennett.
Words added.
Clause, as amendcd, agreed to.
And postponed clause 23, and a new clause having been dealt with,-
On motion of Mr. Fegan, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Piddington, left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

## WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 5.

## Friendly Societies Bill.

(Consideration of Legislative Council's amendments).
The Legislative Council's amendments in the Title and in previous clauses having been dealt, with,-
Clause 40. (1) The trustees of a registered society or branch may, with the consent of the Investment of committee or of a majority of the members present and entitled to vote in general meeting, invest the funds of the society or branch, or any part thereof, to any amount in any of the following ways:-
(a) in the Government Savings Bank, or in the Savings Bank of New South Wales; or
(b) in the public funds; or
(c) in the purchase of land, or in the erection or alteration of offices or other buildings thereon; or
(d) upon any ot her security expressly directed by the rules of the society or branch, not being personal security, except as in this Act authorised with respect to a loan fund.
(c) upon mortgage of any unencumbered land in the Colony of New South Wales of an estate in fee-simple to an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the value of such land.
(2) The rules of a society with branches and of any branch thereof may provide for the investinent of funds of the society or of that branch by the trustees of any branch, or by the trustees of the society, and the consent required for any such investment shall be the consent of the committee or of such majority as aforesaid of the society or bravch by whom the funds are invested. (Considered.)
Motion made (Mr. See), That the Committee disagrees with the Legislative Council's amendments in Clause 40,-and Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 41.
Mr. Jee,
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hasgall,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. O'Sullitan,
Mr. Quinn, Mr. Nielaen, Mr. Wood,
Mr . Wood,
Mr . Barnes,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Bruaker,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Carroll,

Mr. Richards,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. W. Daris,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hugles
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Nicholson
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. McGowen
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,

Noes, 14.
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Digint,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Mcliean,
Mr. Tames Thomson,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Parkes.
Tellers,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Meagher.

And the remainder of the Legislative Council's amendments baving been dealt with,-
On motion of Mr. Sec, the Temporary Cbairman, Mr. Moore, reported that the Committee had agreed to some, including the amendment in the Title, and disagreed to other of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Bill.

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\text { THURSDAY, } 23 \text { NOVEMBER, 1899, А.м. }
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No. 6.
Dubbo to Coonamble Railway Bill.
Clause 1. The carrying out of the said work (more particularly described in the Schedule to this Act) is hereby sanctioned; and the Secretary for Public Works, or the Member of the Executive Council for the time being performing the duties of the said Secretary, is hereby authorised to undertake and carry out the said work subject to the profisions of this Act, and for that purpose shall be, and shall have the powers and duties of, a Constructing Authority within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888. Provided that the said work shall not be commenced until the land (not being land within two miles of the boundaries of the Municipality of Dubbo or Coonamble or one half mile of the surveyed boundaries of the townships of Gilgandra and Gulargambone) which in the opinion of the said Secretary or Member is required for the carrying out of the said work is contracted to be conveyed free of cost to the Crown by the owners thereof. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr. O'Sullivan), to add to the clause the words "Provided that the said work "shall not be commenced until the land (not being land within two miles of the boundaries "of the municipality of Dubbo or Coonamble or one half mile of the surveyed boundaries of "the townships of Gilgandra and Gulargambone) which in the opinion of the said Secretary
"or Member is required for the carrying out of the said work is contracted to be conveyed "'free of cost' to the Crown by the owners thereof." (Read.)
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved that the words proposed to be added be amended by learing out from the last line the words "free of cost "
Question,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

| Mr. Morgan, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. See, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. Law, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. James Thompson, | Mr. Nicholson, |
| Mr. Willis, | Mr. Maedonald, | Mr. Dacey, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. McGowen, |
| Mr. Norton, | Mr. Wright, | Mr. Watson, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Dight, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. Millard. |
| Mr. O'Conor, | Mr. Holman, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Pbillips, Mr. Rose, | Mr. Donaldson, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Hurley, | Mr. Gillies. |

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And the words haring been added to the clause,-
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
And the remaining clauses, the Schedule, and the Preamble of the Bill having been dealt with,On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Wilks, left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.
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Noes, 4.
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Miller.
Tellers,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

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## No. 8.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
(EXTRAOTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

## THURSDAY, 80 NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 1.
Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill.
Clauses 1, 2, and 3 having been postponed,-
Clause 4. Lands declared by notification under the provisions of section ten of the Crown Lands conditional Act of 1895 to be set apart for conditional purchase or conditional leare shall, subject to $\begin{gathered}\text { purchases at } \\ \text { Hpecial prices. }\end{gathered}$ the provisions of the said section (on and after such date as may be specified in such notification and during any period named in such notification) be availablo for conditional purchase in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts and the Acts amending the same, at such pricos specified in the notification, whether below one pound per acre or not, as are determined by the Governor, and shall be available also for any other form of purchase, or any form of lease or license under the Crown Lands Acts and the Acts amending the same unless it is expressly provided to the contrary by the notification or unless the lands are apecially reserved:

Provided that in the case of any such conditional purchase the deposit shall be ten per contum, and each of the annual instalments (the second and subsequent of which shall be deemed to include interest at the rate of four per centum per annum on the balance of purchase money) shall be five per centum of the price of the land determined and specified as aforesaid. (Read.)
Question put,--That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

|  | Ayes, 54. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Ross, | Mr. Brunkcr, |
| Mr. Heseall, | Mr. Richards, | Mr. Wright, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Waddell, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Aflleck, | Mr. Donaldson, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Chanter, | Mr. Spenco, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Suttor, | Sir Mathew Harris, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. W. W. Daris, | Mr. Gormly, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. Millard, |
| Mr . Rose, | Mr. Price, | Mr. Byrne, |
| Mr. Dight ${ }_{\text {, }}$ | Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, | Mr. McFarlane, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Sawers, | Mr. Hawthorne, |
| Mr. Miller, | Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Carruthers, | Mr. Moore, | Mr. Piddington, |
| Mr. David Davie, | Mr. Young, | Mr. Noild. |
| Mr. Goodwin, | Mr. Torry, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Pyers, | Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Bennett, |
| Mr. Reymond, Mr. Hurley, | Mr . Gillies, Mr , Molesw | Mr. Austin Chapman. |

Clause, as read, agreed to.
And clause 5 haring been dealt with, and clause 6 read and partly considered,--
On motion of Mr. Hassall, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Moore, left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.

No. 2.
Chown $L_{\text {ands (Amendient) Bile. }}$

Conflicting how dealt with.

Clause 6. So much of section eleven of the Crown Lands Act of 1899 as relates to conflicting applications and to ballots, and the whole of section thirty-eight of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 are hereby repealed.

The Governor may make regulations prescribing the manner in which athe beard-or by whem the order of priority of conflicting applications made, tendered, or lodged to or with the land agent simultaneously shall be determined by the Local Land Board, and prescribing the considerations by which the said Board orfersons shall bo guided in determining such order of priority: Where, in pursuance of such regulations, any such applications have equal claims to priority, the order of their priority shall be determined by ballot, and the Governor may make regulations prescribing the persons by whom and the manner in which the ballot shall be "held." Provided that if the application which by the ballot is determined to be first in order of priority is withdrawn or disallowed, a fresh ballot shall be held to determine the order of priority of those applications which remain, and the Board may impose a penalty for such withdrawal or disallowance by retaining such portion of the deposit money as may, after due inquiry, seem justifiable, and at its discretion disqualify such applicant from making any fresh application for a period to be determined by such Board.

Conflicting applications shall be dealt with by the local land board in the order of their priority as determined in iccordance with this section.

Applications for conditional purchases and conditional leases of the same series shall, for the purposes of any ballot, be deemed to form together a single application for the whole of the land comprised within the said applications taken conjointly. (Further considered.)
And the amendment moved by Mr. Hassall to insert after the word "held." at the end of the second paragraph, the words: "Provided that if the application which by the ballot is determined to be first in order of priority is withdrawn or disallowed, a fresh ballot shall be held to determine the order of priority of those applications which remain, and the Board may impose a penalty for such withdrawal or disallowance by retaining such portion of the deposit money as may, after due inquiry, seem justifiable, and at its diseretion disqualify such applicant from making any fresh application for a period to be determined by such Board "-again stated.
Mr. Ferguson moved,--"That the Question be now put."
Question put,--That the Question be now put.
Committee divided.
Noes, 21.


And it appearing by the 'Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of at least forty Members,-
Question agreed to.
And the clause having been amended as indicated,-
olause, as amended, agreed to.
And clauses 7 to 14 having been dealt with.
No. 3.

## Same Bill.

Postponed Clause 1. (1) On application within six months after the commencement of this Act in the preacribed form and accompanied by the prescribed declaration and fee, the holder of any land held under conditional purchase or conditional lease (not being a mining conditional purchase ef-anditional purchane the-ralue-ef whieh has-been determined-under-peetion thifty-siry of the Grown-Jande-Aetef-1.895), "who from the commencement" of this Act to the
"date of his application has been continuously in residence on some portion of the holding "of which such conditional purchase or conditional lease consists or forms part" shall be entitled to have the capital valuc determined by appraisement (in accordance with the provisions of section six of the Crown Lands Act of 1889) of such of the land included in the application as comprises an area not more than sufficient, in the opinion of the local land board, to maintain the applicant and his dependent family (if any): Provided that no application for re-appraisement shall be granted unless the Land Board, subject to appeal in the manner prescribed by the Crown Lands Acts, shall be satisfied that the land in respect of which the application is made is held bona fide for applicant's sole use and benefit.

But no person shall be entitled to make an application under this section who holds in fee simple or under conditional purchase or conditional lease any greater area than two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the Eastern Division, or five thousand one hundred and twenty acres in the Central Division, or ten thousand two hundred and forty acres in the Western Division.

Where any such land is subject to any mortgage, the application shall be made with the consent of the mortgagee given as prescribed.
(2) The capital value to be determined shall be the value of the land at the date of determination the application for appraisement, but assuming that any improvements on the land at that of value. date did not exist, and shall be appraised at an amount per acre.
(3) The capital value per acre so determined shall be a multiple of one shilling and capital vatue. eightpence.
(4) The determfination under this section of the value of land subject to a con- Determination ditional purchase shall relate back to but not beyond the day on which the instalment or to relate back. payment next preceding the date of application for appraisement was due on the conditional purchase, and no mone ys paid or due before that day shall be refu nded or set off against any moneys becoming due after that day in respect of the conditional purchase.

The balancc of parchase money owing on the said day upon a conditional purchase shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the balance which would have been owing if this Act had not passed as the value per acre determined in pursuance of this section bears to the original pr ice per acre of the land subject to the conditional purchase.

On and after the said day all anuual instalments in respect of a conditional purchase shall be made at the rate of five per centum of the value detormined in pursuance of this section, and shall (when not a first instalment) be taken to include interest at the rate of four per centulm per annum on the balance of the purchas e money:

Provided that, plending the determination of any such value the annual payments in respect of a conditionfal purchase shall be made as if this Act h/ad not passed, subject however to readjustment on such determination being made.
(4) The balance of purchase money due on a conditional purchase after any such determination shall be the value so determined less the amount paid and appropriated otherwise than as interest on such conditional parchase; and no interest which has been paid shall go towards the reduction of the balance of the purchase money owing at the date of the determination of value as aforesaid, or be refunded or set off against any instalments payable after such date.

If the total amounts which have been paid as instalments (exclusive of interest on the original value) exceed the value determined under the provisions of this section, such total amounts shall, for the parpose of making any such adjustment, be deemed to be the value at which the conditional purchase has been so determined.

The annual payments in respect of a conditional purchase comprised in an application under this section, payable pending the determination of the value of such conditional purchase in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall be made as if this Act had not been passed; but any such annual payments payable after the date of such determination shall be made at the rate of five per centum of the value of the land as so determined, and shall (when not a first instalment) be taken to include interest at the rate of four per centum per annum on the balance of the purchase money.
(5) Every applicaust who in pursuance of this section has obtained a reduction of Conditions of the capital value of any land shall from the date of his application until the expiration of residenco in five years from such date live continuously and bona-fide on some portion of the holding the rulue of as his usual home withont any other habitual residence; but the term of residence so which has been imposed shall be reduced by any period, not being greater than a period of two and a half years, during which the applicant has, immediately preceding tho dato of his application, so resided upon some part of the "holding." Provided that where any conditional purchase or conditional lease brought or applied to be brought under the provisions of this section is held by the original conditional purchaser or lessee, or any person on whom any such purchase or lease has devolved under the will or on the intestacy of such purchaser or lessee, or has not been transferred by such purchaser, lessee, or person, except by way of bona fide mortgage or security, the condition of residence prescribed by this section shall not attach to the land either before or after the date of application for appraisement.
(6) If the local land board, after due inquiry, finds that the condition of residence prescribed in this section has not been fulfilled, or that, by any transfer, conveyance, assignment, or otherwise, the ownership of any land under conditional purchase or lease has been wrongfully acquired or transferred or has purported to have been so acquired or transferred in order to evade the condition of residence prescribed, or to obtain an apprasement or determination of capital value under this section, or to obtain such appraisement or determination in respect of a larger area than he would otherwiso be entitled to have appraised, the Minister may declare every conditional purchase and conditional lease of such land or any part thereof to be forfeited.

If any instalment or other sum due in accordance with this section is not duly paid in respect of any conditional purchase or conditional lease, the Minister may declare such conditional purchase or conditional lease forfeited.

The holder of land under a conditional purchase shall not be entitled to a grant in fee simple of the land, unless and until the condition of residence prescribed by this section has been certified by the local land board, after due inquiry, to have been fulfilled, and unless and until all other conditions required by law to be periormed before the issue of such grant have been duly performed.

A forfeiture under this section shall be a forfeiture to Her Majesty of the land, together with all moneys paid in respect of the same, and all improvements on the laud.
(7) Where the value of land under conditional lease has been determined in pursuance of this section, such land or any part thereof, if applied for under additional conditional purchase during the currency of the lease, shail be taken at the value so determined.
(8) "Holding," for the purposes of this section, means one portion of land or two or more portions of land contiguous to one another, or separated only by roads or water-courses, and held in fee-simple or as conditional purchases or conditional leases of the same or of different series by one person bona fide in his own interest. (Read.)
And the clause having been amended as indicated,-
Motion made (MIr. Dight), to leave out from lines 5, 6, and 7 the words "who from the " commencement of this Act to the date of his application has been continuously in residence
"on some portion of the holding of which such conditional purchase or conditional lease
"consists or forms part"
Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 46.

| Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Pyers, Mr. Hurley, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Ferguson, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Bernett, |
| Mr. Cann, | Mr. Wilks, |
| Mr. Crick, | Mr. Donaldson, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Price, | Mr. Chanter, |
| Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. Aflleck, |
| Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick | Mr. Sawers, |
| Mr. W. W. Davis, | Mr . Levien, |
| Mr. Wood, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Rigg, | Mr. MeGowen, |
| Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Spence, |
| Mr. Archer, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Miller, | Mr. Ross, |

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr . Thomas Brown,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr . Dacer,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Ncild.
Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cohen.

## Noes, 5.

Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Millard.
Tellers,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Garland.

## Words stand.

Aud the clause having been further amended as indicated, by the insertion of the proviso at the end of the first paragraph,-
No. 4.
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## Same Clausc.

Motion made (Mr. Hassall), to insert after the words just inserted the words "But no person " shall be entitled to make an application under this section who holds in fee simple, or under "conditional purchase or conditional lease, any greater area than two thousand five hundred " and sixty acres in the Eastern Division, or five thousand one hundred and twenty acres in the "Central Division, or ten thousand two hundred and forty acres in the Western Division." Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

| Mr. Wood, | Mr. W. W. Davis, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Hurley, |
| Mr. Crick, | Mr. Archer, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Austin Chapman, |
| Mr. Price, | Mr. Spruson, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Chanter, |
| Mr. Miller, | Mr. Henry Clarke, |
| Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. Moore, |
| Mr. Waddell, | Mr. Haynes, |
| Mr. Carroll, | Mr. Aflleck, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Rigg, |


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Noes, 9.
Mr. Morgan, Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Ablton,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Dight,
Mr . Millard.
Tellers,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Ferguson.

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And the clause having been further amended as indicated by the omission of sub-clause 4 , and the insertion of new sub-clause 4,—

No. 5.

No. 5.

## Same Bide.

Same clause.
Motion made (Mr. Hassall), after the word " holding." at the end of sub-clause 5 , to insert the words,-
"Provided that where any conditional purchase or conditional lease brought or applied
" to be brought under the provisions of this section is held by the original conditional purchaser
"or "lessee" or any person on whom any such purchase or lease has devolved under the will or
" on the intestacy of such purchaser or lessee, or has not been tranferred by such purchaser,
" lessee, or person, except by way of bonat fide mortgage or security, the condition of residence
"prescribed by this section shall not attach to the land either before or after the date of applica-
" tion for appraisement.
And the amendment having been amended as indicated,-
Mr. Norton moved to further amend the words proposed to be inserted after the word "lessee" by inserting the words " or auy transferee of a conditional purchase or conditional leaso "who at the time of lodging his application does not hold more than the maximum area now "allowed by law and has not previously held any land of a similar character under the "Land Acts of this Colony."
Question put,-That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9 .
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Austia Chapman,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Millard.
Tellers,
Mr. Wardell,
Mr. Dight.

Noes, 22.

| Mr. Sec, | Mr. Byrne, |
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| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Wood, | Mr. O'Sullivan, |
| Mr. Ashton, | Mr. McLaughli, |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, |
| Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. Hassall, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Sawers, |
| Mr. Afleck, | Mr. Lyne. |
| Mr. Miller, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. Havthorne, | Mr. |
| Mr. Moore, | Mr. Anderson. |

Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Isyne.
Tellers,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Anderson.

Insertion of proposed words in amendment negatived.
And the clause having been further amendment as indicated, by the insertion of the proposed words, -
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
And postponed clause 2 having been dealt with,-
No. 6.
Same Bifl.
Postponed clause 3. On the application of the holder of any homestoad selection, in respect of capital values of which a grant has not issued, or of any settlement lease, within the prescribed time, and homestead accompanied by the prescribed deposit, the capital value of the land held under such settement homestend selection or settlement lease shall be determined by appraisement in accordance leaseramay be with the provisions of section six of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 .

In the case of a homestead selection any rent accruing due from the day on which rent was last payable before the date of application for appraisement until the expiration of ten years after issue of the grant of such homestead selection, and in the case of a settlement lease, any rent accruing due from the day on which rent was last payable before the date of the application for appraisement, shall be computed on the capital value so determined, of the laud held under such selection or lease.

The capital value of any homestead selection (whether the grant has or has not issued) or settlement lease into which any lease or leases have been converted under the provisions of the Act No. 20, 1897, shall, on application as aforesaid, be determined by appraisement under the provisions of this section, and the rent of such homestead selection or settlement lease shall be computed on the capital value so determined, and the payments of such rent shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. (Read.)
Motion made (Mr. Price),'to add to the clause the words, "The capital value of any homestead " selection (whether the grant has or has not issued) or settilement lease into which any " lease or leases bave been converted under the provisions of the Act No. 20, 1897, "shall, on application as aforesaid, be determined by appraisement under the provisions " of this section, and the rent of such homestead selection or settlement lease shall be " computed on the capital value so determined, and the payments of such rent shall be made " in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1895."
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Question put,-That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 31. Noes, 3.
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. O'Sullizan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Snwers,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wise
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Wriglt
Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Nielsen,
Words added.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
And new clauses having been dealt with,-
On motion of Mr. Hassall, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Piddington, left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.
1899.
(THIRD SESSION.)
Legislatitye Assembly.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

## No. 9.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

## IN <br> COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. <br> (EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

## TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1899.

No. 1.
Supply-Estimates of Expenditune, 1899-1900.
The Estimates under Supplement to Schedulc $B$ and Executive and Legislative having been dealt with,-
Ohief Secretary.
Question proposed,-That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum of $£ t, 211$ for Chief Secretary.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,-
WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1899, А.М.
Motion made (Mfr. Jessep),-That the item, "Chief Clerk, £600," be reduced by the sum of £100,-and Question put.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 5.
Mr . Jessep,
Mr. Afleck,
Mr. David Davis.

## Tellers,

Mr. Miller,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

| Mr. Morgan, <br> Mr. Brumker, <br> Mr. Sce, <br> Mr. O'Sullivan, <br> Mr. W. W. Davis, <br> Mr. Gillies, <br> Mr. Crick, <br> Mr. Lyne, <br> Mr. Sleath, <br> Mr. Macdonald, <br> Mr. Jhbillips, |
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Noes, 30.

| Mr. Cook, | Mr. McFarlane, |
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| Mr. Millard, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Garland, | Mr. Benett, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Richards, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Smith. |
| Mr. Kidd, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Law, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Hnssall, | Mr. Coben. |
| Mr. Willis, | Mr. Mneey, |

Mr . Jessep,
Mr. Afleck,
Mr. David Davis $\qquad$

## Reduction negatived.

Estimate (Ohief Secretary, £7,211) agreed to.
And the remaining Estimates under the Chief Secretary down to and including "Charitable Allowances" having been dealt with,-
No. 2.
Supply.
Miscellaneous (Ohiof Secretary).
Questinn proposed,-That there be granted to Her Majesty a.sum not exceeding $\mathbb{E} 69,626$ for Miscellaneous Services.
Motion made (Mr. Miller),-What the item, "Genoral Improvements, National Park, £4,000," be reduced by the sum of $£ 1,000$, -and Question put.

Committee diviłed.

| Ayes, 9. | Noes, 23. |  |
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| Mr. Willis, | Mr. Barton, | Mr. Perry, |
| Mr. J. C. IJ. Titzpatrick, | Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Hassall, |
| Mr. David Davis, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. McFarlane, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Spruen, | Mr. Gillies, |
| Mr. Miller, | Mr. W. W. Davis, | Mr. Benncti, |
| Mr. Millard, | Mr. Tyne, | Mr. Barnes, |
| Mr. Dacey. | Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. See, | Mr. Carroll, Mr. Richards. |
| Tellers, | Mr. Seo, <br> Mr. Smith, | Mr. Richards. |
| Mr. Jessep, | Mr. Sleath, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Aftecis. |  | Mr. Lnw, |
|  | Mr. Wood, Mr, Suttor | Mr. Wutson. |

Reduction negatived.
Estinate (Miscellaneous, $£ 69,626$ ) agreerl to.
And the Estimates under the Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade having been dealt with,-
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Piddington, left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again To-morrow.

## WEDIVESDAY, 13 DECEMAER, 1899.

No. 8.
Suppis-Estimates of Expenditure, 1899-1900.
Railways and Tramuays.
Question proposed,-That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,044,274 for Railways and Tramways.
Motion made (Mr. Miller), -That the item, "Chicf Accountant, $E 1,000, "$ be reduced by the sum of $£ 100$, and Question put.
Committee divided.

Aycs, 10.
Mr. Sleuth,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr . Thomas Brown,
Mr. MeGowen,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Darid Daris.
Tellers,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Norton.

| Mr. Morgan, | Mr. Pluillips, |
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| Mr. Garland, | Mr . Sce, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Maedonald, |
| Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. O'Sullivan, |
| Mr. Gillies, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Hawthorne | Mr. FitzGerald, |
| Mr. Smith, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr . Wise, | Mr. Wood, |
| Mr. Watson, | Mr. Pyers, |
| Mr. Isye, | Mr. Perry, |
| Mr. Henry Chapman, | Mr. Donaldson, |
| Mr. Ferris, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Haynes, | Mr. T. H. Grifith, |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Hassall, |
| Mr. Alexander Campbell, | Mir. Spence, |
| Mr. Fiegan, | Mr. Neild, |
| Mr. Byrne, | Mr. Nobbs, |
| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Cann, |

Mr. Holman,<br>Mr. Njelsen,<br>Mr. Archer,<br>Mr. Cohen,<br>Mr. Rose,<br>Mr. Dugald Thomson,<br>Mr. Millard,<br>Mr. Law,<br>Mr. Lees,<br>Mr. J. C. I. Fitzpatrick,<br>M. Richarcls,<br>Mr. Cruickshank,<br>Mr. E. M. Clark,<br>Mr. Willis,<br>Mr. Wilson.<br>Tellers,<br>Mr. Ross,<br>Mr. Arthur Griflith,

| Mr. Plitlips, | Mr. Holman, |
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| Mr. Sce, | Mr. Njelsen, |
| Mr. Macdonald, | Mr. Archer, |
| Mr. Hughes, | Mr . Cohen, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Rose, |
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| Mr. FitzGerald, | Mr. Millard, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Law, |
| Mr. Wood, | Mr. Lees, |
| Mr. Pyers, | Mr. J. C. I. Fitzjatrick, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Richarde, |
| Mr. Donaldson, | Mr. Cruickshank, |
| Mr. Carroll, | Mr. E. M. Clark, |
| Mr. T. H. Griflth, | Mr. Willis, |
| Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Wilson. |
| , Mr. Spence, | Tellers, |
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| Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mre. Cann, | Mr. Arthur Grimlth, |
| Mr. Nicholson, |  |

## Reduction megatived.

Estimate (Railways and Tramuays, £2,014,274) agread to.
And the Estimates under The Attorney-General and under Secretary for Lands down to and including "Advances to Settlers Board" having been dealt with,-

And the Committee continuing to siti after Midnight,-
THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBEXR, 1899, А.м.
No. 4.
Supply.
Miscellaneous Services (Secretary for Lands).
Question proposed,-That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £26,691 for "Miscellaneous Services."
Motion made (Mr. Miller),-That the item, "For the improvement and maintenance of Kuring-gai Chase, $£ 1,000$," be reduced by $£ 500$,--and Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr . Ross,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. MoGowen,
Tellers,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Thomas Brown.
Reduction negatived.

Noes, 21.

| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Norton, |
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| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Crick, |
| Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Hiynos, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Donaldson, |
| Mr. Smith, | Mr. Dacey, |
| Mr. Burton, | Mr. Hassall. |
| Mr. Fcgan, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Cruickghank, | Mr. E. Mr. Clark, |
| Mr. Henry Chapman, | Mr. Dugald Thomson. |
| Mr. McFarlane, |  |
| Mr. Carrol, |  |

$\dot{\text { No. }} .5$.

No. 5.
Supply.
Same Estimate.
Motion made (Mr. Norton),-That the item, "Towards purchase of site for Public Recreation Ground in Municipality of Mosman, $£ 3,000$," be omitted,-and Question put.
Committee divided.

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\text { Ayes, } 10
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Mr. Daecy,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Watikins,
Mr. MoGowen.
Tellors,
Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 19.
Mr. Phillips, $\quad$ Mr. David Ibaris, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cruickghnenk, Mr. Smilh, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Norton,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Millard, Mr. O'Sullizan, Mr. Crick, Mr. Crick, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Dugald Thomson. Mr . Hissall,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Kidd,

Onission of item negatived.
No. 6.
Stuplit.
Same Estimate.
Motion made (Mr. Miller), -That the item, "Trustees of Casino Common-To recoup the amount expended by them in fencing and making improrements on the Common, 5500 ," be omitted.
Committee divided.

## Ayes, 4.

Mr. McGowen Mr. Watkins.

Tellers,
Mr. Dicey, Mr. Miller.
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Jonaldson,
Mr. Caroll,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. JIassall,

Noes, 25.
Mr. O'Sulliman, Mr. Smitll,
Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Haynes,
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mr. Haynes, } & \text { Mr. Cruickshank, } \\ \text { Mr. Anderson, } & \text { Mr. Henry Chapman, } \\ \text { Mr. Ross, }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mr. Anderson, } & \text { Mr. Henry Ch. } \\ \text { Mr. Ross, } & \text { Mr. Ferguson. }\end{array}$
Mr. Darid Davis,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Dueald Thomson,
Tellers,
Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatriek, Mr. Norton.
Omission of itern negatived.
Estimate (Mfiscellaneous, £26,691) agreed to.
And the remaining Estimates under Secretary for Lands, the Estimates for Establishment (Public Works), Public Works and Services, and Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Scwerage having been dealt with,-
No. 7.
Suppla.
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
Question proposed,-What there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding $\mathbb{£ 9 , 8 0 1}$ for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
Motion made (Mr. Miller),-That the item, "President of the Board, from 1st July, 1895, to 30th June, 189G, £100,' be omittied,-and Question put.
Committee divided.
syes, 6.
Mr . Millor,
Mr . Norton,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. MeGowen.
Tcllers,
Mr. Haynes, Mr. Thomas Brown.

Noes, 26.

| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Edden, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Watkins, |
| Mr. Crick, | Mr. Ferguson, |
| Mr. Wood, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick. |
| Mr, Alexander Campbel Mr. Watson, | , Tellers, |
| Mr. Millard, | Mr. Darid Davis, |
| Mr. Oruickehank, | Mr. MeFarlan |
| Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dugald Th |  |

Mr. Edden,

Mr. Watkins,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitapatrick.
Tellers,
Mr. Daxid Daris,
Mr. MeFarlane.

Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Hassail, Mr. O'Sullivan,

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Henry Chapman
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Howartl , Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Doualdson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Omission of item negatived.
Estimate (IHunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, £9,891) agreed to.
And the remaining Estimates having been dealt with, -
And the Committee continuing to sili after Midnight, -

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\text { FRTDAY, } 15 \text { DEOEMBER, 1899, А.м. }
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On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Thomas, Left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again, and also to report that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.
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1899.
(THIRD . SESSION.)
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Legislative Assembly. NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 10.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

in

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.



THURSDAY, 21 DECRMBER, 1809, А.м.
No. 1.
Ways and Means.
(Resolution-Probate Duties).
Mr. Tyne moved, -That the Committee agree to the following Resolution :-
(10.) Resolved, -That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, where under Part III of the Stamp Duties Act, 1808 , duties are payable or chargeable upon or in respect of the estates of any persons dying after the 20th day of December, 1899, or are payable or chargeable upon or in respect of any estates the subject of any settlement, trust, disposition, conveyance, transfer, vesting, purchase, investments, or gift made or caused to be made before or after the said day by any person so dying, such duties shall be levied, collected, paid, and charged and chargeable under the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, according to the duties bolow-mentioned, and such duties shall be in lien of the duties mentioned in the Third Schedule to the Stamp Duties Act, 1893 :-

Where the total value of any estate, after deducting all debts which
may, in pursuance of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898 , be deducted,
may, in pursuance of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, be deducted, exceeds $£ 1,000$ and docs not exceed $£ 5,000$

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Question put.
Committee divided.


Aycs, 44.

Noes, 3.
Mr. Copeland.
Tellers,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Price.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Moore, left the Chair to report progress, and ask leare to sit again, and also that the Committee has come to a Resolution.
No. 2.
Ways and Meavs.
(Resolution-Stanp Duties.)
Mr. Lyne moved,-That the Committee agree to Resolution (No. 11) imposing certain Stamp Duties.
And the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Jrice, addressing the Cowmittee,--
Mr. J. C. L. Titzpatrick moved, -That the Monorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard,-and Question put.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 21.
Noes, 14.

| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Hassall, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Wood, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Sleath, |
| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Cruickshank, |
| Mr. Orick, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Smith, |
| Mr. Archibald Campbell, | Mr. Watson. |
| Mr. See, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Gillies, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. J. C. L. Firzpatrick. |
| Mr. O'Conor, |  |


| Mr. Price, |  |
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| Mr. Dugald Thomson, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Norton, | Mr. Spence, |
| Mr. Cohen, | Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick. |
| Mr. Kidd, |  |
| Mr. Cook, |  |
| Mr. Cann, |  |
| Mr. Suttor, |  |
| Mr. Garland, |  |
| Mr. Jesseg, |  |
| Mr. MrGowen, |  |
| Mr. Edden. |  |

Agrecd to.
Resolution agreed to.
And the Committec havi: y agreed to Resolution No. 12 (Companies, Death Duties), -
On motion of Mr. Wise, the llemporary Chairman, Mr. Moore, left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again, and also that the Committee has come to certain Jicsolutions,

FRTDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1899.
No. 3.

## Sunday Thadina Biel.

Mr. Copeland moved, -That the Committee agieo to the following resolution :That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor.
Question put.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 50. Noes, 1.5.

| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Archer, | Mr. David Davis, | Mr. Bramker, |
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| Mr. Willis, | Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Terry, | Mr. MrcLean, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Ferris, | Mr. Intees, | Mr. Gitlics, |
| Mr. Qumu, | Mr. Rose, | Mr. Watson, | Mr. Fegan, |
| Mr. Crick, | Mr. Austin Clanpman, | Mr. Arthur Griffilh, | Mr. Camm, |
| Mr . Trne, | Mr. Wughes, | Mr. Spence, | Mr. Edder, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Wright, | Mr. Carroll, | Mr. Dick, |
| Mr. Sec, | Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Piddington, | Mr. Thomas, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Cohen, | Mr. Watkins, | Mr. Nobls, |
| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Norton, | Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, ' | Mr. Cook, |
| Sir Joseph Abbott, | Mr. Barnep, | Mr. Chanter, | Mr. Whiddon, |
| Mr. Howarth, | Mr . Sleath, | Mr. Horma | Mr. Law. |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Hurley, | Tellers, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Nielsen, | Mr. Miller, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Nicholson, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick Mr. Thomas Clarke, | Mr. Meagher. | Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Afleck. |
| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Henry Clarke, |  |  |

Agreced to.
On motion of Mr. Copelati, ihe 'Jemporary Chairman, Mr. Moore, left the Chair, to report that the Committee has come to a Resolution.

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No. 4.
Library and Abt Gallery Blef.?
(Legislativa Council's Amendments.)
Amendments made by the Legislative Council, as shown in Schedule to Message of 22nd December, 1899.
Mr. Wise moved, -That the Committee agrees to the Legislative Council's amendments in the Bill, including the amendment in the Title,-and Question put.
.Committee divided.
Ayes, 50. Noes, 13.

| Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Nicholson, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Jinwthorne, | Mr. Nelson, | Mr. Ferris, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrict, | Mr. McGowen, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Watkins, | Mr. Thomas Brown, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Quinn, | Mr. Smith, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Law, |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Dight, | Mr. Thomas, |
| Mr. Juughes, | Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Macdonald, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Willis, | Mr. Carroll, |
| Mr. Afleck, | Mr. Arthur Grifith, | Mr. Dncog, |
| Mr . Levien, | Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Noild, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Barnos, | Mr. Wood. |
| Mr. Wright, | Mr. Alexander Campbell, | Tellers, |
| Mr. See, ${ }_{\text {Mr }}$ | Mr. Thomas Clarke, |  |
| Mr. David Davia, | Mr. Holman, | Mr. E. M. Clark, , |
| Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr . Brunker, | Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Cohen. |
| Mr. Brunker, Mr. Archer, | Mr. Rigg, |  |

Mr. Edden, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Garland, Mr. Norton, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Jeasep, Mr. Jeasep,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Miller
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Ross,
Mr . Ross,
Mr . Watson,
Mr. Hogue.
Tellers,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Austin Chapman

Mr . Archibald Campbell, Mr. Bennett,
Mr . Brunker,
Mr. Archer, Mr. Waddell,
Agreed to.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the Temporary Chairman, Mr. Moore, left the Chair to report that the Committee has agreed to the Legislative Council's amendments in the Bill, including the amendment in the Title.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.
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## (THIRD SESSIon.) <br> Legislative A <br> Legislative Assenbly. NEW SOUTH WALes.

REGiSter of public bills originated in the assembly during the third session of 1899


No. 1.-REGISTER OF PUBLIC BLLLS-continued.

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No. 2.-REGiSter of private bills introduced upon petition to the assembly during the third session of 1899.


* Second reading uegatived, 2 Novenher. $\quad \dagger$ For stage which Bill had reached in former session, sce Appendix

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No. 3.-REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF 1899.

(THIRD SESSION.)

## recapitulation.



Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1899.
F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

## APPENDIX.

Showlva stage which Bills, reintroduced under Standing Orders, had reached in former Session.

## 1.-PUBLIC BMLLS-ASSEMBLY.

Capital l'unishment Abolition; ordered for second reading.
Coal Mines Regulation Aet Amending; ordered for second reading.
Dentists ; to be further considered in Coumnitter.
Early Closing; ordered for thirel reading.
Friendly Societies; ordered for sceond reading.
Hastings River Harbour Works; zent to Legislative Council.
Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment; ordered for second reading.
Land Tax (Contribution); sent to Legislative Council.
Macleay River IFarbour Works; sent to Legislative Council.
Manning River Harbour Works; sent to Legislative Council.
Municipalitios Act of 1897 Amending; ordered for second reading.
Municipulitics (Election); ordered for second reading.
Nambuces River Harbour Works; sent to Legislative Council.
Navigation (Amendment); sent to Legislative Council.
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment; ordered for second reading.
Women's Franchise ; ordered for second reading.
2.-PRIVATE BILLS-ASSEMBLY.

City and North Sydney Connection; ordered for second reading.
North Shore Bridge; ordered for second reading.
Saywell's Tramway and Electrie Lightijng ; orlored for eecond reading.
Sydney and North Sydney 3ridge and Tranway; ordered for second reating.
3.--PUBLIC AND I'RIVATE BILLS-COUNCIL.

Capertee Tramway; ordered for second reading.
Companies Acts Amendment; ordered for second reading.
Grent Cobar Copper Mine Rsilway; ordered for fecond reading.
Illawarrs Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment; ordered for second reading.
Inebriates; ordered for secoud reading,
Medical Practitioners Amendment; ordered for second rending.
Metropolitan Saleyards (Fecs) ; ordered for second reading.
Sydncy Corporation Act Amendenent; ordered for second reading.
1899.
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Legislative Assembly. NEWSOU'H WALES.

## ALPHABETICAL REGISTERS

OF

## ADDRESSES AND.ORDERS FOR PAPERS,

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## ADDRESSES

(NOT BEING FOR PAPERS).

THIRD SESSION, 1899.

## (THIRD SESSION.)

## Legislative Assembly.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## register of addresses and orders for papers during the third session of 1899.



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REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING FORMER SESSIONS，THIRD SESSION OF 1899.

REGISTER OF SFPARATE AND JOTNT ADDRESSES（NOT BEING FOR PAPERS）TO THE GOVERNOR，DURLNG THE THIRD SESSION OF 1899.

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|  | Votes． |  |  |  |  |  |  | Votes． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | No． | Date． | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { 䆝 } \end{array}$ | On whose Motion． | No． | Date． | 斝 | No． | Date． | 容 | By whom． | No | Date． | 音 | By whom and how． |  |
| 2．The Governor＇s Opening Speech | 1 | $1899 .$ | 11 | Mr．Wilks | 5 | $\begin{gathered} 1809 . \\ 27 \mathrm{July} \\ \text { a.m. } \end{gathered}$ | 6 |  | $\left.\right\|^{18999}$ |  | Mr．Spenker， accompanied by the House． | 6 | ${ }_{23}^{\text {I8999．}}$ | 1 | $\underset{\substack{\text { His } \\ \text { lency } \\ \text { Governor．} \\ \text { the }}}{\text { Excel }}$ |  |
| 3．Appointment of the Right Honorable William Earl Beauchamp as Governor of the Colony． <br> 4．Australian Federation <br> 5．Vote of Censure | 8 8 20 |  | 13 11 4 | Mr．Reid ${ }^{\text {Mr．}}$ ．${ }^{\text {Lyne }}$ ． | 8 11 24 | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2 \text { Aug.... } \\ 10 \\ \begin{array}{c} 8 \text { Sept. } \\ \text { a.m. } \\ \text { a.m. } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 13 7 3 | 10 $\ldots$ $\ldots$ | 8 Aug．．．． <br> $\ldots \ldots . . . .$. <br> $\cdots$ | 1 <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\cdots$ | by the House．  <br> Mr．Speaker ．  <br>   <br>  $\#$ <br>  $\ldots$ | 10 <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ | 8 Aug．．．． ．．．．．．．． …．．． | 1 | Governor． <br> $\#$ <br> $\ldots . . . . . . . . . ~$ <br> $\ldots .$. | To the Queen． ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． |

1899. 

(THIRD SESSION.)
Legislative A NEW SOUTH WALES.
STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF 1899.

|  | Designation of Committee. | When and how Afrontrd. | Members. |  | Chatrian. | No. of Mbetivas. |  | No. OF WitNessesEXAMINED | Wher Reropitid. |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Called. | Hekd. |  |  |
| 1 | The Gorernor's Opening Speech ...... | 18 July, 1899. Votes No. 1. Entry 11 ... (On motion of Mfr. Wilks.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{Mr} . \text { Wilks, } \\ \mathrm{Mr} \text { Milleck, } \\ \mathrm{Mr} \text {. Anderson, } \\ \mathrm{Mr} . \text { Lees, } \\ \mathrm{Mr} \text { Garland, } \end{array}\right.$ | Mr. McLean, Mr. Moore, Mr. Millard, Mr. Philips, Mr. Whiddon. |  | Mr. Wilks ........ | 1 | 1 | ......... | 18.189. |
| 2 | Elections and Qualifications | 18 July, 1899. Votes No. 1. Entry 8 ... (By Mfr. Speaker's Warrant.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Mr. Ferguson, } \\ \text { Mr. Wright, } \\ \text { Mr. Dight, } \\ \text { Mr. Mackay,* } \\ \text { Mr. Lees, } \end{array}\right.$ | Mr. Garland, <br> Mr. Sawers, <br> Mr. Rigg, <br> Mr. Wilks, <br> Mr. Henry Clarke. $\dagger$ | ********** :- * ****** | ...... | ...... | ......... | ..................... |
| 3 | Estate of the late S. 3I. Swift, of Petersham. ${ }^{1}$ | 1 August, 1899. Votes No. 7. Eatry 6... (On motion of MIr. Hughes.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{Mr} . \text { Corrathers, } \\ \text { Mrr Diek, } \\ \text { Mr. Hurleg, } \\ \text { Mr. MCLean, } \\ \text { Mr. Thomas, } \end{array}\right.$ | Mr. McFarlane, <br> Mr. O'Sullivan,§ <br> Mr. Hughes. | Mr. Hughes ........ | 17 | 13 | 6 | 21 December, a.m. |
| 4 | Standing Orders ${ }^{2}$ $\qquad$ .. ... | 8 August, 1899. Votes No. S. Entry 5.. (On motion of Mr. Reid.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Mr. Speaker, } \\ \text { Mr. Reill, } \\ \text { Mr. McCourt, } \\ \text { Mr. Barton, } \\ \text { Mr. Sec,§ } \end{array}\right.$ | Mr. Lyno, \|l <br> Mr. Molesworth, <br> Mr. McGowen, <br> Mr. Crick, § <br> Mr. Morgan. | Mr. Speaker ........ | 4 | 3 | . | ..................... |




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| 5 | Library ${ }^{1}$................................ | 2 August, 1899. Votes No. 8. Entry 6... (On motion of Mr . Reid.) |  | The President ...... | 2 | 1 | ......... | 1899. |
| 6 | Refreslment ${ }^{2}$ | 2 August, 1899. Votes No. 8. Entry 7... (On motion of 과r. Reid.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mr. Speaker, } & \text { Mr. Anderson, } \\ \text { Mr. Reid, } & \text { Mr. } \\ \text { Mr. Neild, } & \text { Mr. } \\ \text { Mitin Chapman, } \\ \text { Mr. Hares, } & \text { Mr. } \\ \text { Mr. Lerien, } & \text { Mr. Menn, } \\ \text { Mrong, }\end{array}\right\}$ | Mr. Hayes ......... | 1 | 1 | .. | ...... |
| 7 | Printing ${ }^{\text {s }}$................................ | 2 Augnst, 1899. Votes No. 8. Entry 8... (On motion of Alrr. Reid.) |  | Mr. Gormis ......... | 20 | 17 | ........ | $3,10,22,24,31 \mathrm{Ang}$ 23, 30 Nov., 12,19 $22\left({ }^{3}\right)$ Dec. |
| 8 | Terrace-strect Closing Bill.............. | 9 Augnst, 1890. Votes No.11. Entry 5. (On motion of Mr. E. M. Clark.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \text { Mr. E. M. Clark, } & \text { Mr. Carroll, } \\ \text { Mr. Young, } & \text { Mr. Hurler, } \\ \text { Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Hughes, } \\ \text { Mr. Howarth, } & \text { Mr. Thoss. Fitzpatrick, } \\ \text { Mr. Nobbs, } & \text { Dr. Ross. } \end{array}\right\}$ | Mr. E. M. Clark ... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 15 August. |
| 9 | Municipal District of Broken Hill Electric Lighting Bill. | 10 August, 1899. Votes No. 12. Entry 4... (On motion of Mr. Cann.) | $\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \text { Mr. Cann, } & \text { Mr. Ashton, } \\ \text { Mr. Parkes, } & \text { Mr. E.. . . Clark, } \\ \text { Mr. Lrne, } & \text { Mr. Bennett, } \\ \text { Mr. McGowen, } & \text { Mr. Gillies, } \\ \text { Mr. Fegan, } & \text { Mr. Hurley. } \end{array}\right\}$ | Mr. Cann ............ | 1 | 1 | 3 | 16 August. |
| 10 | Caim of Mr. Sherlock Barron, North Botany. | 15 August, 1599. Votes No. 13. Eutry 12 (On motion of Mr. Dacey.) |  | Mr. Dacey ......... | 9 | 8 | 9 | 23 Norember. |

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF 1899—continued．

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TIIE PRINTING COMMITTMEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 2nd August, 1899, Votes No. 8, Entry 8, have agreed to report to your

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# THE RIGHI HONOURABLE WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, KNIGHI' COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHABL AND SAINI GEORGE, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-In-Chief of the colony of new south wales. 

(COMMISSION APPOINTING.)

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Printed under No. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 3 August, 1899.
(L.\&.) VICTORIA R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India : To our Right Irusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin, Wreliam, Earl Brauchamp, Greeting:
We do by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet appoint you the said William, Eara Brauciramp, to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies during Our pleasure, with all the powers, rights, privileges, and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining.
II. And.We do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in Our Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the twenty-ninth day of April, 1879, constituting the said Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, or in any other Our Letters Patent adding to, amending, or substituted for the same, according to such Orders and Instructions as Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being bath already received, or as you may hereafter receive from Us.

TII. And we do bereby appoint that, as soon as you shall have taken the prescribed Oaths, and have entered upon the duties of your office, this Our present Commission shall supersede Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date the fifth day of July, 1895, appointing Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin, Henry Robert, Viscount Hampden (now Knight Grand Crose of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michnel and Saint George), to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.
IV. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Colony and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this third day of February, 1899, in the sixty-second year of Our Reign.
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Nove.-The Letters Patent constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chicf were laid before Parliament on the 28th October, 1879, and the Instructions were laid upon the Tables of the Legislative Council and Assembly on the 2nd November and 27 th October, 1892, respectively.

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# PRIVILEGE (SEAT OF J. C. NEILD, ESQUIRE), 

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# EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLA'TIVE ASSEMBLY. 

Votes No. 17. Wednesdat, 23 August, 1899.

6. Privilege (Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire) :-Mr. Edden moved, "That" the Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire, Member for Paddington, has become and is hereby declared to be vacant, by reason of his acceptance of an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act.

## Debate ensued.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the question whether Mr. Neild has accepted an office of profit
"under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act, be referred 'to' the
"Committee of Elections and Qualifications for consideration and report," iustead thereof.
Question proposed,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Point of Order:-Mr. Levien submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order, as being outside the power vested in the Committee of Elections and Qualifications by section 127 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled that under the section of the Act referred to it was quite competent for the House to refer this matter to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question put,-That ihe words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.
Mr. McFarlanc,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wratkins,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. James Thomeon,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Holwan,
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Mr. Edden.
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| Dr. Graham, | Mr. Thomas, | Mr. Mahony, |
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| -Mr. Spruson, | Mr. J.C.I. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Whiddon, |
| Mr. Hogue, | Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Storey, |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Norton, | Mr. Rigg, |
| Mr. Henry Clarke, | Mr. Quinn, | Mr, Arthur Grifith, |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Hughes, | Sir Matther Harris, |
| Mr. Levien, | Mr. McGowen, | Mr. Cohen, |
| Mr. Carruthere, | Mr. Aflleck, | Mr. Dugald Thomgon, |
| Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Smitb, | Mr. Archer, |
| Mr. Lee, | Mr. Isw, | Mr. Parkes, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Hawthorne, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. Reymond, | Mr. Piddingten, | Mr. Wood, |
| Mr. MeCourt, | Mr. Byrne, | Mr. Garland, |
| Mrr. Hurles, | Mr. Lyde, | Mr. Morgan, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Rose, | Mr. Moore, |
| Mr. Carroll, | Mr. Lees, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Arehibnld Campbell, | Mr. T. H. Grimith, | Mr. Dacey, |
| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Terry, | Mr. Gillies, |
| Mr. Ferris, | Mr. Darid Daris, | Mr. Jessep. |
| Mr. Barton, | Mr. Cann, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Aluzander Campbel | ,Mr. Phillips, |  |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. Nobbs, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. IV. M. Clark, | Mr. McLean. |
| Mr. Wadden, | Mr. Spence, |  |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Ashton, |  |

And so it passed in the negative.
Question proposed, -That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.
Mr. Norton moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "to" and inserting the words "a Select Committee for consideration and report. (2.) "That such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Lees,
"Mr. Garland, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover"-instead thereof.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Garland moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "to" and inserting the words "a Select Committee for consideration and report. (2.) "That such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Lees, "Mr. Sawers, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover"-instead thereof.
Question put,-That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment.
The House divided.

## Ayes, 34.



Noes, 46.

| Mr. Spruson, Dr. Ross, | Mr. Gillies, Mr. Smith, |
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| Mr. Levien, | Mr. Law, |
| 1 Mr. See, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Byrne, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Holman, |
| Mr. Edden, | Mr. O'Sullivan, |
| Mr. Hnssall, | Mr. Miller, |
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| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Camn, |
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| Mr. Richards, | Mr. James Thomson, |
| Mr. Fegran, ${ }^{\text {a }}$, | Mr. Spence, |
| Mr. Alexander Campbell, | , Mr. David Davis, |
| *Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Sleath, |
| Mr. Hughes, | Mr. Thomas, |
| Mr . Carroll, | Mr. McFarlane, |
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| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzipalrick, | , Mr. Wood, |
| Mr. McGowen, | Mr. Ross. |
| ${ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Mr}$. Haynes, Mr. Norton, | Tellers, |
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| Mr. O'Conor, i' | Mr. Watkins. |

And so. it passed in the negrative.
Question; That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out of the proposed amendment be so inserted,-put and passed.
Question,-That the words (as amended) proposed to bo inserted in the original Question be so inserted,-put and passed.
Question then,-(1) That the Question whether Mr. Neild has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report. (2) I'hat such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Lees, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Rigg; Mr.' Wilks, and the Mover, -put and passed.
7. Puymeoe (Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire):-Mr. Levien (by consent) moved, without Notice, That: the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mr. J. C. Neild have power to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof.
Question put and passed.

## Votrs No. 18. Thursday, 24 Adgust, 1899.

11. Prithmean (Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire):-Mr. Neild (by consent) moved, without Notice, That leare be granted to the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Neild, to appear and be heard in person, or by attorney or counsel, before the Select Committee on "Privilege-(Sent of J. C. Neild, Esquire)." Question put and passed.

Fotes No. 20. Wednesdat, 30 Augdst, 1899.
Privilear.- (Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire) :-Mr. Wright, 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 rejort this subject was relerred on 23 rd August, $\underset{*}{1899}$, together with Appendix.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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## PRIVILEGE (SEAT OF J. C. NEILD, ESQUIRE).

## -REPORT.

The Select Commitree of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 23rd August, 1899, to whom was referred "the question whether My.' Neild has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act," and to whom was granted on the same date "power to sit cluring the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof," have agreed to the following Report:-

Your Committee, having examined the witnesses named in the List* Sec List, page (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find as follows:-

1. That John Cash Neild, Esquirc, has not accepted an office of profit within the terms of the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.
2. Your Committee are of opinion that the practice of the acceptance of payment from the Government by Members of either House of Parliament, holding Commissions from the Crown, without the previous' consent of Parliament, is constitutionally dangerous, and should be discontinued.
"F. A." WRIGHT,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly, 30th August, 1899.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

## THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1899

Members Present:-

| Mr. Dight, |  | Mr. Garland, |
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| Mr. Lees, |  | Mr. Ferguson, |
| Mr. Mackay, |  | Mr. Rigg, |
| Mr. Sawers, | Mr. W | Mr. Wilks, |

Mr. Wright called to the Chair.
Entries from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, and granting leare to sit during the sittings of the House or any adjournment thereof, read by the Clerk.

Ordered, -That the Hon J. N. Brunker, Chief 'Secretary, and J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P., be requested to attend and give evidence and that the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade be summoned, for 7.30 p.m. This Day.
[Adjourned till 7.30 o'clock p.m. This Day.]
The Committee reassembled at the hour named.
Members Present:-
Mr. Wright in the Chair.

| Mr. Dight, |  | Mr. Ferguson, <br> Mr. Lees, <br> Mr. Sawers,$\quad$Mr. Mackay, |
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|  | Mr. Wigg, |  |

Committee deliberated.
[Adjourned till To-morrow at 11 o'clock.]

FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1899.
Mrmbers Present:-
Mr. Wright in the Chair.

| Mr. Dight, | Mr. Garland, |
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| Mr. Ferguson, | Mr. Tees, |
| Mr. Mackay, | Mr. Rigg, |
| Mr. Sawers, | Mr. Wilks. |

Fntry from Votes and Proceedings granting leave to J. C. Neild, Esq.. the Honorable Memberfor Paddington, to appear and bo heard by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the Committee, read by the Clerk

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Press had asked to be admitted to the sittings of the Committee.

Resolved (on motion of DIr. Mackay), -That the Press be not admitted.
Present:-A. J. Kelynack, Esq. (Counsel for J. C. Neild, Esq., DI.P.).
J. C. Neild, Esq. (the Honorable Member for Paddington).

Francis Kirkpatrick (Under Secretary for Pinance and Trade) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Critchett Walker (Principal Under Secretary) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Thomas Jessep (a Member of the Legislative Assembly) called in, sworn, and examined.
Roóm cleared-Committce deliberated.
Parties called in-examination continued.
Witness withdrew.
Francis Kirkpatrick recalled and further examined.
Witness withdrew.
John Cash Neild (a Member of the Legislotive Assembly) sworn and examined,
Room cleared-Committee deliberated.
Parties called in-examination continued.
Room cleared-Committee deliberated.
[Adjourned till To-morrow at 1030 o'clock.]

SATURDAY, 26 ACGUST, 1899.
Members Present:-
Mr. Wright in the Chair.

| Mr. Dight, | Mr. Ferguson, |
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| Mr. Garland, | Mr. Tees, |
| Mr. Mackay, | Mr. Rigg, |
| Mr. Sawers, | Mr. Wilks. |

Present:-A. J. Kelynack, Esq. (Counsel for J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P.).
J. C. Neild, Esq. (The Honorable Dlember for Paddington).

Harold Deering (Olerk in the Chief Secretary's Department) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
The Right Hon. George Houstoun Reid, P.C. (Premier of the Colony), called in, sworn, and examined.

Room cleared.
Committee deliberated.

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\text { [Adjourned till Monday next at } 4 \text { o'clock.] }
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MONDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1899.
Members Present :-
Mr. Wright in the Chair.

| Mr. Ferguson, |  | Mr. Garland, <br> Mr. Lees, |
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| Mr. Rigg, | Mr. Wackay, <br> Mr. Sawers, |  |

Present:-A. J. Kelynack, Esq. (Oounsel for J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P.),
J. C. Neild, Esq. (The Ronorable Member for Paddington).

Harold Deering recalled, and further examined.
Witness handed in copies of the following Commissions:-

1. Water Conservation, 1884.
2. Scab in Sheep, 1884.
3. Rabbit, 1888.
[Appendix A 1, 2, and 3.]
Witness withdrow.
Duncan Clark McLachlan (Under Secretary for Mines) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Henry Charles Taylor (Secretary to the Advances to Settlers Board) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Thomas Robert Steel (4ccountant, Public Works Department), called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Francis Kirkpatrick recalled and further examined.
Witness handed in papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. Martin, M.P., to a position in connection with the Chicago Exhibition. [Appendix B.]

Room cleared.
Committee deliberated.
Ordered, - That the Auditor-General be summoned to give evidence next meeting; also, that Mr . Kelynack be furnished with a printed copy of the evidence.
[Adjourned till 'To-morrow at 3.30 o'clock.]

TUESDAT, 29 AUGUST, 1899.
Members Present:-
Mr. Wright in the Chair.

| Mr. Dight, | Mr. Ferguson, |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mr. Garland, | Mr. Lees, <br> Mr. Mackay, <br> Mr. Sawers, |

## Committee deliberated.

Parties called in.
Present:-A. J. Kelynack, Esq. (Counsel for J. O. Neild, Esq., M.P.).
J. C. Neild, Esq. (The Honorable Member for Paddington).

Harold Deering recalled and further examined.
Witness handed in the following Commissions:-

1. Oyster Cultivation, 1876.
2. Fisheries Inquiry, 1880 .
3. Fisheries Inquiry, 1894.
[Appendix C 1, 2, 3.]
Witness withdrew.
William Hunter Smith (Clerk in the Auditor-General's Department) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Charles Robinson (Principal Shorthand-writer-Parliamentary Reporting Staff) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.
John Cash Neild recalled and further examined.
Room cleared-Committee deliberated.
Witness called in-examination continued.
Mr. Kelynack addressed the Committee.
Room cleared-Committee deliberated as to their Report.
[Adjourned till To-morrow at 1 o'clock.]

## WEDNESDA $\overline{,}{ }^{+} 30$ AUGUST, 1899.

## Mesbrerb Phesent:-

## Mr. Wright in the Chair.



Committee deliberated.
Mr. Mackay submitted the following Draft Report, which was read a first time, as follows :-
1899.:
(third:session.)
Prividege.-(Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire.)
DRAFT REPORT.
The Sclect Committee of the Legislative.Assembly, appointed on 23rd August, 1899, to whom was referred
"the question whether Mr. Neild has accepted an office of profit under the Orown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act," and to whom was granted on the same date "power to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournnent thereof,", bave agreed to the following Report:-
"Your Committee, having examined the witnesses named in the List (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find as follows :-
"1. That John Cash Neild, Esquire, has not accepted an office of profit within the terms of the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884 .
"2. But while the evidence does not disclose that Mr. J. C. Neild had accepted an office of profit under the Crown in receiving a Commission to report on the question of Old-age Pensions, your Committee are of opinion that if Parliament should sanction the practice of offering Commissions to Members for which payment may be given or withheld at the pleasure of Ministers, a door will. be left open for establishing :those relatious between the Executive Government and individual Members which are directly aimed at by the clause in the Constitution Act which forbids Members to hold an office of profit or enter into contracts with the Government. If such a practice is sunctioned, there will necessarily be a risk that the Member or Members affected may indulge an expectation of pecuniary reward, and that he or his friends would bring pressire to bear upon the Governinent if it exhibited any reluctance to make a payinent. Thus these very evils would result which it was the object of the Constitution Acts to prevent, and an indirect method would be provided of influencing rotes. Your Committee therefore report that the transaction inquired into; while technically legal, is in spirit aud tendency a breach of the prohibitions contained in the Constitution and Electoral Acts."

Report considered.
Paragraph 1 read and agreed to.
Paragraph 2 read.
Question put,-That the paragraph as read stand paragraph 2 of the Report. -
Committec divided.


And so it passed in the negative. -
Mr. Ferguson moved the following, to stand as paragraph 2.
"Your Committce are of opinion, that the practice of the acceptance of payment from the Government by Members of either. House of Parliament holding Coinmissions from the Crown, without the previous consent of Parliament, is constitutionally daugerous, and should be discontinued."

Question put and passed.
Keport, as amended, read. 2 .
Question put,-That the Report as read be the Report of this Committee.
Committee divided.

Ayes. No.
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Wilke.
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Chairman to report to the House.

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## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

## PRIVILEGE--SEAT OF J. C. NEILD, ESQ.

FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1899.

猚essent:-
Mr. DIGHT
Mr. TERGUSON,
Mr. GARLAND,
Mr. SaWERS,
F. A. WRIGHt, Esq., in the Chair.
A. J. Kelynack, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, appeared on behalf of J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P.

Francis Kirkpatrick called in, sworn, and examined:-

1. Chairman.] You are Under Secretary for Finance and Trade? Yes.
2. Can you produce any documents bearing upon the case into which the Committee are inquiring? Yes. Kirkpatricte. I hare a copy of a document from Mr. Reid to Mr. Neild, dated 29th July, 1896. It is in the nature of an authority to Mr. Neild, and is in the following terms :-

Mr. Lees,
Mr. MACKAY,
Mn. RIGG.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 29 July, 1896.
To whom it mat concern.
The Bearer is Mr. John Cash Neild, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, and a citizen of high standing and repute, who is visiting England, Europe, and the United States of America.

Mr. Neild is authorised by this Government to make inquiries in the interest of the Colony's export trade in timber. G. HI. REID,

Premier and Colonial I'reasurer.
I have not the letter formarding that authority to Mr. Neild, but I have a letter from Mr. Neild to Mr. Reid, dated the 13th August, 1896, which is as follows :-

Oribnt Ling.
My dear Reid, $\quad$ R.M.S. "Ophir," Melbourne, 13 August, 1896.
I found it utterly impossible to call and see you before I rushed aboard. I was awfully pressed. So pray take the will for the deed.

I send a paper (letter) re C. Berry, wrongfully dismissed tram-guard, about whom you promised me full inquirg. I did not; worry you about it while you had your hands full of the Financial Statement. I feel sure gou will give it your attention now.

Re The Agent-General.-You promised to advise Sir Sanl Semuel of my official authorisation. Do not forget to do this, and also be so good as to ask him to gire me the benefit of his best adyice re my own business. This also you kindly offered to do, and I deem your promise of great consequence to me.

Sydney Smith las not yet sent me the papers re timbers, which he promised. I wrote yesterday to the U.S. to remind him.

If there are any matters you think $T$ can serve you, or the Colony, in respect of during my visit to England, pray adrise me.

Any letter posted to this ship at Adelaide, and sent by the express on Monday, will reach me in due course.
Belicve me, \&c.,
JNO. O. NEILD.
F. Upon that leiter Mr. Reid wrote this instruction: "Prepare letter to Agent-General stating authority Kirkpatrick. to Mr. Neild. and inform as to timber trade, commission, old-age pensions, and system of charitable rolief.-G.H.R." There is also this memorandum: "Reminder to Mr. S. Smith.-G.H.R." It appears from the other entries on the paper that a letter was forwarded to the Agent-General on the 20ih Angust, 1896. I have also a letter from myself to the Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture, under date 1Sth August. 1896, in these terms:-

Sir, The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 18 August, 1896.
I am directed by the Honorable the Premier and Colonial Treasurer to invite you to by good cnough to remind the Honorable the Minister for Mines and Agriculture that Mr. J. C. Neild has not yet received the papers he desires $r e$ timbers.

I am to add that a communication addressed to Mr. Neild, on board R.M.S. "Ophir," Adelaide, posted by next Monday's Southern Expresa, would rench that gentleman.
have, \&e.,
The Cuder Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.
The next paper is the letter of the 20th August, 1896, to the Agent-General from Mr. Reid, and it is in these terms:-

My Dear Sir Saul, The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydncy, 20 August, 1896. Mr. John Úash Neild, a Member of the Legishative Assembly of "New Sonth Walos, is proceeding per s.s. "Ophir" on a visit to Europe, and will tako an early opportunity of calling upon you upon his arrival in Loudon.

Mr. Neild, who proposes visiting America before returning to Sydney, lolds a Commission to inquire, on behnlf of this Government, into the question of old-age pensions and charitable relief, and has, in addition, undertaken to prosecute inquiries in the inferest of this Colony's timber trade.

I trust you will lend Mr. Neild all the assistance in your power in furtherance of these objects.
I also would be very glad if you can give Mr. Neild the benefit of your adrice with reference to any private business he may have to attend to.

The Hon. Sir Saul Samuel, K.C.M.G., C.B., \&e., \&e., \&c.
The next paper is a letter which I wrote to the Principal Under Secretary, dated the 25 th September, 1896. It is as follows:-

Sir,
The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 25 September, 1820.
I am directed to inform you that the Honorable the Premier and Colonial Treasurer is in receipt of a cablegram, dated yesterday, from the Agent-General, London, in the following terms, namely:-
" Paragraph in The Times states Major Ncild, Commissioner on Charities for New South Tales, empowered by your Gorernment to visit England and Europe to report on old-age pensions, charitable relief, and Australian timber trade. I have received a letter from Neild, with offcial impressed medallion of your Government, and printed in corner his own name as Commissioner on Charities for New South Wales. This should not be allowed, particularly as Neild informs the personal as Commissioner on Charities for New South Wales. This should not be alowed, particularyy as Neild informs,

I have, \&c.
F. KIRKPATRICK,

The Principal Under Secretary, \&e., \&c., \&c.
Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.
Upon that the Chief Scerctary wrote the following minute:-"The Honorable the Premier can best explain to the Agent-General the instructions given to Mr. Neild, M.P.," respecting old-age pensions. The next paper is ine Executive'minute, which is in these terms:

## Minutib Paper for tha Exectitife Council.

Subject:-Authority to Mr. J. C. Neild,'M.P., to inquire, during his approuching visit to Engiand, Europe, and America, into the questions of Uld-age lensions and Charitable Relicf.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 28 July, 1896.
Tre Colonial Treasurer recommends, for the consideration and approval of His Excellency the Goverror and the Executive Council, that Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., be requested to inquira on behalf of the Government, during his approaching visit to England, Europe, and America, into the questions of old-age pensions and charitable relief.

It is understood that, with the suthority of His Excellency in Council, Mr. Neild is willing to prosecute the above inquiries withont remuneration or allowance for travelling expenses.
His Excellency the Governor and the Executire Council.
G. H. REID.

The Executive Council approve of authority being granted to J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P., to inquire into the matters hercin referred to.-Albx. C. Budge, Clerk of the Council. Min. 96-42, 2s/7;96. Confirmed 4/8/96. Approved.Hampien, 28/7/96.

Commission prepared and transmitted to Mr. Noild by the Principal Under Secretary.-T.G., 7/8/96. The Under Secretary, \&e., \&e., \&c. Records.

On the 15th Jannary Mr. Neild wrote to Mr. Reid as follows:-
My dear Mr Reid,
15/1/99.
Raverting to your intention to place upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum in recognition of my report on "Old-age peneions, charities, and State insurance," and in riew of the fuct that the need for such Eatimates did not otherwise arise, may I beg that you will be so kind ns to fulfil your intention in another way, viz., by making me an advance of, say, £350 to recoup some of the expenses actually incurred by me in connection with the work, and leave the bulance to be roted in the unyt Estimates.
The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Premicr and Colonial Treasurer.
Belicve me, \&c.,
JNO. U. NEILD.
Opon that the Premier, Mr. Reid, wrote on the 16th January: "For Cabinct.-G.H.R." There was a payment to Mr. Neild authorised by the Minister on the 19th January of £350, "to defray espenses jncurred in England and the Continent of Europe in obtaining information essential to the preparation of a report on old-age pensions, charities, and State insurance." I have quoted from the voucher. On the 20th Tebruary, I submitted Mr. Neild's letter, after the payment of the $£ 3 \overline{5} 0$, to the Minister, and asked, "Shall provision be made on the Estimates for a further sum?" Upon that Mr. Reid wrote, "£500 to be puti on Estimates.-G.H.R." That would be a sum of $£ 150$, in addition to the £ 350 already paid.
3. It was supposed, I presume, by Mr. Reid that that would cover the whole expenditure? Fes; I may say that when the voucher was sent on to the Audito-General, there was no letter or minute with it, and the Auditor-Geueral asked that the minute-paper might be sent to him. It. Was sent and returned by him.
4. Mr. Lees.] Do I understand you to say that the $£ 500$ referred to in the Premier's minute was taken to include the $£ 350$ already paid? Yes; that amount was paid from the Treasurer's Adrance Account, and the amount on the Estimates must, therefore, include it. The $£ 350$ appears in the statement of payments from the Advance Account. Fou will see in the statement of payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account the following, "Erpenses iwcurred in England and the Continent of Europe in obtaining information essential to the preparation of a report on old-age pensions, charities, and State insurance, £350."
5. Chairman.] No name is mentioned? No. Then there is, as you are probably aware, a further sum of £392 upon the Estimates-in-Chief. It is set down in these terms:-- Expenses in connection with the report on old-age pensions and State insurance, $£ 392$." That amoumt includes a further contemplated payment of $£ 250$ to Mr. Neild and a payment for overtime work to Mr. George Jarrett.
6. You produce copies of the statement of expenditure from the Treasurer's Advance Account, and of the Estimates-in-Chief showing those amounts? Yes; there was a further payment of £39 to a Mr. Ferdinand Francis Falconer for overtime work in counection with the translation of Dutch aud Portuguese documents relating to old-age pensions. There were 312 hours' overtime work specified in the voucher.
7. Upon whose application was that payment made? I do not know; but I hare here a letter from the Public Service Bonrd, dated 3rd January, 1899, as follows:-

Translation of Docements Relating to Old-age Presions.
No. M. 98/52S9/33.
Public Scrrice Board, 50, Young-street, Srdney, 3 January, 1899.
I am directed by the Public Scrvice Board to inform you that, in compliance with the request which was forwarded from the Treasury in May last, that a number of documents in the poseession of Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., relating to old-age pensions, should be transluted, a portion of the work was given to Mr. F. F. Falconer, of the Postal Department.

Mr. Falconer has now submilted n claim for overtime performed by him in connection with the work, amounting in all to 239, and the Board hare approred of this amount being paid. I am, therefore, to ask that you will be eo good as to move the Right Honorable the Treasurer to provide funde for the purpose.
The Under Secretary for Tinance and Trade.
J. W. HOLLLMAN,

Sceretary.
The amount was approved and paid to Mr. Falconer on the 31st January, 1899. The following paper will explain the payment to Mr. Jarrett:-
memorandim.
Subject :-Explanation of proposed Vote of $£ 392$, placed on Estimates laid upon the Table of the House.
The Treasury (Account Branch), Syduey, 25 August, 1890.
FUritier to J. C. Ncild.................................................................................................................. 250 s. d.
George darrett-Overtime work in connection with old-age pensions-translation from different languages into
English, during the period from 22nd May, 1897, to 6th May, 1898-1,130 hours at 2s. 6d.................... 141 I 0

On listimates, £392.
The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.
The Public Service Board, on the 13th July, 1899, wrote as follows:-
Translation of Documents relating to Old-age Pensions.
No. M. 99/479/36.
Public Service Board, 50, Foung-strect, Sydncy, 13th July, 1899.
I Am directed by the Public Service Board to inform you that, in compliance with the request which was forwarded from the
Treasury in Mny, 1897, that a number of documents in the possession of Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., relating to old-age pensions, Ehould be translnted, a portion of the work was given to Mr. George Jarrett, Government Intorpreter.

Mr. Jnrrett has now subnitied a claim for orertime performed by him in connection with the work, amounting in all to $\mathfrak{E l}^{141} 5 \mathrm{~s}$., and the Board hare approved of this amount being paid.

I am, therefore, to ask that you will be so good as to move the Honorable the Trensurer to provide funds for the purpose.
J. W. HOLITMAN,

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.
There is no provision for this claim. The amount might be paid from Advance Account, and referred to the Chief Sceretary for incluaion in his estimates for the current jear.-D.W.G., 17/ipg. The Under Secretary. Accountant.F.K.,15,7/09, Submitted.-F.K., 17/7/99. Stand over.-J.H.C. Accountant.-T.K., 18/7/99. The Public Service Hourd and Chief Secretary might be informed of the decision.-T.T., 19:7/99. The Jinder Secretary. Mr. Robberds.-F.K., 20/7/90. Done.-C.E.F.R., 21/7/99. Accountant.-F.K., 22/7/99. Included by Chice Scerctary.J.V., $31 / \mathrm{F} / \mathrm{O}$.
8. The amount refered to there would be included in the amount appearing upon the Estimates-inChief? Yes.
9. Have you any further documents bearing upon the matter? No.
10. Are jou aware of the existence of any other documents bearing upon the matter? There is a communication from the Treasury in May, 1897, referred to by the Public Service Board in their letter of the 13th July, l899, of which I ought to be able to obtain a copy.
11. I understand that Mr. Falconer's amount has been paid, and that Mr. Jarrett's amount is still unpaid? Yes.
12. Have you a copy of the Commission? No.
13. Who would have that? The Principal Under Secretary.
14. The Commission was issued by the Colonial Secretary's Department? Yes.
15. DIr. Lees.] The document signed by Mr. Neild is a receipt for the payment from the Treasurer's Advance Account? He authorised the amonnt to be paid into his credit at the City Bank.
16. Itr. Kelynack.] You have spoken of the Treasurer's Adrance Account; -what is the purpose of that account? It is to make advances to other Governments, for expenditure of an unforeseen nature, and for any sorvice of which the Treasurer approves.
17. Chairman.] In other words, it is to make payments which have not received Parliamentary authority? Yes.
18. The authority of Parliament is subsequently obtained? Yes; or the nmount advanced must be repaid. Advances made to other Governments, of course, would not be authorised by Parliament; they would be repaid.

Kirkpatrick 19. But all other advances are liable to the subsequent authority of Parliament? Yes. Authority must
be obtained. The Treasurer is liable for all payments from the Adrance Vote. The money must either be voted by Parliament, or there must be a repayment.
20. Mr. Garland.] The Treasurer has to account to Parliament? Yes.
21. Mr. Dight.] The Advance Account is supposed to be used only for payments on behalf of the Public Service which it is reasonable to suppose will be sanctioned by Parlianent? It is left to the Treasurer to say what parments shall be made.
22. Mr. Wilks.] You have spoken of an advance of $£ 3.50$ from the Treasurer's Advance Account;

Mr. Reid, upon one of the letters, mentions the placing of a sum of $£ 500$ upon the Estimate ;-would that $£ 500$ be taken from the Advance Account? It was supposed when Mr. Reid instructed that an amount of $£ 500$ was to be placed upon the Estimates that that would be sufficient to cover the whole expenditure. It was afterwards found necessary to increase the amount. There is tho sum of $£ 350$ advanced, and the sum of $£ 392$ upon the Estimates-in.Chief.
23. Mr. Garland.] The total amount which was proposed originally to be paid to Mr. Neild was £a00? I cannot apeak definitely as to that, because I do not know whether the $£ 500$ mentioned by the d'reasurer was or was not to include other expenditure. All that he said was that $£ 500$ was to be placed upon the Estimates.
24. Chairman.] It is quite evident, you think, that when the Treasurer authorised the placing of £500 upon the Estimates he thought that that would cover the whole of the expenditure? Yes.
25. Mr. Garland.] And subsequontly the claim of Mr. Jarrett and other clains came in? Yes; that is the explanation.
26. Mr. Lees.] All Colonial Treasurers make advances from the Treasurer's Advance Account for unforeseen services of this nature? Undoubtedly; the Vote ig given for that purpose.
27. Mr. Kelynack.] With regard to the sum paid to Mr. Falconer and the sum due to Mr. Jarrett, do you know whether Mr. Neild had anything to do with the employment of those gentlemen? I do not know that he had anything to do with the actual employment of those particular gentemen. He had to do with the translation, and he communicated with the Government. The Treasury communicated with the Public Service Board, and you already have their letters. If I can find any letter from Mr. Neild in connection with that matter I shall be very happy to produce it.
28. AIr. Rigg.] How came the advance of $£ 350$ to be made ; are there no documents showing what it is for;-are there no details of the expenditure? No.
29. It is simply an advance to Mr. Neild? I should not regard it in the light of an advance. The voucher does not say so.
30. It is an advance out of a Vote for which the Treasurer is responsible? Fes.
31. Is it not usual to ask for a detailed statement in connection with advances made by the Treasurer? Not in cases of this sort. It was a very special service rendered by $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Neild to the Government. He appears to have gone to a great deal of trouble in preparing an elaborate and exhaustive report.
32. Afr. Dight.] What do you mean by the expression "not in a case of this surt";-during your terin of office have you ever had cases of this sort before the Department? I. have been in my office for forty years, and I cannot charge.my memory with the whole of the cases which have come under my notice.
33. Mrr. Rigg.] Was any authority issued for the expenditure of this particular sum of money for the purpose for which it was expended; -had Mr. Neild any authority to expend it for the purpose? That is a question I cannot answer.

Critchett Walker, C.M.G., called in, sworn, and examined :-
Critchett •34. Chairman.] Tou are the Principal Under Secretary? Yes.
Wriker, 35. Can you produce any papers bearing upon this inquiry? I can produce the Commission appointing C.M.G. Mr. J. C. Neild.
36. Is that the only paper you have? That is the only paper 1 have which is officially connected with the matter.
37. Are there any letters from the Premier to Mr. Neild, or from Mr. Neild to the Culonial Secretary ? None whatever, except a note from Mr. Neild to Mr. Reid. The letter transmitting the Commission to Mr. Neild is dated 31st July, 1896, and is in these terms :-

Sir,
Chiff Secretary's Onlice, Sydner, 31 July, 1896.
ppointion am directed by the Chief Secretary to transmit herewith a Commission, under the Great senl of the Colony, pita Unted Kingdom of Great Britain and Treland, and in the Continent of Europe.

I am at the same time to add that it is to be distinctly understood that no expense is to be incurred by this Colony in connection with such mission.

I have, \&e.,
Major John Cash Neild, M.P., \&c., \&c., \&c.
ORITCHETT WALFER,
The Commission is as follows:-
By His Hxcellency the Right Honourable Henky Robert, Fiscount Hampden, Governor and Commander-in-Clief of the Colony of New South Wules and its Depcndencies.
To-
Major Jome Cash Neild, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, a Member of the Legislatire Assembly of the said Coiony,
Kyow yoe, that, reposing griat truat and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and integrity, I, Hesmy Robert, Fiecoust Hampden, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, do, by these presents, appoint you, the said Major Jony Casir Nerid, on behalf of the Government of the Colony aforesaid, to inquire into the question of Old-age Pensions and Charitable Relief in the C-nited Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Continent of Europe.
(L.s.) Giren under my band and the Seal of the said Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, this 31st day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundrel and ninety-six, and in the sistieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

IIAMPDEN.
By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES N. BRENKER.
Entered on record by me, in Register of Patents, No. 18, page 83, this thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninetr-six.
38. Did you receive your instructions verbally? I received an instruction from the Treasury on the 29th July, 1896, to prepare a Commission. It was a written instruction in these terms:-"The Principal Under Secretary,-For the preparation of a Commission.-F.K." That is the minute upon the following
letter:-
[Urgent.]
Dear Reid,
30, Custlereagh-street, 20 July, 1896
Pray proced with the matter of my commission to the Vinited Kinglom and Continent of Europe re old-age pensions and out-door relief, as I have made arrangements to sull in a week, viz., the 27 th instant. Also the authority re timber, \&e., export trade.
The Hon. G. H. Reid, M.P., \&c., \&e., \&c.
Fery truly, yours,
JNO. C. NEILD.
Critchett
Walker,
C.M.G.

25 Aug., 1899.

Mr. Reid lad written: "Prepare commission. Urgent." "Also prepare Treasury authority to Mr. Neild to make inquiry in England, Europe, and America in the interests of our export trade in timber." I have also a letter from Mr. Neild to myself.
39. Is it a private or an official letter? I regard it as an official document; it relates merely to the terms of the Commission. It is as follows:-

I am in receipt of your farour of the 31 et Joly, corering a Conmission under the Great Seal of the Colony appointing me to inquire into the question of old-age pensione, \&e.

While recognising the honor conterred upon me, I beg to say that I accepted the offer of the Honorable the Premier to act under $n$ Roynl Commission, and this I beg may be issued without delay. Evidently a mistake hag arisen, and this I beg may be at once rectified, as $I$ sail hence in a rery few days.

I also notice that the Commission does not authorise me to report. In this duty supposed to be implied in the authority to "inquire"?

Critchett Walker, Esq., C.M.G., Principal Under Secretary.
Yours, \&c.,
JNO. O. NEILD.
Upon that I wrote: "Inform Mr. Neild that my instructions from the Premier were to prepare a Commission, and that it has not been usual to issue Royal Commissions ontside the Colony.-C.W." I inferred from Mr. Neild's letter that he wanted a Commission to go outside the Colony, and we never had issued a Commission to that effect. I wrote to Mr. Neild as follows:-

Dear Mfr. Neild, Sydney, 4 August, 1896.
With reference to rour note of the 1 st instant, I desiro to say that there has been no mistake regarding your Commission, my instructions from the Premier being to prepare an ordinary Commission under the Grati Seal. I may add that it has not been usual to issue Rosal Commissions outside the Colong.

CRITCHETT WALKER.
40. Mr. Neild's report was received on the 29 h November? I have here a letter from Mr. Cumming under that date in 1898. It is as follows:-
[Non-official.]
Board Room, Chief Secretnry's Office, Sydney, 99 November, 1898.
Dear Mr. Walker,
At the request of Tieut. Colonel Neild, I herewith enclose eopy of his report on old-nge pensions, which he has signed, and which is intended to be transmitted in the usual conrso to His Excellency tho Gorernor of the Colony. Mr. Neild has handed me no letter to accompany the report, but I will draw his attention to the fact that it is usual, fo far as I remember, in such cases to send an official letter nsking you to transmit the report to His Excolleney, so I expect you will have the letter in the course of this afternoon at the latest.
Critchett Walker, Esq, C.M.G., J.P.,
Principal Under Secretary.
I hafe, \&c.,
ALEX. COMMING.
41. What was Mr. Cumming's position? He had no official position as far as I know. Mr. Neild probably employed him, but I. had no cognisance of his employment.
4:2. Did you receive any letter from Mr. Neild forwarding the report? I do not remember seeing any such letter. I regarded Mr. Cumming's communication as coming from Mr. Neild. I do not suppose that Mr. Neild would say very much in forwarding his report in a formal way. I then wrote the following minute, to be forwarded by the Colonial Secretary to His Excellency the Governor :-

Mingte, for His Exceilency.
Subject:-Lieutenant-Colonel Neild's Report regarding Old-age Pensions.
Syduey, 29 November, 1898,
I mave the honor to tmanmit herewith, for your Excellener's parusal, a report from Lient.-Colonel J. C. Neild, M.P., who was appointed a Commissioner under the Great Seal of the Colony to inquire into the question of old-age pensions and charitable relief in the United Kingdom of Great Brituin and Ireland, and the Continent of Europe.

JAMES N. BRUNEER.
Upon that His Excellency wrote "Seen." The following memo. is by one of the clerks in the office who has charge of the Parliamentary business:-

Memo.-It lins been ascertained from the Government Printer that Mr. Neild has arranged that, this report is not to be laid on the Table, ns the type would have to be re-set. IIe is furnishing each Member with a copy-CCI.C., 30/11;98.
The only other document I have is the report, which I now hand in. It was only reasonable that some inquiry should be made why it was not laid upon the Table, and the reason is contained in the memo. which I have just read.
43. Were there any interviews between yourself and the Premier or Mr. Brunker on the subject? No; the whole thing was done at the Treasury. I was merely instructed to issue the Commission.
44. You saw no one in connection with the matter? No. I received correspondence from time to time; but I sent it on to the Premier.
45. The whole matter was arranged through correspondence? Yes.
46. Mr. Garland.] When the report was furnished to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, did it, in your opinion, vacate the Commission? That I cannot positively say; but it is almays understood that when a report is sent in, a Commission ceases. The sending in of the report has always been regarded as the cessation of the duties of the Commissioner.
47. You have had a large experience in matters affecting Commissions? Yes; I have had to deal with a great many of them.
48. No term was named in the Commission itself? No.
49. Chairman.] An open Commission would terminate usually with the sending in of the report? Yes; as far as I am aware.

Critchett
Walker,
C.M.G.

25 Aug., 1899
50. Mr. Kelynack.] If there was any payment to be made under the Commission, it would cease as soon the Commission had sent in its report? Tes. Any expenses incurred after the sending in of the report would generally be borne by the Commissioner. Any work done after the sending in of the report would be voluntary so to speak.
51. When payments are made to commissioners, what is the usual course of procedure;-are the payments made immediately the report is sent in, or before the reception of the report? There have been a variety of procedures. Sometimes an advance is made to a commission to pay all expenses; at other times the Commissioner or Commissioners are paid after the report has been sent in.
52. I understand then that the procedure varies according to the terms of the Commission? Tes.
53. Are you present at Cabinet ineetings? No.
54. Mr. Dight.] You have said that the letters you have read and handed in were all that you had in your possession ; - do you know of any other documents or letters which would throw any further light on the matter? No. The whole matter was arranged by Mr. lieid, as you will see.
55. Mr. Wilks. $]$ In the Estimates-in. Chief there is an amount of $\mathcal{E} 392$ set down for payment in connection with the commission;-did you receive any instructions as to that? That was done really through a verbal instruction. All public charities come under the estimates of our Department, and that is why the amount appears there. The following memo. will show you the particulars:-

Estimatrs, 1890-1900.
Expenses in connection with Report on Old-age Pensions and State Insurance ............................ $£ 392$.
This sum was placed on the Estimetcs at the request of the Treasury. $£ 142$ of the amount is for the Gorernment Interpreter for translations.

No money has been puid by this Depurtment to Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., on account of his Report.
The balance of the amount, £250, is, I take it, in connection with expenses incurred by Mr. Neild in obtaining information for his report.
56. Mr. Kelynac\%.] You have had a great deal of experience in conmection with the preparation of reports to Parliament upon various subjects? Yes.
57. You have also had experience as to the cost of preparing such reports? Jes.
sS. You would have a fair idea, then, as to what the out-of-pocket expenses in connection with such reports would be? Yes.
59. Tou know that the Commission was issued to Mr. Neild in July, 1896 ? Yes.
60. And that the report was sent in in November, 1898? Yes.
61. There was an intercal of two years and four months, then, botween the two dates? Yes.
62. You have seen Mr. Neild's report? Yes.
63. I suppose rou have read it? I have not read it right through; but I have read a good portion of it.
61. You are able to form an idea of the amount of work involved in the preparation of such a report? Fes.
65. For the preparation of a report of this description and rolume, do you think the time expended upon it was a reasonable time? I think so.
66. Could you form an idea as to what would be a reasonable amount to allow for out-of-pocket expenses during the period of two yoars and four montins expended in the proparation of a report such as this? I could not name an exact amount; but I should not think the amount paid to Mr. Neild an excessive one. 67. To account for out-of-pocket expenses? Quite so. I should not think the amount at all excessive judging from the amounts paid to other Commissioners, who have received $£ 1$ a day, in some cases 30 s . a day, and in other cases $£ 2$ a day for travelling expenses. Those allowances were made for Commissions working within the Colony.
6S. Tour answer, then, is this: That if the whole of the work had been done in this Colony alone, the amount of $£ 350$ would have been a reasonable amount for out-of-pocket expenses? Yes; supposing the Commissioner were travelling round the Colony.
69. I suppose it is not usual for Commissioners to supply the details of every shiling of expenditure by them? The Auditor-General requires very minute details as a rule, but they are not always supplied; inteed, it is not always practicable to supply every little detail. In a majority of cases vouchers are submitted for every expenditure, which are required to be furnished by the Auditor-General.
70. In your opinion, would the sum of $£ 350$ paid to Mr. Neild include anything whatever in the way of profit? Certainly not, as far as I know.
71. Jou said, I think, that if a Commission were not limited to any specific time it would terminate with the presentation of the report? Thero is no written law or regulation on the subject, but it is always understood that when a report is furnished the Commission ceases.
72. Then, according to the general practice, this particular Commission ceased on the 19 th November, 189s? Yes. A Commission is ordinarily issued for, say, three or six months. There is sometimes an extension for three months or more. When that extension expires the Commission is understood to cease, unless it is further extended. When Mr. Neild furnished his report, his Commission was at an end, as far as we understand the matter.
73. Chairman.] Can you tell the Committee what is the usual practice in issuing commissions for inquiry ,is there any stipulation beforehand as to payment? Sometimes there is, and sometimes there is not. As a rule there is a stipulation beforchand as to the amount to be received. This has been done when the Commission has been formed, and after it has been gazetted; but, as a rule, some stipulation is made before the Commission is gazetted.
74. Are the terms never expressed in writing? They are frequently expressed in writing.

75 . In some cases then, I understand, there is an express stipulation as to the amount th be allowed for jemuneration and cxpenses? Yes; but the understanding is sometimes of a verbal mature. It is only lately that the practice has been instituted of putting down the amount in writing. In former days- 1 am going back now for a period of twenty-five years-there was always a verbal agreement.
76. Mr. Lees.] When a commission is appointed upon a gratuitous basis-that is, that the work is not to cost the country anything-is it usual for expenses out of pocket to be paid by the Government? I. should not like to give a definite answer about that, but I am inclined to think they are.
77. Do you remember the case of the late Mr. James Martin? Yes.
78. He was sent as a commissioner from this Colony to the Chicago Exhibition? Tes; but he was not directly appointed by the Government, he was nominated by the commission. A Royal Commission was appointed, and to the best of my recollection Mr. Martin was appointed by that Commission with the consent of the Government. I presume the Commission paid him out of the advance made to them.

79．Did not Mr．Martin refund to the Treasury a certain amount of unexpended money？Yes，I think he did；but I forget now what the amount was．
80 ．I believe the sum of $£ 700$ was given to bim，and that he refunded a portion ？：Fes，he refunded，I． think，about £2\％．
SI．Do you know of any case in which a voluntary commission has been set on foot，and where charges have subsequently been made for costs in connection therewith？I could not at tbis moment instance any case，but $I$ am nearly sure that amounts have been paid to Commissioners for expenses after Commis－ sions have ceased．I could not specify any particular case．
82．The amount so paid was not set forth in any stipulation？I think it has been paid without，as you ：say．
S3．Fou cannot remember any instance which you could mention to the Committee？No；but I．am ． almost sure that payments have been made under such circumstances as you auggest．
84．Can you supply the Committee with the particulars of any such cases？I should be very glad to do so if they are available．
85．I suppose that an index to commissions is kept in the Colonial Secretary＇s office？$T$ es ；and I bave a schedule of Commissions，but I do not think it will give the particulars you require．
\＆6．The practice does not occur to you as being one which is very unusual？No，as I say，it has been done．This is a list of Commissions issucd from 1892 to 1887 ．It was prepared for my own use， but it would not give the information $y$ on require．
87．Were any of the Commissions in that list voluntary Commissions？That I could not say．
88．The whole of them appear to have a money column attached？Tes．
89．Mr．Garland．］Something was paid in connection with each of those Commissions？Yes．
90．Chairman．］Do you know of any case in which it has been distinctly stated in the correspondence that there was to be no cost to the country，and in which moncy las afterwards been paid？I cannot say that I know of such a case．
91．Four experience would give you the impression that in nearly every case money was paid subsequent to the appointment？I do not say that that has been done in every case．There bave been cases in which． money has been paid after the Commission has closed．I could not say that there has been any instance in which a specific understanding was arrived at that no fee or allowance should be given．
92．Did not Mir．Martin take away with him，on his tour，some authority from the Government？That＇ I could not say，because the matter was done more through the commissioners and the Premier than through my Department．
93．Yet his name appears on the Estimates for a sum of money separately？That is so，but that would not affect the position．
94．That amount would be received through the Chairman of the Commission？Yes；he would name a certnin amount to be provided，and we should be obliged to put it upon the Estimates，but that does not－ father the amount on to the Government．The commission would be respousible for it，although the Government，of course，would have to see the Commission through．
95．Chairman．］A Commission of that kind would have a lump sum advanced to them？Yes．
96．And the disburscment of that amount would rest entirely with the Commission？Yes；that was the understanding upon which Commissions were formerly appointed．They received in many cases an advance of $£ 500$ ，and have sometimes applied for a further advance．When the Commission closes，the whole matter is summed up，and the cost is provided for on the Estimates．In other cases，from time to time amounts have been paid by the Government．Commissions at the present time frequently apply for advances；in nther cases Commissions have sent their vouchers on to us for payment．
97．Ar．Garland．］Was the refund by Mr．Martin made to the Government？Ultimately it would come back to the Government，probably through the Commission．The Commission would send it on to the Treasury with the unexpended balance．Suppose a Royal Commission applies for adrances to the total amount of $£ 2,000$ ，it has to account for any balance，and remit it to the Treasury with their vouchers．
98．Mr．Martin was a nember of the House at the time？I think he was．
09．Having regard to the instructions issucd to Mr ．Neild，do you think he would be justified in incurring expenditure in obtaining necessary information？That is a question I could not answer．I do not know what other instractions may have been issued to him．According to the instructions with which $I \mathrm{am}$ acquainted，no expenses were to be incurred．
100．Mr．Kelynack．］As a matter of fact，do you know whether Mr．Neild really incurred any expense？ I do not．The commission was really appointed by the Treasury．Mr．Kirkpatrick made up tho voneher for the amount paid，and signed it．
101．But，as far as you know，Mr．Neild did not incur any expenditure？As far as my Department is concerned we had no instractions with reference to the matter，except that Mr．Neild was to incur no expense．
102．That did not in any way bind the Gorernment in tho matter？I can only reply to the question so far as our office is concerned．I do not know what may have occurred in connection with the Treasury． 103．As to Mr．Nartin＇s case，is it not the fact that he received $£ 700$ before he completed his Commission？ That I could not say．That would be a matter between himself and the Royal Commission．
104．There was a refund？Fes；but we could not know of that until the rouchers were sent in for adjustment．Mr．Kirkpatrick will be better able to speak upon that point than I can be．

## Thomas Jessep，M．P．，called in，sworn，and examined：－

105．Chairman．］You are a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Waverley ？ Yes．
106．Do you recollect Mr．Neild＇s visiting England some three years ago？Tes．
107．Were you identified with Mr．Neild＇s trip in any shape or form？I do not know．that I can say that I＇was identified with his trip．
108．Had you any business connections with him which were affected by the trip？I was interested in a land syndicate in which Mr ．Neild was interested．
109．Mr．Neild，I understand，went home to represent a syndicate？That is a question I caunot answer．

T．Jessep，
$\overbrace{\text { Aug．，1899 }}$

Gritchett
Walker，
C．M．G：
$27 \overbrace{\text { Aug．，}} 1899$.
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#### Abstract

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T. Jessep, 110. Were you a member of a syndicate which paid any money towards Mr. Neild's expenses in going to M.P. Europe; and if so what proportion did you pay? This letter will answer for itself. You will see from it 25 Aug., 1899. what my connection with Mr. Neild was.

My dear Jessep, Parliament House, Sydney, 23 July, 1896.
Herewith is memo. of the syndicate you said you'd take a share in. The $£ 250$ shures (we nre selling twenty) are £25, such money to provide $£ 500$ to pay flotation expenses. Ninetcen of the twenty are sold, and money banked. This is the last one, so pray let me have your cheque.

Very truly yours,
JNO. C. NEILD.
That js all I know about the matter.
111. You took up the share? I did not send my own cheque, but a friend of mine, Mr. Constantine George Piggott, sent his cheque on my behalf.*
112. Was it understood that out of the $£ 500$ so subscribed Mr. Neild's expenses were to be paid? Nothing was said to me about expenses of any description other than appears in the letter I have read. On the strength of that the cheque for $£ 25$ was sent.

- The share was taken up between us-that is, C. G. Piggott and myself.


## Francis Kirkpatrick recalled and further examined :-

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113. Chairman.] You have some further documents to submit to the Committee? Yes.
14. Will you read them in the order in which they appear? Yes. The following is the correspondence which appears to me to bear upon the inquiry of the Committee:-

## Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Public Service Board may be asked to furnish the names of gentlemen in the Service capable of translating into English officinl documents in the languages of the following countries:-France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Holland, Deninark, and Sweden-Norway.

And I have further to request that the services of such gentlemen may be granted for the purpose of translating the documents referred to for use in connection with my report to His Excellency the Governor on old-uge pensions and the distribution of charitable relief in the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe.

And I bave also to upply that such translations may be type-wrtiten.
In the event of the Public Serrice not containing suitable persons to curry out all the said translations, I beg to request that the deficiency may be eupplied from outside sources.

The Honorable the Premier, \&c., \&c., \&c.
The Chairman, Public Scrvice Board, - I would like this to be alitended to, as the report will be of great public service.-G.H.R., 28/. The Sccretary, Public Scrrice Board.-F.K., 29/4/97.

There are a number of officers in the Public Sersice, as the attached list showe, who can undertake the duty of translating the documents referred to; and if the Hon. tine Premier will send them to the Board, they will at once arrange for their translation.-J. W. Holmman. The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, B.C., 4/5/97.

Mr. John Cash Neild might be so informed.-F.K., $\overline{5} \mid 5 / 97$. Yes.-G.H.R., 6. Mr. Robberds.-F.K., 6/5/97. Done.-C.E.F.R., 7|5|97. Records.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydncy, 7 May, 1897.
Dir am directed by the Honorable the Premier and Colonial Trensurer to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo, and to state, in reply, that there are a number of officers in the Public Service capable of transiating the documents to which you refer, and that if such documents be sent to this Department, arangements will be at once made to have the work undertaken. I have, \&ce,
J. C. Neild, Esquire, M.P., Parliament House, Sydney.
F. KIRFPATRICK

Old-age Pensions.
Reforring to recent correspondence $\operatorname{I}$ beg to forward for translation the following documents:Portugal (1).
Spain (1), pp. 91 to J 38
Holland (several).
1 tuly (sereral-19).
If the translators could see me, personally, $I$ think much nnvecossary work might be saved
I beg that the greatest carc may be taken of these documents, as it will be impossible to replace them.
Tho Under Secretary for Finance and Trade,
I have, \&c.
The Treasury.
Commissioner
Mr. Robberds, acknowledge, please-F.K., 17/5;97. Acknowledged.-C.E.F.R., 18/5/97. The Sccretary, Public Service Board.-F.K., 19/5/97.
$\qquad$ The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 18 May, 1897.
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 th instant, forwarding, for translation, a number of foreign documents relating to the subject of old-age pensions.
J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P.,

I have, do
Parliament House, Sydney.
Under Scerctary for Finance and Trade
${ }^{4}$ Sir,
With reference to sour B.C. communication Public Service Board, 50, Xoung-street, Sydney, 22 May, 1897 together with certain documents bearing on "old-age pensions," I am directed to inform you that the Public Scrvice Board have arranged for the translation of such documents by Mr. G. Jarrett, of the Chief Secretary's Department, and Mr. F. F. Falconer, of the Genemal Post Office.

As Mr. Neild is desirous of seeing the translators before they commence the work, I am ioo request that you will be good enough to inform him of the arrangement made, so that he may communicate with Mr. Walker and Mr. Dalgarno on the subject.
The Under-Sccretary for Finance and Trade.
I have, se., W. HOLLIMAN,
Submitted.-F.K., 26/5/97. Approved.-J.N.B., 26/5/07. Mr. Robberds.-F.K., 26/5/97. Mr. Ncild informed.-C.E.F.R., 27/5/97. Records.

Sir, The Treasury, New South Walcs, Sydney, 27 May, 1897. Following upon my letter to you of isth instant, I am dirceted to acquaint you that the Public Serrice Board are arranged for the transintion of the documents bearing on "old-nge pensions," by Mr. $G$. Jorrett, of tho Chief Secretary's Department, and Mr. F. F. Falconer, of the Postal Department.

As it is understood that you desire to see the translators before they commence the work, I am to suggest that you place yourself in communication with the Principal Under Secretary and Acting Deputy Postmuster-General at your early convenience.

I bare de.
F. KIRKPATRICK,
J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P., Parliament House, Sydney.

Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Old-age Pensions, \&c., Report.
Parliament House, Sydney, 7 January, 1898 .
mpare and check my calculations, and beg to
Dear Mr. Reid
I elall shortly require the services of a competent person to compare and cheek my calculations, and beg to aquire whether you will request the Public Service Board to allot me the services of such a gentleman. It will require some acumen; not mere accountancy.

Believe me, \&c.
JNO. C. NEILD.
The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., M.P., Premier.
Appd-G.H.R., 10 . Mr. Robberds.-F.K., 11/1/98. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-C.E.F.R., 13/11/97. Mr. Robberds,-Was Mr. Neild informed? -F.K., 14/1/9s. Letter to Mr. Neild herewilh.-C.E.F.R., $18 / 1 / 98$. The Under Secretary.

Sir, Tho Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 18 Junuary, 1898.
With reference to your letter of 7th instant, I have the honor, by direction of the Honorable the Premier and Colonial Troasurer, to acqunint you that, in accordance with your request, the Public Servico Board has been neked to allot jou the services of an officer competent to compare and check the calculations incidental to your report upon old-age pensions, \&e. I. have, se,
J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P, Parlinment House, Sfdney.
F. KIRKPatrick,

Dar Mr. Neild,
Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.
The Honorable the Premier is in receipt of your letter Treasury, New South Wales, Sydncy, 27 May, 1898. trpe volr report upon "Old-age Pensions," and dirests me to euct the 2 rrd instant, relative to the dclay in setting up in Government Printer in regard thereto.
J. C. Neild, Esq , M.P., Parlimment Honse.

Youre, \&c.,
Old-age Pensions Commission.
My Dear Reid,
After spending a confiderable sum of money, and montlis of most, laborions toil in preparing my report to the Governor, I find my expenditure and work thrown aray for the reason that the Government Printing Office, having ect up half of my report, will not set up the remainder, on the absurd plea that they are short of type. On this ground not a line of my MS., though in the Goverment Printer's luands since the middle of February, has been sot up, and thongh I have urged over and over agnin that the work be proceeded with, I have only beea able to obtain one evasive note in reply to all my letters. My last, an oficial letter of a decisive character, written last Thureday, remains to-day-fire days later-without letters. My last, an oficial le
any kind of acknowledgment.

The reading of such proofe as I have received has bren so carelessly done that I am obliged to examine each indiridual letter, making my toil outrageously excessive. The proofs I sent back for further rerise a week since have not been yet returned to me, though any private printing oftice would have sent them to me in twenty four hours.

In riew of my labour and outhay this treatment is nothing short of scanclalous, and unless I have your assurance that, the printing and binding will be pushed on day and night till completed, so as to be ready by the first week of the Session, I shall throw the whole thing up, and publish my reasons.

When I think of the sacrifices I hare made, and the result I am mecting, I am unable to control my indignation.

## P.S.- -30 p.m., Nothing from the Government Printer.

Urgent. For report.-G.H.R., 25/5/98. The Government Printer.-J.V. (for U.S.), 26/5/98. Very urgent. Separate report herewith.-W. A. Gunlich Gort. Printer, 26/5/98. The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade. Submitied-I.V. (for U.S.), 26/5/98, Send copy to Mr. Neild to-day.-G.H.R., 27. Copy sent to Mr. Neild,-C.E.F.R., 27/5/98. Records.

From The Government Printer to Under Secretars for Finance and Trade.
Government Printing Office, Srdner, 26 May, 1898.
Sir,
In the matter of Major Noild's complaint marked over to me for report, I hare the honor to reply that at the commencement Mujor Neild's wishes were consulted with regard to the shape and size of the report. In the interest of the office, and to give facility to the work, a proof was submitted in swall pies-a type of which a large quantity is frecly available. Mrajor Neild, however, expressed dissatisfaction with the size of the letter, and settled upon the size at present in use-pica. Of this letter there is a fair quantity in the office, but it was largely (nad is still) in use for Departmental reports, electoral matters, bills, \&c., and statutes, which for this year have not as usual been freely released, owing to there being no Session of the House. A vers large bulk of type has thus been kept locked up, and remains so. (See attached list.)

I have suggested to Major Neild that it would facilitate matters if he returned his proofs so that portion of the report. might be worked off, and cven arranged quantitics with him. The only way that his wishes could be met to set right out, would be by placing at my disposal a quantity of about $1,000 \mathrm{lb}$. weight more type-the cosli of which (about 870 ) would ordinarily be defrayed from the Stores Vote-already in arrears-and I do not feel justified in recommending stch oxpenditure for one job.

The present position in this matter is that 120 pages have been corrected and are being printed, and 103 pages are in hand rerising, a total of 223 pages already set, representing a total weight of somewhat over 1 ton of type at present standing in the matter. There arealso about 1.31. pages of manuseript yet to set.

In Departmental reporte, and similar matters, I have some 2,300 pages still locked up awaiting printing, nine-tenths of which are composed of the letter required. This amounts to somewhat over 17 tons in weight of this one size of type.

I have to repeat that whilst I tried to forecast for this contingency, my suggestion was not accepted by Major Neild, and the present juncture can only be met by providing me with additional letter, which will mean a further call on the Stores Fote-upon which requisitions for some little time past have been as far as possible withheld.

In connection with the matter of shortuge of type, I would point out that an enormous quantity is locked up in Statutes by the Jaw Consolidation Commission. Attention has already been called to this by direct communication with the Commission, and later on in the shape of a minute to the Treasury under date of the 26th August, 1897. Through there being no Session this matter still remains locked up.

In the enme position as Major Neild's matter, I have recently received a, confidentinl report from the Military authorities of a very heavy nuture, which is not yet started for want of type, and will require to be kept standing for some months. To cnable me to meet all such immediate demands, it would require an expenditure of about $£ 200$ for further type for current use, until some of the many documents can be relensed by being laid upon the Table of the fouse, and passed for printing. There are quite sufficiont fonds available for wages for all purposes.

I hare not received any letter from Major Neild under date of the 20 th instant; but two of date $17 \mathrm{th}_{\mathrm{h}}$ instant are attached, and also copy of my note sent him in reply.
W. A. GULLICK

Goverament Printer.


Fach page weighing about 17 lb --sary, in nll, 17 tons of type of this one size.
Old-age pensions, set for Major Neild- 223 pages, each about 10 lb .- Bay, 1 ton in all.
115. Mr. Kelynack.] You have had a good deal of expericnce in connection with the preparation of the report of Commissions? Yes; I have seen a great number of them. able time"? I presume you mean the time expended in obtaining the information. Yes, I think so. The vast amount of information contained in the report fully justifies the time expended.
122. You are acquainted with the cust of the work done under various Commissions? The payments, of course. are always made by the Treasury.
123. There are always, I presume, what you woukd call out-of-pocket expenses in connection with Commissions? There must be, undoubtedly
124. In comection with this particular report, can you form an idea of what would be a reasonable amount to allow for out-of-pocket expenses, assuming the whole of the work to be done in the Colony? I could not say.
125. Tou know that a sum of £350 has been paid to Mr. Neild? Yes
120. In your opinion, would that be a reasonable amount to mect out-of-pocket expenses, upon the assumption thatiall the work was done in New South Wales? I shonld not for a moment consider that any portion of the $£ 350$ was given by way of remuneration for services performed. I certainly think it was not an extravagant sum to pay for travelling expenses under the circumstances of the Commission. 127. Would you think that there was any margin of profit in that amount? I should not think so.

12S. Do you remember Mr. Martin, who was at one timo a Meuber of the House, receiving money to perform work as a Commissioner? Yes; he rent as a Commissioner to an exhibition in America.
129. Was he authorised by the Government? I am not aware.
130. Do you remember how much money he received? I. could not say.
131. Do vou remember that he refunded a certain amount? Yes.
132. Did he receive any money before the work he did was completed? Yes; I think an amount was given to him as an advance.
133. Thercfore there was a refund? Tes.
134. If the money had been given to him afterwards there would have been no necessity for a refund, because the exact amount to which he was entitled would have been set duwn? Yes. I should be happy to look the matter up and give the fullest information if it were required.
135. Chairman.] Do you know of any case of a Commission under which there was money paid, the Commission having been issued upon the distinct understanding that there should be no remuneration for expenses? I could not say, because I should not know the circumstances under which the Commission was issued:
136. You have no knowledge of any case of the kind? No.
137. Mr. Rigg.] How does the amount paid for translation, and work of that kind, in connection with this Commission, compare with similar amounts paid in connection with former Commissions? That I could not say.
138. Mr. Savers.] You lave said that you consider $£ 350$ a reasonable payment for Mr . Neild's expenses? Tes.
139. Do you mean his entire travelling expenses, from the time he left the Colony until bis return? I do not think the amount would cover those expenses by any means.
140: What do you mean, then ?. I mean the expenses of his living in London while he was obtaining information enabling him to make his report-his remaining in London longer than would otherwise have been necessary, in obtaining the inforination he required. I do not know, of course, what time was occupied in that way.
141. MIr. Kalynack.\} There was a period of work in Sydney in addition to that in England ? Tes. 142. There was a period of eighteen months, apart from the time spent in England? Yes. I do not regard any portion of the $£ 350$ as having been given to Mr. Neild by way of remuneration.

## John Cash Neild, M.P., called in, sworn, and examined :-

J. C. Neild, 143. Chairman.] You are a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Paddington? M.P. Yes.
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144. You were a Member of the Legislative Assembly in July, 1896 ? I was a Member of the last 25 Aug., 1859. Parliament, in July, 1896.

145: Tou left the Colony some time in 1896, upon a visit to England? T did.
146. With jou you bore a Commission from the Government, authorising you to undertake certain duties in connection with the system of old-age pensions and other things? Yes; old-age pensions and charitable relief were the subjects named in my commission. But I found it perfectly impossible to pursue with any utility inquiries into those two subjects without also investigating the cognate subject of State insurance against industrial accidents, and in order that my report might be as usetul' as I desired it to be, I investigated that subject in addition to the ones in respect of which I was specially commissioned. You will find, I think, that in the preface to my report I explain that matter.
147. You undertook certain other duties not defined in your Commission, which you considered so intimately connceted with your report that it would not be perfect without the additional information? Precisely.
148. When you made arrangements for this trip to Elurope to act on hehalf of the Government, it was really understood by the Government, and distinctly expressed, that no expeases of any description were to be paid to you? It was just as clearly understood by me.
149. Both sides clearly understood the nature of the arrangement? Absolutely, in every way that the question can be submitted.
150. You have received from the Treasury $£ 350$ in part payment for certain expenses to which you claim you were put? Without refreshing my memory, by reference to documents, T. cannot say, whether it was part payment or not.
151. Chairman.] Will you proceed to give a statement as to negotiations which led up to the Commis sion, and what occurred subsequently? I received, some day in July, at my then business office, a letter
from Mr. Reid, asking me to call at the Treasury. The letter did not state what he wished to see me J. C. Neild, about. I went there, and as nearly as I can remember, Mr. Reid used some such words as these, "I hear you are croing to England, Neild?" I replied, "Yes; if matters can be arranged, I hope to do so." He said, "Well, you have taken a great interest in the matter of old-age pensions-i think you made it one of the chief planks in your platform in the late election campaign, and you have brought the matter before the House by a motion on one or two occasions." I said, "Yes; that is so." Mr. Reid then said. "Well, as you know, a Select Committee of the Assembly is sitting, that Committee having been appointed by an amendment upon your own motion in the House in favour of Old age Pensions. Now that Committee will, I suppose, confine itself chiefly to evidence relating to the question in New South Wales. The Government take an interest in the question, and would be glad to obtain full information as to what is transpiring in Europe in reference to this matter. Will you make inquiries on behalf of the Government in connection with your visit to Europe?" I expressed my willingness to do so. Mr. Reid said, "Of course, it is understood that I cannot offer you any remuneration or any travelling expenses whatever." If you undertake the work, you must do it at your own charge and cost thronghout." Those words, though not, perhaps the actual ones that Mr. Reid used, convey most explicitly what passed between us.
152. Mr. Lees.] You used the words, "Your own travelling expenses" $q$ I would not siy "travelling expenses" were the words; it might have been "at my own cost."
153. But you have used the words, "travelling expenses"? If l have, it is near enough. Cost would include travelling expenses.
154. I referred to those words because they are used in the covering letter? Without going too elaborately into the conversation, I may say that I expressed my willingness to undertake the duty, provided that I was properly authorised, namely, by Commission. After that I do not remember having any conversation either with Mr. Reid or with any member of the Government upon the subject. I subsequently had submitted to me by the Principal Under Secretary the draft of the Commission. It was sent to my office; I sent it back again, and called on Mr. Walker. 1 saw that it was proposed to insert America in the Commission. I objected to the word "America" being put in, "because," I said, "I wish to undertake nothing that I shall not discharge. I do not contemplate going to A merica." Consequently, America was omitted, and the Continent of Europe was inserted. When the Commission reached my hands, I noted that though it was under the Great Seal and the hand of the Governor, it.was not a lloyal Commission, such as I. had held whon I represented the colony in South Australia ten years before. I wrote to Mr. Walker, pointing out that it was not a Royal Commission. His reply to me, I think, was that it was not usual. I question very much whether I ever saw Mr. Reid on the subject until I came back from England. I believe I wrote to him once from Melbourne, probably from the ship, urging his attention to certain matters. It is a separate business, but I was also authorised by Mr. Reid to make inquiry as to the export of timber from this colony, I can only say that from first to last there was nothing stated, implied, hinted, suggested, or put forward directly or covertly in any manner whatever between us or betwecn any other Minister or any official as to my ever being reimbursed in the slightest mamer for the work I undertook. With the Commission I had a letter that has been already put in sent by the Principal Under Secretary, and dated 31st July, referring to the Commission, and containing these words: "I am at the same time to add that it is to be distinctly understood that no expense is to be incurred by this colony in connection with such mission." I left for London in the first week of August, 1896 ; I returned to the colony somo time during the month of April, 1897. Perhaps I might mention incidentally that I was accompanied by my wife and two young children. I should not have taken the trip to the old country without them under any circumstances. I made it my business in England to at once enter upon the duties of my Commission. I used diplomatic channels for the purpose of obtaining information, from the Continent cspecially, with very poor success indeed. After some months of non-success in obtaining such information that I deemed necessary, I eventually, when I had nothing else to detain me in London, accepted offers that were made; and chiefly through the instrumentality of the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales in London-Mr. George-1, operating through Continental banks with brancbes in London, exhausted the possibilities of obtaining the information from the Continent.
155. When you speak of information, do you mean statistical inforwation? Official documents, fe. Neither in England nor in any Continental country that I know of are there institutions such as the Government Printing Office in this colony ; consequently, it is absolutely impossible to obtain the information required through other sources. It becomes necessary to use private means, and some of the documents that I obtained were obtained, according to the letters that accompanied them, by what perhaps might be deemed to be almost surreptitious means-in this way, that they were not public documents, and they had to be got privately. For every one of these documents, whether English or Continental, I paid out of my own pocket. If my memory serves me correctly, I paid as much as $£ 211 \mathrm{~s}$. for one Continental report. That was perlmps the most costly of all. I continued to receive some of these documents after I returned to the colony. It will be readily seen that in carrying out a work of this kind, particularly when dealing with foreign countries, it is necessary not merely to write a letter asking to be supplied with all the documents that might, be forthcoming, and to place them in order, but a considerable amount of time has to be devoted to ascertaining what particular documents exist. I was detained in London a long time making these preliminary inquiries. I returned to the colong-I do not know that I had any interview with the Premier, or any member of the Ministry, with reference to my report until I called on Mr. Reicl on the eve of his leaving for London. I took with me two letters for him to sign ; one was a letter which 1 think has been put in this afternoon with reference to the translation of foreign documents. The other was a request which the Premier duly minuted that the Government Printer would print the report. From then until after my report was completed, I do not know that I had any communication with the Premier, or any Minister, except such as has been handed in to-day. After my reprot was completed, and after Mr. Reid had seen a draft copy, he said to me that although, of course, it was not intended at the time of my appointment that I should be reimbursed for any expenses whatever, in view of the magnitude of the work that I had done, he thought it was not fair that the colony should be the gainer by so much labour and expenditure, and that I shoukl be left to bear the whole brunt of it. He asked my concurrence in placing a sumb-I think it was $£ 500$ or $£ 600$ - upon the Estimates to recoup my outlay, and in some way portion of that amount was to be a recoguition of laborious services in preparing the report. I suppose I am like other people. I thought the offer was an honorable acknowledgment of good scrvice, and I accepted the proposal that it should be put before Parliament as an honorable compliment, honorable alike to the Premier and ayself, and honorable
J. C. Ncild, to the House if it chose to grant it. During the last three weeks or so in December I was confined to my M.P. room-I think contined to my bed the whole of the last three weeks of the session. When I looked at Hansard, after the session closed, I saw nothing about any Supplementary or Additional Estimates; and, sometime in the middle of January, seeing the Premier on some other matter-I forget now what it wasI asked him whether anything had been done in carrying out his intention. He explained that there had been no Additional or Supplementary Estimates. I said, "That is a little unfortunate, because I understood the House would vote the money, and it would have been useful to me." I suggesterl that, perhaps, he might see his way to follow precedents, and allow me a sum in advance of the vote of the House by way of out-of-pocket expenses. He said, at the moment, he did not think there was any objection, but he would consider the matter. My own expenses in connection with the Adelaide Commission were referred to, and the case of the late Mr. Martin and others was roferred to. He said, "I will think it over, and if you do not hear anything further, then write me a note." That note, I think, has been handed in. In pursuance of that note, the sum of $\mathscr{S} 350$ was paid to me. As to the sum that is placed on the Estimates, I suppose I am not called upon to give any information about that, because it speaks for itself. It is proposed there should be something additional; but that I understand would be by way of remuneration, not by way of expenses, however it may be stated in the Cstimates. I am sure the Committee will recognise that I am in no way responsible for any terms in which the amount nay be stated in the Estimates, inasmuch as I was never consulted as to how it should be done.
156. Have you furnished, or do you intend to furnish to the Govermment any statement of your expenditure in the shape of vouchers, or a statement of any kind $\xi$ I have not furnished, and I couid not furnish, any details, and for this simple reason : had I'looked forward to making any charge or being asked for such particulars, I should certainly hare kept them. As it was, I kept none; I only know my total expenditure. 157. Did it not strike you in London, when you were incurring this expenditure, that it was unjustifible in your own interests. Every man must conserve his own interests. You were not supposed to be a millionaire; you had gone to London after patriotically underlaking a work which you subsequently found to be more expensive than you anticipated? I might be permitted to suggest that, for instance, in military matters enthusiasts often spend a great deal more money than they are justified in doing in the interests of their families.
158. But that does not answer my question? I meant it as a reply. I took up this thing as an enthusiast, I knew that I was spending more than I was justified in doing in the interests of my family; but I bave spent a great deal of money in public affairs, and I suppose a great many others have,
159. Did you, at any time during your sojourn in England, contemplate asking the Government that you should be recouped for your expenses out of pocket? Never.
160. Did the matter simply arise here from the suggestion of the Government? Absolutely, yes.
161. Do you state positively that the expenses you incurred in London, in connection with this report, that is, expenses out of pocket, amounted to the sum of £500? No; I did not say $\mathfrak{L} 500$.
162. That is the amount put down altogether-£350 paid and $£ 250$ to be provided for? I thought I had already explained that $£ 350$ was in respect of out-of-pocket expenses. The balance shown on the Estimates was to be some recognition of my labour.
163. You take it that the larger portion was for absolute outlay and the lesser portion was in recognition of the value of your report? The absolute outlay.
164. And recognition of its value also? A gentleman who is a member of the Ministry now, who was not a member of the Ministry at the time-Mr. Hogue-assured me that from what little he had seen of the work, it could not possibly be prepared under a cost of $£ 1,000$ to any literary man; and he made a goodhumoured cbarge that I was doing literary people out of an honest living.
165. You consider, I take it from your reply, that in no sense can you be accused of receiving remuneration from the Crown for your services in connection with this Commission? That is so:
166. In a political sense? In a political or a financial sense.
167. You contend that there is no contract for any remuneration? Yes, certainly.
168. That the money you have already received from the Treasury is not remuneration in the ordinary sense of the word, but it is a repayment to you of money you have absolutely disbursed? Yes; that is so.
169. Your contention, therefore, is that in no sense have you infringed the Constitution Act by accepting an office of profit under the Crown? Certainly.
170. That is your defence, practically? Yes; that is my view and my statement.
171. May I be permitted to go outside that aspect of the suhject, and deal with another ;-did you receive from private sources any money for expenditure while in London? I had better put the matter briefly: I was half-owner of some pastoral leaseholds in the Northern Tervitory. I and my co-partners, in order to provide for the cost of flotation-I think some such term was used-pooled our interests in a syndicate of 160 shares of $£ 25$ each. We sold twenty of those shares to provide a sum of $£ 500$. Ten of those shares, representing £250, were my affair, and ten shares were my partners' affair.
172. Did you receive from your partners the sum of $£ 250$ to enable you to proced to London and try to put this Company on the market? Fes; from the sale of my partners' interests. I may state that that was not for travelling expenses only.
173. I think you used the word "flotation" and everything connected with it? Yes; it includes law costs, and so on.
174. Were you detained in London for some time longer than you expected? Yes, some considerabie time. 175. Was that occasioned by your private business or in obtaining the information you were secking for your report? It was occasioned by my failing to obtain the information I required for the purposes of my report.
176. And in no sense by your private business? During my detention I attended to certain matters of private business to some little extent, but not to a profitable extent
177. Is the Committee to understand that had you not been engaged in obiaining information for your report your sojourn in London would have been much shorter than it was? Yes.
178. You were absolutely detained whilst seeking information? Yes; I was detained with my wife and family.
179. You say you cannot give the Committee any information as to your actual disbursements? I can only state that $m y$ total disbursements while away were a little under $£ 1,200$.
180. That is travelling and hotel expenses; but what I want is, can you give us any positive information as to what you paid for the purchase of documents and correspondence to enable you to complete your report? I cannot; I did not keep any record.
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181. Do you say that this sum of $£ 350$ represents actual disbursements? Out-of-pocket expenses. That J. C. Neild, would include of necessity the cost of living. I should not like the Committee to ke under the impression that I spent $£ 350$ for obtaining documents.
182. Does it include travelling expenses? It includes expenses in travelling to several English towns to 25 Aug., 1899 .
interview persons. One thing that delayed me a great deal was the absence from London of Mr. Joseph
Chamberlain. He was practically the head and front, from a political point of view, of the old-age pensions movement.
183. Mr. Rigg.] Did $£ 350$ more than cover your expenses out of pocket? Certainly not.
184. Mfr. Lees.] How long were you in London? About six montlis.
185. Did you go to the Continent? No.
186. Then all your information with regard to the Continent was obtained by correspondence? Yes.
187. Mr. Rigg.] Then you did not derive any profit from the Crown by this advance of $£ 350$ ? No.
188. Mr. Ferguson.] Were any of these expenses incurred in making inquiries with regard to the extension of the timber trade? No. I did not take any action in that matter beyond a few inquiries. I found that Mr. Lees had been advocating the extension of the timber trade.
189. Mr. Lees.] I did more good than all the Royal Commissions? I helieve you did.
190. Mr. Ferguson. J. Did you get any information with regard to the extension of the timber trade? Nothing whatever; I do not profess to have done anything.
191. With. regard to the purchase of documonts, did you say that the highest sum you paid was £2 11s.? Yes, for one docmment.
192. What was the chief item of your expenditure; -was it the purchase of documents? No; I think the major portion would be detention-the cost of living during the detention.
193. Mr. Mackay.] Practically, the $£ 350$ would be spent in the cost of living, and not in the purchase of documents and books? Yes.
194. Chairman.] When you were travelling in England, were you accompanied by Mrs. Neild and the children? No.
195. Afr. Wilhs.] Was it your original intention to make this work a free gift to the State? Yes.
196. It was only afterwards, in conversation with Mr. Reid, when he said that he placed a high value on the work, and that the State should not receive it free, that the proposal was made that you sloould bave some remuneration? Yes.
197. The next stage was that you macle a personal request for an advance for money out of pocket? Yes.
198. Are we to understand that $£ 350$ is only a moiety of your expenses? Exactly.
199. Mr. Dught.] Before asking for the advance, I think you stated that you had arranged with Mr. Reid to put $£ 500$ or $£ 600$ on the Estimates to cover the whole thing ; do you mean that that led to your asking for this advance? Yes, the proposal by Mr. Reid that the money should be put on the Estimates.
200. Mr. Wilks.] You stated that you objected that your Commission was not a Royal Commission? Yes. 201. What difference would that have made? None whatever.
202. Was it a mere matter of taste or opinion? Yes; I should not have asked for it if I had not held a Royal Commission on a previous occasion. From inquiries I ascertained that the Commission I had was in precisely the same form ns the Commission held by the Agent-General, except, of course, as to the scope of its authority.
203. Did you state that to expedite your work you approached diplomatic chamels first, but that was not a success? Yes; you must first go to the Colonial Office, which puts the Foreign Office in motion, and then the Foreign Office communicates with plenipotentiarics, ambassadors, and consuls, and then they have to start on the local authorities. If I had waited for diplomatic channels to obtain the information, I might have been in London at least another twelve months. If I travelled on the Continent to obtain these documents I could not have done so under a cost of many hundreds. It would have been no use visiting Paris or Berlin unless I went to the other centres. I thought I would achieve more by operating through the Banks in London than by skirmishing all over the Continent.
204. Chairman.] You took, in fact, what you consider to have been the most economical method of obtaining information? Yes.
205. Mr. Rigg.] At the time that the Premier made the suggestion to recoup youv expenses had you any intention of making any claim? Such a thought had never occurred to me.
206. Mfr. Garland.' Was it because you had no idea of obtaining remuneration that you kept no vouchers? That was the reason. I kept no vouchers of my outlay. The only actual item I could swear to was the steamer fares.
207. Mfr. Wilks.] You speak of the further sum on the Estinntes as having been suggested for the laborious work; I suppose you mean the drafting and composition of the report itself? Yes.
208. Mr. Lees.] Did you enter into this work with any hope of remuncration? None whatever.
209. Did you not state to the House when this case was before it that you sold a property in order to enable you to make this journcy home? I am not si re whether I used the word "property" or "interest." Perhaps I said "sold property." What I was referring to was the disposal of a portion of my interest in the northern territory leases to raise the money.
210. Mr. Fierguson.] 'What was the date of the payment of the £350? January, 1899.
211. Was that after your re-election to Parliament? Yes; I was elected on the 27 th July.
212. Afr. Lees.] Had yon a Commission on a previous cccasion in connection with the Government of this country at Adelaide? Yes.
213. Was not your case referred to the Elections and Qualifications Committee with regard to that? Yes.
214. Were you appointed under a similar Commission on that occasion? It was by a Royal Commission.
215. Were you then appointed on the terms that you would clo the work voluntarily? ilhave before me the evidence given to the Committee by Sir H.. Parkes, who appointed me. The following is an extract from his evidence:-
63. Has any arrangement been made with regard to any payment of money to Mr. Neild? An arrangement has been made for the payment of money for Mr . Neild's expenses.
64. For his public or his private expenses? The understanding with Mr. Neild is that he is to he recouped for his expenses on account of his mission, for which expenses he is to produce vouchers in every instance, and that he is not to have one shilling for his personal advatage. That was very fully explained.
I may add that the amount of my expenses-which was about $£ 2$ per diem-was by me from time to time deducted from the moneys placed at my disposal in connection with my mission, the general expenses
'J. O. Neild, amounting to some thousands. The Committee was fully informed by Sir H. Parkcs not only by the - M.P. - questions I have read, but by others, that I was to be paid my current expenses, hotel charges, and so on. 25 Aug. 1899 . It is all referred to in the evidence, and the following is the decision of the Committee :-

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 11th March, 1887, to whom was referred on the 10th Junc, 1887, the question whether Mr. J. C. Neild, having been appointed as Commissioner to the Arlelaide Exhibition, and having drawn sums of money to pay his expenses in connection therewith, has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, witliin the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act or Electoral Act, 61st section, have determined, and do hereby accordingly declare, that Mr. Neild has not uccepted an ofice of profit within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act or Electoral Act, 61st section.

## HENRY CLARKE, Chairman.

216. Was your action on this occasion influenced in any way by the conclusion arrived at in that matter? Certainly, with regard to money for out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Reid and I had cliscussed the question whether I would be risking my seat in taking the money.
217. Was that after you returned and he had seen the volume of work done? Yes, and after I had ceased to be Commissioner.
218. And the matter was voluntarily introduced by the Premier? Yes.
219. You had no reason to assume that you would be treated as you were in connection with the Adelaide Commission, that is that you would receive $£ 2$ per diem, at the time of your appointment or prior to your interview with the Premier? No ; in no shape or form.
220. Mr. Kelynack.] At Adelaide were you paid your expense from time to time? Yes, and that was a roluntary Commission. I received no payment for my services. I was allowed to reimburse myself all the way through.
22 I . Mr. Lees.] You wrote a letter to the Premier complaining of delay on the part of the Government Printer, and the closing sentences might possibly convey a different meaning to what you have stated; would you explain the meaning of that letter? In that letter I complained of the delay in printing my report, and I said, "In view of my labour and outlay this treatment is nothing short of scandalous." I think it must be plain to every member of the Committee that such a letter as this could not have come from a man who had any hope of receiving money. It is a virtuously indignant letter.
221. Read on further : The letter goes on "and unless I have your assurance that the printing and bookbinding will be pushed on diay and night until it is completed, so as to be ready in the first week of the session, I shall throw the whole thing up and publish my reasons. When I think of the sacrifices I. have made and the result I am meting I am unable to control my indignation ?" My indignation was at the delay.
222. Putting the words together "sacritices" and "the result," does that refer to your laborious work in connection with preparing the manuscript? The whole thing from begimuing to end.
223. Mir. Wilks.] In your opening remarks you said you received a letter from Mr. Reid asking you to call upon him? Yes, that was in July, 1896.
224. When you called upon him, the question of old-age pensions was introduced ? Yes.
225. Prior to that, did you seek for the position at all $?$ No; it never occurred to me.
226. When Mr. Reid had an opportunity of estimating the value of the report, did he suggest to you that lie would piace a sum on the Estimates for you? Yes; he asked my concurrence.
227. In the meantime you fell sick, and you atterwards found that no sum had been placed on the Additional Estimates? No; no Additional Estimates were prepared.
228. Then it was the intention of Mr. Reid, while he recognised the value of the work, not to pay any money for out-of-pocket expenses without the consent of the House; was that his original intention? I might conclude that that was so, but I can hardly give evidence for Mr. Reid. That may be a reasonable assumption.
229. There having been no Additional Estimates, subsequently you made a request for money for out-ofpocket expenses? Yes.
231 . Was it then that he went into the matter as to whether it would affect the validity of your seat? Yes 232. Mr. Sausers.] Did you go to London on your own private business? Yes.
230. How long were you in London? I think I said about six months.
231. If you had been occupied on your own private business, whether it might be business in the ordinary. sense of the word or private pleasure, would you have stayed in Jondon for six months? Most certainly not.
232. How long do you consider that you were detained over this inquiry on behalf of the Government? I think it was about three months.
233. That is over and above the time which you otherwise would have remained in London? Yes. As a puiblic man it would have been deplorable for me to have accepted a Commission to undertake certain work, and to have failed in its execution. I considered that it was compulsory that $I$ should see it out, whatever it was.
237 . In receiving this $£ 350$, did you think in a general way that it was some recompense for your expenses during that detention? Yes.
238 . Although not necessarily covering the whole amount, yet you considered it a fair charge to make? Yes.
234. Chairman.] Do I understand you to emphatically say that you neither expected nor sought any payment until it was suggested by the Premier ? That is the positive truth.
235. Afr. Rigg.] You mentioned that you considered that the time occupied in this particular duty was three months? Yes; that is the extra time.
236. The allowance you had at the Adelaide Exhibition was $£ 2$ per day? Ycs.

24-. That would come to $£ 180$, how do you make up the difference between that and the amount drawn; would that be in excess of the ordinary allowance of $£ 2$ per day? I may explain that the way in which I made up the amount of my expenditure was this : I expended a total sum while away of about $£ 1,200$. Casting my eye over the amount of time that $T$ had occupied, and the amount of expenditure $I$ had incurred in different ways, I made what I considered to be a fair and honest apportionment, and fixed the amount at $£ 350$.
243. The expenditure of $£ 2$ per day for three months would be an additional item to the previous three months, and the expenses ont of pocket? Yes.
244. Mr. Garland.] You told us you were in London for three months extra on account of delay in obtaining this information? Yes, to the best of my recollection.
245. During the first three months that you were there, did you devote a considerable amount of time to. J. C. Neild, the preparation of the report? Most undoubtedly.
M.P.:'
246. Then, when you came back herc, low long did you devote to the composition of the report? I can. $/ \overbrace{\text { Aug., }} 1899$ only say upon that subject that I worked nightand day, Suodays and holidays. I rarely knocked off until 25 Aug., 1899 2 or 3 in the morning. The amount of work was a task that few could appreciate who had not gone through. something of the sort. There was no possibility of attending practically to any other thing but the preparation of the report. Although I do not wish to mention it in the way of an excuse, I may refer to the fact that I suffered an illness which was certified medically to have been induced by my close devotion day and night to the preparation of this report-an illness that developed inflammation of the brain, and almost cost me my life. It also cost me nearly $£ 200$. I do not say that that is part of the expenditure incurred-that is, any part of the $£ 350$-hat it was in connection with the report.
247. Mr. Ferguson.] You were Commissioner to the Adelaide Exhibition? Yes.

24S. Was there any contract or agreement between you and the Government then for expenses? According to Sir Henry Parkes' evidence before the Committee, there was a general understanding that my expenses were to be paid:
249. Did you furnish vonchers for the amount paid to you then? Not for the amount of my personal expenses. It was quarter by quarter.
250. They were not detailed in any way? No.
251. Is it not a fact that there was a Select Committce appointed to inquire into that case? Yes; that was held in 1890 .
252. Was it the object of that Select Committee to inquire into the expencliture? Yes.
253. Having had this previous experience that the Assembly was not in favour of the lump-sum method in connection with any expenditure, did it not strike you, when you were engaged in the present business, that it would be far better if you kept some sort of detailed account of the amounts you spent? Most undoubtedly I would have done so had I contemplated making any application.
254. You did not contemplate making any application for expenses of any kind, and it was purely a gift to the nation, as far as you were concernedy Yes. As this question has been touched upon, may I be permitted to ask leave to make evidence of a few lines of the report of the Select Committee of the Assembly to which this matter was referred. Among other things it reported-
(3.) "That rouchers for every expenditure, other than those on Mr. Neild himself, were sulmitted to your Committee by Mr. Neild, and found to correspond with the items in the statements of accounts submitted by that gentlemen."
(4.) "That the personal expenses of Mr. Neild, when acting as Executive Commissioner, are shown in a tabulated statement supplied by that gentleman uader the heading of "Petty cash and incidentals," and they appear to be of a very reasonable character."
255. Mr. Rigg.] Is it possible to furnish this Committce with a similar account of petty and miscellaneous expenditure? I have already explained that it is absolutely out of my power.
250. Mr. Mackay.] There seems to be a slight discrepancy in the evidence which, no doubt, you can clear up; when I asked a question with regard to the sum of $£ 350$, I put it in this way, that you considered that that was for expenses during the six moriths you were in London and the cost of documents and books; you said, practically, that that was so; later on, Mr. Sawers asked you practically the same question with regard to your detention; he asked you how long you had been detained in connection with this work. s you said, about three months; he then said, did you consider that this money paid out was a fair return for the three months'detention, and you said, yes; -I want it to be clear as to whether you consider this, $£ 350$ was simply for the three months you were specially detained in proparing this report, or whether it, was really for personal expenses for the whole six months you were in England?. It was for expenses out of pocket during the whole time.
25:. Mf. Ferguson.] What was the date of the interview between Mr. Reid and yourself when the question was discussed about putting the sum on the Estimates? I cannot tell the exact date, but it was after I. completed my work, and it must have been in the earliest days of December:
25S. Dhr. Garland.] I understood you to say in the House, that you took a copy of the report to Mr. Reid and left it in his hands, and that subsequently he saw what a monumental work it was? I sent it to him. 259. Then it was after you sent him a copy of your completed report that you had this conversation? Yes. 260. Mfr. Sawers.] It is in evidence from the documents put in to day that you presented a letter to the Agent-General from the Irime Minister? I do not remember it; but if it is in evidence that will be the case. I fancy it must have been a letter which was posted to the Agent-General.
26I. You are aware, I presume, that you were recommended to the good offices of the Agent-General ? I presume so, because when I called on him he stated he had received a communication from the Premier or the Government.
262. Were you aware that Sir Saul Samuel had been requested by the Prime Minister to make it part of lis duty to lend his assistance to you in conducting your private business in London? I think there was something of the sort; but as far as I remember I never saw the letter.
263. You were aware, of course, that the Agent-General at that time had a very long experience in London, and was a man of great financial influence? Yes.
264. Did yon regard it as of value to you to have Sir Saul Samuel's recommendation or assistance in your a business matters? Well, I had no assistance from Sir Saul Samuel in the remotest way. I did not seek any assistance.
205. Mr. Wilks. Was not the letter referred to such a one as any public man gets when he leaves here on a visit to England? Yes; I believe it was a letter of that kind. I not infrequently give letters to persons to eniable them to obtain travelling credentials. They are given to many people.
266. Mr. Sawers.] It was not contained in a private letter from Mr. Reid, but in an official letter? To the best of my memory, I never saw it.
267. Do you assert that it is a common event for a citizen of Now South Wales to be recommended to the Agent-General to help him in his private business? I'cs; to show them any attention-to give them any assistance he can, in general terms.
268. It is stated to my knowledge in the letter that you were especially recommended to Sir Saul Samuel to assist you in your business transactions in London;-if that be so, would you regard that. as of value to you in your private business? No, I would not. Necessarily, it would occur to anyone leaving the Colony and going to England that the goodwill of the Agent-General would be valuable to him in giving him introductions, and would be of use in many ways.
269.
J. C. Neild, 269. Mr. Wilks.] Did you consult the Agent-General with reference to obtaining information as to old-age M.P. pensions? I did.
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270. With good results? Very unsatisfactory results, indeed.
271. Did be draw attention to any paragraph in the newspapers circulating in London with respect to yourself 9 No; I heard a letter read to-day which amused me, but did not surprise me.
972. The note made by Sir Saul Samuel was that you were there floating a company in connection with your private business, and that there was also a reference to the question of old-age pensions; and he rather disagreed with the mixture of the two? I do not know what may have been Sir Saul Samuel's intention; I have no knowledge whatever of the appearance of any newspaper paragraph in which my name was coupled in the way yon speak of.
273. When Mr. Reid expressed his appreciation of the value of your work, and said he would put a sum of money on the Estimates, did you express any endorsement of that, and did you say that you had received approval on account of the report from the highest sources? At that time no comment bad been passed on the report; but since then I have received from the highest personages in the land, in the Mother Country, and in the Colonies, the very lighest encomiums that could very well be passed on a work of such a nature.
274. Did you submit those encomiums to Mr. Reid? I suppose he saw some of them in the Press.
275. Did you do so personally? No.
276. Would that have led him to take a favourable view of the value of the work? No; I think the $£ 350$ was paid before anything of that sort appeared in print.

SATURDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1SM.引urscnt:-

| Mr. DIGHT, | Mr. TeES, |
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| Mr. Fergusoñ, | Mr. Mackat |
| Mr. Gabland, | Mr. RIGG, |
| Ma. SawERS, | Mr. WILKS. |

## F. A. WRIGHT, Esq., in the Chaik.

## A. J. Kelynack, Esq, Barrister-at-law, appeared on behalf of J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P.

Harold Deering called in, sworn, and examined:-
H. Deering.
277. Chairman.] You are a clerk in the Chief Sceretary's Department? Fes.

27s. Fou have some documents, I understand, to lay before the Committee? I have a copy of the Commission appointing Mr. James Martin, M.P., a Commissioner for New South Wales to the Chicago Exhibition, and the covering letter. The Commission is as follows:-
VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingilom of Great Britain and Ircland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, \&c., \&c., \&c.
To our trusty and well-beloved-
James Martin, Esguire, M.P.
Greeting :-
Whereas by an instrument under the Great Seal of our Colony of New South Wales, bearing date the twentyeighth day of September last, we did appoint certain gentlemen therein named to be Commissioncrs to collect, classify, arrange and provide for the safety and preservation of Exhihits, and to make all arrangements in our said Colony for the effective representation of New South Wales at the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in the City of Chicago, in the United States of America, in the year 1893: And whereas it hath appeared to us to be expedient to appoint a Special Commissioner for the said Exposition to report on menufactures and manufacturing processes: Now thernfore know you, that we, of our especial grace have thought fit to appoint, and do hercby appoint, you to be such Special Commissioner accordingly.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Colony of New South Wales to be hereunto affixed.
'Witness, our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Victor Albert Gronge, Earl of Jersey, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of Now South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twentieth day of October, in the fifty-fifth year of our reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.
(Sgd.) JERSEY.
By His Excellency's Command,
(Sgd.)
HENRY PAREES.
Entered on record by me, in Recistfir of Patbits No. 14, page 204, this twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records,
(Sgd.)
CRITCHETT WALKER, Principal Under Secretary.

The covering letter is in these terms:
Sir,
Colnnial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 21 October, 1891. Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint you to be Specinl Commissioner for this Colony at the World's Columbian Exposition at Cbicago in 1893, to reportion manufactures and manufncturing prodesses, without salnry, but with travelling expenses while in a America.
a of your appointment has been published in the Government Gazette of the 20th instant.
(Sid) have, \&c.,
RITCHETT WALKER
Principal Under Secretary

James Martin, Hsq., M.P., Special Commissioner for this Colony
at the World's Columbian Exposition.

The Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid, P.C., Q.C., M.P., called in, sworn, and examined:279. Chairman.] You hold the office of Premier of the Colony? Yes.
280. Perhaps the better course would be to ask you to marrate the particulars leading up to Mr. Neild's appointment as a Commissioner in convection with old-age pensions and charitable allowances, and the consequent action taken by you? I may say that when this matter arose in the House the other night I had, as you know, to leave for Wagga at 9 o'clock, and I have thought it altogether moro prudent and proper that I should have no conversation with anyone on the subject of this inquiry-not even with any of my own colleagues. This, however, I did do-I telephoned yesterday on my return to Syduey to the Government Printer, hecause I. wished to obtain certain dates which I will presently laty before the Committee. With that exception I have refrained, and I think it is just as well, from attempting to refresh my memory by means of conversation of any kind with Mr. Neild or with anyone else. So that you must take it from me that the evidence I am now about to give is evidence to the best of my recollection, without any attempt-with the exception $I$ have just mentioned and references to public docuncnts, Hansard, aind so forth-to retreah my memory. With these exceptions my evidence will be the result of my own independent recollection of the matter. Mr. Neild, as you are probably aware, wäs a gentleman who put upon the business paper of the Assembly in 1896 a notice of motion on the subject of old-are pensions. I do not know how long the notice of motion was upon the business paper, but it was there for some time, and, as you are probably aware, when his motion came on an amendment was mored, the result of which was the appointment of a Select Committec on the subject, presided over by Mr. O'Sullivan. I heard Mr. Neild n'as gring to England; and knowing, not only from my official knowledge of the fact of his motion, but from other sources of knowledge, that he had taken a great interest in this matter, I invited him to act for the Government in obtaining for us some information upon the subject during his visit to Europe; but I made it distinctly clear that in inviting him to take this position he was not, under any circumstances, to expect, as attaching to his offee, emolument in any shape or form ; that he was to have his Commission free trom any liability on the part of the Government, to pay bimanything in comection with it. That, roughly, was the understanding; it was to be in every respect an honorary Commission. Mr. Neild accepted the Commission upon those terms.
2S1. A Commission was issued accordingly? Yes. In connection with the question of the Commission, I should, perhaps, mention to you that having been absent during the debate on Wednesday night, I sent for the Hansard report of the speeches. T. have seen the speech which Mr. Neild addressed to the House, and it reminded me of one fact in connection with the Commission. It is perfectly true, as Mr. Neild states, that when Mr. McMillan went Home some time before, I empowered him to make inquiries affecting our export trade with London, and in a general way concerning the Agent-Gencral's office. As far as my recollection serses me, the inquiry was as to the work of the office in London in connection with our produce, and whether it was expedient to extend the scope of the Agent-General's office in matters of that sort. I sent Home a letter to the Agent-General, acquainting him with what I had done. When Mr. McMillan reached England, he found his authority questioned. The Agent-General said he kncw nothing about his appointment. Mr. McMillan was very much inconvenienced, and a letter of his got into the public pajers in connection with the matter.
282. Was Mr. McMillan appointed a Commissioner? I was endearouring to explain to the Committee how the question of issuing a Commission arose in Mr. Neild's case. In the case of Mr. McMillan, there was a letter to the Agent-General informing him of the authority given. The Agent-General informed Mr. McMillan that he had no such authority from the Treasury in Sydney. That caused Mr. McMillan a great deal of annoyance. As a matter of fact, a letter had been sent by the Treasury to the Agent-General, and he had to admit that he had made a mistake. The authority had gone Home in an official letter. This mistake on the part of the Agent-General's office caused Mr. McMillan a great deal of annoyance, and it is true that Mr. Neild did say to me, "I wanta Commission; I do not want to be treated as Mr. McMillan was treated." It is perfectly true, therefore, that it was at Mr. Neild's request that $s$ Commission was issued. I am not sure about the date, but it was in 1896 . I gave Mr. Neild no sort of instructions as to the scope which the inquiry was to take. I simply left the matter entirely to him.
283. Mr. Lees.] Did you send for him? That is so ; I sent for him.
284. Chairman.] Do you remember receiving a letter from Mr. Neild from Melbourne, written on board the steamer when he was on his way to England? I have no recollection of it.
285. Mr. Wilks.] It bore upon the timber question? I have no recollection of it. As I have said, I thought it better to come to the Committce without making any effort to acquire information.
286. Chairman.] I ask you the question at this point with a view to preserve the sequence of your evidence? I have no recollection of the letter to which you refer, but it is extremely possible that. I recoived such a letter. I need not say how many letters of the kind I receive. You know my position in that way as well as I do myself.
287. We had arrived at the point of issuing the Commission ; will you follow up your statement from that point? Yes. I cannot at present recollect any sort of intercourse, either by way of letter or conversation, unless of the most unimportant character-that is, any conversation or anything whatever in reference to this matter-unless someone can assist my momory.
28S. Mr. Wilks.] You may perhaps recollect that Sir Saul Samuel sent out a cablegram in reference to the connection between some private business of Mr . Neild's and his inquiry into the system of old-age pensions;-the wording of the telegran was to the effeet that Sir Saul Samuel did not like the connection between the two things? It is quite possible that some such thing occurred, although I do not at present recollect it.
289. Do you remember sending a letter of instruction to the Agent-General after the issue of the Commission? No, I do not. Perhaps you would allow me to suggest that it would be more convenient for the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to deal with any documents. He would have a better recollection of such matters than I should be likely to have.
290. Leaving that point, then, will fou come to the subsequent action which led to your paying Mr. Neild the sum of $£ 350$ and putting a sum upon the Estimates? It came about in this way-and this, let me say, is a point upon which I have been trying to get my memory down to as exact a point as possible. It is, as you will sec, a mostimportant point-the question as to when the idea of giving Mr. Neild anything first presented itsolf to my mind. I never had entertained the idea of giving Mr. Neild any sort of 163-1
remuneration
G. H. Reid, remuneration inconection with his trip until within-I cannot say the exact date-but within a few diys
P.C., Q.C., M.P.
$\overbrace{\text { Aug } 1841}$ I should remind you, perhaps, that I left Sydney for England on the 12 th May, 1897 ; and, I understand, from looking at Mr. Neild's report, that he returned to the Colony some time at the end of April, 1897. I left Adelaide, as you will perhaps remember, on the 12th May, and I. was away until the 31st August, 1897. That, I think, was the date of my return to the Colony. Now, the first date which I have obtained from the Government Printer comes in. I called the House together in April, so that before going to England the matter of my proposed visit to England might come before the House. My idea in calling the House together in the middle of April before I left was, that I could submit to it for its approval my intended departure to England. That Session of Parliament began in A pril and continued, I think, after I had left. I will now gire you the first date I obtained from the Goverument Printer yesterday by telephone. I got Mr. Gullick to speak to mo through the telephone yesterday afternoon, and he told me this- that Mr. Neild's report was put in hand on the 24 th August, 1897. "That means, I take it, that it was put in hand for printing, although it was not necessarily the date upon which Mr. Neild handed the report to the Government Printer. At that particular time I was not in the Colony. That is the only object I have in mentioning that date. This report must hare been put in the hands of the Government Printer, not through me, but through some colleague representing me while I was away, because the date of my arrival in Sydney was the 31st August, and the report, to use the Government Printer's expression, "was put in hand" on the 2 tith August. I take the expression to mean that it was "put in liand" on that date as a printer's job. Fou will see, therefore, that this report, in its rough state, did not come before me at all. I was away from the Colony at the time, and it went to the Government Printer, not through me at all. Until I received the report in the form which I have described to you-an advance copy-I had no sort of knowledge of its stupendous character.
291. Mr. Wilks.] Do you remember receiving a letter from Mr. Neild as to some trouble be had had in connection with the printing of the report? That would be at a later date. I was speaking of the date of my return to the Colony-the 31st August. I wish to point out that eren if I had been in the Colony, the strict course of business would be for Mr. Neild to hand in a report to the Chief Secretary. That is the practice. The Chief Secretary's is the office to which the reports of Royal Commissions go for presentation to His Excellency the Governor. If I had been in the Colony, therefore, the report would not have come to me in the first instance. I do not know whether the manascript is handed to the Governor, or whether the report is first printed; but what I wish the Committee to know is that at the time this document was hander to the Printer I was not in the Colony. I had no idea of the bulk of the contents, or the scope of its matter. From time to time Mr. Neild made some strong, and I confess I thought rather inconsiderate, attacks upon the Government Printer for the delay caused in the printing of the document-in getting the job done. I made several references to the Government Printer to urge the work on as much as he could; but, as the Government Printer pointed out to me, there was an enormous amount of printing to do, and this report would have to take its proper place. Mr. Neild, however, was using all his influence to get the thing through as soon as possible, and I did all I could to facilitate the publication. I can now, coming down further, give you another date. The Government Printer tells me that the first copy-I do not mean the bound copy, I refer to the mere coming into existence of the report in print-was ready on the lith Norember, I898. . That is the date which he telephoned to me yesterday. I take that to nean that the thing was then practically complete, although the elaborate process of binding had not been done. The nest date the Government Printer gave me is the 5th December. It appears that on that date a copy was sent to the Governor. Those are the three dates I obtained from the Government Printer. I do not know, as a matter of fact, the exact date of publication. Inow como to the date upon which I saw the report for the first time. That was the first time I knew the scope and nature of the production. I do not think there was even an index attached to it, and a great deal of the matter which is bound $u_{p}$ now in the first portion of the book was not there. I aleo noticed that there were some printer's corrections upon the copy. I fancy Mr. Neild. sent it to me; at least I think so. I know that I did not send for it. It was sent to me either by the Government Printer or by Mr. Neild, but I am strongly of opinion that it was by Mr. Neild. At all events, the thing was not by any means in the shape in which you see it now.
292. Atr. ALackay.] Upon what date would that be? I cannot say. In the nature of things, I should not keep a note of things of that sort. But if the first copy was not, as the Govermment Printer tells me, in existence until the 11 th November, I presume it would be after that date. As I have explained to you, the copy was in existence without the binding or fringe, so to speak. It was practically a complete report, although, as I say, I noticed one or two printer's corrections upon it.
293. Chairman.] To proceed with your narrative-having the report in your bands? I went through it. I to not know how long I had it in my hands, but it was for some days. I went through it, and I confess that wheu I did so I was simply astounded at the amount of labour and research which must have been thrown into the work. I told Mr. Neild, after looking at it, that in my opinion the Government should certainly put a sum of money upon the Estimates in recognition of his work.
29.4. Did you make that statement voluntarily? Decidedly.
295. There was no approach from him? Absolutely none. Mr. Neild, from the time I appointed him to make the inquiry, down to the time I broached the subject of recognition, absolutely in no shape or form, in the most remote or indircet way, hinted to me that he was looking for a single penny.
296. Did anyone do so on his behalf? No buman being approached me-neither Mr. Neild nor anyone else-to suggest in any way that any sort of reward, recognition, or payment should be made to him. But, as 1 say, having gone orer the report, I said to Mr. Neild that, in my opinion, he had produced a simply marrellous work on the subject, and that it must have cost him a great deal of money. As to the time, I knew of the length of time the matter had been in his hands-from 1890 to the end of 1898 -two and a half years; and I told him that this being so, I would certainly put on the Estimates some amount for repayment of any money he was out of pocket, and that I would also add a sum-I think I said $£ 250-$ as payment to himself for his trouble. I think I said to him, "Fou shall have $£ 250$ in addition to any money you have paid out of your pocket. I think it is only fair that $I$ sbould add $£ 250$ in recognition of your personal labours in the matter."
297. Did you at this time ask for, or did Mr. Neild tender you, any documentary proof of his expenditure? Not of a penny. We did not go into the matter in that detailed way at all; it was a general conversation.
298. Mr. Sawers.] Could you fix the date approximately? It is most important, as I hare thought that I should do so if possible. First of all, I should like to fix the date of my seeing this first copy of the report. I have been taxing my memory, and I must say that I think I must have seen this copy of which I speak just about the time the Estimates-in-Chief were laid upon the Thble. I have referred to that document, and I find it was laid on the Table on the 2nd November. I will give you my reason for thinking so. I am, of course, speaking only from memory, but I have a sort of recollection that I had this conversation with Mr. Neild just about the time when these Estimates-in-Chief were being laid upon the Table. I believe I said to Mr. Neild, "Now, this document must be before the House before I submitan item to Parliament, so that they may have an opportunity to see what you bave really done; I cannot put an amount upon the Estimates-in-Chicf, because the document will not be before them, but I will putit it on the Additional Estimates." As you understand, they are submitted just about the time when the Session is closing, when wo are approaching the end of Supply-in-Chief. What makes me think that the conversation I had with Mr. Neild, when I had this rongh copy of the report in ray hand, must have bcen at the end of October or on or about the 2nd November.
299. MIr. Mfackay.] Are we to understand that it was about that time that you had the conversation in which you made to Mr. Neild the suggestion of which you have spoken? From Mr. Neild's spcech in the House, I think we differ upon this point. But, in spite of his recollection, I cannot get it out of my mind that I made this romark: "It is of no use my putting a sum on the Estimates-in-Chief, because Members will not have the work before them." The Estimates-in-Chief were late that year. We were looking forward to proroguing, I think, about the 20th December. It was not as if the Estimates had been submitted in August, as they sometimes are. There would then have been an expectation of the item not coming on before the report was in the hands of Fonorable Members. But, in this particular case, owing, I think, to the General Election, everything was thrown late.
300. Mr. Sauers.] Are you quite certain that Mr. Neild's report had not been distributed nmong Members before you had this conversation? If it had been the conversation to which I have referred would not have occurred. It is within my recollection, as I say, that the Estimates-in-Chief were just about being put upon the Table. I have ascertained the date at which they were put upon the Table, and you will find that it is the 2nd November. They are generally laid on about September or October. There was a good long interval during which this book might have been before Members under ordinary circumstances. But the Estimates being laid upon the Thble in November, and since we were going to prorogue in December, there was no chance of this document being published, and being in the hands of Members for their perusal. My recollection is that it was about the end of October or the beginning of November.
301. Mr. Mackay.] That mas the date at which you made this suggestion to Mr. Neild, that $\Omega$ sum of moncy should be put upon the Estimates; -I believe there was some mention of £500, was there not? That is a sum which is floating in my mind. I may tell the Committee that I got the papers in the matter some days ago-that is, the papers as to the payment. I was naturally anxious to look at them. My idea was, originally, to put $£ 500$ upon the Estimates, but my distinct statement to Mr. Neild aras that I. would give him the sum of £250 for his personal trouble, in addition to his expenses out of pocket. 302. Tou made that statement to him either atit the end of October or early in November? We went into no sort of detail at that time; at that time no figures of any kind were mentioned. After looking at the report, I said to him, in geacral terms only, "The Government must put a sum of moner on the Wstimates for this. I certainly think you should get, in addition to your expenses, the sum of $£ 250$ for your personal trouble." As to Mr. Neild's expenses, I had no idea what thoy were then.
303. You made the statement you have just made to me-the general statement-to the best of your recollection, at the end of October or early in November? Tes; that I would puta sum of money on the Estimates to cover expenses out of pockct, and that I would give him £250. That statemeut I made at the end of October or about the 2 nd Norember. But, of course, the form in which I put it was that I would submit the mattor to Parlianent--that I would submit an item to Parliament that would cover his expenses out of pocket and the $£ 250$. That is my recollection. But, as I have said, I have nothing to refresh my memory about dates in the matter. It is my duty to give you the best of my recollection, whether it be right or wrong. That, I take it, is what you expect of me.
304. Chairman.] Can you tell us, as nearly as possible, the date of this conversation with Mr. Neild? I cannot fix a date; all that I can give you is the best of my recollection. I tell you frankly that it would be absolutely impossible to fix a date. I do not keep a diary-I never did; and as you know, I have thousands of conversations. If you have not some document or diary note it is impossible to remember dates of that sort. If, as a matter of fact, you or some ono else cau ascertain definitely that this document was not in the shape I have described until the 11th November, all I can say is that my recollection must be wrong, because I certainly bad gone over the document before I had a conversation of any lind with Mr. Ncild. Mr. Neild, I think, sent it to me. I was the author of the mission, and he would naturally wish that $I$ should see the result ns soon as possible.
305. You said that the document you saw was a rough proof, and that there were some printer's alterations upon it, leading you to infer, I suppose, that it was not final? It was not a final proof. It was not the book in its clean state; but my opinion is that it was then prictically finished. There were some little alterations made, I suppose, at the last moment, but that was all. The report mas there from beginning to end.
306. Can rou form any jdea how long it was after you got that report in your hauds and had looked orer it before your conversation with Mr. Neild took place? It is impossible for me to say, but I. know that it was no long time. As Fonorable Members probably know, it is impossible to fix dates. If ane only met Members in the way of business at stated times it would be easy to do so, but, as you know, "I converse with Members at all hours and at all places.
307. Mir. Rigg.] At all events, it was after you bad the Estimates prepared? Yes; if was too late to put it on the Estimates.
308. The original intention was to put it on the Estimates? Yes; but I do not think the first conversation had got to such details as to whether it should go on one set of Estimates or another. The first conversation simply sprung out of my mind in this way: I took this rough thing home and took some considerable trouble to go over it, and I felt so impressed with what seemed to me the enormous labour, trouble, and inquiry that Mr. Neild must have been put to for this in the Old Country to begin wilh, and concluding his report out here, that it was a sort of impulse on my part to tell him that as far as I was concerned be was entitied to some rote in recognition of this work and for his expenses.
309.
G. H. Reid,
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G. H. Reid, 302. Chairman.] Do you remember receiving a letter from Mr. Neild asking you to make lim an
P.C.: Q.C., advance from the Treasurer's Advance Vote? Yes, I have refreshed my memory on that point. I sent M.P. 26 Aug., 1899 for the rouchers some days ago, but not in connection with this motion in the House on Wednesday
3ight. Was the date of that letter about the middle of January this jear? The payment was on the 19 th, and the letter was on the 15 th. I would like, before I go further, to explain to the Committee how it was that I sent for those papers a few days before this matter was brought up in the House. I got information from one of my colleagues that Mr. Lyne was going to bring a charge of corruption against me in reference to Mr. Neild, that I had entered into some agreement with Mr. Neild to pay him money at a time when a vote of censure was pending, and that Mr. Lyne was preparing this as one of his most serious attacks upon the Government.
311. You received that information some days before? Yes, through a colleague of my own.
312. Would you have any objection to state which colleague? The present Secretary for Mines and Arriculture, Mr. Cook.
313. Mr. Garland.] In consequence of that you sent for those papers? Yes, I felt it nas time to refresh my memory.
314. Chairman.] That was in view of a threatened attack? Yes, and a charge of corruption, that I bought Mr. Neild over while a vote of censure was pending, by promising to pay him a sum of money out of the public Treasury.
315. What was the date of the vote of censure? That was not mentioned to me ; I do not know ; I am only telling rou as it came to me.
316. You remember the date of the last attack made on the Government by Mr. Barton? That was a a motion of censure about the Financial Statement. That was after the Einancial Statement was delivered. 317. Was that during this year? No; it was in November. The Estimates were laid on the Table on the 2nd November. The Financial Statement is always made on the sume night as the Estimates are laid ou the Table. It must have been on the Ind November.
318. Mr. Wilks.] Was that a week after Mr. Barton's return? No; he was in the Howse a long dime before that-in September. Mr. Lyne had a motion of censure before that. I do not want to put it 100 positively, but I think I was informed it was in connection with Mr. Isne's motion of censure that this charge was going to be levelled at me. It was some motion of censure that Mr. Lyne himself had propost d, and it was asserted that at that time I had bought Mr. Neild.
319. On the 15th November Mr. Barton mored his motion? That is not the motion of censure. If any motion was mentioned to me, it was a motion of Mr. Isne's, and I was informed that he had in his minil that by not a payment, but by a promise of payment of public money, I had bought over Mr. Neild at a time when Mr. Lyne was moving a motion of censure. I think it right to explain to the Committee that some days ago I sent for these vouchers and all documents on which that money was paid. I thought it was time I should, and the Under Secretary for the Treasury got them from the Auditor-General for me. 320. Mr. Garland.] On the occasion of the November vote of censure, was there a very considerable majority for the Govermment? Yes, 23 ; it was a vory easy business.
321. Chairman.] I wish to ask you a question about something which appears in Hansard;-it appears that this money was paid to Mr. Neild some time during the month of November? No; it was in January.
322. Yes, you are right? I would like to explain how that came about. I do not want to go into any matter of private business-it is not right; but the origin of the thing is this: Mr. Neild had been very ill, and he came to me to ask me about this vote. I explained to bim that I had not been able to put it on the Additional Estimates, as on this occasion we had not submitted any Additional Estimates to Parliament. 323. Was this adrance made with the knowledge and concurrence of vour colleagues? Now that is a point about which I cannot make an absolute statement; but Inm inclined to think it was, and I will tell you why. When I saw those papers the other day I saw that they were marked, "For Cabivet." We alwayshold our Cabinets on Tucsday. I have lookel at the dates on an almanac to try and refresh my memory. I am speaking now from memory. I think it was minuted, "For the Cabinet," on the 16 th. We do not keep any records of Cabinets at ail ; but we always hold our Cabivets on Tuesdays. You will notice that 1 marked it, "For Cabinet," on the 16 th. The effect of its being marked "For Cabinet" wonld be this: That the Tnder Secretary would put it in the Cabinet box. as he invariably does in such cases. When papers are marked "For Cabinct" they are put in a rpecial box which I hare, and they are always taken over to the Cabinet meeting, and placed next my chair.
324. Of coursc the Ministers were consulted on each separate paper? Yes; but I do not submit every thing to the Cabinet. I promised Mr. Neild to put this on the Estimates for Cabintt approval as head of the Government, who appointed the Commission.
325. But your collcagues had knowledge of it afterwards? That is my impression. I marked it in the proper official way, "For Cabinet," on the 16th; then Mr. Kirkpatrick would put it in the Cabinet box for next Tuesday-that is, the 17 th. I have thought it better not to consult my colleagues on this matter; I have had no conversation with them to refresh iny memory at all; but my impression strongly is that I told the Cabinct of this application of Mr. Neild's, and I may say the application was made to ine under circumstances, and reasons were mentioned of a private character, which strongly appealed to me.
326. In your position in the House as Premier and leader of the Housc, have you not stated most emphatically on more than one occasion that this Commission was not to cost this country one penny? Absolutely that was so. I had a distinct understanding with Mr. Neild. My experience of Government is this : That when any one is asked to do anything for the Government it cannot be too clear as to the terms on which it is to be done, and Mr. Neild left this country under an absolutely clear understanding that he was under no circumstances to expect any pasment for his scrvices; and, as I have told the Committee, I had no sort of inea at that time that a stupendous work of this sort would come out of the Commission which I issued to Mr. Neild. It was only after I went over it, and saw the work actually done, that I felt he should receive something, although, as a matter of contract, I was not bound to pay Mr. Neild one farthing; on the contrary, I had made it dear, at the only interview we had on the subject, that be was not to be paid anything whaterer. I think that is in the Exccutive minute as well. My experience has taught me that you cannot be too clear on such matters, and I had an absolutely clear understanding put in black and white, showing that, as a matter of agreement or obligation, he was not to receire a single sixpence; nor did I. hold out any sort of expectation that, as a matter of grace, he
would receive sixpence.' Afterwards, when I saw the nature of this volume-and I may say that I have had some expericnce myself as a writer and compiler of works; I compiled, on one occasion, an essay on the Colony, and I know the enormous amount of labour, mental and physical, the enormous amount of trouble and expense that must have been caused to any man who produced that report. I had that report before me practically in a finished state before the idea crossed my mind of asking Parliament to give Mr . Neild a brass farthing.
327. ——— That was sometime early in November last? About that time. It was certainly after the report was in a form when it was practically finished.

I wish to call attention to a statement made by Mr. Brunker in the House on the 17 th Novembersome days alterwards. The following is an extract:-

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 bave 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,-(i.) 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 Goverament Printing Olfice. (2.) Y'es, very shortly. (3.) None. (4 and 5.) Answered by No, 3 .
328. Mr. Savors.] So that that would be the very day that the document would be before the Cabinet? No; I am talking of a document in January, and not in November.
329. Chairman.] This question was asked after the publication of the document, because Mr. Brunker knew it consisted of 540 pages? Yes; but Mr. Sawers was mixing them up. At that time Mr. Brunker had no knowledge whatever of my statement to Mr. Neild. I did that on my own responsibility. He bad no knowledge of $i t$. The routine of business is pretty well known to Honorable Members. Supposing I, as Premier, say, "I am going to put a certain sum on the Estimates," it does not come before the Cabinet until the Estimates come before the Cabinet. Then the Cabinet come to know my promises and obligations. Supposing I promised a Member that a certain subject of public importance should be put before Parliament in the next Estimates, my colleagues would not know anything about that until the next Estimates were before us. Then they becomo acquainted with it, and I explain to the Cabinct the circumstances under which I authorised it, and they know nothing of such mattere until they come before the Cabinet. I made this voluntary offer to Mr. Neild as a recognition of his work after having seen it. I did not consult my colleagues. It was in January that the reference was made. Mr. Neild gave me a reason for his request which was outside politics altogether, and which appealed very strongly to me, as I believe it would to any man in my position. It was then I marked his letter for the Cabinet. That was in Tanuary, during the recess; Parliament had been prorogued in December, and there was no prospect of Parliament meeting for at least four or five months.
330. Was it your original intention to give Mr. Neild $£ 500$ ? If I had putit as a lump sum I should probably put down $£ 500$, but, ultimately, it was made $£ 600$, giving. him $£ 250$ for his labour-that would bring it up to $\mathfrak{x} 600$ instead of $£ 500$.
331. That £250 would be a direct payment to Mr. Neild? It would have been if I had made it. Of course, I was Colonial Treasurer as well as Premier, and the Colonial Treasurer happens to be the Minister who has charge of what is called the Treasurer's Advance Account. It is entirely his account and his responsibility. If I had not been Colonial Treasurer it would have been the duty of the Treasurer to have sanctioned its payment, but I happened to be both. My practice and the principle which, in my opinion, ought to guide a Minister in any payment out of the Advance Account is this: That first of all occasionally there are matters which have been approved by Parliament which sometimes require emergent payments. I fecl pretty clear about such payments, because parliament has already expressed its approval practically by a vote. There are other cases where the Goverument is under obligation of contract to private individuals-business contracts. I have always considered that where there was a business contract between the Government and any indivjdual in the community we should not allow delays such as is involved in waiting for months for the Estimates, and business people should be paid if it is a matter of urgency at all. Then there is another kind of parment out of the Advance Account, which is, and has been, very rare, very rare with me. I may say that during the fire years I have administered that Advance Account there is not one item which I have paid out of that has ever been questioned by Parliament. I have administered that fund, I think I may say, with a certain degree of prudence, when during those five years not one payment has been questioned.
332. With the exception of this? I am coming to that. lior five years my exercise of discretion with reference to that fund has never yet been questioned by Parliament in a single rote afterwards submitted to them. In reference to this particular caso, I look upon this as another class of case altogether. This is a case where there was no contract with Mr. Neild to pay a penny. l'he onlf obligation I incurred to Mr. Neild on behalf of the Govermment was this: An obligation to put a certain sum of money on the Estimates for Parliament to rote, and if voted it was to be paid. I wish you clearly to understand that. The transaction in January is not a question of contract at all. It was a question of this kind: I. promised to put a sum of money on the Estimates in comection with this work for the two purposes, so that Parliament could consider the matter and vote it or not. The promise could not be carried out as to the Additional Estimates, owing to the fact that we had none. I was not going to bring in Additional Estimates for one item. We did not submit any; therefore my obligation was transferred to putting it on the Estimates for the following year, the Estimates which Mr. Carruthers has just laid on the Table. That was the state of things as between the Guvernment and Mr. Neild; but during the recess Mr. Neild came to me and pointed out that this report had practically broken down his health.
333. And broken down his pocket, too? Tes, broken his pocket.

334 . In the Treasurer's Advance Account there is an item, "Expenses incurred in England and the Continent of Europe in obtaining information essential to the preparation of a report on Old-age Pensions, Charities, and State Insurance, $£ 350 \%$; then, in the Estimates-in-Chief, thers appears this item, "Expenses in comnection with report on Old-age Pensions and State Insurance, £392";-you will notice that in both these items there is no mention of remumeration to Mr. Neild; the whole sum of $£ 742$ is put down as expenses? I ceased to be Treasurer on the last July; I hare not put these items on the Estimates; I think you cannot do better than ask the Dnder Secretary about this.
335. But you were 'I'reasurer when the advance was made? This document was published in August, 1899 ; the advance was made in January, 1809; I left the Treasury on the 1st July, and from that time I am Attorney-General, and the duty of putting these items on the Bistimates does not devolve on me.

Gr. H. Reid, 336. I ask is it fair that the Government should submit to Parliament two items, both of which are classed

26 Arig. 1899.337 . Is it fair to Parliament? I can only offer the answer that we could not do it in any other way. Do you observe what that document is? Could the Treasurer put in the general Estimates a statement of payments from the 'reasurer's Advance Account? The money paid appears in the statement of payments from the 'Treasurer's Advance Vote.
338. I do not want it in the Estimates; but you are mixing the question-what I say is that you, baving come to the conclusion that Mr. Neild was entitled to a certain sum for expenses, and a certain sum, say, for romuneration, was it fair to Parliament and the country that these items should be so expressed in the Estimates that they both appear classed as expenses only? I quite agree with you in one sense. It may appear somewhat strange ; butwhile I know what appears with regard to my own Department, the geveral Estimates I never read or see. I nerer saw that item before, but I agree entirely with you. 339. That it is not fair to Parliament? I will not say that; it might seem that there is a design in it. I quite agree with you, but not as a matter of fairness. But the thing could be far more correctly stated. This is a mixed item, and it is not a correct way of putting it, in my opicion. I quite agree with You, because as $£ 250$ of it was practically a payment to Mr . Neild for his trouble, it certainly would have been a more correct way if it were set out; but I only wish to explain to you that I did not go to the Treasury to put it down in that form. The papers ought to have shown the Treasury what I stated. I have nothing to do with the Estimates.
340. You have only this to say that, as Premier, you have always said that you desired Parliament should be informed? Absolutely. I agree with you that it would hase been far more accurate to put this sum of $\mathscr{E} 392$ as a mixed item- $£ 250$ for Mr. Neild and $£ 142$ as payment to Mr. Jarrett, who interpreted the documents. I quite agree with you that the amount should have been put in that way. I only add the statement that it is a matter I hare nothing to do with since I left the Treasury.
341. You say that there was no attempt to shut out the thing? No. I think you will see that the fact that $£ 350$ appears in another document put before Parliament by itself would immediately put any man of intelligence upon the question, what is this other sum? He would say, "Here is $£ 350$ for Mr. Neild's expenses, and here is practically another item for the same thing." Any intelligent Member of Pariament who looks at these documents would naturally ask about it.
342. He might miss it? I think not in a case where Mr. Neild, or any other Member of Parliament, was concorned. I think that Members would very probably scrutinise any item connected with a Member of Parliament more closely than if it was connected with any other gentleman. All I know is that this is a fair and faithful account of the Treasurer's Advance Vote and of the money I adranced. I am responsible, of course, for all the Estimates and all the Ministers and oflicers. I do not wish to be divested of that responsibility; but now we are on questions of fact, and I wish to mention the fact that as to the form in which this has been put I had nothing personally to do with it. I agree with you that it is open to criticism.
4443. Mr. Willes.] It was the representations of urgency made by Mr. Neild to you which caused you to reimburse him the sum of $£ 350$ for out-of-pocket expenses? Mr. Neild made the following representations to me as a matter of great urgency-that his health had broken down in the labours connected with this report, that his finances had become utterly disorganised, and that, in consequence, he was greatly pressed. Under these circumstances he asked whether I could advance, at any rate, the expenses that he had been out of pocket in connection with this report.
344. Mr. Garland.] Do you know that as a matter of fact during that jear Mr. Neild had one serious illness which lasted for two or three montbs, and another which lasted for about three weeks? Fes, we knowy that, and those matters did weigh with me very strongly in connection with the thing. But $I$ wish it to be distinctly understood that if any other human being had come to me under the same circumstances, having done this work, and having made similar representations to me, I should have as readily adranced tho money upon my own responsibility as I advanced it to Mr. Neild.
34. Chairman.] You deny that there is any favouritism in the matter? Absolutely.
346. Mr. Rigg.] As to the heading under which the vote was shown, the Estimates would have to be far more voluminous than they are if matters of dctail were invariably included? Fes; it is only fair to the Treasury to say that if we did not compress the Estimates in a very fery words for each item they would fill it very bulky volume. But I agree with the Committee to this extent-now that this matter has assumed so much prominence-that it is a pity that this particular item was not expressed more fully. But as business-men you will understand that the Treasury all through putthings in the briefest possible ray, in order to avoid too bulky a document. The main point is this, that the statement presented to Pariament in the other documents as to the money which has been paid, and which forms ine subject of this inguiry, is worded in the fullest and most accurate way. The other item may be a matter for criticism when it comes up, A distinct line must be drawn between money out of pocket and any recognition of Mr. Neild's own labour.
347. While you felt justified in making an advance to Mr. Neild of what money you considered fair for his expenses, you did not feel justified in paying him any money for the work he had done? No; I wish to say more than that. I look upon myself and upon Parliament as trustees of the public money. I took the responsibility of advancing this money to Colonel Neild. It was not advanced in pursuance of a contract. If a Gorernment adrance in pursuance of a contract they are bound to the men they pay, whether Parliament votes the money or not, and they must take the responsibility; but when the money is advanced in antic:pation of Parliamentary sanction, not as a maiter of contract, but as a matter of grace, I take this view-I do not know whether or not it is shared by Mr. Neild-that if Parliament chose not to rote the money, Mr. Neild would be bound to repay it into the Treasury. If we had paid the moncy to him under a contract into which we had entered with him, the Government would be absolutely responsible; but there is no contract to pay, but merely an advance upon a promise to get the rote of Parliament for the money. I consider that if this meney is not voted by Parliament, then Mr. Neild is bound in honor to repay the money into the Treasury.
348. There is a moral obligation upon him, you think? Fes; or if he does not do so the Government will have to make the money good. I will not allow the public to lose from the exercise of my discretion in such a matter.
349. Mr. Sawers.] Do you know whether Mr. Neild received the money under that conception? I did not say to him, "Uuder the representations you bave made I shall trust to Parliament to vote the moner, and if they do not, T. shall expect you to pay it back." I did not say so in precise terms; but I look upon the question in this way: The Government were under no contract to pay Mr. Neild a shiling, the ouly contract was to put money upon the Estimates for Parliament, as guardians of the public purse, to decide whether they would pay it or not. If Parliament refuses to recognise Mr. Neild's work it is a different matter. It is an act of grace, not a contract. The distinction must be sharply drawn between the case of entering into a contract, and paying in accordanco with that contract, and a Minister saying, "I propose, as an act of fair treatment and liberality to you, to submit an item to Parliament for you." That is not a contract to pay; it is contract to submit an item. My position is this: As an act of grace I. anticipated Parliament-that is, as to expenses of any sort. Having looked at the report myself, I felt absolutely certain, whether Parliament voted any money to Mr. Neild for his own trouble or not, that having rogard to the report, and the extent of his labours, it would vote an amount for his expenses out of pocket. If I were not sure of that I should have no right to adrance the money at all. But I want to go further. If it turns out that my opinion was not well founded, and if Parliament as the guardian of the public purse, and whose authority is necessary in order to pay money out of the Treasury, says to the Government, as I did not anticipate it would, "No, Mr. Reid, it is true that Mr. Neild has taken all this trouble, but he intended to do it for nothing, therefore, we will not even pay his expenses out of pocket, since we are not bound by a contract to do that." If Parliament takes that view, the Government would be bound to call upon Mr. Neild to repay the money, and if he does not repay it wo shall have to pay it ourselves. I do not want to be in any other position. I am not going to tarnish my record with any money paid out of the Treasury chest which Parliament does not vote.
350. Mr. Mackay.] When Mr. Neild asked you to advance him from the Advance Account this £350, bad you any conversation with him, taking into account the fact that he was a Member of Parliament, as to whether or not it would be a safe thing to do? None whatever. I tell you frankly-I may prove to be wrong-that from the moment I went over the roport I formed such an opinion of it, and of Mr. Neild's services and trouble, that it nover crossed my mind that Parliament mould hesitate to vote him his expenses out of pocket.
351. Fou did not make any reference to former cases? The thing never crossed my mind. I may, of course, have been wrong in my supposition. My rule is to pay nothing out of the Advance Account unless the strongest case is made out for the belief that Parliament will rote the money. Mr. Neild gave me strong reasons why I should take the responsibility; and, anticipating the formal approval of Parliament, and acting under the belief that Parliament would approve of the payment, I thought I was justified in making it. If it turns out that I was wrong, and Parliament does not approve of the payment to Mr. Neild, I take the view I have expressed as to his position and the position of the Government.
352. Ohairman.] How did you determine that $£ 350$ was a fair amount for Mr. Neild's expenses out of pocket? I took Mr. Neild's assurance. I did not go into detail. I do not know how other people do business, but in this case there was no understanding that Mr. Neild was to get anything; and, when a man goes away on that basis, it is not quite the same as when he goes away knowing that the Government will repay his expenses. In that case he has to keep vouchers and accounts in a systematic way; but, inasmuch as Mr. Neild was doing this work with no sort of expectation of getting anything for it, 1 took his assurance that he was that much out of pocket, and I did not go further. I knew there would be subsequent opportunities of dealing with the matter, but for the time I accepted his assurance, as I would accept the assurance of any man for whom I had any respect.
353. Mr. Wilks.] Had you any conversation with Mr. Neild as to a possible violation of the Constitution Act? The thing is too absurd. There was no office of profit, because there was a distinct bar even in the matter of cxpenses. It was not until Mr. Neild had finished his work that the guestion of payiog even his expenses occurred. In what sense could it be considered an office of profit, or even a contract. Let me give you an example to show jou what I mean. If I ask a man to take my portmanteau to the railway atation and agree to pay him half-a-crown, I consider that I have entered into a contract with him to pay him that half-a-crown; but if, when he takes my portmanteau down to the station, I say to him, "I. want you to take my portmanteau down to the station, but I will not pay you anything for it," there is not a contract to pay. If I were on the station when the man had done the work, when he had taken the porimanteau down, and then, perhaps, through an impulso of liberality, I said; "Well, I did not agree to pay you anything, but here is a shilling." could any one any there was a coutract? It would be merely an act of beneficence.
354. Mr. Rigg.] There being a distinct upderstanding between Mr. Neild and yourself, and an implied understanding on the part of the House at the time, do you not think it was injudicious, under those circumstances, to pay the amount without first consulting Parliament? What $I$ wish to say is, that my promise to Mr. Neild was that I would submit the amount to Parlianent. That was a perfectly harmless promise. Then a further development happened later under the circumstances I have explained, and I. thought $I$ could safely pay an amount for expenses in anticipation of Parliament, not as a matter of contract with Mr. Neild, but as a matter of recognition of what Mr. Neild had done, under no expectation of reward. In my opinion, work done under no expectation of reward is certainly not inferior to work done uoder condition of payment.
355. At the time of the payment the House was in recess? Yes, and for months it could not meet.
356. Mr. Lees.] When you did make the payment, did it occur to you that you had once, if not oftener, told the House that this mission of Mr. Neild's would not cost the country anything? I said so oncein 1896 I believe. That, at all events, was years ago, and the circumstance was not fresh in my memory. 357. Ihr. Wilds.] Four romark, when you wanted to strengthen the resolution by including the words "contract or agreement," was with a view to make the inquiry as brond as possible? Yes; it seemed to me that the only point to be inquired into, if there were any, would be as to whether there was any sort of contract; the terms of the Executive minute show that there was no contract.
358. Mr. Sawers.] Do jou consider that the advance of a sum of money to a Member of Parliament is in spirit an infringement of the Constitution, Parliament having condemned such advances of money? Parliament can only speak by legislation. One branch of Parliament may say certain things, but; Parliament, as a body, can speak only by legislation. But that question did not present itself to me in any light. We know that Sir John Robertson received a gratuity of $£ 10,000$ for life-long service to the State. That was through a Parliamentary Vote. But who would say that the fact of that venerable statesman
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statesman recciving a grant for service rendered during a lifetime would be an infringement of the Constitution Act? I looked upon this as a work that was all finished, and the rote was to be a voluntary act on the part of Parliament. If it did not vote the money no harm was done.
359. AIr. Aarland.] Do yon remember the late Mr. James Martin being appointed a Royal Commissioner? Yes.
360. While a Member of Parliament? Yes.
361. Were his cxpenses paid? They were advanced, I believe, before he left.
362. The amount which was over, I believe, he refunded? I do not know anything about that. I do not know the details, but it was a matter of common notoriety in the House for years that Mr. Martin had gone to America. It was the subject of debate while the Honorable Member was there that as a Member of Parliament he had been appointed by the Government of Sir Henry Parkes as Commissioner, and had received an advance of $£ 700$ to go to America and report to the Government. That was known and talked of all through the House.
363. Was any action taken? None whatever.
364. Mr. Kelynack.] You have had experience, I think, of the expense of obtaining information of various kinds, especially in England? I have a general knowledge of it.
365. The period during which Mr. Neild was occupied in preparing this report was about two years and four months? Quite that.
366. In your opinion was the sum of $£ 350$ a reasonable sum to cover his out-of-pocket expenses? I think it is ridiculouely small. I looked upon it as such. If I had any other opinion I should have seriously hesitated to anticipate Parliament. I only anticipated Parliamentary approval in the belief that Parliament would consider the sum a ridiculously small sum for such labours. I think I pursued a sensible course in not forming any fanciful theories; I went absolutely on the internal evidence with which this document supplies me. Acting upon that internal evidence, my perusal of the document, and my knomledge of such publications, I considered this item of $£ 350$ for expenses out of pocket ridiculously small. I never thought of any one objecting to it-if the amount had been a large one it would had been a different matter.
367. Would you say positively that Mr. Neild did not suggest to you at the time he was asking for this E350 something about his having been paid expenses when connected with the Adelaide Exhibition Commission? I cannot remember that at all. Certainly I would not say that it was not said. Mr. Neild's recollection of that would be much better than mine.
368. Do you recollect his saying anything either about Mr. Martin having had his expenses? I cannot remember it. It is more Mr. Neild's business than mine. He would remember more about that than I should.

MOND AY, 23 AUGUST, 1899.

A. J. Kelynack, Esq., Barrister-at-law, appeared on behalf of J. C. Neild, Esq., M.P.

## Harold Deering recalled and further examined:-

H. Deering. 369. Chairman.] Jou produce copies of sevoral commissions issued through your Department? Fes; a copy of the Water Conservation Commission, on the 10th May, 1884; of the Scab in Sheep Commission,
28 Aug., 1899. issued on the 29th April, 1884; and of the Rabbit Commission, issued on the 6th April, 1888 . [Vide issued on the 29 th
Appendix A, 1, 2, 3.]
370. Mr. Kelynack.] Do the Commissions contain any reference to expenses? No.
371. The names of the Commissioners are mentioned in each case? Yes.
372. Is it stated whether or not they are Members of Parlianent? Yes.
373. The Water Conservation Commission included the names of Mr. Lyne, M.P., Mr. Russell Barton, M.P., and Mr. Murray, M.P.? Yes.
374. The Rabbit Commission included the name of Dr. Wilkinson, M.P.? Yes.
375. And the Scab in Sheep Commission included the name of Mr. G. Campbell, M.P.? Ycs.

## Duncan Clark McLachlan called in, sworn, and examined :-

D. C.
376. Chairman.] You are Under Secretary for Mines? Yes.
377. Have yon any information bearing upon the inquiry of the Committee? Nothing in particular.
378. Were either the Water Conservation Commission, the Scab in Sheep Commission, or the Rabbit Commission under your Department? The Scab in Sheep Commission was under our Dcpartment. 379. Have you any papers in connection with that commission? Only a copy of the report which was laid upon the Table.
380. Are you aware whether any of the members of the commission received payment in fees for travelling expenses? I have had a search made in our Department, and I could not find that any amount was paid to any member of the Commission. I then sent to the Audit Office, and from information I received I find that Mr. J. B. Christian received the sum of £157. Apparently he was the only Commissioner out of the three who received anything.
381. It would appear that neither Mr. Campbell nor Mr. McCaughey received fees? Quite so. I may say that all the documents have passed out of our possession, and are with the Auditor-General.
3S2. I suppose the Auditor-General would have furnished the information had fees been paid to either of the gentlemen I have named? Certainly.
383. The only information he has given you is that a certain amount was paid to Mr. J. B. Christian, who was not a Member of Parliament? Yes.
384. Mr. Lees.] What was the nature of your request to the Auditor-General? I had our books searched, in the first place, to ascertain whether any fees or travelling expenses had been paid. I was informed in the negative; and I then asked the Accountant to go to the Audit; Office and obtain any information which might be available there. He said he was informed there that Mr. Christian had rcceived an awount of £157, but that they could find no record of Mr. Campbell or Mr. McCaughey having received any thing.
38.5. Is there any record of how the travelling expenses of the Commission were paid? I could not ray what the amount of $£ 157$ represented, but the Auditor-General will be able to furnish you with papers containing the full particulars.
386. Who was the Secretary to the Commission? Mr. C. H. Myring.
387. Mr. Kelynack.J Do Jou know the total cost of the inquiry? I do not.

3SS. Do yon know whether any travelling expenses at all were paid in connection with the inquiry? I do not. All the papers are with the Auditor-General.
389. So far as you know Mr. Campbell may have received travelling expenses? Yes.

Henry Charles Taylor called in, sworn, and examined:-
390. Chairman.] What is your official position? I am at present Secretary to the Advances to Settlers H. C. Taylor.

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391. When you were in the Lands Department, a Commission was issued to certain gentlemen to inquire 28 Aug., 1890. into the rabbit question? Yes.
392. Who was the Secretary to the Commission? Mr. Hugh Mahon, who was at that time, I believe, a reporter upon tho Evening News staff.
393. Can you say whether the Commission were paid any fees or not? The Commission wero paid fees.
394. Did the whole of the Commissioners receive fees? The New South Wales Government paid their Commissioners, and the other Governments paid theirs.
395. Dr. Wilkinson, M. P., was a Commissioner for this Colony? Fes.
396. Have you a statement of the cost of the Commission, setting forth any amounts which may have been paid to Dr. Wilkinson? I have a statement showing the money paid to Dr. Wilkinson durivg his conuection with the Commission.
397. What expenses were paid to Dr. Wilkinson; -will you tell the Committee in what form they were paid, whether as fees or travelling expenses ; if they were paid in the two forms, kindly distinguish between them? I find that Dr. Wilkinson was paid the sum of $£ 5412 \mathrm{~s}$. for travelling expenses to Melbourne, Adelaide, and Tintinallogy. The payment was in respect of the period from 18 th May to 12 th June, 1888. The amount was paid into Dr. Wilkinson's credit at the Bank of New South Wales, Sydner, on the 20 th September, 1888 . In 1889 a suın of $£ 3312 \mathrm{~s}$. was also paid to Dr. Wilkinson. It covered travelling expenses in connection with the Rabbit Commission, from 15 th August to 20 th August, from 11th October to 15 th October, and from 17 th December to 21 st December, 1888. That amount was paid into Dr. Wilkinson's credit at the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, on 9th July, 1889.
398. That amount was entirely for travelling expenses? Pes.
399. No particular places are mentioned? No.
400. Were vouchers produced for those expenses? In every case. I understand that they have since been destroyed, through the lapse of time, by the Auditor-General's Department. There is a further payment to Dr. Wilkinson, in 1889 , of $£ 105$. This was in respect of the period from 1st February to 14th October-ten sittings as member of Rabbit Commission, fee as Chairman of Esecutive Committee for Virus to Rodd Island, and miscellaneous services. The amount was paid into Dr. Wilkinson's credit in the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, on 21 st March, 1890.
401. The last-named amount, I understand, was for fees? Fes; but I think, from inquiries I have made, that during the period covered by those fees Dr. Wilkinson was not a Member of Parliament. He was not in the Legislative Assembly, I think, after January, 1889 .
402. Mr. Lecs.] He was a Member when onc of the two amounts was paid him for travelling expenses? Yes.
403. Chairman.] Have you any further information in your possession bearing upon the inquiry? No.
4.04. Tou have made diligent scarch to find out what moneys were paid, and you have given the Committee the result of your search? Yes.
404. DIr. Rigg.] Were both of the amounts for travelling expenses paid to Dr. Wilkinson while he was a Member of Parliament? The amount of £54 was paid to him when he was a Member of Parliament; but the amount of $£ 33$ was not, I think.
405. Mr. Lees.] Still the money was earned, so to speak, while he was a Member of Parliament? Quite so. 407. DIr. Kelynach:] Do you know the nature of the vouchers supplied in connection with the travelling expenses? I can only suppose that they were vouchers upon contingency forms, setting out travelling expenses in the ordinary way. The information I have would be talien from the papers.
40s. Have you seen the voucher.s? The Commission was in existence such a long time ago that $I$ could not say.
406. You could not say now whether or not the details were given? No.
407. There would probably be only a general statement-£ٔ54 12s. for travelling expenses? That information could be obtained only from the vouchers.
408. There would be no such details as the amount paid for a dinner or the amount paid for a bed? It is not at all likelv.
409. There would be one general claim for the whole amount? That would be so, I presume.
410. Chairman.] Do you think it at all likely that vouchers would be fortheoming for hotel bills? I do not think so.
411. Mr. Wilks.] Weuld there be vouchers for railway fares or steamboat fares to Melbourne or Adclaide? The voucher would probably set out the number of days travelling at so much per diem. The amount would be certified to by the President and Secretary to the Commission.
412. Would the railway fares, if any, be specified? I do not think so.
413. Mr. Kelynack.] But in the case of a Menber of Parliawient travelling there would be no railway fares? No; the Member's pass would carry him. He might want orders for a sleeping-berth, but that would be all.
414. The amount of $£ 5 \hbar 12 \mathrm{~s}$. Which you have mentioned rould be exclusive of railway fares? I presume so.
T. R. Steel.
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415. Chairman.] What is your official position? I am Accountant in the Public Works Department.
41.9. Have you any knowledge of the Commission issued under your Department to a number of gentlemen to inquire into the question of the conservation of water? I am aware of such from the printed documents of the Commission.
416. Do you know anything of the working of the Commission? Nothing whatever.
417. Can you state what amounts, if any, were paid to the members of the Commission? I know nothing whatever of those amounts, they were not paid through the Public Works Department.
418. The Commission was issued from the Public Works Department, was it not? No ; it rould not be issued by our Department.
419. Was not the Water Conservation Department under your Department at the time? I believe it was; but I know nothing of the payments, nor anything in connection with the Commission.

Francis Kirkpatrick recalled and further examined:-
F. 424. Chairman.] I understand that you have some further documents to produce to the Committee? I

Kirkpatrick. have examined the Treasury records with respect to the payment to the late Mr. James Martiv, M.P., and I find that the sum of $£ 700$ was advanced to him on the 17 th February, 1893 , of which $£ 100$ was subsequently repaid by him on the 26th October, 1894. The balance of $£ 600$ was, under authority of Executive Minute 95-27, allowed to be passed without written vonchers.
425. The amount was paid to the late Mr. Martin before he left the Colony? Yes.
426. And the £100, you say, was refunded on the 26th October, 1894? Yes.

4:27. Was Mr. Martin still a Member of Parliament when the refund was made? Yes; he had been re-elected.
428. That amount was the unexpended balance of what he claimed for travelling expenses? Yes; aParliamentary paper was laid upon the Table on the 21st March, 1893, giving the whole of the information as to the late Mr. Martin's appointment. [Appendix B.]
429. Afr. Garland.] You mentioned that the amount of $£ 600$ was allowed to be passed without written vouchers? Yes. The Auditor-General can demand written and receipted accounts from public accountants in adjustment of advances made to them. He could not obtain receipted accounts for the $\$ 600$, for the difierence between the amount advanced to and the amount refunded by the late Mr. Martin, and the Chief Secretary's Department obtained Executive authority, enabling the Auditor-General, under a certain section of the Audit Act, to pass the accounts.
430. Dfr. Kclynack.] Do you know anything about the Water Conservation Commission? No; except that it lasted a considerable time, and that various sums of money were paid.
4:31. Do you know whether any expenses were pard on behalf of any member of the Commission who was also a Member of Parliament ? Expenses were paid, but I could not give you the details without reference to the accounts.
432. Who would be able to give the Committee that information? The papers are all with the AuditorGeneral at the present time, but I have no doubt I could obtain the information if you desired me to.

TUESDAY, 29 AUGVST, 1899.
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## F. A. WRIGHT, Esq., in the Chatr.

A. J. Kelynack, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, appeared on behalf of J. C. Neild, Esquire, M.P.

Harold Deering, Esquire, recalled and further examined :-
H. Deering, 433. Chairman.] I understand that you have some further documents to lay before the Committee, relating to the Oyster Cultivation Jnquiry Commission of 1876 , the Fisheries Inquiry Commission of 18SO, and the Fisheries Inquiry Commission of 1894? Fea; I produce the Commissions. [Fide Appendix C 1, 2. 3.]
4.34. Who were the members of the Oyster Cultivation Inquiry Commission of 1576 ? Mr. Thomas HoIt, M. L.C., Mr. J. B. Wilson, and Mr. J. S. Farnell, M.P.
435. Have you any documents in connection with the Commission? No. Any minutes which may exist in connection with the Commission will probably be obtainable from the Department of Lands if required.

- 430. Who were the members of the Fisheries Commission of 1880 ? The Hon. William Macleay, M.L.C., Mr. J. C. Cox, The Mon. W. B. Dalley, M.L.C., Mr. I. C. Dangar, Mr. R. Driver, M.P., Mr. J. S. Farnell, M.P., Mr. R, Hill, Mr. F. Hirson, Mr. Thomas Holt, M.L.C., Mr. A. Oliver, Mr. E. P. Ramsay, Mr. C. C. Skarratt, Mr. G. Thornton, Mr. G. F. Want.

437. Are there any minutes in connection with that Commission? We have been unable to trace any. 433. Who were the members of the Fisheries Commission of 1894 ? Mr. J. H. Carruthers, M.P., Mr. F. Farnell, M.P., and Mr. I. G. Thompson.
438. Can you produce any minutes in reference to that Commission? Yes; there is the following minute by the present Premier:-Minute for Cabinet.-I recommend the appointment of a board to inquire into the following matters relating to the Fisheries, namely:-1. As to the best means of devoloping our marine and other fisheries. 2. As to the better regulations of the industry by law, with power, together or singly, to visit localities, exawine witnesses, and conduct inquiries and experiments. No fees-but expenses to be paid.-G. H. Reid, 16/10/94.

William Hunter Sinith called in, srorn, and examined :-
W. H. Smith, 440. Chairman. $]$ What office do you hold? I am a clerk in the Auditor-General's Office.

442. What is that? The Fisheries Commission of $189 t$.
W. H. Smith.
443. Have you the vouchers? I have.

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444. Tho whom were the payments made? and the vouchers adjusting those advances.
445. What was the total amount advanced ? I have vouchers for advances to the extent of $£ 1,435$.
446. Made in various sums? Yes; to the President of the Commission.
447. Have you vouchers showing how that amount was disposed of? I lave all the vouchers, and the cash-book of the Commission enumerating the various vouchers.
448. Can you mention ainy items of travelling expenses paid to any of the members of the Commission?

The vouchers do not show any payments direct to members of the Commission for travelling expenses.
449. Were any fees paid? No fees were paid; but there is an amount of $£ 300$ which bas not been adjusted by rouchers. Fouchers were unobtainable, and they were dispensed with under Executive authority under the 31st section of the Audit Act.
4.50. What was the nature of the vouchers forthcoming-were they certified to by the President of the Commission, or were they accounts? The greater amount would be for salaries.
4.51. Salaries of officials: Yes. The amount for travelling expenses totals £343.
452. Can you give us a summary of the disbursements, distinguishing between salaries, travelling expenses, and other items? I have got the amounts grouped together, and it would take me some time to get them out. The item of travcling expenses is the only amount 1 have made up.
453. How many Commissioners ware there? That I could not say. Out of the $£ 343$ for travelling expenses vouchers were obtained for only $£ 43$; the difference was the amount of $£ 300$, which tha Esecutive Council passed without vouchers.
454. You are not in a position to give us detailed information as to how this expenditure was incurred,whether it was under the authority of the President or Secretary, or whether each individual member of the Commission incurred separate expenditure? All the vouchers are signed by the President.
455. Then it was under his authority that the disbursements were made? Without doubt.
456. Mr. Kelynack.] As to the Fisheries Commission of 1880 , have you made any investigations as to that? Investigations were made this morning.
457. Can you say whether any traveling expenses were allowed or were paid in respect of that? I have no particulars.
45S. Is it impossible to get them in your office? I understand that the particulars you could obtain would be of very little assistance, being in lump sums.
459. Mr. Wilks.] The vouchers are destroyed after a lapse of seven years? Yes.
460. AIr. Kelynack.] Would your books show whether any portion of the money expended on behalf of that Commission was in respect of travelling expenses? They might or might not; I could not tell you definitely.
4:61. Then, as to the Ofster Culture Inquiry Commission,-did you make any inquiry as to their expenditure? Yes; the result is very unsatisfactory, on account of the difficulty of obtaining particulars of the lump sums advanced.
4.62. Can you say whether, in respect of that Commission, any sum of money was paid for travelling expenses? I could not say.
463. Do you think your books would show that? I do not think so. I could not tell you definitely.
464. Did you make any inquiry with reference to the Rabbit Commission of 1888? Jhe anme result accrued from inquiry in regard to that Commission. There was a difficulty of obtaining particulars of the various advances. The vouchers are destroyed after the lapse of a certain time, and we should have to take the particulars from our own books.
465. Did you discover, in respect of that Commission, whether any amount had been paid for travelling expenses? No, I did not.
46t. Would not your books show that? Possibly they might, but I did not receive the particulars.
467. And with regard to the Scab in Sheep Inquiry Commission appointed in 1884 ? The same remarks would apply to that.
468. And to the Water Conservation Commission appointed in 1884? I think you might get fuller particulars of that.
469. Were you not requested to make inquiries with reference to that Commission? The request made to us was for all the vouchers and other papers in our possession showing the amount of fees and travelling expenses. We can produce vouchers and other papers in connection with the Royal Commission of 1894 only.
470. Have you not any papers in connection with the Water Conservation Commission? No; I could only give you particulars from our ledgers and registration books.
471. They would supply information in the absence of vouchers? In the absence of vouchers they would be the only books from which you could obtain any information in our office.
4i2. Could you not obtain that information? I think so ; but I have not looked into that matter.

Charlea Robinson called in, sworn, and examined:-
473. President.] You are the principal shorthand writer of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff? Yes.
474. The Committee understand that you filled the office of Secretary to the Water Conservation Commission appointed in 1884? I did.
C. Robinson.
475. Can you give the Committee any information as to the practice followed by that Commission as to payments; do you remember whether any fees were allowed to members of the Commission? Members * of the Commission who were not Members of Parliament received fees amounting to either $£ 22 \mathrm{~s}$. or £3 3s, per sitting.
4.7. As to travelling expensos-did you yourself disburse the expenditure under that heading? Fes. If my memory serves me correctly, I paid the whole of the accounts in each case in one sum. For example: Suppose there were five or six members of the Commission travelling in the country, the hotelkeeper would send in his bill and I should pay the whole amount by one cheque.
477. That payment by you would iuclude the travelling expenses of members of the Commission, who were Members of Parliament, as well as those of members who were not Members of Parliament? Certainly. 478. So that the travelling expenses of the whole Commission were paid by you on behalf of the Government? Yes.
479.
C. Robinson. 479. Can you give the Committee an approximate idea of what the travelling expenses of the Commission $\rightarrow$ were? No.
29 Aug., 1899. 480. Your memory would not serve you as to that at this distance of time? No.
481. Over how long a time did the Commission extend? I think it extended over three years.
482. There were occasional trips into the country? Yes.
483. Did you accompany the Commission on every trip they took? Not in all cases, but I did, I think, in most cases. The trips were generally taken during the recess of Parliament.
484. And when you did not accompany the Commission, I presume you certified to the expenditure through an acting secretary? I cannot be sure as to that; but the amount would be paid by a cheque in the usual way.
485. As far as your memory serves you, the travelling expenses of the whole of the members of the Commission were paid by you by cheque? Ies.
486. Mr. Kelynack.] Would the travelling expenses include the hotel expenses? Most assuredly.
487. I suppose they would include, also, all meals en route? Yes, and coach hire also.
488. Chairman.] In other words, the whole travelling expenses of the Commission were paid, whether for hotel expenses or actual travelling? Yes.

John Cash Neild, M.P., recalled and further examined :-
J. C. Neild, 489. Mr. Kelynack.] When were you last elected to the House? On the 27 th July of last year.
M.P. 490. At a General Election? Yes.
$\overbrace{-2}$ 491. Chairman.] Did you yourself, or any person on your behalf, receive any money from the Government 23 Aug. 1899 . in connection with this matter prior to the payment of the amount of $\dot{2} 50$ ? Absolutely no-in no shape or form.

## PRIVILEGE-SEAT OF J. C. NEILD, ESQ.

# APPENDTX. <br> <br> [To Ecidence of Harold Deering, Esq.] <br> <br> [To Ecidence of Harold Deering, Esq.] <br> <br> A 1. 

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Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Grent Pritain and Ireland, Queen, Jefender of the Faith, and so forth.
To Our Trusty and Well-belored-
Williay John Line, Esquire, M.P.;
Resshll Barton, Esquire, J.P., M.P.
John Boyd Donein, Eqquire, J.P.;
Frederick Augustus Frankifn, Eqquire, C.E., j.P.
Frrdemck Bowdler Gipps, Esquire, C.E.
David McMopdie, Esquire, B.E., C.E.
Riciard Lennor Murray, Ebquire, J.P., M.P.; and
George Willtam Townsend, Esquire;-
Grefting:
Know Ye, That We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability, zeal, industry, disaretion, and integrity, do, by these preaents, nathorise and uppoint you, or aoy five of you, as hereinafter mentioned, to make a diligent and full inquiry into the begt nothod of conserving the minfall, and of searching for and developing the underground reservoirs of water supposed to exist in the interior of this Culony, and also into the practicability, by a general gystem of water conservation and distribution, of averting the disastrons consequences of the perodical droughts to which the Colony is from time to time subject. And We do by these presents give and grant to yon, or any five of you, at any menting or mectings to which all of you ehall have been duly summoned, full power and unthority to call before yon, all such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you ung be better informed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documents as you may deem expedient, and to visit and inspect the same at the offices or places where the same or any of them nay be deposited, ind to inquire of the promises by all lawful ways and means. And Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any five of you, after due examination of the premises. do and shall within the space of twelve montbs after the date of this Our Commission, or sooner it the same can reasonably be, certify to us in the office of Our Scerctary for Mines, under your or any five of your hands and seals, what you shall find touching the premises. And We bereby command all Gorerument officers and other persons whomsoever within Our eaid Colony, that they be assistont to you and each of sou in the execution of thesc presents. And Wo appoint you, the said William John Lyne, Eqquire, to be President of this Our Commission, and do give you power at your discretion to procure such clerical and other aseistance as you may deem neceseary for enabling you daly to execute this Our Commission.

In testimony where of We hare caused these Our Jetters to be made I'atent, and the Great Sonl of Our Colony to be hereunder affixed.

Winess Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor, Sir Augustos Wimmina Frederick Spancer Loftus (commonly called Lord Augustus Loftus), Knight Gmand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Our [ $\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{s}$.] Goveroor and Commauder-jn-Chief of Our said Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this tenth day of May, in the yoar of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-seventh year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command, -
(Signed) Alex. Stuart.
Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents No. 12, pages 75 and 76, this tenth day of Mny, one thousand eight hundred and cighty-four.

For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records,
CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.

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Victoris, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.
To Our Trusty and Well-beloved-
Grorge Campbetic, Esquire, M.P., of Carcoar ;
Join Basshtr Cubistian, Esquire, of Mount Pleasant, Hinton; and
Samuel M'Cajghex, Esquire, of Coonong, Urana;-

## Gretting:

Know Ye , That We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability, zeal, industry, discretion, and integrity, do, by these presents, authorise and appoint you, or any two of you, as hereinafter mentioned, to make a diligent and full inguiry into the Quarnatine Regulations for Stock coming to this Colony, either from other Colonies or other parts of the World, and also into the circumstances under which the American sheep recently destroyed at Carcoar paseed through Quarantine without the existence of scab in them having been discorered: And We do by these presents give and grant to you, or any two of you, at any mecting or mectings to which ali of you shall have been duly summoned, full power and authority to call before you all such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be better informed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documents as you may deem expedient, and to visit and inspect the same at the offices or places where the same or any of them may be deposited, and to inquire of the premises by all lawful ways and means: And Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any two of you, after due examination of the premises, do and shall within the space of three months after the date of this Our Cummission, or sooner if the same can reasonably be, certify to $U_{\mathrm{E}}$, in the office of Our Secretary for Mines, under your or any two of your hands and seals, what you shall find touching the premises : And We hereby command all Goverament officers and other persons whomsoever within Our said Colony that they be assistant to jou and each of you in the exccution of these presents. And We appoint you, the said George Canprbill, Esquire, to be President of this Our Commission, and do give yon power at your diecretion to procure such clerical and other assistance as you may deem necessary for enabling you duly to execute this Our Commission.

In testimony whereof, We have caused thesc Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Scal of Our Colony to be hercunto affixed.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor, Sir Augustus Wimiam Fredprick Spencer Loftus (commonly called Lord Acgustus Loftus), Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Our
[L.s.] Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydnoy, in Now South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-sevesth year of Our Reign.
By His Excellency's Command,-
(Signed) Alex. Sttart.
(Signed) ALFRED STEPHEN,
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ered on Record by me, in Register of Patents No. 12, page 69, this twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight bundred and eighty-four.

For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records,-
CRITCHETT WALEER,
Principal Under Secretary.

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Victorm, by the Grace of God, of the Cnited Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defen ${ }^{*}$ er of the Faith, and so forth.

## To Our Trusty and Well-beloved-

Menri Nobman Maclacrin, Esquire, M.D.,
Wilinay Camac Wileinsox, Eqquirc, M.D., M.P.; and
Fiward Quin, Esquire,
Harry Brookfs Alles, Esquire, M.D.,
Edward Barewood Lascelless, Esquire,
Adpred Nayloe Pbarson, Esquire, F.R.M.S., E.C.S., A.I.C.,
Alpred Nailor Dillon Brla, Esquire,
Edward Charles Strrling, Esquire, M.D.,
Alexanden Stuart Paterson, Esquire, M.D.,
Joseph Bancroyt, Esquire, M.D.,
Thomas a. Tabakt, Esquire,
$\}$ New South Wales.
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$\}$ Victoria.
New Zealand.
\} South Australia.
Queensland.
Tasmania.

## Grerting:

Whereas the Government of Our Colony of New South Wales has invited the Governments of Our Colonies of Victcria, New Zealand, South Australia, Queenslavd, Tasmania, and Western Australin, to nominate skilled and experienced persons 10 make in association with the above-mentioned Representatires of Our first-named Colony, an inquiry and a report on the matters hereinafter specified : And whereas the Governments of Our sajd Colonies of Victoria, New Zealand, South Australia, Qucenslund, and Tasmania, have respectively made such nominations accordingly: And whereas the Government of Our said Colony of Western Australia has declined to make a nomination to such Commission:

Now know Yc, that We, reposing great trust and confidance in your ability, zeal, industry, discretion, and integrity, do by these presents authorise and appoint you, or any threc or more of you, as hercinafter mentioned, to make $a$ full and diligent inquiry as to whether or not the introduction of contagious diseases amongst Rabbits, by inoculation or otherwise, or the propagation of disesses matural to Rabbits, for the purpose of destroying them, or promoting their destruction, will be accompanied or followed by danger to human henlth or life, or to animal life other than Rabbits, or to interfere injuriously with the profitable carrying on of the agricultural or pastoral pursuits followed by the tillers or occupants of public or private lands in Our Australian Colonies; if either or any of the abore ueans are dangerous, to what extent; if not so dangerous as to justify absolute prohibition, under what conditions and restrictions should such inoculation or propagation be permitted to bo introduced and carried on; and generally to inquire into and report to Ds upon the sereral methods or means proposed, or that may be proposed, to the Governments of Our several Colonies concerned for the purpose of eheething or suppressing the Rabbit pest in the snid Colonies, and which may be referred to sou by Us for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon by you : And we do by these presents grsint to you, or any three or more of you, at any meeting or meetings to which all of you shall have becn duly summoned, full power aud authority by ail lawful ways or meads to call before you all such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documente as you may deem expedient, and to risit and iospect the same at the offices or places where the eame or any of them may be deposited, and, generally, to inquire of the premiacs: And you will be provided with such clerien and other assistance as may be deemed necessary ior enabling you duly to execute this Our Commission : And our further will and pieasure is, that you do within one month after the date of this Our Commission, or as soon as the same can be done, using all diligence, certify to Us, in the office of Our Colonial Secretary of Our said Colony of New South Wales, under your or any three or more of your hands and seals, what you shall find touching the premises: And we hereby command all Gorerament Onticers and other persons whomsoever within Our eaid Colony of New South Wales, that they be assistant to you and each of you in the execution of these presents: And We do hereby empower you to elect one of your number to be President of this Our Commission, which eaid Commsission we dechare to be a Commission for ill purposes of the Act 44 Victoric No. 1 , intituled "An Act to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal."

In testimosy wheroof, We have crused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Colony to be hercunto affixed.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Oouncilior Charliss Robert, Baron Carrington, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Gorcrnor and Commenderijn-Chief of Our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Governwent Honse, Srdncy, in New Sonth Wales afore[x.s.] said, this sisteenth day of April, in the fifty-first jear of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.
(Signed) CARRINGTON.
By His Excellency's Command,-
(Signed) Henry paetes.
Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents No. 13, pages 175-6, this sisteeath day of April, one thousand eigbt hundred and eighty-eight. For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records,-

CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.
(To Evidence of Brancis Kirkpatrick, Esq.)
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1892-3.
Legislative Assembly. New Souteh Wales.
Appontafent of Mr. Mabtin, M.P., to position in connbction with Ceicago Exhibition. (Return respecting.)
Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 21 March, 1893.
Return to an Order made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Ner South Wales, dated 2nd March, 1833, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,-
"Copics of all correspondence, minutes, \&c., in counection with the appointment of Mr. James Martin, one of the
"Membere of this House, to $n$ position in connection with the Chicago lishibition, and also information as to what:
"sum of money (if any) has been paid to Mr. Martin, and when payment of the same wes made."
(Mr. Wright.)

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 13 October, 1891.
Appointment of Special Commiskioner for the World's Columbian Esposition, in I893.
I becommpnd the appointment of James Martin, Eeq., M.P., as Special Commissioner for the W'orid's Columbian Exposition, nt Chicago, in 1893, to report on manufactures and manufacturing processes, without salary, but with travelling expenses while in Americn.

HENRY PARKES.
The Executive Council approves of the appointment herein recommended.-Alex. C. Bupoe, Clerk of the Council. pproved.-Juleey, 13/10/91. Min. 11-58, 13/10/9?. Confirmed, 19/10/91.

## Estract from the Government Gazette of 20th October, 1891.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 16 October, 1891.
His Excellency the Governor, with the adrice of the Erecutive Couocil, has been pleased to appoint
James Martin, Esq.. M.P.,
as Special Commissioner for the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, in 1893, to report on mamafactures and manufacturing processes.

HENRY PAREES.
Commission.
Fretoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Queen, Defender of the Faith, \&e., \&c., \&c.
To our Trusty and Well-beloved James Martin, Eisq., M.P.,Greeting:

Whereas by an Instrument under the Great Scal of Our Colony of Now South Wales, bearing date the 28th day of September last, We did appoint certain gentlemen therein named to be Commissioners to collect, classify, arrange snd provide for the eafety and preservation of exhibits, and to make all arrangements in Our eaid Colony for the effective repreyentation of New South Wales at the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in the City of Cbicago, in the United States of Ancrica, in the yeai 1893: And whereas it hath appeared to Us to be expedient to appoint a Special Commissioner for the said Exposition to report, on manufacture and manufecturing processes: Now therefore know you, that We, of Our especial grace, have thought fil to appoint, and do hereby appoint, you to be such Special Commissioner accordingly.

In testinony whoreof, We hare caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Colony of New South Wales to be hercunto affixed.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Counciller Victor Albfri Grobge, Earl of Jersey, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in Chief of Our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this 20thday of October, in the fiftr-fifth year of our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousund eight hundred and nipety-one.
By His Excellency's Command,-
Henry Parige.
Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents No. 14, pages 204 and 205, this $20 t h$ day of October, 1891.
For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records,-
CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Uuder Secretary.

## The Principal Under Secretary to J. Martin, Esq., M.P.

Sir,
Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 21 October, 1891.
I amyirccted by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that His Excellency the Gorernor, with tho advice of the Executiro Council, has been plensed to appoint you to be Spocial Commissioner for this Colony at the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, in 1593, to report on manufactures and manufucituring processes, without salary, but with travelling expenses while in Americn.
2. I am directed to enclose berewith a Commission that has been prepared in your favour, and to state that a notifiention of your appointment has been published in the Government Gazette of the 20th instant.

I have, \&c.,
ORITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.
The Principal Under Secretary to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.
Sir, I an directed by the Coloninl Secretary to state, for the Colonial Sceretary's Office, Sydney, 21 October, 1891.
I am directed by the Coloninl Secretary to state, for the infornation of the Colonial Trensurer, that His Excellency the Gorernor, with the adtice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint James Martin, Esquire, M.P., as Specisl Commissioner for this Colony at the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, in 1893, to report on manufactures and manufacturing processes, without salary, but with travelling expenses while in America.

I have, \&c.,
CRIMCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.
The Principal Under Secretary to The President of the Chicago Exposition Commission. Sir,

Colonial Secretary's Oflice, Sydney, 21 October, 1891.
In transmitting to you the accompanying copy of a Commission, I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the adriee of the Executive Council, has been plessed to appoint Jimes Martin, Esquire, M.P., as Special Commissioner for this Colony at the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago in 1893, to report on maunfactures and manufacturing processes, without, ealary, but with traveling esponses while in America, and that a notification of Mr. Martin's appointment has been published in the Government Gazette of the 20th instant.

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CRITOHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.
The Colonial Secretary to The President of the Chicago Exposition Commission.
Sir,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 22 October, 1591.
I have the honor to inform yon, as President of the Commission appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the representation of this Colony at the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in Chicago in 1893, that the Govemor, with the advice of the Executive Comeil, has appointed - James Martin, Rsquire, M.P., another member of the Commission, to bo Special Commissioner to report on manufactures and manufacturing processes, in Anerica. It may be explained that the intention and purpose of this latter appointment is that Mr. Martin should, so far as is practicable, visit the manufactories and foundries represented at Chicago, and report from time to time on the actual operations, methods, and results, in order to furnish to the people of this Colony the fullest information and benefit obtainable from the collected specimens of inventive skill and industry in the World's Great Exposition

I have, sc.
HENRY PARKES.

## J. Martin, Esq., M.P., to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir, Ssdney, 249, Clarence-strect, 14 Fcbruary, 1893.
Referring to the conversation I had with you after my interview with the Premier, Sir George Disbs, retravelling expenses, I respectfully suggest that the sum of $£ 700$ be placed to my eredit at the Bank of New South Wales, head office, Sydney, which amm I ghall account for in detail immediately on my return. I belicre I can do tho work at it cost not, exceeding $£ 500$; but after careful consideration, and keeping in view the fact that I shall have to employ etenographers and type-writers in addition to the ordinary expeases, and further, in the event of my requiring a further sum, the expense of cabling for romittance, and haring same remitted by cable, I decide to suggest that $£ 700$ be made arailable for me.
$1 \mathrm{sm}, 8 \mathrm{c}$.,
JAMES MARTIN.
Mr. Martin states that $£ 500$ will be too little, and now asks for $£ 700$ for travelling expenses.-C.W., 14/2/93. Approved.-G.R.D., 14/2/93.

The Principal Under Secretary to J. Martin, Esq., M.P.
Chief Secretary's Ofice, Sydney, 14 February, 1893.
-I Iam directed to state that the Chief Secretary has approved of the sum of $£ 700$ being piaced at your disposal ns a Special Commissioner for New South Wales, to report on manufactures and manufacturing processes it the World's Columbian Exposition, 1893, and that the Colonial Treasurer has been invited to cause the sum to be placed in the Bank of New South Wales to your credit-the adrance to be accounted for.

I have, dc.
CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretars.
The Principal Under Secretary to The Secretary of the Chicago Exposition Commission.
Sir,
Ohief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 14 February, 18 c 3.
I am directed to state, for the information of the Commission, thatit the Clief Secretary has approved of the sum of $£ 700$ being placed at the disposal of Mr. James Martin, to mect travelling and other expenses as Special Commissioner appointed to report on manufactures and manufacturing processes at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 18¢3, the amount to form a charge against the rote taken for the Commisaion.

I have, \&c.,
CRITCHETT WAJKER,
Principal Under Secretary.

## The Principal Under Secretary to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,
Chief Secretary's Office, Syduey, 14 February, 1893.
I am directed to state that the Chicf Secretary has approved of the sum of $£ 700$ being placed at the disposal of Mr. James Martin, M:P., who has been appointed a Special Commissioner for New South Wales to report on the manufactures and manufacturing processes at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chimago, 1893, and to request that you will invite the Colonial Treasurer to hare the goodness to cnuse the sum to be placed to the credit of Mr. Martin in the Bank of New Sonth Wales, to meet travelling and other cxpenges-the advance to be aecounted for.
2. I am further desired to state that an intimation has been sent to the effect that the money will be paid direct, and not through the Commission.

CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secreta y.
Seven hundred pounds placed, on the 17th February, 1.893, to the credit, of James Martin's public account in the Bahk of New South Wales.

## The President of the Chicago Exposition Commission to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,
I bave the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your leter of the 14th Februng instant stating that the Chinf Secretary has approred of the sum of £ 700 being placed at the disposal of Mr. Jas. Martin, M.Y., io niect travelling mid other expenses, as Special Commissioner, appointed to report upon manufactures and manufacturing processea, at the World's Columbian Esposition, Chicago, 1893, the amount to form a charge against; the vole taken for the Commission; and, in rejly, to state, for the information of the Hon, the Coloninl Secretary, that the Commission having done everything in their power to minimise and aroid expenditure, are surprised to find from your letter that such a hrge item of expenditure has loen sanctioned without their knowledge or approval.

I bave, Sc.,
W. MCMILEAN,

President.
Submitted.--C.W., 28/2/93.
[To Evidence of LEarold Deering, Esq.]
C 1.
Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Grent Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, To Our Trusty and Well-beloved-

The Honorable Thomas Honf, a Member of Our Legislative Council of Our Colnny of New South Wales; The Honorable John Bowie Wilson; and Sames Squire Farysll, Esquire, a Member of Our Legislative Assembly of Our said Colony.
Grebting:
Know Ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability, zeal, industry, discretion, and integrity, do, by these presents, authorise and appoint you, as hereinafter mentioned, to make a diligent and full inguiry as to the best mode of cultivating the oyster; of utilising, improving, and maintainiug the natural oyster-beds of the Colony; and also as to the legislation necessary to carry out these objects, with a view of ofering such suggestions as you will think desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations thereto. We do by these presents give and grant to you, at any meeting or meetings to which all of you shall have been summoned, full power and authority to call before you all such persons as you may indge necessary, by whom you may be better jnformed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writiogs, and all other documents as you may deem expedient, and to visit and inspect the same at the offices or places where the same or any of them nay be deposited, and to inquire of the premises lyy all lawful ways and means. And Our furtler will and pleasure is that yon, after due examination of the premises, do and shall within the space of three months after the date of this Our Commission, or sooner if the same can reasonably be, certify to Us in the office of Our Secretary for Lands under your hands and seals what you shall find touching the premises. And this Commission shall continue in full force although the proceedings thereunder shall not be continued by adjournment from time to time, and you may from time to time if you shall see fit withont waiting for your full and complete Report certify your several proceedings into Our said office as the same shall be respectively perfected. And, We hereby command all Government officers and all other persons whomsoever within Our said Colony that they be assistant to you and each of you in the execution of these presents. And We appoint you the said Thomas Holt to be President of this Our Commission and do give yon power at your discretion to procure such clerical and other assistance as you may deem necessary for enabling you to execute this Our Commission.

In testimony whereof We have cansed these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Colony to be hereanto affixed.

Witness Our Trusty and Weli-beloved Sir Herculds Geonge Romert Robissox, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of [L..s.] New South Wales, at Government House, Sydncy, in Our said Colony, this twenty-third day of Octoler, in the year of Our Jord one thousand eight hundred ayd seventy six, and in the fortieth year of Oar Reign.

## By His Excellency's Command,-

(Sgd.) HERCULES ROBINSON.
(Sgd.) Thos. Garnetr.
Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents No. 10, pages 414, 415, 416, and 417, this twenty-third day of October, 1576.

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Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and To Our Trusty and Well-belovedso forth.

The Honorable Wilinam Macleay, a Member of Our Legislative Council of Our Colony of New South Wales ; James Cearles Cox, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine; The Fonorablo Wihliam Bede Dalley, Q.C., a Member of Our baid Legislative Council; Hensy Cary Dangar, Esq., Birrister-at-Law; Richard Driver, Esquire, a Member of Our Legislative Assembly of Our baid Colony ; Janes Sqdire Farnell, Esquire, a Member of Our said Legislative Assembly; Riciard Hrin, Esq., one of Our Justices of the Peace of Oir said Colony; Franois Hixson, Esquire, R.N., President of the Marine Board of Our said Colony; The Honorable Thomas Holf, a Membor of Our said Legislative Council ; Alexander Oliver, Ksquire, Barrister-at-Law ; Edwakd Piersor Ramsay, Esquire, Curator of the Australian Muscum ; Citaries Carmeton Skarratt, Lsquire, a Justice of the Peace of Our said Colony;

- The Honorable George Thorvton, a Member of Our said Legislative Council; and George Frederich Want, Esquire.


## Grefting:

Know Ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability, zeal, industry, discretion, and integrity, do, by these presents, authorise and appoint you, or any three or moro of you, as hereimafter mentioned, to make a diligent and full investigation into the actual state and prospect of the Fisheries of our said Colony; the best means of developing and preserving them; the expediency of encouraging $P$ isciculture, or of supplementing the natural supply, by the introduction and acclimatisation of uscful foreign species, and upon all matters bearing upon the abovementioned subject: And we do, by these presents give and grant to you, or any three or more of you, at any meeting or meetings to which all of you shall have been duly summoned, full power and authority to call before you all such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be better informed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documents as you may deem expedient, and to visit and inspect the same at the offecs or places where the same or any of them may be deposited, and to inquire of the premises by all lawful ways and means : And our further will and pleasure is that you, or any three or more of yon, after due examination of the premises, do and shall within the space of four montlis after the date of this Our Commission, or sooner if the same can reasonably be, certify to Us, in the Office of Our Colonial Secretary, under your or any three or more of your hands and seals, what you shall find touching the premises : And We hereby command all Government officers and other persons whomsoever within Our said Colony, that they be assistant to you and each of you in the execution of these presents: And We appoint you, the said William Macleay, Esquire, to be President of this Our Commission.

In testimony whercof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Colony to be horcunto affixed.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor Sir Augustus William Fredericr Spencer Loftos (commonly called Lord Augustus Loftus), Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our
[L.s.] Governor and Commander-in-Chicf of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydncy, in New South Wales aforesaid, this sixth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand cight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-third year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,-
Henry parkes.
Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents, No. 10, page 158, this eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty.
(Signed) CRITCHETT WALKER,
For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records.

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Victorid, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ircland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.
To our Trusty and Well-beloved-
The Honorable Josepa Hector Carrothers, Esquire, Our Seeretary for Lands of Our Colony of New South Wales;
Frank Farnell, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Our said Colony; and
Lindsay Geonge Thompson, Esquire, Chicf Inspector of Fisheries, and Secretary to the Commissioners of Fisheries of Our said Colony,-

## Greetina:

Know Ye, That We, reposing great trust and confdence in your ability, zeal, industry, discretion, and integrity, do, by these presents, authorise and appoint you, or any two of you, as hereinafter mentioned, to make a diligent and full inquiry as to the best means of doveloping the Marine and other Fisheries of the said Colony, and as to the better regulation of that industry by law: And We do by these presents, grant to you, or any two of you, at any meeting or meetings to which all of you shall have been duly summoned, full power and authority to call before you all such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be better informed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documonts as you may doem expedient, and to visit and inspect the same at the offices or places where the same or any of them may be deposited, to conduct such experiments as may appear necessary, and to inquire of the premises by all lawful ways and means: And We do give you power at your discretion to procure such clerical and other assistance as you may deem necessary for enabling you duly to execute this Our Com. mission: And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, within three months after the date of this Our Commission, certify to Us, in the Office of Our Chief Secretary under your or any two of your hands and seals, what you shall find tonching the premises : And We hereby command all Government Oficers and other persons whomsoever within Our said tonching the premises: And we hereby command all Government oificers and other persons whomsoever within our said
Colouy, that they bo assistant to you and cach of you in the execution of these presents : And We appoint you, the said Fbany, Farnbili, Esquire, to be President of this Our Commission, which said Commission We declare to be a Commission for all purposes of the Act 44 Victoria No. 1, intituled "An Act to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Scal."

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Colony of New South Wales to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Well-beloyed Councillor Sir Robert Whanm Dump, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our
(L.S.) Colony of Now South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twentieth day of November, in tho fifty-cighth year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

By His Excellency's Command,--
(Signed) R. W. DUFF.
Jimes N. Brunker.
Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents, No. 10, page 2605, this twentioth day of November, one thousand cight hundred and uinety-four.

For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records,-
(Signed) CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.

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(THIRD session).
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Legishative Assemblif.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

# PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS. 

(LETRER EROM OHATRMAN OF, RESPBCTING THE RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REFERRING BACK TO THE COMMITTEE FOR TURTHER CONSIDERATION AND REPORT THE QUESTION OF THE GRENEELL TO WYALONG RAILWAY.)

Printed under No. 16 Report from Printing Committee, 22 Deoember, 1899.

## Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,

Sir, Public Works Buildings, Bridge-street, Sydney, 21 December, 1899. I bave tho honor, by direction of the Parliamentiary Standing Committce on Pablic Works, to acknowlodge the receipt of a copy of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, stating that the question of the Grenfell to Wyalong Railway was referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report, because " the matter had not reccived sufficient cousideration."

The Committee desire me to state that, while in every way recognising the authority of the Assembly to refer the matter back, and agreeing to re-consider the matter, thoy respectfully take exception to the reasou assigned for such reference, and draw attention to their Report, and the evidence and plans attached theroto, which afford ample proof that the proposed railway received very full consideration in all its beariugs.

I havo, \&e.,
W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman.

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## Legislative Assembly.

> NEW SOUTH WALES.

# Parliamentary standing committee on public WORKS. 

(LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF, ENCLOSING COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY IN REFERENCE TO STATEMENTS MADE LN PARLIAMLNT REFLECTING ON HIS CHARACTER.)

Printed under No. 16 Report from Printing Committee, 22 December, 1899.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, Public Works Buildings, Phillip-street, Syduey, 19 December, 1899.
The Honorable Sir Joseph P. Abbott, K.C.M.G., M.P.,
Speaker, Legislativo Assembly,-
Sir,
I have the honor to enclose a letter this day received by me from Mr. Charles Lync, the Secretary of the abovenamed Committee, in which he complains of certain serious reflections on his character, and asks thit the matter may be brought under your notice with a riow to the charges being refuted.

I remain, \&c.
W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman.
Parlianentary Standing Committee on Public Works,
Sir, Public Works Buildings, Bridge-street, Sydney, 18 December, 1899.
I beg to draw your attention to statements on pages 3239 and 3240 of Hansard, of Tuesday, 12 th instant, which seriously reflect on my character as Secretary to this Committee, and as an honorable man, and, as they are absolutely untrue, I. beg that you will bring them under the notice of the Honorable the Speaker, with the request that he will have my denial of their truth made known to the Legislative Asseinbly and the public.

The statements to which I refer were made by the Honorable Momber for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, who is reported as having said that before I becane a Government servant I made out of the Public Service thousands and thousands of pounds which enabled me to lend large sums of money to the late Sir lienre Parkes; that I used that means for getting into tho Public Service; and that he had seen I O U's which had passed between Sir Henry Parkes and myself and had never been paid.

These statements I repeat are absolutely untrue. I did not earn thousands and thousands of pounds from the Public Service before entering it as a Government servant; I never lent Sir Heary Parkes money, nor was I ever connected, directly or indirectly, in any money-lending tramsaction with Sir Henry Parkes; and no document in tho form of an IO U, or any other form, relating to any such traneaction, was cver seen by the Honorable Momber for Northumberland, or anyone else, for no such document was ever in existence.

As Hansard is largely distributed, and what has been said by the Honorable Member for Northumberland regarding mysclf will, unless contradicted, be believed by many persons, it seems but fair to me that my contradiction should receive the same publicity as that given to the statements to which I draw your attention.
The Hon. W. J. Trickett, M.L.C., Chairman,
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

I have, \&c.
CHARLES LYNE,
Secretary.
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# PRINTING COMMITTEES. 

# (RETURN RESPECTING.) 

Printed under No. 2 Report from Printing Committee, 10 August, 1599.
[Laid upon the Table in accordance with promise made, in answer to Question No. 1, Votes No. 11, 9th August, 1809.]

## Question.

1. The Printing Committee:-Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,-
(1.) On what date was a Printing Committee first appointed by this Fouse?
(2.) What were the names of the mombers of such Committee; and who was seiccted Chairman?
(3) On what dates did such Committee meet, and what were the names of the members who atlended each meeting?
(4.) Did such Committee act without payment, the same as other Sclect Comaittes of this House?
(5.) Will he give the same information in regard to the other Committees subsequently appointed for a similar purpose?
(6.) What is the estimated amount saved by such Committees to the present date?

## Answer:

(I.) 14th May, 1896.
(2.) Mr. Archd. Campbell, Mr. Cann, Mr. Cotton, ${ }^{*}$ Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Millen, Mr. Price, Mr. Rose,* Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Reid, $\dagger$ Mr. Dick, $\ddagger$ Mr. Perry, $\ddagger$ Mr. Schey. $\ddagger$ Mr. Gormly (Chairman.)
(4.) Yes.
(3 and 5.)

| Session. | Date of Appoint. ment. | Names of Members appointed. | Dates of Meeting. | Members Present. |
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| 1896 | $\begin{gathered} 14 \mathrm{May}, \\ 1896 . \end{gathered}$ |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{cc} 1896 . \\ 21 & \text { May } \\ 28 & " \\ 4 & \text { June } \\ 11 & " \\ 18 & " \\ 25 & " \\ 2 & J u l y \\ 9 & " \\ 16 & " \\ 23 & " \\ 30 & " \end{array}\right.$ |  |
|  |  |  |  | Mr. Cann, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Millon. <br> Mr. Cann, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dugald Thomson, <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Mayes, Mr. Price, Mr. Dugald Thomeon. <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cano, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Price, Mr. Dugald Thomson. <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dugald Thomson. <br> Mr. Cumn, Mr. Mityes, Mr. Jugald 'Thomson. <br> Mr. Gorml5, Mr. Camn, Mr. ]'rice, Mr. Dugnld I'homson, <br> Mr. Ciormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Hiyes, Mr. Dugald Ihomson. <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cam, Mr. Hnyes, Mr. Millen. <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Rose. <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Arehd. Campbell, Mr. Cann, Mr. Millen, Mr. Dugald I'homesn. |
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|  |  |  | 6 Aug. | Dugald Thomenn. <br> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Camm, Mr. I:Layes, Mr. Dugald Jhomson. |
|  |  |  |  | Mr. Cann, Mr. Mayes, (No quorum.) Mr. Cann, Mr. Mayes, Mr. Price, Mr. Dugald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 20 | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Canu, Mr. Majes, Mr. Jugald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 27 " | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dugald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 3 Sept. | Mr. Cann, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dugald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 10 " | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cumm, Mr. Perry, Mr. Price, Mr. Schey. |
|  |  |  | 17 " | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Archd, Campboll, Mr. Cant, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Perrs, Mr. Price. |
|  |  |  | 240 | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Mayes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Dugald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 1 Oct.. | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Jick, Mr. Perry, Mr. Schey, Mr. Dugald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 8 15 | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Schey, Mr. Dugald Thomson. Mr . Gormly, Mr. Dick, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Pery, Mr. Dugald Thonionon. |
|  |  |  |  | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Diel, Mr. lides, Mr. Perry, Mr. Dugald Thomson. Mr. Gormly, Mr. Arehd. Camplial Mr. Schoy. |
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|  |  |  | 6 Nor. | Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Schey, Mr. Dugald Thomsoin. |
|  |  |  | 11. | Mr. Price, Mr. Schej, Mr. Digald Thomson. |
|  |  |  | 12 : | Mr. Cann, Mir. Dick, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Schey, Mr. Dugald Thomson. |


(6.) To estinate the saving due to the operations of the Printing Committee during the past three years would involve a reference and computation by the Govemment Printer of all the manuscript referred to the Committee during that period, the printing of which was disallowed. This return would probably take two or three months 10 prepare, but a rough estimate of the eaving may be set down at $£ 2,400$ per annum for the last three years.
1899.
(THIRD SESSION.)
$\qquad$
Legislatite Assembiy.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## ELECTORAL ACT OF 1880.

(STATEMENT SHOWING THE DEFEATED CANDIDATES WHOSE DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN REFUNDED and THE GROUND FOR SUCH REFUND.)

Printed under No. 9 Report from Printing Committee, 8 November, $1 \$ 99$.
[.Laid upon the Table of this IIouse in acoordance with promise made in answer to Question No. 7, of 26; October, 1899.]
(7.) Deposits Forfeited under the Electoral Act of $1880:-$ Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,-
(1.) Have any refunds of the $£ 10$ deposits forfeited under the Electoral Act of 1580 been made? (2.) If so, to whom were the refunds made?
(3.) On what grounds were such refunds made?

Mr. See answered,-This jnformation will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as soon as possible

STATEMENT showing the defeated Candidates for Parliament whose deposits have been refuuded, and the ground for such refund.


[^3]$\dagger$ Paid in 1888.
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## 1899. <br> (Third session.) <br> Legislative Assembly.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

# SUBMISSION OF THE AUSTRALASIAN FEDRRAL CONSTITUTION TO THE FLECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES UNDER THE AUS'IRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT, 1899. 

(RETURN OF VOTES POLLED, 20rI JUNE, J899.)

Printed under Mo. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 3 August, 1899.

DETAILS OF VOTING.


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| Electorate. |  | Polling-pluce. |  |  |  | Yes. | No. | $\underset{\text { In. }}{\substack{\text { Inmal }}}$ | Majority. |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { the Bill. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | Againgt |
| Mailland (West) .. | ... | Allandale <br> Bishop's Bridge... | ... | ... |  |  | 16 | 24 | $\ldots$ |  |  |
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|  |  | Cessnock... ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 71 | 17 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | East Greta |  | $\ldots$ | ... | 41 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\because$ |
|  |  | Luochinrar .. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 35 15 | 41 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | Pokolbin... <br> Rothbury <br> West Maitland ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 188 | 23 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  |  | ... | ... | 909 | 304 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  | Total.... |  | ... | .. | 1,116 | 552 | 6 | 564 | ... |
| Manaro | ... | Adaminiby .. | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 100 | 25 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | ... | ... | .. | 47 | 16 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | Berridale... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 26 | 11 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  | Buckley's Crossing | ... | ... | ... | 34 | 21 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
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|  |  | Cowra Creek ${ }_{\text {Ingalara }}$ Creck ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Ingalara Creck ... <br> Tindabyne | . | ... | ... | 54 | 26 | . | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Tindabyne <br> Kiandra ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 29 | 1 | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Kybean … $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | 14 | 1 | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
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|  |  | Rhine Falls | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 4 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Rock Tlat | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 17 | 4 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Rosedale...UnarallaU | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 3 | ... | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 20 | 13 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Umaralla | Total ... |  |  | 842 | 234 | 8 | 608 | $\ldots$ |
| The Manuing | ... | Cedar Party Creek |  |  |  | 12 | 18 | $\ldots$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 45 | 29 | $\ldots$ | . | $\ldots$ |
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|  |  | $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Croki ... } & . . & . . \\ \text { Cundletowa } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { C... }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | 50 | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Cundletown } & \text {. } \\ \text { Harrington } & \ldots & \ldots & . . . \\ \text { He }\end{array}$ |  |  |  | 46 26 | 17 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  | Kendall ... |  |  |  | 27 | 40 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Kimbriki... |  |  |  | 18 | 9 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Laurieton |  |  |  | 30 | 59 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Marlee $\ldots$ |  |  |  | 26 | 33 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 | 20 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 109 | 116 | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 | 47 8 8 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | Upper Lausdown |  |  |  | 14 | 23 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Upper LausdownWherrol Crcet ...Wingham |  |  |  | 6 | 11 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 90 | 76 | ... | ... | ... |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Wingham } & \ldots . . & \ldots \\ \text { Woodside } & \ldots & \ldots \\ \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 27 | 5 | ... | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | ... | ... |  | 626 | 647 | s | $\ldots$ | 21 |
| Marickville | ... | Enmore Road, near Juliet-strcet <br> Excelsior Hall, Marrickville Road <br> Livingstone Road, near New Canterbury Road <br> Renwick-strect, The Warren ... <br> Wardell Road, near Marrickville Road |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 210 \\ & 448 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 223 . \\ & 544 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\ldots$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 152 | 176 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 62 | 145 | :... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 78 | 76 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
|  |  | Total ... ... ... |  |  |  |  | 950. | 1,164 | 9 | ... | 214 |









| Electorate. |  |  | Poiling-place. |  |  |  | Yes. | No. | $\underset{\text { formal. }}{\text { In. }}$ | Mnjority. |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For } \\ & \text { the Bill. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Againgt |
| Sherbrooke... | ... |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Arcadia ... } \\ & \text { J3aulkham Hills ... } \end{aligned}$ | ... | ... | ... |  | 12 | 22 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  |  | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 27 | 31 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Blacktown ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 31 | 40 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |
|  | - |  | Castle Hill ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 4.8 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Dural ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 18 | 33 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Enstern Creek ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | 16 | 14 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Fairfield ... ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 38 | 78 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Galston ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 8 | 45 | ... | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Glenorie ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 21 | 38 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Holroyd ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 4.7 | 37 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Kellyville ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 26 | 16 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Kenthurst |  |  | ... | 1.6 | 30 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 | 29 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Pemant Hills, near Thompson's CornerProspect... $. . . \quad .$.P |  |  |  | 18 | 53 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Rooty Hill ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | 76 | 47 | .. | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Rouse Hill $\quad$. | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 9 | 18 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Seven Hills ... | ... | $\ldots$ | . | 22 | 28 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Smithficld -.. | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 57 | 73 | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Toongabbee ... |  | $\cdots$ | ... | 14 | 31. | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Wetherill Park ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 9 | 24 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Total ... |  | $\ldots$ | . | 508 | 735 | 4 | $\ldots$ | 227 |
| The Shoallitren | ... | ... | Berry ... |  |  |  | 163 | 153 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Jomadery ... |  |  | $\cdots$ | 33 | 56 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Burrier ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | 11 | 13 | ... | ... | . $\cdot$ |
|  |  |  | Cambewarra ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 35 | 41 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Coolangatta .... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 40 | 10 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Greenwell Point... | ... | $\ldots$ | . | 34 | 15 | $\ldots$ | . | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Huskisson ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | . | 7 | 5 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Nowra ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 249 | 233 | ... | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Numba ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 19 | 24 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Sassafras... ... | ... | $\cdots$. | . | 4 | 11. | ... | . | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | 'Lerara ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | , | 20 | 27 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Tomeroug - .. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - | 32 | 13 | ... | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Yalwal ... ... | ... | , | ... | 26 | 20 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Total ... |  | ... | $\cdots$ | 673 | 621 | 13 | 52 | . $\cdot$ |
| Singleton | ... | $\ldots$ | Bolford ... ... | . | . | $\cdots$ | 29 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Branaton ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | . | 85 | 76 16 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Broke ... ... | $\ldots$ | ... | .. | 32 | 16 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Bulga ... ... | $\cdots$ | . | .. | 34. | 9 | ... | . | ... |
|  |  |  | Camberwell ... | $\ldots$ | .. | . | 50 | 8 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | GIendon ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | 17 | ${ }_{2} 6$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Glendon 3rook ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16 | 13 | $\cdots \cdot$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Goorangoola ... | . | $\cdots$ | - | 28 | 1 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Greta .... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 99 | 63 | ... | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Jerry's Plains ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdot$ | 35 | 16 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Marana Creek ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 18 | 7 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Mitchell's Flat ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 9 | 24 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Singleton... ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | . | 482 | 266 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | St. Clair ... ... |  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 18 | ${ }_{1} 8$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Warkworth ... |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 24 | 11 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Westbrook ... |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 123 | 1.1 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  |  | ... | ... | ... | 996 | 590 | 5 | 406 | $\cdots$ |
| Sti. Gicorge ... | $\ldots$ | ... | Arncliffe ... ... |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 716 | 138 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Bexley ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 56 | 56 | $\ldots$ | . $\cdot$ | - |
|  |  |  | Carlton | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 34 | 77 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Hurstville Council | mber | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 184 | 278 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | - |
|  |  |  | Kogarah School of A |  | ... | , | 209 | 247 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
|  |  |  | Mortdale... ... |  | $\ldots$ | . | 41 | 34 | ... | $\ldots$ | ... |
|  |  |  | Rockdale Town Hall | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 276 | 278 | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | . To |  |  |  | 916 | 1,108 | 11 | $\cdots$ | 192 |








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SUMMARY OF VOTING, TUESDAY, 20th JUNE, 1899.


SUMMARY OF VOTING-continued.


Chicf Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 4th July, J.899.

Principal Under Secretary,
Returning Officer for the Colony.
1899.
(THIRD SESSION.)

## Legislative Assembly.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

# AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT OF 1899. <br> [ (PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION BY THE ELECTORS.) 

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Printed under No. 1 Report.from Printing Committee, 3 August, 1899.

## PROCLAMMATION

| New South Wales, to wit. (L.s.) <br> Beauchamp, Governor. | By His Excellency The Right Honourable William, Earl Bfaucriamp, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies. |
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Whereas by an Act passed in the sixty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to make provision`for the acceptance and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australia," it is, amongst other things, enacted that, at a time to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation, but not sooner than eight weeks after the commencement of the said Act, the question of the acceptance or rejection of the Constitution shall be referred and submitted to the vote of the electors: And whereas the question of the acceptance or rejection of the Constitution having been submitted to a vote of the electors, and the number of rotes in the affirmative being 107,420, and the number of votes in the negative being 82,741, showing a majority of votes in the affirmative of 24,679: Now, therefore, I, William, Earl Beagchamp, do hereby declare that the aforesaid Constitution has been accepted.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, this eleventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and in the sisty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

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

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!
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$\qquad$
Legislative Assembly.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

# AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION. <br> (RETURN SHowing cost to colony.) 

Printed under No. 11 Report from Printing Committee, 23 November, 1899.

RETURN to an Order made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New Wales, dated 22nd August, 1899, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing, -
"(1.) The cost to the Colony of New South Wales-(a) of the holding in
"Sydney, in 1897, of the Federal Convention ; (b) of the Referendum of
" 1898 ; (c) of the Referendum of 1899; (d) of printing in connection
"with the Federal movement since the present Government took the
"matter up."
"(2.) The cost incurred in the way of fees to delegates, travelling expenses, "\&c."
" (3.) The total cost to date, since 1891, of the Federal movement."
(MTi. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.)

Starement of Expenses in connection with Australasian Federation.


## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## PUBLIC SERVICE LIST.

## 1899.

Being a List of the Officers employed, at 30th June, 1899, by the Government of New South Wales, under the provisions of the "Public Service Act of 1895."
\(\left.\begin{array}{l}GEO. A. WILSON. <br>
J. BARLING. <br>

T. A. COGHLAN.\end{array}\right\}\)| Members |
| :---: |
| of the |
| Public Service Board. |

J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.

Office of the Public Service Board, 50, Youns-street, Syancy, 3Ist August, 1899.

Printed under No. 8 Report from Printing Committee, 2 November, 1899.

SYDNEY: WILLIAM APPLEGATE GULLICK, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

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| Gosbell | Albert Henry Valentine |  |  | St. George | 14 Mar., 1879 | 10 Aug., 1896 | ......... |  |
| Blix. | Arthur ....... | C.P.S., North Sydney |  | St. Teonards | 1 I Oct., 1882 | 1 July, i896 | ......... |  |
| Fletcher | Harry Ferdinand William | Clerk, P.S. Offce, Broken Hill |  | Sturt | 1 Oct., 1887 | 26 May, 1899 | ......... |  |
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| ${ }^{2}$ Watkins | James |  |  | do --Philip Division ............. | 22 June, 1891 | $2{ }^{2}$ May, 1899 |  |  |
| Carroll | Andrew........ | Postmaster, Oxford-street ............................................................... |  | do -Bligh Division ................ | I June, 1877 20 April, 1885 | I April, r 7 April, 1899 | …….... |  |
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| Broughton ..... | Lachlan Wentworth |  |  | Thunworth.... | 14 Sept., 1882 | 14 Aug., 1896 | ......... |  |
| Geikie ........... | William Cunningham | do Tenterfield ..................................................... |  | Tenterfield | I Feb., 1889 | 4 Oct., 1897 | ........ | ........ |
| Walker | James Danicl |  |  | Tumat -... | 5 Lpril, 1880 | 4 Aug., 1897 |  | ..... ... |
| Martin. | William Jolm |  |  | Tween, The | 18 Aug., 188 r | 22 Sept., 1897 |  |  |
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| Harris. | William....... |  |  | Waratalı <br> Warringah | - Nor., 1874 | 22 Mar., 1897 if Aug., I 896 | ........... | .......... |
| Hosking | George Uther |  |  | Waterloo | 24 April, 8882 | I July, r896 |  |  |
| Watts | Willianm......: | Acting Postmaster, Wavcrley............................................................ |  | Waverlcy | ${ }_{17}{ }^{4} \mathrm{May}$, 1880 | 19 April, 1899 |  | ........... |
| Chiplin | Sydncy William Alfred George . | C.P.S., Wellington ................................................................................. |  | Wellington | I June, 1837 | 1 July, 1896 | ......... |  |
| Davies | Georgo William Hope |  |  | Wentworth | 18 June, 1888 | 11 Jam., 1897 | ......... |  |
| Clinch | John William ......... | Postmaster, Blayney ................................................. |  | West Macquari | - May, 1869 | 10 Aug., 1896 |  |  |
| Lawless | William James |  |  | Wickham | 15 May, 1876 | 29 Aug., 1898 |  |  |
| Laidlaw | John William Malcolm |  |  | Wilcandia | 1 Oct., 1892 | I July, 1896 |  |  |
| Single ... | John ........... | Assistant C.P.S., Wilcannia <br> Postmaster, Milson's Point. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ |  | Willoughby | 6 Nov., 1880 | 27 April, 1899 |  |  |
| Crane | Frederick William Charle | C.P.S., Paddington .................................................... |  | Wonllahra | 1 April, 188 s | 20 May , 5897 |  |  |
| Attwater | Henry \#ay | Postmaster,doYuass ....................................................................... |  | Woronora | 8 April, 1879 | 10 Ang, 1896 | ......... | ......... |
| Mulligan | Edric Thetis. |  |  | Yass | $16 \mathrm{Fcb} ., 1870$ | 1 Nov., 1898 | ......... | ......... |
| Collins... | Robert William Greene |  |  | Young | 5 Jan., 1882 | 23 Nov., 1896 | ......... | ......... |
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| Evans | Thomas James．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 5 Oct．， 24 24 Jul, 1866 | Meesenger．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | General．．．．． do do |  | 21 April， 1883 20 Feb．， 188 | 21 April，${ }^{\text {a }} 883$ 20 Feb．， 1885 | （ $\begin{array}{r}120 \\ 97150\end{array}$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |  |  | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |

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| Stafford ........... | William Denzil ........... | 23 July, 1846 | $\frac{\text { Clerk Petty Sessions, Inverell }}{\text { (AIso Warden's }}$ Werk and Mining ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | do |  | $A_{3}$ | 9 April, 1883 | 1 July, ${ }^{8,76}$ | $35^{\circ}$ | ... |  | ... | ... |  | ... | ... | 1,000 |
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| Treatt ...... ....... | Fronk Burford.............. | I3 July, 1845 | Olerk Petty Sessions, Singleton. (Also Warden's Clerls, Mining Registrar, \&e.; District Registrarin Bankrupley, Electoral Registrar, Regis trar of District Court, Registrar of Small Debts Court, Curator's A gent, Agent for Registrar of Probates, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Licensing Court, and Crown Lands Agent.) | do | ... | $\mathrm{A}_{3}$ | *I Oct., 1875 | 1 July, 1896 | 350 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | r,000 |
| Walker ........... | James Daniel .............. | 10 Dec., 1860 | Clerk Petty Sessions, Tumut, <br> (Also Crown Lauds Agent, Mining Warder, Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, \&c.; District Registrar in Bankruptcy, Electoral Registrar, Registrar of District Court, Curator's Agent, Agent for Registrar of Probates, Clerk of Licensing Court, and Registrar Small Debts Court.) | do | ... | $\Delta_{3}$ | $5 \Lambda_{\text {pril }}$ : 1880 | 1 Dec., 1894 | 350 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 1,000 |
| Armstrong ......... | Walter Dickenson ........ | $12 \mathrm{Mray}, \mathrm{IS}_{4 \mathrm{I}}$ | Clerk Petty Sessions, Burrowa ...... (Also Crown Lands Agent, District. Registrar in, Bankruptey, Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, \&c.; Registrar of Birthis, Deaths, and Marriages; Turgistrar of District Court, Licensing Magistrate, Deputy Clork of tho Peace, Clerk of Licensing Court, Curator's Agent, and Registrar Small Debts Court.) | do | ... | $\mathrm{A}_{3}$ | 29 Jan., 1863 | 8 Feb., 1897 | $\pm 300$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,000 |
| Sroughton ....... | Lachlan Wentworth ...... | 26 June, 1861 | Clerk Petty Scssions, Tamworth (Also Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, \&c.; District Registrar in Bankruptey, Registrar of District Court, Registrar of Small Debts Court, Curator's Agent, Agent for Registrar of Probates, Depaty Clerk of the Peace; Clerk of Licensing Court, and Labour Agent.) | do | ... | $\mathrm{A}_{3}$ | 1 Oct., 1882 | 1 Nov., 1890 | 300 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 500 |
| Brown .: ........... | Vincent........ ............. | 1 June, 1839 | Clerk Petty Scssions, Urana ......... (Also Crown Lands Agent, Officer to issue Miners' Rights, Registrar of Small Debts Court, Curator's Agent, Deputy Electoral Registrir, and Clerk of Licensing Court.) | do | ... | $\mathrm{A}_{3}$ | 1 July, 1383 | 1 Aug., r889 | 300 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | ${ }^{\cdots} \cdot$ | 1,000 |

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Bankruptcy, Electoral Registrar, Registrar of District Court, Registrar Small Dobts Court, Curator's Agent, Agent for Regietrar of Probates, Registrar, Births, Deathe, Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Sc., Clerk of Licensing Court, Labour Agent.) Clerk Petty Sessions, Bellingen. \& do

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\hline Daries. \& Edward Henry ........... \& 20 May, re67 \& Clerk Petty Sossions, Rylstone (Also Crown Lands Agent, Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, \&c., Electoral Registrar, Registrar, Births, Deaths, \&c.; Guardian of Minors, Registrar Small Debts \& do \& .. \& ${ }_{3}$ \& I July, 1885 \& 21 Aug., 1897 \& $\ddagger+75$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& 750 <br>
\hline Hyde ............. \& Grantley Augustus ......... \& 20 Oct., 1859 \& Court, and Curator's Agent.) (Also Crown Lands $\Delta$ gent, Warden', Clerk and Mining Registrar, Deputy Electoral Registrar, Registmr, Births, Denths, dc., Registrar, Dis. trict Court, District Registrar in Bankruptcy, Agent for Registrar of
Probates, Labour A gent, Clerk of Licensing Court, Curator's Agent, \& do \& $\cdots$ \& $\mathrm{a}_{3}$ \& 22 Nor., 1882 \& ${ }^{23} 3$ Dec., 1898 \& 275. \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 5 co <br>
\hline Perry \& Arthur Roginald ........... \& 15 Feb., 1868 \& Clerk Petty Sessions, Bingare (Also Crown Lands Agent, Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, \&e., Registrar District Conrt, Deputy Clerk of tho Peace, District Registrar of Probates, Clerk of Licensing Court, Curator's Agent, Registrar Small Debts Court, Elec
toral Registrar, and Registrar. of \& do \& \& ${ }^{3}$ \& I April, 1886 \& 29 Scpt., 1897 \& 275 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& 1,000 <br>
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$\qquad$ \& 24 May, 1857 \& Clerk Petty Sessions, Barmedman (Also Crown Landis A gent, Distriet Registrar in Bankruptey, Curator's Agent, Registrar Small Debts Court, Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, \&e.) \& do \& . \& ${ }^{3}$ \& If Dec., 1882 \& 10 Nov., 1898 \& $\pm 275$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ <br>

\hline nord \& Harold Wingfield .2...... \& 12 Sept., $18 \%^{\circ}$ \& | Clerk Petty Sessions, Warren |
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| (Also Crown Lands Agent, District Registrar in Bankruptey, Registrar of District Court, Registrar of Small Debts Court, Curator's Agent, Agent for Registrar of Probates; Registrar of Births, Deaths, sc., and Clerk of Licensing Court.) | \& do \& \& $a_{3}$ \& 6 Oct, 1888 \& I Jan., 1892 \& 275 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& 7.50 <br>

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|  |  |  | Curator's Agent, Agent for Registrar of Probates, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Registrar, Births, Deaths, \&c., for East Maitland and Durham; Clerk of Liensing Court, Labour Agent, and Electoral Registrar.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Lusk .............i | William Butler | $25 \text { Nor., } 1868$ | Clerk of Pelty Sessions, Torbes...... (Also Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, No.; District Registrar in Bankruptcy, Electoral Registrar, Registrar District Court, Registrar Small Debts Court, Curator's $\Lambda$ gent, Agent for Registrar of Probates, Registrar Births, Deatbs, \&c., Clerk of Licensing Court, and Labour Agent.) | do | ... | $a_{5}$ | 19 Mar, 1890 | 5 June, 1899 | $26)$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $75^{\circ}$ |
| Aimutt ........... | Robert Henry Venn ...... | 19 Feb., 18.49 ,$~$ | Clerk Petty Sessions, Quirindi (Also District Registrar in Bankruptey, Electorsl Registrar, Licensing Magistrate and Clerk, Registrar Small Debts Conrt, Curator's Agent, Registrur, Births, Deaths, (E., and Guardian of Minors.) | do | ... | br | ${ }_{15}$ Sept., 1884 | 15 Sept., 1884 | 250 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 300 |
| Ba:nett ........... | Pe:cizal Edward Bromnricy | $S$ April, $\mathrm{rSS}_{3}$ | Clerk Petty Sessions, Coonabarabran (Also Crown Lands Agent, Mining Registrar and Officer to issue Miners' Righta, Clerk of Licensing Court, Depuly Electoral Registrar, District Registrar in Bankruptey; Agent for Registrar of Probates, Registrar, Births, Deaths, \&c., Registrar District Court, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Curator's Agent, and Registrar Small Debts | do | ... | bi | 1 Dec., $\mathrm{r}^{\text {S }} 3$ | 9 dugr, x 97 | $\ddagger{ }^{2} 5$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,000 |
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| Marsh .............. | George Milbjurne ......ers | 2 Dec., 1849 | Clerk Petty Sessions, Bulmain (Also Chamber Magistrate, and Registrat Small Debts Court.) | do |  | $\mathrm{br}^{1}$ | 25 June, 1886 | 1 April, 1893 | 250 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 500 |
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| Pope ............. | George Millcr .............. | If May, 1830 | Clerk Petty Sessions, Ryde (Also Registrar Small Debts Court, Clerk of Lieensing Court, Electoral Registrar, Registrar, Births, Deaths, \&c., and Curatos's Agent.) |  |  | bt | 18 Tune, ${ }^{\text {c }} 663$ | 18 June, 1863 | 253 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | $\ldots$ | $3{ }^{\circ 0}$ |


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| Adams.............. | Henry Thomas.............. | 14 Jan., 1869 | Clerk Petty Sessions, Brewarrina ... (Also Crown Lands Agent, Registrar Small Debts Court, Clerl to Lieensing Bench, Officer to issuo Miners' Rights, \&ce., District Registrar in Bankruptey, and Curator's Agent.) | do |  |  | ${ }^{1}$ Nov., 8889 | $83 \mathrm{Lay}, 1899$ | 200 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |  | 500 |
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| Bereridge ......... | Henry Sydney | 20 Oct., 1870 | Clerk Petty Sessioms, Kiama (Also Crown Lands Agent, Electora Registrar, District Registrar in Baniruptcy, Registrar of District Bc., Clerk of Lieensing Court, Curator's Agent, Agent for Registrar of Probates, and Registrar Small Debts Court:) | do | .. | cr | 1 Aug., 1888 | 12 Jani, 1899 | 200 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 750 |
| Brown .............. | John Sydney .............. | 25 Jan., $1 \mathrm{~S}_{7 \mathrm{r}}$ | Clerk Petty Scssions, Paterson, risiting Gresford. <br> (Also Crown Lands $A$ gent, Oficer to issue SIinerg' Rights, Doputy Elec. $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { toral } & \text { Registrar, Registrar } \text {. Smnll } \\ \text { Debts } \\ \text { Court, } & \text { Curntor's } & \text { Agent, }\end{array}$ Clerk of Liconsing Court, and Regist.ar, Births, Deaths, \&ce.) | do |  | ci | 21 May, 1889 | 1 Jan., 1894 | 200 | . | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 500 |
| Goodman ......... | William Itenry | I Oct., 1842 | Clerk Petty Sessions, Lirerpool ..... (Also Cruwn Lands Agent, Electoral Registrar, Registrar Small Debts Court; Curator's Agent, and Clerk of Liceusing Court:) | do | . | cı | $28 \mathrm{Ju} \mathrm{S}^{\text {g, }} \mathrm{rS77}$ | 4 3ar., 1882 | 200 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 500 |
| Oul:en .............. | Thomes William | ${ }_{27} \mathrm{May}, 1568$ | Clerk Petty Sessons, Ballina. <br> (Also Warden's Clerk and Mining <br> Registrar, Eifectoral Registrar, <br> Regi-trar, Births, Deaths, \&e., Registrar District Court, District Registrar in Bankruptes, A gent for Registral of Probates, Clerk of Licensing Court. Curator's Agent, and Registrar Small Debts Coust. | do |  | ${ }_{3}$ | 9 Jan., 1888 | 1 Oct., $1 \mathrm{~S}_{91}$ | 183 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | sco |
| Dnley .............. | Edward Joseph ........... | 4 Aug, ${ }^{\text {r }}$ S 72 |  | do | ... | ${ }^{4}$ | : Oct., 1887 | 15 Mar, 1897 | 180 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 1,000 |
| Donnelly ............ | Arthar Denis .............. | 16 Aug., 1874 | Clerk Petty Sessions, Dungog (Also Crown Lands Agent, Warden's Clerk, Mining Registıar, \&c., Electoral Registrar, Registruv, Births. Deatla, de., District Registrat in Bankruptey, Clerk of Licensing Court, Curator's Agent, anl Registrar Small Debts Court.) | do |  | ${ }^{\text {c }} 3$ | I2 Jani, 189 y | 3 Aug., 1897 | $\ddagger$ ¢ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,000 |

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|  |  |  |  | CHIEF INSPECTOR <br> Inspecter of Mines | F NIINE |  | ANCH．${ }_{\text {Io May }} 1808$ |  |  | ${ }_{245}^{\mathcal{E}}$ | £ | £ | £ | £ | $\pm$ | £ $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | £ $\ldots$ |
| Podkinghorne．．．．．． | John ．．． | 20 Aug．， 1864 | Inspector of Mines Clurk $\qquad$ | Gencral． Clerical ． |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{May,} 1898 \\ & 7 \mathrm{TFeb}, \mathrm{l} \\ & \mathrm{r} 884\end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 245 \\ & 250 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \ldots \\ & \cdots \end{aligned}$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． |  |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| McNeil ．．．．．．．．．． | John Sterenson | 12 Dec， 1850 18 May， 1860 | Stork ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | General |  | 7 F way， 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & \text { I } \\ & \text { Oct．，}\end{aligned}$ | 245 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  | 200 |
| Leigh． <br> Wright | Jumes Smith <br> John | ${ }_{13} 18$ May， 1860 | Shareceper and Assistant Engi | General． |  | ${ }_{1} 6$ Mar．， 189 | 16 Mar．， 1887 | 124 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 10 |
| Atkins | Alfred Ashloy | 28 Dec．： 1857 | EXAMINER OF COAL | FIELDS |  | NCH． 22 | 22 July， 1897 | 800 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | 500 |
| Dixon | John ．．．．．．．．．．． | If 4 prii， $\mathrm{IS}^{+2}$ | Serior Inspector of Collieries | do |  | ${ }_{5} 5$ June， 1883 | 15 Juno， 1882 | 400 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  | ．．． |  |  |
| Rown | Jarmes | $4 \mathrm{May}, \mathrm{IS}_{39}$ | Inspector of Collieries ．．．．．．．．．．．． | do |  | I May， 1883 | I May， 1883 | 325 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ |  |
| Bates | Thomas Lion | $20 \mathrm{Mar} ., 1855$ | do | do |  | $1{ }_{1}$ Feb．， 1887 | $1 \mathrm{IFob}$. 1887 | 275 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．． | $\ldots$ |
| Fumble ．．．．．．．．． | Willimm | 12 Dec．， 1854 | ${ }_{\text {Cler }}^{\text {do }}$ | $\stackrel{\text { do }}{\text { do }}$ |  | 24 Feb．， 1890 | $24 \mathrm{Fcb}, 1890$ | 275 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ． |
| W inchester．．．．．．．．． | Herbert | 19 Tuly， 1838 | Clerk（Newcastle） AGRICULTUR | Clerical．．．．． <br> E BRANC |  | 6 Oct．， 1872 | I Jan．， 1886 | 200 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |  |  |  |
| Cobb，B．Sc．，Ph．D． | Nathan Augustu | 30 June， 1859 | Patholsgist ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | Professional | $A_{1}$ | 1 April，re90 | 1 Aug．，iS90 | 730 | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  | $\cdots$ |
| Thompson ．．．．．．．． | John Low．．． | 16 April， $\mathrm{xS}_{4} 4$ | Traveliling Instructor in Agriculture | तo | $A_{1}$ | \％Mar．， 189 t | 1 July， 1897 | 700 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| Guthrie，F．C．S | Frederick Bickell． | 10 Dec．， 186 x | Chemist．．． |  | ${ }^{\text {A1 }}$ | ${ }^{1}$ Jah， 1892 | I Jan．， 1892 | 600 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ |  | 300 |
| Gurney | Eilliott Henry | 2 July，1872 | Assistant to Cheurist | do | $\mathrm{B}_{2}$ | ${ }_{2} 5 \mathrm{Fcb}, \mathrm{IE} \mathrm{ISz}^{2}$ | 1 July， 1805 | $1{ }^{1} \mathrm{O}$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Barker | Charles Rowan | 2 Scpt．， 1874 | do | do | $\mathrm{B}_{3}$ | ＊ 1 Oct．，I88S | ${ }^{23}$ Dec．， 1895 | 75 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| Laby $\dagger \dagger$ | Thomas Howell | 3 May， 1880 | Acsistant in Chemical Labomary ．．． | do | B4 | 19 Nor．， 1898 | $22 \mathrm{Mry}$, | 50 |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| O＇Callaghan | Michacl Angelo | 7 Sept．， 1868 | Dairy Expert ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | do | Ax | 29 Jan．， 1897 | 29 Jan．， 1897 | 600 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Denston | I＇lilip Charles | 28 Nov．， 188 r | Assistant in Laboratory to Dairy Expert ．． | Greneral．．．． | A | 12 Sept．， 1898 | 12 Sept．， 1898 | 75 |  | $\ldots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Allea ． | Willism John ． | 28 Jan．，186t | Fruit Expert ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | Professional | A 2 | 10 Mar．， 18,7 | 10 Mur．， 1897 | 400 |  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Grosse | Edward Mcerwin | $26 \mathrm{May}$, | Artist． |  | $\mathrm{A}_{2}$ | $10^{\text {Oct．，}} 1890$ | 5 Dec．， 1895 | 400 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Burton | Henry Silvester | 11 Sept．， 1865 | Artist ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | do | Br | 12 Mitr．， 1894 | I2 Mar．，IS94 | 275 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Chambers | William Elliott | 3 Sept．， 1864 | Assistant Artist and Engraver ．．．．．． | do | $\mathrm{Br}_{1}$ | 25 June， 1897 | 2，June，IS97 | $25^{\circ}$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  |
| Blunno | Michele | ${ }_{1}{ }^{5}$ Nov．， 1869 | Viticultural Expert．．．．． |  | ${ }_{\text {A }}{ }^{\text {A }}$ | 9 Sept．，iS96 | $9 \mathrm{May}, \mathrm{r} 897$ I Sept．， 1898 | 350 350 |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 300 |
| Farrer．．． | William $\begin{aligned} & \text { Valter } \\ & \text { Vilson }\end{aligned}$ | ＋．．．．．．．．．．．．． | What Experimentaiist | do | ${ }_{\text {A }} \mathrm{l}$ | I Sept．，i I 98 I June，i 91 | I Sept．， 1898 $10 \mathrm{Oct}$. I 896 | 350 250 | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 50 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| Froggntt ．．．．．．．．．．． | Walter Wilson ．．． Stanles Augustus | 13 June， 1858 5 Oct．， 1882 | Entomologist，．．．．．．．．．． | $\xrightarrow{\text { Clerical }}$ | ${ }_{\text {dy }}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | I June， 1891 19 June， 1899 |  | 250 50 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }^{50}$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\ldots$ |  |
| Girnudt† ．．．．．．．． | Slanleg Augustus Edmund Dominic |  | Assistant to Entoniologis | General | ${ }^{1}$ | 19 April， 1897 | 19 Wune， 1898 27 | － 200 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  |  |  | 100 |
| Butler ．．．．．．．．．．．． | Kdmand Dotminic | I4 Sept．， 1869 in June， 1844 | Inspector | Cleneral ．．．．． | ${ }_{\text {A } 2}$ | 27 Apri，1897 12 Aug．，186r | ${ }^{27}{ }^{2}$ July， 1593 | 400 |  | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ | 300 |
| Preedy．．．．．．．．．．．．． | Walter | 23 Sept．， 1865 | Clerk ．．． | do ．． | ${ }^{4}$ | $1{ }^{\text {\％S Sept．，}} 1888$ | 1 Mur．， 1890 | 300 |  | ．．． | ．． | $\ldots$ |  | ．．． | $\ldots$ | 100 |
| Clarke | Willian Ifenry ．．．．．．．．．．． | 23 Aug．， 1870 | Editor Agricul | do | $\mathrm{b}_{3}$ | 28. Jan， 1890 | I July， 1896 | 230 |  | ．． |  | $\ldots$ | ．．． | ．． | $\ldots$ | 100 |
| Quinn | James Joseph | 12 Juce， 1857 | Clerk | do | $\mathrm{b}_{4}$ | ＊I Sept．， 1875 | I Mar．， 3897 | 220 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| Gorus | John Tangelder | 3 Aug．， 1835 | Inspector of Vines | do | ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | †－Nov．，1891 | 26 July， 1893 | 156 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| Snnderson | William | 21 May， 8859 | do | do | ${ }^{5} 5$ | 8 Oct．， 1888 | 3 June， 1891 | 156 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ．． |  |
| Meñeill ． | John Sutherind Ewing．．． | 4 Feb．， 1878 | Assistant to Botanist，Sydney ．．．．．． |  | d6 | 20 Oct．， 1889 | 23 Dec．， 1895 | 65 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Chomley ．．．．．．．．．．． | Frederick Griffth ．．．．．．．． | 17 Dee．， 1869 | Inspector under Verctation Disenscs Act．． | General．． | ．．． | 5 May， 1893 | $5 \mathrm{MaF}, 1895$ | 200 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\stackrel{\square}{5}$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Martin，jun．．．．．．． | Juhn | 12 Aug．， 1865 | Timbor Inspec |  | d | 13 June， 1891 | I July， 1896 | 150 | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | 0 |  |  |  | 100 |
| Taggarttt ．．．．．．．．． | William Henry Broughton | 12 Dec．， 1882 | Junior Clerk ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． BOARD FOR | Clerical．．．． |  | 19 June， 1899 | 19 June， 1899 | 50 | $\ldots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ． | $\cdots$ |  |
| Siepbeuson ．．．．．．．．． | James | 24 Feb．， 1855 | Secretary | Clerical ．．． | $A_{3}$ | ＊ 8 June， $1 \mathrm{IS}^{2}$ | 8 Nor．， 1895 | $3^{00}$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． | 300 |
| Bradshaw ．．．．．．．．． | George | ${ }^{27}$ Mar．， 1857 | Trade． <br> Expert and Instructor in Frozen Export | Genersl |  | 3 Mar．， 1897 | 3 Mar．， 1897 | 200 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． |
| Turnert† ．．．．．．．． | G eorge Vero Maunseoo ．．． | If Dec，1882 | Jtnior Cle | crical． |  | 19 June，IS99 | 19 June， 1899 | 50 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
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| Valder．．．．．．．． | Gcorge | 11 Jnn．， 1861 | Principal ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | Gencral．．．． |  | 10 Mar．， 1890 | $1{ }^{1}$ July， 1897 | 400 | $7{ }^{70}$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ．．．． | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 500 |
| Wood，M．A．，B．Sc． B．E | Ebenezer Clarence ．．．．．．．．． | 14 Dec．， $186_{3}$ | Science Mastor．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | Professiona |  | 10 Mar．，I89r | 10 Mar．， 1891 | 245 | 40 | ．．． |  |  |  |  |  |  |




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| Wearne <br> Clinch | John William <br> Walter Ernest ................ | Second-class Sheriff's Officer Post and Telograph Master, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { i Aug., } 1892 \\ - \text { Mry, } 1869 \end{array}$ | 15 Dee., 18;6 16 May, 1898 | Bailff of Warden's Court <br> Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, aud Officer appointed to issue Minerg' Rights, \&e. | $\begin{gathered} 5 \% \\ +\ddagger \\ +\ddagger \end{gathered}$ |
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| Rache | William | Scrgeant ........................................... | do | 27 July, 1863 | 1 April, 1890 | Builiff of Warden's Court................................. |  |
| Ross.. | George ...................... | Constable | Bobadah. |  |  | Warden's Clerk, Mining Renistrar, and Officer sppointed to issue Miners' Rights, sc. | $5 \\| .2$ |
| Dorers.. | William Anthony ........ | Clerk of Peity Sessions | Bombala | I July, 1882 | $1 \mathrm{~A}_{\text {pril, }} 885$ | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issuc Miners' Rights, \&c. | $k$ |
| Jones | Edward Wyyudha | Secand-elass Sherif'e | do | 28 Aug., 1991 | 1 April, $\mathrm{r} \mathrm{SO}_{9}$ | Bailiff of Warden's Csurt............................... |  |
| Kenyon | John Frederick | Police Magistrate ... | Bourke | 4 Sept., 1876 | 13 Jan., 1898 | Warden |  |
| Fitzpatrick......... | Ossory Arthur Stanton ... | Clerk | do | 14 Oct., 1884 | 8 Nov., 1897 | Warden's C'erk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | $k$ |
| 3 raitland | Frnest Leslic | Police Manistrate | Braid | 22 Oct, 1888 | 1 Des., 1894 | Warden .............................................. | $k$ |
| Marsh ... | Willoughby ................. | Clerk of Fetty Sessions |  | if Junc, $8^{88} 3$ | 1 Ju's, 1899 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issuc Miners' Rights, \&e. | $k$ |
| Ta | George Fred | Seco | do | 1 Dec., 1875 | 1 Dec., $1 \mathrm{~S}_{75}$ | Bailiff of Warden's Court................................. | 44.1 |
| Makinson | Joseph Franci | Police Magistrate | Broke | 7 July, $\mathrm{I}_{875}$ | 1 April, $\mathrm{IS9} 6$ | Wurrien | $k$ |
| Browne | Richard Pyne .............. | Draftsman, Lende Dep | do | 10 May, 1890 | 5 Aug., 1896 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and OABeer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&e. | - |
| McVeagh | Eenry ...................... | Sheriff's Officer | do | 1 Oct., 1890 | 1 Oct., 1894 | Bailiff of Warden's Court | ka |
| As | Mose3 | Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions... | Bulladelah | 6 J^n., 1888 | 16 Oct., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Minirg Rezistrar, Officer sppointed to issuc Miners' Rights, \&ce, and Bailif of Warden's Court. | 10\\|a |
| Rogers.............. | James | Senior-Constable | Bundarra |  |  | Oficer eppointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. ......... | $b n$ |
| Mrunde. | LIorria Oamald | Senior-Constable and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. | Bungendore \& Dywong, | \& Jan., $188_{9}$ | I Jan., 1898 | Warden's Cleik, Mining Registrar, Offcer appoiated to issue Miners' Rightz, and Bailiff of Warden's Court. | $12 \mathrm{l} \mid$ c |
| Cooper ........... | Leonard Filliam........... | Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions... | Bungmal | 9 Jan., IS80 | $\left\|\begin{array}{rr} \text { I July, } & 1894 \\ 7 \\ 7 & \text { Jan., } \\ 18900 \end{array}\right\|$ | Olicer appointed to issue Miners' Righdz, \&e. Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer |  |
| Mrctay | John | Senior-Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. | Burraga | If Jan., 1884 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { I April, } 1890\end{array}\right.$ | mppointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&e. <br> Bailiff of Warden's Court. | $16 \\| x$ |
| Armstro | Walter Dickenson | Clerk of Petty Sessions ........................... | Burrowa | ${ }_{19} \mathrm{Jan} .,^{15} \mathrm{Sb}_{3}$ | 8 Feb., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | 1 |
| Cook | Thomas George | Second-class |  | ${ }_{15}$ Aug., 1882 | 15 Alug., 1882 | Bailiff of Warden's Court............. | - 49 |
| Belson | Arthar Herbert | Police Constrale | Byron Bay |  |  | Officer to issme Miners' Rights, $\&$ c....................... | nn |
| Tarker | Charles Earskin | Scrgeant, and Acting C'ert of Petty Sessions... | Camden................... | 19 April, 1873 | 16 July, 1895 | Wurlen's Clerk, Mining Registirr, and Oflicer appointed to jssue Miners' Rights, \&c. | $6 \\| \mid a$ |
| Towey.............. | Martin | Co | Cand | 27 Oct., 1886 | 20 Aug., 1897 | Maning Revistrar, and Offcer appointed to issue Yiners' Rights, sc. | 11 |
| Cusack | James ...................... | Senior-Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. | Canowidedra | 22 April, $1 \mathrm{~S}_{77}$ | ${ }_{3}$ Sept., 1891 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, Officer nppointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c., and Bailiff of Warden's Court. | $16 \\| \pi$ |
| Hammond ........ |  |  | Cuptain's Flat ............ | : April, 1898 | I April, 1898 | Warden's Clerk. Mining Registrur, Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights and Bailiff of Warden's Court | $27 a$ |
|  | John Howard | Clerk of Petty Sessions | Carco | 22 Aug., 1876 | ${ }^{15}$ Aug., 1896 | Wiarden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Offices appointed to issue Miners' Rights, de. |  |
| Higgs | Charles | District |  | $1{ }^{1}$ July, 1870 | 1 Dec., 1874 | Bailiff of Warden's Court. | 5 F |
| Capewell.. | Henry | Senior-Constable | Cargo...................... | 19 Dee., 1887 | ${ }_{27}$ Dec., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, and Bailiff of Warden's Court. | $16 \\| \mid 1$ |

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| Steele .............. | Finlay McRne .............. | do do | Decprater | 12 Ang., 1881 | 22 June, 1892 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | ${ }^{12}\| \| \frac{1}{}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coulston | Richard |  | do | 15 June, 1897 | 15 June, 1897 | Briliff' of Warden's Court.............................. | $10 \ddagger \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{i}$ |
| Stutchbury .......... | George ....................... | Senior-constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions | Delegate | 10 Juls, 18S2 | 16 Aug., 1595 | Mining Registrar and Officerappointed to issue Miners' Rights, sc. |  |
| O'Neil | Neil Charles. | Police Magistrate | Deniliquin | 26 A pril, 1870 | 1 Nor., 1896 | Warden, ................................................ | $k$ |
| Kemp . | Beilhy Portcous Pell ...... | Clerk of Yetty Sessions ........................... |  | 17 Jnn., 1879 | $m$ I July, 189 S | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. |  |
| Curran | Joseph Patrick ........... |  | Drake | 19 July, 3886 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { 19 July, } 1886 \\ \text { lis Juty, } 1890 \end{array}\right\}$ | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, Officer appointed to issuc Miners' Rights, se, and Bailiff of Warden's Court. | $\} 120 \ddagger a$ |
| - |  | Police Magistrato |  |  |  | Warden | $\frac{k}{x}$ |
| MacYerin ........ | Richard Thomas ........... | Clerk of Petty Sessions |  | 17 Nor., 1881 | 20 July, 1896 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Oficer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&e. | $k$ |
| Stoel | John Thomas | Sheriff's Oflicer | do | *20 June, 1878 | 21 Jan., 189 s | Bniliff of Warden's Court................................. | kia |
| Donnelly | Arthur Denis | Clerk of Petty Sessions | Dangog | 12 Jan., 1891 | 3 Aug., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | 1 c |
| Preston | Henry Townsend | Sergennt |  | 8 May , 187 L | 1 Nor., 189r | Bailiff of Warden's Court ........................... | $10!1 / 2$ |
| Mends | Henry Lewis | Clicrk of Pelty Sessio | den | 2 July, 1887 | 7 Jan., 1896 | Officer appointed to issue Miners' Righta, \& | $\ldots$ |
| Eather. | Janses Joscph | Senior-constabic, axd Acting Clerk of Letty Sessions .. | Emma | 7 April, r88i | 17 Feb., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | 10\|| ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Watson | Janies |  | do | 23 June, 1897 | 23 Junc, 1897 | Builiff of Warden's Court................................. | $15 \ddagger a$ |
| Wyer ............... | Michael | Senior-constable, and Acting Clerk of l'etty Sessions .. | Euabalong .............. | 25 Jau., 1887 | 1 Scpt., 1892 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Offecr appointed to issue Miners' Righls, \&c. | $6 \\| a$ |
| Tait. | Edward Wales. | Constable | Fifield | 4 Junc, 1892 | 1 Nov., 1896 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c., and Bailiff of Warden's Court. | ${ }_{10} \mid \boldsymbol{a}$ |
| Sharpe. | Ernest Augustine Lambie. | Police Magistrate | Forbes | 22 July, 1873 | I Jan., 1888 | Warden , ................................. .. ........... | $k$ |
| Horniman | Henry Lachlan.............. | Clerk of Putty Sessions |  | 10 Oct., 1884 | 22 Sept., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Offecr sppointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. |  |
| Daniel | Silvanus West | Sheriff's Olicer | do | ${ }^{*} 5_{5}$ April, 1872 | r 3Iur., 1896 | Bailaff of Warden's Court............................. | ra |
| Gray | difred | Constable | Frogrnoor | 12 Sept., IS90 | 1 Jan., 1898 | Mining Registrar, and Officer sppointed to issuc Miners' Rights, \&c. | $\ddagger$ |
| Hart | William | Police Constable | Galleymont |  |  | Oflicer to issue Mincrs' Rights..... | ${ }^{1 a}$ |
| Blood-Smyth ...... | Frank | Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions... | Garangula and Jugiong | $11 \mathrm{Feb}, 1888$ | 1 Nor., 1896 | Offeer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c........... | ba |
| Phillips ........... | Sumuel II | Postmaster ......................................... | Germanton .............. | 16 Sept., 1874 | 13 May, 1895 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | $\ddagger \ddagger a$ |
| Berry | Arclibald | Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions... | Gilgandra ................. | 25 Oct., 1886 | 10 July, 1896 | Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. ......... | $b a$ |
| McePherson | Jumes |  | Gilgunnia ................. | 20 April, 1895 | I Jan., 1898 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer nppointed to issue Miners' Bights, \&c. |  |
| Coie... | Charlea W | Postmaster (non-official | do | 15 Dee., 1896 | I April, 1897 | Bailiff of Warden's Court ............................... | 5ttta |
| Jawson | William Corbett | Police Magistrate | Glen Innes | 1 Mur., 1880 | 13 गnn., 1898 | Warden | $k$ |
| Burne | Frederick | Clert of lety Sessions |  | 11 Aug., 1880 | 5 Oct., 1897 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. |  |
| Powell.. | Joscph Hemry | Sherifle Officer | do | 1 Mar, 1876 | 8 Feb., 1898 | Bailiff of Warden's Court................................ | $k a$ |
| Cuswell | Willinm Sterfa | Police Magistrate | Goulburn | 7 June, 1847 | 7 Aug., 1896 | Warden | $k$ |
| Helm . | Charles Joseph Bohun ... | Clerk of Petty Sessions |  | 25 Scpt., 1876 | 8 Oct., 1896 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Oflicer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | $k$ |
| Wray | Kenneth McKenzie | Sheriff's Officer | do | 8 July, 1884 | 1 Oct., 1895 | Bailiff of Warden's Court...................... | ka |
| Creagh | Jusper Albert .............. | Police Mngistrate .... | Grafton | *I Feb., 1875 | 16 July, <br> 20 Fcb., <br> 1896 |  | $k$ |
| Thornton | James Charles ..... ......... | Clerk of Petty Sessions |  | 23 Feb., 1882 | 20 Feb., 1899 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issue Minera' Rights, \&c. | $k$ |
| Meares Boileau | Alesander Spark ............ George Theophilus Saunders. | Sheriff's Ofiecr ...................................................... | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do ...................... } \\ & \text { Grenfell } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \mathrm{May}, \\ & 2876 \\ & 24 \text { Feb., } \\ & 1879 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { I Mar., } & 1897 \\ \text { 1 } 6 \text { July, } & 1896 \end{aligned}$ | Bniliff of Warden's Court. Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Oficer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | $k a$ |

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| Surname | Cluristian Name in full. |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \hline \begin{array}{l} \text { First Appointment } \\ \text { to the Service. } \end{array} & \text { To present position. } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |


| Munelton... | George <br> John Bailey |  | Grenfell <br> Gulgong <br> do |  |  | Eniliff of Warded's Court. <br> Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Offecr appointel to issue Miners' Rights, \&ce. <br> Builit of Warden's Court | ${ }_{\substack{\text { gata } \\ \text { roila } \\ \text { a }}}$ |
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| Clarke |  | Second-eluse Sheriff's Officer Sergeant, and Acting C'ork of Petty Sessions. $\qquad$ |  | 3 June, 1871 <br> ${ }_{13}$ A pril, 18 ; 5 <br> r $A \mathrm{pail}, \mathrm{r} 8 \mathrm{~s}$ | $\text { I April, } 188 \mathrm{r}$ |  |  |
| Linsle | John Richard | Clerk of Petty Sessions .......................... | Gundsgai | $\text { I Jan., } 18 \mathrm{E} 0$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} 18 \text { Junc, } & \text { rs97 } \\ 15 & 0 . t, & 1897 \end{array}\right\|$ | Warden, Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointed to issuo Miners' Righta, \&e. | ${ }_{k}$ |
| Kelly ... | John Jackson. | Sheriff's Oficer <br> First-class Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. $\qquad$ |  | ….............. | $\text { IFeb., } 1899$ | Bailiff of Warden's Cou't. <br> Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, aud Officer appointed to issuo Miners' Rights, de. <br> do do do | ${ }_{6 \mid 1}^{k a}$ |
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| Brown | William Le Brun |  |  | $\begin{aligned} \mathrm{I}_{3} \mathrm{Feb}, & 188_{2} \\ 6 \mathrm{Dec}, & 1882 \\ 2 \mathrm{Mag}, & \mathrm{I} 864 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3 \text { Aug., 1Eg6 } \\ 29 \text { Jan., } 1897 \end{array}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Paibif of Warden's Court................................. |  |
|  |  |  | Gunning ................ |  |  |  |  |
| Sherri! |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ynes |  | First-class co |  |  |  | rden's Clere, Miniing Registrar, Officer appointed to issue Mincrs' Rights, \&c., and Bailiff of |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Galb }}^{\text {Galbraith }}$. | Froderick Hulent <br> Joseph | Police Magistrate. <br> Clerk of Petty Sessions $\qquad$ | $\underset{\text { Hay }}{\text { do }}$ |  | in Aug, is96 <br> 2) July, $18 ; 6$ | Warden <br> Warden's Clerk, Dining Registrar, and Oficer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. do do |  |
| Burnett |  |  |  |  | $2{ }_{7}$ July, 1896 |  |  |
| Ritchie . | William..................... | Senior-constable, and Acting Clerk of Pelty Sessions. <br> Clerk of Pelty Scssions $\qquad$ | Hill End | June, 1584 | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll} \text { I Jan., } & 1892 \\ \text { I May, } & 1892 \end{array}\right.$ | Baiiifi do Warden's Court............................ ${ }^{\text {do }}$ | $30 \\| a$ |
|  | Lonis |  |  | 7 Sopt., 1888 | 29 Scpt, 1 \& 97 | Warden's Clerls, Mining Registrar, and Ofliecr <br> Bailiff of Warden's Court. appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. | $k$ |
| Cook | John. | Senio:-Constable |  |  | 1 May, 1899 |  |  |
|  | Mrichael | Postmaster $\qquad$ |  |  |  | WarJen's Clerk, Mining Registrar; and Ofliecr appointed to issue Miners' Rights, se. <br> do do do | ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| ckn | Wiifrid Lionel <br> Richard Valentinc $\qquad$ | Senior-constable <br> Clerk of Petty Sessions ............................. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { West. } \\ & \text { Hiillgrove West (Metz). } \\ & \text { Hillston....................... } \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{13} \mathrm{Mar}^{\text {r }}$, $\mathrm{SS}_{5}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ning Regiotrar, and |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Egan ................. } \\ & \text { Stephenson.......... } \\ & \text { Gartand ......... } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | arden's Clerk, Mining $R$ appointed to issue Miners' |  |
|  | Clarles <br> Jewison John <br> Kennedy Theodore | Sceond-class Sheriff's Officer <br> Consiable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions <br> Clerk of Petty Scssions $\qquad$ |  | *o Aug., 186617 Nor., 1885i Oct.,1876 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \text { Mur., } 1897 \\ & \text { 1 Mur., I897 } \\ & 17 \text { July, } 1896 \end{aligned}$ | Briliff of Warden's Court Oilicer appointed to issue Mincrs' Rights, \&c. | $6 ¢ \ddagger \downarrow$$b c i$$k i$ |
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|  |  |  |  | 1 Oct., 1876 |  | Wardens Clerk, Miming Registrar, and Oficer appointed to issue Mieers' Rights, \&c. |  |
| Dobbyns ............ | W. D. <br> John Lowes | District Court Bailiff Constable, and Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do ....... } \\ & \text { Kangaroo } \end{aligned}$ | If Mar, i89r | 8 April, 1895 | Bniliti of Warden's Court.............................. | ${ }_{\text {- }}^{\text {¢ }}$ |
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| Kilfoyle |  |  |  |  |  | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Oficer appointed to issue Mincrs' Rights, \&c. <br> Bailiff of Warden's Court |  |
|  |  | Constabic | Kook |  |  | neden's Clerk Mining Recristrar, |  |
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| WARDENS, WARDENS' CLERKS, MINING REGISTRARS, OFFICERS APPOINTED TO ISSUE MINERS' RIGHTS, \&c., AND BAILIFFS OF WARDENS' COURTS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Robert Cecil Me Phillany <br> Henry Edgar William Henry $\qquad$ | Serior-constable, and Aeting Cerrk of Petty Sessions................................. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trumey } \\ \text { do................. } \\ \text { Tuena .......................... } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { I Jan., } & \text { I } 8_{93} \\ \text { a Dec., } & \text { I } 868 \\ \text { I } & \text { Apriil, I } & \text { I } 93 \end{array}$ | $g \mathrm{I}$ Jun.; 1893 | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Oflicer appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Bailiff of Warden's Court <br> Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, Officer appointed to issue Mincrs' Rights, \&c., and Bailiff of Warden's Court. |  |
| Maxlew |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peisleg | Arthur James |  | Tumbaru | ${ }_{19}$ Feb., 18 ) ${ }^{1}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}23 & \text { O.t, } \\ 26 & \text { Ocl., } \\ 1897 \\ & 1897\end{array}\right.$ | Warden <br> Warden's Clork, Mining Registrar, and Onficer appointed to issuc Mincra' Rights, \&e. <br> Bailiff of Warden's Court. | $\}_{10 \\|} k$ |
|  |  | Police Magistr | $\begin{array}{rr} \text { do } & \text {............. } \\ \text { Tumut } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Hely | John Thomas ... | Scrior-constable ................................. |  | 8 J une, $189_{2}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} 12 \text { April, } 1895 \\ 29 \\ 3 \text { Oct, } 1897 \\ 3 \text { June, } 8995 \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |
| Walker | James Danie | Clerk of Petty Sessions .......................... |  |  |  | Bailiff of Warden's Court................................... <br> Warden | 10\|| ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  |  | Tumut <br> do $\qquad$ $\qquad$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \text { April, } 8880 \\ \text { I Mar., } 1896 \\ \text { I Sept., } 1874 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3 \text { 3 une, } 8895 \\ \text { I Mur., } 8896 \end{array}$ | Warden's Clerk, Mining Repistrar, and Offecr appointed to issue Miners' Rights, \&c. |  |
| ardon | John Hardy <br> Kenneth | District Court Bailiff <br> Postmaster $\qquad$ |  |  |  | Warden's Clurk, Mining Registrar, and Officer appointel to issue Mine:s' Rights, \&e. |  |
| Mitchell | Kenneth ................... |  | do Uralla c............................ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I Mur., I896 } \\ & \text { I July, } 1897 \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{2005}$ |
| Byrne | William Patrick | Senior-consta |  | I July, 1883  <br> 3 Mar., <br> 7 868 <br> 7 Junc, 1875 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I Junu., } 1890 \\ & 7 \text { Scpt., I896 } \\ & 5 \text { Jun., } 1897 \end{aligned}$ |  | \% |
| Brown.. | Vincent... | Clerk of Petty Sessio | Urana |  |  |  |  |
| Martin. | Plilip Eld ... | Police Masistrate ............................. | Wagga Wagga... |  |  | Warden's Clerk, Mining Mepistrar, and Oflieer appointed to issuc Miners' Rights, \&c. |  |
| Kintellu | Patrick ..... | Sheriff's Oficer ....... |  | 7 June, 1875 <br> *3 April, 1863 | $8 \mathrm{Feb} ., \mathrm{IS}_{98}$ |  | $)^{k a}$ |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} { }^{*} 3 \text { April, } 186_{3} \\ 2 \text { Frb., } \\ 1 S_{9} 88 \end{gathered}$ |  | Bailiff of Warden's Court <br> (Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer |  |
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#### Abstract

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir Frederick Matthew Darlex, Kinight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.


May it please your Excellency,-
We, the Public Service Board appointed under the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895, have the honor, in accordance' with the provisions of Section 18 of the said Act, to present to you the following leport:-

## Gradivg.

The Public Service Act has now been in operation for three years, and from discussions that have lately taken place it would appear that the period mentioned has been sufficient for the remembrance of the old system to fade from the public mind; and there is some danger that the severe steps necessitated by the provisions of the Public Service Act will be remembered, and the condition of things which rendered such steps necessary entirely forgotten.

Very serious allegations were made against the Board in Parliament during the discussion of the Estimates, and insinuations of no very flattering character have also been made under cover of questions asked of Ministers from time to time. The Board recognise that it is a most unusual thing for them, or any other servants of the Crown, to reply to statements made in the course of a discussion in Parliament; but as the Right Eonorable the Premier and Treasurer undertook to have an answer made to the allegations, and as there appeared to be an understanding on the part of Members that such an answer should be made, the Board have had great satisfaction in submitting their reply to the criticisms which have been urged against them. This reply will be made the matter of a separate communication.

The Board have also taken the opportunity of preparing a reply to certain statements made before the Select Committee appointed in 1897. The. Board were practically unable to offer any evidence in rebuttal of the very extraordinary and, in very many instances, untrue statements made to the Committee, at whose meetings they were not represented. They have, therefore, prepared a full statement, which will be found to refute the scrious allcgations against them; and it will be seen that all the complaints worthy of attention are based upon misrepresentation, or are criticisms of the policy of the Act, not of the Board which administer it.

The Board are not surprised at the extent of the adverse criticism to which they have been subjected, the greater part of which they know is due to the fact that the bulk of the large body of citizens who form the Public Service have so long been removed from the vicissitudes of ordinary civil life that they are quite unaware of the changed financial conditions of their fellow-colonists. Public Servants fail to realise that where a decrease has taken place in their rates of remuneration, painful as it has been for them to suffer such decrease, their loss is
small in proportion to what has been going on during the last few years in connection with the general mass of the population of the Colony. It has been the duty of the Board to make themselves acquainted with the condition of things obtaining outside the Service, and, in justice to the taxpayers of the Colony, to bring the salaries of the Public Servants more in accord with the earuing powers of the general community. It is also apparent that even some of the superior officers of the Government are also unaware, or are forgetful, of our changed and changing economic conditions, and consequently make recommendations for increases of salary which neither the circumstances of the Colony nor the relative worth of the services performed justify; and consequently, the difficulties of the Board, standing as they do between the Public Servants and the taxpayers, are intensified. The Board, however, are conscious that the Government and the general body of the public realise their difficulties, and have given them a gencrous support, without which they feel their position would have been untenable.

The Board completed their work of grading, so far as it was then considered advisable to go, within the first year after the passing of the Act. They left over for further consideration the Land and Income Tax Department and the Casual Labour Bureau, as they felt unable to grade the formor Department until its work settled down into a normal condition; and, as regards the latter, the Board were not sure whether it would be desirable on their part to recommend that the office be established as a permanent branch of the Public Service, or merely retained on an interim basis pending further developments. During last year, the Casual Labour Burcan, which consists of nine officers, was graded, as it was evident that the work of the Burcau would be permanent, and the officcrs were entitled to the benefit of the Act, and to be declared permanent officers. So far as the Land and Income Tax Office is concerned, the Board have contented themselves with reviewing the salaries first fixed on the recommendation of the Commissioners of Taxation. They could not grade the Department, as the officers employed therein had, with a few exceptions, been introduced as temporary officials subsequent to the passing of the Act; and the Board are advised that the grading of such officers as permanent officials in the Clerical Division would be contrary to the spirit and intention of the Public Service Act. It is quite evident, however, that the majority of the officers now employed in the Department will have to be permanently retained; but in order to do this legally it will be necessary that an $\Lambda$ ct amending the Public Service Act should be passed. Meanwhile, the officials have been retained by the Minister, under the provisions of section 38 , until the completion of the worl on which they are now employed. We understand it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to make the employment of these officers legal. When an Act has been passed, the Board will proceed to grade this Department on the same footing as the other Departments of the Public Service. The present scale of salaries must not therefore be looked upon as final.

The Board in 1896 provisionally graded the whole Professional Staff of the -various Departments. They detcrmined, however, to take an carly opportunity of reviewing that grading, as they were not satisfied that the salaries which they awarded, or which had been previously paid, were on a uniform basis in the various Departments. The Board gave careful attention to the representations made by the professional officers on their own behalf, and invited the chief professional officers of the Service to advise regarding the salaries of the persons employed under them; and they also appointed a Sub-Committee of professional officers to go through the Service and collect such evidence as might be useful when the Board came to consider the whole question. The reports of the Sub-Committee are now before the Board, and it is their intention very shortly to review the whole of the salaries of professional officers, and to endeavour to co-ordinate the salarics more accurately with the work performed. The Board have enough information before them to show that many professional officers are not paid in proportion to their responsibilitics, especially where that responsibility includes the designing and carrying out of works involving large sums of public money; it is also evident that a large number of officers receiving the salary fixed by the Board at the original grading are adequately remunerated. A fair proportion of professional officers, when they attain a certain status in their profession, reach the highest point of their utility; and, indeed, amongst a certain class of draftsmen, efficiency decreases with age. On the other hand, some classes of draftsmen, as well as nearly all civil and mechanical engineers and architects,
improve in their usefulness with age; and whereas among the former class the Board will be unable to institute any system of increments, among the latter class it is plain that either a system of yearly increments will have to be introduced, or a frequent review of salaries will have to take place. It is probable, before the next Estimates are prepared for submission to Parliament, the Board will be in a position to come to a definite decision regarding the emoluments of the professional class.

## Reorganisation.

There are two Departments yet to be reorganised. The Tanks and Wells Department the Board consider should be transferred to the Works Department and amalgamated with the Department of Water Conservation. 'This was recommended by them in their first Report, but has not yet been carried out. The amalgamation of these two Departments will remove an anomaly which has long existed, but for which there is no justification. The Board do not consider that any large saving can be effected by the amalgamation, but they believe that efficiency will be secured, and many anomalies now existing put an ond to. The whole of the Colony is divided into Roads Districts, and it is, to put it mildly, not a little anomalous that officers of the Tanks and Wells Department should be sent long distances to report upon proposals or inspect works when equally competent Roads Officers are on the spot and available for the service.

The Charities Department, which is under the Chief Secretary's Department, is one of the most important branches of the Public Service. The Board, for reasons which need not now be entered upon, were unable at the time of the grading to fully carry out their views in regard to the reorganisation of this Branch. They had, however, come to certain conclusions in regard to the management of the Department, and further consideration has only.strengthened their views. To put these ideas into practice required an entire re-modelling of the Department; and in the multiplicity of their other duties, the Board did not see their way to enter upon so important a matter. With certain exceptions they took the Department as they found it, and graded each officer according to the value of the work performed by him and according to his capacity to perform such work. During the past year the Board have entered very fully into consideration of the changes which are necessary to be brought about to ensure efficiency in administration of charitable relief; and with the concurrence of the Chief Secretary, they appointed Dr. Williamson, the Superintendent of Gladesville Asylum, to go through the Department with the view to having an independent opinion as to the condition of each Asylum, the method of treatment in vogue, and gencrally regarding the management of the whole Department. These reports are now before the Board, and the conclusions which Dr. Williamson has come to coincide to a large extent with the views which the Board arrived at as the result of their own investigations. The Board consider that in the interest of the old men and women who are accommodated in the various Asylums, an entire change of system should be introduced. For the most part, these old people are in infirm health, and probably 1,300 out of about 3,900 are really hospital patients; while many others, though not actually sick in the ordinary acceptation of the term, are yet too infirm to quit their dormitorics. In any work of re-organisation, this important fact must receive due attention, and the Board hope to be able to reorganise the Department on lines more in accordance with the requirements of the medical officers and the inmates; bearing in mind that in those Asylums where a large number of sick are housed, the attendants should be qualified loy hospital or nursing experience. At present, only eight out of some twenty-two attendants have had hospital training, while quite a large proportion of the unskilled attendants joined the Department when too old to adapt themselves to the requirements of the Service. The Board do not anticipate that any saving will be effected by the reorganisation which they hope to undertake; on the contrary, they think it will be necessary for them to invite the Government to incur some additional expenditure on salaries and contingencies; but the reform which will ensue will be well worth the small additional sum which the Board consider the reorganisation ought to cost.

The Board would like to take this opportunity of directing attention to the extremely dangerous condition of the George-street Asylum at Parramatta. Attention has been drawn again and again to the absolute danger of the existing state of things. The Department itself has made continual representations in regard to the wretched accommodation, and the danger in case of fire. The Asylums Inquiry Board, which reported
reported in 1886, also very strongly emphasised the danger of the helpless patients housed in a five-storey building; and two years ago the Public Works Committee reported on the matter, and strongly pointed out tine necessity of an immediate change. No remedy has yet been applied to the evil, but the Board hope that proper accommodation will be soon found for the sick and infirm, as until such accommodation is afforded it will be impossible for the Board to carry out to its full extent the reorganisation which they consider to be so necessary.

## Haste in Grading.

A good deal has been said by persons who are not well-informed on the subject, regarding the haste in which it is alleged the Board performed the first work of grading. The Board wish emphatically to declare that the work was not done hastily. The Board would like to repeat the words of their first report, that the most patient consideration was given to every Department and every Branch; and if there are any imperfections in their work, these must be assigned to a cause other than haste in dealing with the work of reorganisation. The Board have had many opportunities of going over their past work, and of rectifying any injustice which may have been done in the first work of grading, and although they have every compassion for a large number of public servants who, through the operation of the Public Service Act, were deprived of their situations, they cannot find any cases in which the officer retrenched should not have been retrenched; and although in some few cases the Board have been able to find employment for retrenched officers, they have almost invariably found that the officer so provided for, was only fit for work of a less important character than that which was entrusted to him at the time of his retrenchment.

## Condition of Departments.

The Board have had before them from time to time during the year reports from the Permanent Heads on the working of their Departments. From these, and from their own observation, they are glad to be able to report that every year sees improvement in the working of the Service, and the Board have abundant testimony that the condition of the Departments is very much superior to that obtaining prior to the passing of the Public Service Act, although the number of persons employed in the Service is now greatly reduced, and the salary list is much smaller. Very few complaints now reach the Board from the general public, and it is evident they are fairly satisfied. The complaints that do reach the Board are usually in regard to the indebtedness of a certain class of officials to money-lenders, and occasionally there are complaints from tradesmen. The Act contemplates that such complaints should be dealt with by the Departments before being sent on to the Board, and this course is usually followed.

The Board recognise that there are often instances where a debt has been legitimately incurred, and is admitted, and yet cannot be paid. The debtor is not always culpable, and persons in the Public Service are no more immune from sickness and misfortune, involving pecuniary embarrassment, than are those outside. The Board cannot regard it as within their province to interfere in such cases, and reserve for special investigation only cases in which there is evidence of wrongdoing. It will probably be admitted, however, that the attitude of the Board in relation to the whole subject has been productive of benefit to legitimate traders.

## Gratuities.

During the past year only one person was retrenched from the Public Service; but on their own application, and by reason of old age or infirmity, officers were retired on pensions or gratuities. Where a pension is not payable, the gratuity is fixed by the Act at a sum not exceeding one month's pay for each ycar of permanent service and two weeks' pay for each year of temporary service prion to the passing of the Act, and in every case the Board recommended that the full gratuity should be allowed. The Board are in a sense trustces for the preservation of the interests of public servants, but at the same time they are called upon to preserve the State from improper claims. In regard to the awarding of gratuities, the Board have only what may be termed a courtesy jurisdiction-that is to say, in the absence of express
stafutory provision, they deal with claims at the request and subject to the review of the Executive. It was in view of this understanding of their position that the Board, on the 14th April, 1897, addressed to the Governor a memorandum regarding claims for gratuities made by persons who left the Service about the time of the original grading of the Departments, either through the action of the Board or of the Departments themselves, and to whom no compensation was awarded. The Board arc not aware what decision (if any) has been arrived at by the Government, but they have taken the opportunity of their reply to the allegations made before the Select Committee to explain their reasons for refraining from recommending compensation to certain persons who appeared bcfore the Committee.

## Vones to Widows.

Fifteen claims have been before the Board in regard to widows of deceased officers, and in six cases the Board awarded a gratuity, based on the salary received by the officer at the time of his death, and in the other cases they were unable to make a favourable recommendation. The dealing with claims for gratuities to widows is a most ungrateful task, and the Board have felt compelled to draw up for their guidance rules in accordance with which claims by widows may be adjudged, and they believe their rules correspond with the principles guiding the administration of the Superannuation Fund prior to the passing of the Public Service Act. It must be remembered that the only widows who can claim a gratuity are those of officers who had contributed 4 per cent. of their salaries up to the time of their death. To pay gratuities to all widows at the rate of one month's pay for cach year of service up to twelve years would be to reduce the effectiveness of the Fund by more than one-half, and, in justice to the Fund itself, it is imperative that the payment of such gratuities shall be kept within strict bounds.

The subject of gratuities to widows was really an excrescence on the Civil Service Act of 1884, as it was not possible to maintain a Fund under which officers contributed 4. per cent. of their salaries to secure a pension, and at the same time allow widows to claim more than that contribution in the case of their husbands dying while in the Scrvice.

- To receive a gratuity under the plea of necessitous circumstances, the Board consider that the claimant shall not have money or property, excluding furniture, to the value of six months' salary of the deceased.


## Refunds of Contributions on Rettrement.

The Public Service Board interpreted section 62 of the Public Service Act to mean that on the resignation of an officer for any other cause than for an offence, where such officer had elected prior to 23rd December, 1896, to discontinue contributing to the Superannuation Account, the amount of his contribution, with interest from the time of his ceasing to contribute, should be paid back to him. From the discussions which took place during the passage of the Bill through Parliament, it was quite clear that the intention of the Members was that such should be the law ; but a decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of Russell $v$. Reid, determined that a refund of contributions could only be made in cases where the officer was retired through the action of the Board. Consequently, officers who voluntarily resign cannot receive back their contributions to the Fund, although they have elected to discontinue contributing. As the Board saw the intention of Parliament would be defeated by reason of this judgment, they wrote the following minute to the Right Hon. the Premier and Treasurer :-

[^11]
#### Abstract

In regard to persons who desire to retire voluntarily on attaining the ago of 60 years, it has been arranged that all such persons shall, on making known their wishes, be retired by the Board and reccive the refund and gratuity mentioned in section 60 of the Act

The Government have already had the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to the effect of section 56, and they find that retirements under that section are to be considered as entitling the officers retired to the refund and gratuity sanctioned by section 60 . On this opinion the Board has always acted.

The Government propose to repay the contributions to the Superannuation Account of all the persons who have been deprived of their refund owing to the decision in the Russell case; no delay will take place in carrying out this determination. Of course Parliamentary sanction will be sought to cover these irregular payments.


The Premier and Treasurer readily acquiesced in the view put forward by the Board, and officers have been adviscd that when they wish to resign from the Service they should put their resignation in the shape of an application to retire without gratuity, and this application to retire the Board obtain Executive sanction for, and are thus enabled to recommend the refund to the persons retiring of the amount contributed by them to the Superannuation Fund.

## Allowances to Officers in remote inistricts.

In their last, report the Board stated that they had under consideration the question of granting allowances to officers stationed in remote districts of the Colony, where the cost of living is greater than in the metropolis, or than in districts where the climate is less severe. Although the Board, when grading the Departments, were able in some cases, in determining the salaries of officers stationed in such places, to take into consideration any special circumstances of the kind which existed, yet they felt that their object was only partially accomplished, and that it was extremely desirable some uniform system should be adopted. As indicated in the last yearly report, they appointed a committee of experienced officers from the various Departments concerned to advise them on the subject, so that they might arrive at a scale of allowances which they could adopt with some confidence.

In view of the report of the committee, and other information before them, the Board laid down a line connecting the following towns, viz.:-Perricoota, Mathoura, Deniliquin, Hay, Condobolin, Nymagee, Girilambone, Coonamble, Pilliga, Wee Waa, Warialda, Wallangra, and Bonshaw, and proposed that officers living to the westward thereof should receive certain specified allowances.

The proposal involved an annual expenditure estimated at $£ 6,415$, and the Board, before deciding on the adoption of the scheme, referred the matter to the Government for its consideration on the 4th August, 1897. The proposal was approved by the Government, but as the necessary funds were not voted until the Estimates for 1898-9 were passed, the regulations embodying the scheme were not published in the Government Gazette until 7th October, 1898, and took effect from the 1st July, 1898. Subsequent experience has determined the Board to somewhat modify the boundary, by extending it in places further to the east, especially between the railway lines. They are aware, however, that even with this amendment the line is arbitrary, and that there are places on the eastern side of that line which should be equally considered with those on the western; and they are endeavouring, with the help of experienced officers, to amend the regulation on the subject with a view to the elimination of anomalies which still exist.

The Board recognise that the granting of allowances does not altogether meet the difficulties of the case, as the disadvantages of serving in distant parts of the Colony go far beyond the mere extra cost of living. The intensities of climate, which can be alleviated in large cities, are felt in all their severity in some of the small townships on the blistering plains of the west. The water itself is often bad, and many commodities are unobtainable at any price. A very limited and possibly uncongenial circle of acquaintance; the absence of sufficient aids to culture or means of amusement; the small choice or unsuitability of the tenements arailable; the difficulties and expense in visiting friends hundreds of miles away, and in some instances of procuring medical assistance, all help to make the lot of officers stationed in some of the remote districts far from pleasant. To sustain these disabilities for any lengthened period is an experience fraught with risk to any who are not in robust health, of stable disposition, and possessed of fully average strength of character. The monotony of life under such circumstances is not unlikely to be an incentive to dissipation, and the protracted dullness is apt to sap the energy of well-meaning young
officers, and cause them to drop into slipshod and undesirable habits. Experience has shown instances of officers who have withstood these deteriorating influences for a considerable time, but who, at length, thoroughly discouraged by their unsuccessful efforts to secure a transfer, have given way and spoiled a promising future. The Board feel that more frequent changes would be not only good for the officers, but greatly to the interests of the Service itself, and thoy have had several times under consideration proposals by which they would be able to arrange for the transfer of officers who have served for some length of time in remote districts to more desirable parts of the Colony, but the matter is one attended by so many difficulties that they have not been able to formulate any satisfactory scheme; but they have, as far as possible, endeavoured to remedy any special cases of hardship which have been brought under their attention, and they hope that they will be able to so arrange matters that no officer will be compelled to spend more than two or three years in remote districts with a trying climate.

## Increment System.

The Public Service Act contemplates that in all cases the pay of officers should be related to the duties performed by such officers. In practice, this would involve a yearly review by the Board of the work done by the public servants, with a view of determining whether an officer's work has become more or less responsible during the year, or remained the same as at the time of the Board's first grading. Such a task, of course, could not be attempted. The Board have under their jurisdiction some 16,000 persons, and they could not attempt to investigate, either by themselves or by means of any officers under their immediate control, the work of even a small portion of this large number. After mature consideration, they determined that the increment system. was worthy of a trial, and especially amongst junior officers. The work of a junior officer entering the Service at $£ 50$ a year should improve in quality year by year until he became an efficient clerk. After careful examination, the Board were able to satisfy themselves that this improvement in quality would be met by an increment of £l5 a year, so that a junior officer would rise by stages of $£ 15$ to $£ 140$ a year, and then by $£ 10$ to $\mathscr{E} 50$ a year. Junior officers enter the Service as successful candidates in a competitive examination; a system which ensures that no youth can be appointed without possessing satisfactory educational attainments; but it does not follow that in all cases the persons who succeed in an examination of the kind turn out to be first class clerks. No plan, other than actual trial, can determine an individual's capacity for grasping the details of every-day practical work, or prove to what extent his intelligence and energy will be manifested when a direct demand is made upon them. Under ordinary circumstances however, the Board consider that these officers would, within six years, be qualified to receive at least $£ 150$.

It will probably be found, as the working of the system goes on, that most of the clerks entering at $£ 50$, and rising, as just explained, by regular increments to £150, will be youths fresh from school; well-educated young fellows, but still inexperienced in office routine, and requiring judicious training to bring out their best qualities. At the same time, it may reasonably be expected that a certain proportion will be lads with some previous experience; who have, perhaps, entered a mercantile office at an early age, and when introduced to the Service are already efficient at ordinary clerical work; while others again, from various causes, may enter the Service at a comparatively advanced age. It has been thought wise to provide for exceptional cases, and accordingly a special regulation (No. 278) was recently approved and gazetted, which provides that junior clerks who have entered by means of the prescribed competitive examination shall, on reaching the age of 21 years, and having served twelve months, at once become entitled to the salary of $£ 100$ a year, provided they are capable of doing work worth that salary.

At £l50 a year, the Board determined that officers should be tested with a view of ascertaining the manner in which their duties are then performed, and their capacity to do work which should be paid for at rates above that salary; therefore, in their increment scheme, they require all officers on attaining a salary of $£ 150$ a year to submit themselves to a committee of examiners, for testing; and any officer who successfully passes the test that the Board from time to time prescribe will, on a vacancy occurring, be entitled to receive increments in
salary up to $£ 200$ a year. After this stage, officers will be again tested, under conditions similar to those laid down for officcrs of the $£ 150$ grade; and those who successfully pass the test at $£ 200$ will be allowed to proceed by increments of $£ 10$ to £250, and similarly from $£ 250$ to $£ 299$ a year. Beyond $£ 300$ a year, the Board have determined that salaries shall be fixed strictly according to the work performed, and promotions to positions over the sum named should only occur when an actual vacancy happens. The increment system is now in full working order. The Board have received from every Department a report in a prescribed form of the ability, conduct, and attention to duty displayed by all the officers in the Clerical Division. These reports they have examined, and they have already gazetted increments to a large number of persons. The papers regarding the remaining officers are now being looked into, and the Board hope soon to be able to say that all persons entitled to increments, under the system laid down in the Regulations No. 254 to No. 277 , have received them.

Comment has been made on the supposition that, notwithstanding the increment Regulations published in July last, officers may have to remain for long periods on an unchanged salary, owing to the proviso that an officer on the top of his grade, even when he has satisfactorily passed the test for promotion, can only receive such promotion when there happens to be a vacancy. This is not likely to be so, and opportunity may be taken to explain that the objection is a nominal rather than a real one; for two circumstances are frequently overlooked : one is, that even when an actual vacancy in the ordinary sense does not exist, the Board "may at any time declare that the number of officcrs in any grade requires to be increased;" thus virtually creating vacancies rather than retard the rise of deserving officers; the other circumstance is, that though the increment Regulations are expected to afford reasonably regular increases to deserving officers, they do not purport to give every officer an increase every year, irrespective of his worth. The salaries embraced by these Regulations go up to £299 a year, and there will always be a number of officers, the value of whose best work will never approach this maximum sum : they can never hope to get it. The dominant principle which is operative throughout the Service, that the salary shall bear relation to the work performed, will not be abrogated by any Regulations. There will be individuals in the Public Scrvice, as there are in other branches of employment, whose efforts and abilities are well remunerated by a moderate salary, no matter how long they may be in the employ; and those who are unable to give evidence of ability which would entitle them to the higher rates, will assuredly have to be content with a moderate rate of pay. Officers who display marked attainments and capacity for special work, who receive remuneration below their deserts, are eligible for special treatment under Regulation 269. It was the absence of these very essential conditions which quickly brought about the repeal of the increment clauses of the Civil Service $\Lambda$ ct of 1884.

In going through the Department of Justice the Board saw that they were likely to have very considerable difficulty in determining the efficiency of the higher ranks of Clerks of Petty Sessions unless a system of examination were introduced; and they therefore submitted a Regulation for the approval of the Governor and Council, which has been approved, under which no officer is entitled to receive a salary in excess of $£ 250$ a year, unless he passes an examination in the clerical and legal duties which Clerks of Petty Sessions are from time to time called upon to perform.

The first examination under this Regulation was held at various centres in the Colony on the 21st November last. Twenty-nine candidates presented themselves, of whom about one-third satisfied the examiners that they had attained the requisite standard of knowledge which the Board consider a Clerk of Petty Sessions in the higher ranks should possess.

The results give cvery promise of the examination proving of high value in increasing the efficiency of the officers serving in the more important positions in the Petty Sessions Branch, and preparing them to qualify for appointment as Police Magistrates. The examination is of an eminently practical nature, the subjects set being those of a general character which a Clerk of Petty Sessions in a fairly busy office is required to be familiar with in the discharge of his daily duties. Clerks of Petty Sessions at such offices are, in many instances, appointed Justices of the Peace, and the subjects of examination have a special reference to the duties devolving apon a Clerk of Petty Sessions acting as a Chamber Magistrate.

By the Regulation, any officer in any grade below Grade A (£251 to £299), may offer himself for examination, and several of the junior clerks in Petty Sessions offices did so at the examination in Noremiber. Though all candidates were, perhaps, at some disadvantage through the examination being the first of its kind, the results showed that, with a few exceptions, the officers who had had the longest experience in Petty Sessions offices had the best knowledge of the matters inclupded in the examination questions. As a rule, the junior officers did not show a sufficiently deep and thorough knowledge of the subjects to warrant their being placed in positions as Senior Clerks of Petty Sessions-those positions requiring of the holders of them a considerable knowledge of Statute and Case Law, and, more particularly in the discharge of magisterial functions, the exercise of a sound discretion.

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation No. 269, the Board have to report that two officers have been dealt with under this regulation, viz., Messrs. C. J. Brennan, M.A., and James Pierce, cataloguers in the Public Library, whose salaries have been increased from $£ 150$ to $£ 180$, and $£ 140$ to $£ 160$ per annum, respectively.

The cases of these officers were specially brought under notice by the Principal Librarian through the permanent head of the Department. It was pointed out that Mr. Brennan was a distinguished graduate of the Sydney University, specially qualified to do good work in the library, and had shown marked attainments, and that Mr. Pierce had exhibited capacity for special duties and had also worked with conspicuous zeal. The Board having made due inquiry, considered that the circumstances fully warranted their granting the increases mentioned.

The increment system has also been applied by the Board to messengers. Boy messengers enter at a salary of $£ 26$ per annum, working up to £52, the maximum of the junior grade, from which they are translated to the senior grade as opportunities occur. It is considered that the salary of a responsible messenger, other than the chief messengers in Ministerial Departments, should be $£ 120$ a year; and as these positions are now in all cases filled by the appointment of telegraph messengers who have become too old to be employed on the very ordinary work of delivering telegrams, the Board formulated Regulations, which have been approved by the Governor, providing that senior messengers should commence duty at £60 a year, and rise by increments of $£ 710$ s. a year until they receive $£ 120$ a year, the maximum of their class, at which salary they should remain until a vacancy occurs on the staff of messengers who have been graded at salaries in excess of $£ 120$.

The Board are confident that the messenger service will continue to improve under the system they have inaugurated. In the past, many appointments to the messenger ranks have been made of men of advanced age, quite unsuited to the positions in which they were placed; and in any case, the employment in the lower ranks of men to do work which could be better done by boys was a costly absurdity. In the more responsible positions, where tact has to be exercised, and others have to be controlled, experience renders a grown man necessary, and there are men who have grown grey in the Service who are most valuable ; but the Board propose to entirely stop any further introduction of grown men from outside the Service, and to recruit the ranls of messengers only by the appointment of boys at the minimum salary for the lowest positions, and from the ex-telegraph boys, as already stated, for the higher posts when required. In this way will be trained up a succession of capable young men who will have good opportunity to gradually acquire all the needed knowledge of departmental routine, and be physically and otherwise fitted to render effective service in the Government offices.

## Apponntments.

Since the last Report two competitive examinations have been held for junior officers in the Clerical Division, and one examination for juniors for the Professional Division. At the first clerical examination in December, 1897, 133 candidates presented themselves, of whom 29 passed, 25 only being required by the Board; and at the examination in June there were 237 candidates for positions in the Clerical Division, of whom 45 passed, 50 being required by the Board; and 28 candidates for positions in the Professional Division, of whom 12 passed. The Report of Professor Gurney, Chairman of the Board of Examiners, is given as Appendix No. 9.

Besides the officers who entered the service in the regular way by competitive examination, the Board have advertised for persons to fill the following posts, the Board in all cases intimating to intending candidates that the appointments would be given to persons in the Public Service, where qualified persons presented themselves:-

## Posirions Advertised.

| 6 Novembe | S |
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| 6 \% | ... Probationary Nurses at Coast Hospital. |
| 6 " | ... Boatman, Customs Station, Barrenjoey. |
| 13 ", | ... Fitter in the Dredge Service. |
| 13 | ... Temporary Mechanical Draftsman, Department of Public Works. |
| 17 " | ... Trained Hospital Nurse, Liverpool Asylum. |
| 30 | ... Field Assistant, Department of Lauds. |
| 30 " | ... Telegraph Messengers. |
| 28 " | ... Temporary Junior Draftsman, Department of Public Works. |
| 5 January | ... Stableman, Coast Hospital. |
| 5 " | ... Junior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta. |
| 7 | ... Engineering and Survey Draftsmen, Department of Public Works. |
| 15 | ... Inspectors of Metalliferous Mines. |
| 15 | $\ldots$.. Assistant to Lecturer in Agriculture, Sydney Technical College. |
| 26 | ... Lecturer in Physics, Technical College. |
| 29 " | ... Manager, Experimental Farm, Coolabah, Bogan Scrub. |
| 29 | ... Fitter in Dredge Servicc. |
| 23 Tebruary | ... Orchardist and Fruit Dryer, Wagga Wagga Esperimental Farm. |
| 9 March | ... Junior Architectural Draftsmen. |
| 12 | ... Laboratory Assistant in Bacteriological and Biological Laboratories, Board of Health. |
| 12 | ... General Servant, Coast Hospital. . |
| 4 " | ... Demonstrator in Chemistry and Assaying, Technical College. |
| 4. | ... Demonstrator in Metallurgy, Technical College. |
| 4. | ... Laboratory Assistant, Technical College. |
| 19 " | ... Probationary Nurses, Coast Hospital. |
| 16 " | ... Gardener, Admiralty House. |
| 18 | ... Shorthand Writer and Typist (Male). |
| 18 " | ... Typist (Female). |
| 18 " | ... Teacher, Mine Surreying Class, Technical School, Minmi. |
| 18 " | ... Man to assist in Orchard and Nursery at Bathurst Esperimental Farm. |
| 18 " | ... Warder, Mercantile Explosives Department, Newcastle. |
| 21 " | ... Inspector under Vegetation Diseases Act. |
| 24 " | ... Police Magistrate. |
| 25 " | ... District Inspector, Government Architect's Branch, Department of Public Works. |
| 25 " | ... Additional Teacher in Plumbing Class, Technical College. |
| 25 " | ... Assistant in Armoury, Public School Cadet Force. |
| 25 " | ... Laundress at Central Depôt for State Children, Paddington. |
| 25 \% | ... Storekeeper at Fitzroy Dock. |
| 7 April | ... Switch Attendants (lads). |
| 7 | ... Tailor, Carpenterian Reformatory. |
| 21 " | ... Machine Ruler, Government Printing Office. |
| 21 " | ... Two Boys used to Ruling, Government Printing Office. |
| 25 " | ... Inspector of Stock, Boggabilla. |
| 21 " | ... Junior Clerkships. |
| 21 " | ... Entrance Examination to Professional Division. |
| 2 May | ... Demonstrator in Metallurgy, Technical College.* |
| 25 " | ... Medical Superintendent, Coast Hospital. |
| 25 | ... Temporary Employment in the Public Service. |
| 4 June | ... Timekeeper, Aocount Clerk, and Storekeeper, Moree to Inverell Railway. |
| 2 | ... Junior Attendants, Free Public Library. |
| 4 " | ... Cook, Industrial School, Parramatta. |
| 10 " | ... General Attendant (male) at Sanatorium, Coast Hospital. |
| 10 | ... Telegraph Messengers, \&c. |
| 18 " | ... Stationery Embosser, Government Printing Office. |
| 21. | ... Assistant in Technological Museum. |
| 15 " | ... Matron, Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta. |
| 17 " | ... Shorthand Writer and T.gpist (female). |
| 1 July | ... Veterinary Surgeon, Stock Branch, Department of Mines and Agriculture. |
| 24. Tune | ... Railway Surveyor (Examination). |
| 24 " | ... Clerks of Works, Harbour Works, Trial Bay. |
| 25 July | ... Mother, No. 5 Cottage Home, Mittagong. |
| 6 " | ... Female Servant, Coast Hospital. |
| 9 15 | ... Assistant Baker (Improver), Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta. |
| 15 | ... Governor, Trial Bay Prison. |
| 16 " | ... T'emporary Survey Draftsmen. |
| 16 " | ... Field Assistant and Laboratory Assistant, in connection with Pasteurising in relation to Butter for Export. |
|  | $\ldots$ Instructor in Masoury, Stone and Marble Carving and Letter Cutting, Technical College. |
| 3 August | ... Second Government Analyst, Department of Public Heaith. |
| 3 " | ... Painter, Botanic Gardens. |

* Re-adrertised.


In the following cases applications for the vacant positions were invited by advertisement in local papers as well as by notice. displayed at the local post office :-

Telegraph Messenger at Morpeth.
Wollongong.
Pearith.
Wauchope.
Manly.
Kiama.
Wanaaring.
White Cliffs.
Wentworth Falle.
Kempsey.

Telegraph Messenger at Perth.
Nelligen.
Deniliquin.
Armidale.
Coonabarabran.
Smith Town.
Wallendbeen.
Finley.
West Maitland.
Balranald.

Appitcatrons invited for positions of Telegraph Messengers and Switch Attendants.

Telegraph Messenger at Lismore.
Stuart 'Iown.
Forster.
Grafton.
Wallsend-Plattsburg.
Katoomba.
Dural.

Telegraph Messenger at North Sydney.
Newcastle (first advertise: ment).
Bathurst.
Parkes.
Quirindí.
Aberdeen.

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In all the cases mentioned above, the Board either referred the applications to a sub-committee of officers in the Service, or, where it was impossible to procure officers of the requisite experience in the Service, they invited experienced gentlemen from outside to advise them on the applications. The sub-committee were instructed to scrutinise carefully the applications before them, and to report the person or persons best qualified to fill the post. The Board, with this report before them, made $\dot{a}$ a careful study of the applications received, but in no case did they come to a conclusion opposite to that of the sub-committee which they had appointed to advise them.

To decide on a proper candidate to be appointed, where the appointment cannot be made the subject of an examination, the Board have adopted eithcr one or other of two principles. Where the appointment to be filled requires from the possessor only bodily hoalth and good conduct, the Board's invariable rule has been to hold a ballot, which is drawn in the presence of several responsible officers. The papers of the person successful in the ballot are examined, and if found satisfactory the candidate is sent for, and if the Committee are satisfied as to his intelligence, he invariably receives the appointment. In country districts, or where the Board are unable to send for the successful candidate, a report is received from a local officer in a responsible position-either a Police Magistrate, Postmaster, or Clerk of Petty Sessions. Where, however; special qualifications are required from the candidate, the Board appoint a committee of three gentlemen, almost invariably chosen from the senior officers of the Service : the personnel of these committees is continually being changed, to correspond with the particular class of employment involved. This committee peruses the testimonials and references of candidates, and all candidates who answer the requirements of the advertisement calling for applications, and whose testimonials
are satisfactory, are examined by the committee; and the persons found by the committee to be the lest qualified are recommended to the Board: The Board then satisfy themselves by examination of the credentials of the candidate that he is fitted for the appointment, and the Board have rarely had occasion to differ from the sub-committee in the selection made.

The principle of advertising and open competition which the Board have established has been departed from in only one instance, viz., the appointment of Mr. J. L. Sinclair as Inspector of Chinese and Baggage Inspector. Mr. Sinclair, was at the time of his appointment in the temporary employ of the Customs Department; and was reported to be so specially suited to the work that he was certain to be chosen under any system of selection. Such being the case, the Board considered that to throw the post open to competition would be to mislead applicants and indirectly discredit their usual mode of selection.

Another class of appointments, namely, that of temporary compositors required in the Government Printing Office, necessitated a different course of procedure. A very large number of compositors offered themselves for employment, and the Board decided they would adopt the practice which prevails in some of the leading printing establishments and newspaper offices, of examining every person who offers himself for employment as to his capacity to do the work required at the printing office. Persons who satisfy the test have their names enrolled upon the Board's register; and from the names so enrolled, in the order of enrolment, which. is thiat of application, the Government Printer selects persons for employment.

During the last year the Board held an examination under. Messrs..W..F. Langley, R. Deverall, and W. Feather. One hundred and fifteen compositors presented themselves for testing, and of these 43 were found to be suitable for employment in the Printing Office, and were enrolled on the books of the Board. for employment as occasion offered. The trouble the Board have taken in this matter lias in some sense proved abortive, as no compositors have, since the test, been. required at the Government Printing Office, and the men found suitable have naturally felt somewhat aggrieved that they have not received work.

Two appointments of major importance became vacant during the year, namely, that of Inspector-General of the Insane, consequent upon the retirement of Dr. Manning, and that of Registrar-General, which became vacant owing to the untimely death of Mr. Parry Long. The Board were able to fill the appointment of Inspector-General of the Insane from within the Service, and their selection fell upon Dr. Eric Sinclair, Superintendent of the Gladesville Asylum. The Board felt that the retirement of Dr. Manning was a great loss to the Yublic Service. During his tenure of office he was able to entirely reform the treatment of the insane in the Colony, and to bring about a state of efficiency in his Department which the Board believe is not excelled in any country.

Mr. Long was appointed Registrar-General on the retirement of Mr. Pinhey. The Department of Registrar-General was in a state of very loose organisation, and many complaints were made by the public as to the inefficient manner in which they were served. Under Mr. Long's vigorous control, an entirely new appearance was put upon the Department, and the Board understand that not a single complaint has been made regarding the manner in which the work was performed during his administration. Owing to the Registrar-General's exertions the work was invariably kept up to date, and the legal profession expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with the attention which their demands received. Some suggestion has been made that friction occurred between the Board and Mr. Long, and that Mr. Long was not supported as he should have been by the Board. We take this opportunity of emphatically denying these assertions, which are absolutely contrary to facts, as the relations between the Board and Mr. Long were of a most pleasant character, and there was no officer in the Service for whom the Board entertained a greater esteem. Mr. Long was regarded by his officers with the greatest affection, and his untimely death was deeply felt by the whole of his staff.

On the position again becoming, so unfortunately, vacant, the Board felt that this high and important office should not be made the subject of an advertisement. They, therefore, themselves carefully considered the name of every person who appeared to be qualified, or to have claims for this responsible position, and being satisfied that there was nobody in the Service fit and available for the post, they decided to invite members of the legal profession to advise them on the same point.

They do not wish to disclose the names of their advisers, but the names were made known to the Honorable the Attorney-General, who considered that more qualified persons could not have been selected. The Board asked these gentlemen in the first instance to advise them whether in their opinion there was any person in the Service capable of undertaking the responsible duties of Registrar-General, and having been advised that no such person was in the Service fit and available, the Board suggested that their advisers should submit the names of any professional men who had the necessary experience and other qualifications for the position. The professional advisers suggested certain names, and after lengthened enquiry the Board determined to nominate for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council Mr. Hayes Williams. This gentleman was accordingly appointed. The Board believe they have made a very judicious choice : it is quite evident from the manner in which the appointment has been received, that it is a popular one with the legal profession, and they take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging their indebtedness to the gentlemen who, without remuneration, placed their valued services at the disposal of the Board.

## Employment of Women.

The Board have not yet been able to carry out their determination to afford women greater facilities for entering the Public Service. The arrangements of the various public offices are not such as to enable the convenient employment of men and women in the same rooms; but the Board propose to submit to the Government certain suggestions by which proper accommodation may be afforded for females, and in the event of their adoption, it will be the duty of the Board to carry out the intention of Parliament, and open to females certain branches of the service from which they are now excluded. At present, besides the technical employment absolutely reserved for women, the Board have seen their way to employ women almost exclusively in the day-work of the telephone exchange ; and during the last three years some ten women have been employed as typewriters, for which work they are eminently suited. Some of these are also shorthand-writers.

Female typists and shorthand writers, like other appointees, can only enter the Service after passing a competitive examination, and this is of such a practical nature as to assure that those who reach the top place must, in addition to mere digital dexterity, also 'possess intelligence, mental quickness, and, at least, a fair English education. Some of the shorthand dictation has been such as would sufficiently test a well-advanced scholar, while the typewriting from confused manuscript, which has to be deciphered and copied into neat and corrcct shape at competition speed, brings into play the powers of perception and concentration to a marked degree, and there is no doubt that the winners of places gained in this kind of competition will prove satisfactory amanuenses. In fact, if proof were wanting of this, it would be found in the constantly increasing demands made by the Departments for the services of such assistants.

For many years a limited number of women have been employed as telegraph operators and assistants in some of the suburban and country post and telegraph offices, and a female inspector under the Factories and Shops Act has been appointed. The branches of employment mentioned, however, by no means exhaust the avenues in which women's services can be utilised, and so soon as the required Regulations can be brought into force, and the necessary changes effected in connection with Government buildings, their employment will be considerably further extended. It is not contemplated, at any rate for the present, to render available to women offices where they would be brought into immediate contact with the general public, but no objection is apparent why they should not be availed of in both the clerical and professional divisions for duties such as book-keeping, correspondence, record, statistical, and other work, in which branches there can be no possible reason why women, when they have had opportunity to gain experience, should not perform equally well duties which are now carried out by men alone.

It is not necessary for the Board to make any defence for thus extending women's employment. The policy they have to follow has been settled by Act of Parliament, which provides for "the employment of women in those Departments or Branches of the Service in which it may seem desirable to employ them." It
only remains for the Board to make Regulations for carrying this intention into force, and to see that the work allotted is such as may be suitable to be given to women, and that the remuneration is in accordance with the value of the work performed. The first competitive examination for women will be held at the end of the current year.

## System of Sub-committees.

As far as the Board are able to do so, they attend personally to all the requirements of the Service and of the Act. There are cases, however, in which they are compelled to delegate|their functions. These cases are cliefly matters of inquiry into alleged offences, as it is not possible for the Board to perform their ordinary duties and at the same time visit remote parts of the Colony and spend there perhaps the best portion of a week investigating a charge against an officer; but where possible the Board depute one of their members to undertake this duty. However, in twelve instances the Board were compelled to request the Executive to appoint local Police Magistrates or other officers to hold the inquiry on their behalf. No other delegation of the functions of the Board takes place, although it is true that the Board, for the purpose of obtaining information to enable them to come to a right decision on complicated matters, have adopted the practice of appointing subcommittees to prepare the ground for them and make inquiries of a general nature. During the year 1898 the Board appointed a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Davis, C. O. Burge, C. J. Saunders, C. E. Rennie, and G. A. McKay, to inquire into the status of professional officers, the report of the sub-committee, which was a very valuable one, being now before the Board, and under consideration.

## Appointments under Section 30.

Under section 30 it is provided that where the Board certify there is no person in the Public Service capable of filling a position to which it is proposed an. appointment should be made, the Governor may appoint a person without examination or probation, and without compliance with the section regarding life assurance. The provision of this section has not in any instance been exercised during the past year. There have been no persons introduced into the permanent service of the Colony except on the recommendation of the Board.

## Temporary Employment.

The question of temporary employment has given the Board a great deal of trouble. A large number of officers were required for the pressing work of the Land and Income Tax Department, and as very few competent clerks were offering, the Board were compelled to sanction the employment of nearly every qualified person who made application. The staff of that Department is now complete, and it is not proposed that the Board should increase it, except in the ordinary way provided by the Act. Temporary clerical work in other Departments has mostly been provided for by the employment of selected telegraph messengers, who have been from time to time utilised by the Postal Department in the performance of clerical duties. Very few persons from outside the Service have been employed on clerical work during the year, and the necessity for introducing such persons will be absolutely done away with when the Board are able to bring into force the system which they contemplate, of having a staff of emergency officers available for the pressing times of any Department, or to take the place of officers in small Departments who are incapacitated loy sickness. There is one difficulty which the Board find in regard to the granting of temporary assistance, and that is that there is the greatest reluctance on the part of the Departments to dispense with an officer, although his original employment was purely temporary. When an officer has served three or four months in a Department, and has become used to the methods of the office, the Board find it an almost invariable rule that the heads of the Departments are anxious, and naturally so, that his services should be further retained. As the retention of an officer beyond the period of nine months is in direct violation of the Act, the Board have, of course, refused to sanction employment beyond that period. At one time a practice seemed to be growing up in regard to clerks
cletks and other temporary officers, for the Minister to retain them after the completion of their nine months' term, under the powers granted by section 38 of the Act; and it was feared that the system of employing temporary assistants from outside the Service would be liable to abuse on account of the reluctance displayed by some of the Departments to terminate an officer's engagement unless special attention ,was drawn to the matter by the intervention of the Treasury or the Board. However, the Attorney-General has now ruled that the employment contemplated by that section of the Act does not include clerical work; therefore, the practice of the Departments in obtaining Ministerial sanction for the retention of temporary clerks beyond the period of nine months allowed by the Act has come to an end.

In connection with the matter of additional assistance, the Board is constantly in receipt of applications from country towns for the employment of additional assistance, especially in the offices of the Clerks of Petty Sessions. Those applications are in very many instances promoted by the Clerks of Petty Sessions themselves, who seek to be relieved of a portion of their duties by the appointment of an assistant. In some cases, however, applications are really genuine, and are prompted by a knowledge which the residents have [but the Board cannot have] of the disabilities under which the departmental work in country districts is carried out, where the assistance is inadequate. The Board have seen their way to increase the staff in six cases, but all other applications they have systematically refused, as on inquiry they found the assistance was really not needed. The Board are afraid that it sometimes happens that a Clerk of Petty Sessions, though having much less work than would take up the time of an efficient officer, has promoted an agitation to obtain assistance for himself so that the small amount of work'which he now has to do will be made still smaller. The Board propose, so far as they are able, to take a very serious view of an offence of this character, by which the public funds are misapplied.

## Inquiries.

Two members of the Board, Messrs. Barling and Wilson, together with Mr. James Powell, were appointed a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Charities Department; and on the 14th December, 1897, they were appointed a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Strathfield Institution for the Blind. In regard to the first Commission, the Board made three Progress Reports, and they hope to bring their labours in connection with the inquiry to a conclusion during the present half-year. The Strathfield inquiry was completed, and Reports were sent in on the 1st March last. Both inquiries involved a considerable inroad into the time of the members of the Board; but the Board were glad that the Government gave them this work to do, as it enabled them to acquire a large amount of valuable information, which will be of great service to them in the work of reorganisation of the Dopartment of Charities which they have in view.

The Board also held a number of inquiries under section 49 of the Public Service Act. The total number of cases reported to the Board was 100, but in 44 eases it was not necessary for the Board to hold inquiries. These were summarily dealt with, and the decisions of the Board may be briefly indicated: -17 officers were cautioned, 5 of whom were also fined; 1 was reinstated, but transferred to another position; 2 were transferred and also reduced in salary; 1 was temporarily reduced; in 3 cases it was recommended that the officers' resignation be accepted; in 14 cases that the officers be called upon to resign; and in 6 cases it was necessary to recommend dismissal from the service. Into the remaining 56 cases, the full Board held inquiries in 29 cases; in one case the Board delegated their powers to two members; in 14 cases inquiries were held by delegation by one member of the Board ; and in 12 cases the Board recommended to the Executive that the inquiry should be held by Police Magistrates and other officers. In these cases the Board were not able to leave their duties in Sydney to hold an inquiry in a remote country town. It is a matter of principle with the Board that they shall personally undertake, so far as is possible, the inquiries into offences alleged against officers; and it is only in cases where great inconvenience would be caused by their absence from Sydney that thcy have, as the Act provides, delegated their powers. In dealing with those cases in which inquiries were held it was impossible to lay down any fixed rule, the surrounding circumstances having to be taken into careful consideration, but the decisions and recommendations of the Board may be summarised as follow:-In 1
case the charge against the officer was not sustained, and his suspension was removed; in 8 cases the accused were allowed to resume duty on probation, or transferred; in 3 cases the Board contented themselves with cautioning or reprimanding offenders; and in 8 other cases, in addition to the caution, the officers were also transferred, fined, or deprived of salary while under suspension. In 6 cases a reduction in grade was made; and in 3 others, in addition to this reduction, the salary was forfeited while under suspension. In a number of cases, however, more serious steps had to le taken, it being evident that the gravity of the offence was such that those at fault should not, in the public interests, be longer employed. One officer was retived under section 68 of the Act, 14 officers were called upon to resign, while 12 were dismissed from the service. Particulars of the cases dealt with will be found in Appendices 7 and 8 to this Report. The Board refrain from giving the names of the officers dealt with, as they do not wish to add unnecessarily to the punishment which the officers have suffered; and, as suggested in their Report last year, the Board feel certain that Parliament will appreciate the motives which induced them to omit this information.

## Stores and Public Service Tender Board.

The Board were able during the past year to bring about a radical change in the management of the Stores Department. As a preliminary, the Board on their first appointment made diligent inquiry into the working of the Department, and felt far from satisfied that the best results were being obtained. They were able to curtail the expense of the Department, but they considered that no permanent reform could be brought about unless an entire change of system was established. To this end they consulted those offcers in the various Departments who had the largest practical knowledge of the subject, and as the result they were enabled to formulate a scheme for the organisation of the department, which is now in progress. The first thing the Board found it desirable to bring about was uniformity in regard to public tenders. This they accomplished by selecting from the heads of the departments using stores, the following officers, who now comprise the Public Service Tender Board :-
R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, Chairman. Edmund Fosbery, Esq., Inspector-General of Police.
Eric Sinclair, Esq., M.D., Inspector-General of the Insane.
H. W. Ncitenstein, Esq., Comptroller-General of Prisons.
P. B. Walker, Esq., Chief Electrician and Engineer-in-Chief of Telegraphs. W. A. Gullick, Esq., Government Printer.

Mr. R. H. Beardsmore was transferred from the office of the Board, and appointed Secretary.

This Tender Board was approved by the Governor and Council, and was formally appointed on 8th July last. Certain regulations were prepared for the guidance of the Board, and these have also been passed by the Executive Council, and duly gazetted. These regulations embody the following principles, namely :-

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The Board found it necessary to retire the then Comptroller-General of Stores, and invited public applications for the position of Government Storekeeper under the new system. They were able to secure the services of a very competent officer, Mr. F. F. Hall, who was assistant storekeeper in the Railway Department. The Board recommended that the members of the Tender Board should be allowed a fee of $£ 22 \mathrm{~s}$. to the chairman, and $£ 1 \mathrm{ls}$. to each other member, for every meeting of the Board. It is considered desirable that this honorarium should be granted, as unless some such inducement be offered, it may be impossible to secure that regular attention at the meetings of the T'ender Board without which its proceedings will not le succossful, and it is a universal and proper custom that services of this kind should receive extra remuneration. Parliament has seen its way to strike out from the Estimates the allowance which the Board recommended to the members of the Tender Board; but the Board hope that the action of Parliament will not have the effect of dissolving the Tender Board, but that the members, in spite of the fact that their work will be without remuneration, will attend assiduously to the duties, both responsible and extensive, which the positions of members of the Tender Board involve. To this Board, and especially to the Chairman, falls the lot of managing, procuring, and distributing stores aggregating in value some $£ 200,000$, and we hope whon the matter is again submitted to Parliament that the House will look favourably upon the granting of the small allowance of $£ 250$ asked for.

The first report of the Tender Board will be found attached, marked Appendix No. 12. The Public Service Board takes this opportunity of expressing its satisfaction at the active part which the 'lender Board is taking in the important work of the re-organisation of the stores supply of the Government.

## Increases to Salaries over $£ 300$.

The 13oard deemed it desirable to specially submit in the Estimates the increases of salaties to certain officers now in reccipt of over $£ 300$ a year; all salaries below £300 being, as alrcady pointed out, dealt with under the increment regulations. The numbers of the salaries so proposed to be increased were as follow:-Chief Sccretary's Department, 7; Treasury, 3; Attorney General's, 1; Public Works, 3; Justice, 3; Public Instruction, 2; Mines, 4; Post Office, 8. Of these, Parliament saw fit to strike out the increases proposed to the officcrs of the Chief Secretary's Department and the 'l'reasury. The increases to the other officers, with the exception of one withdrawn by the Ministcr, were passed; the increases rejected were proposed for some of the most deserving officers in the Public Scrvice. Especial hardship would appear to have been done to Mr. Yardey, the Secretary to the Agent General in London. The salary which appeared on the Estimates was that which was awarded by the Board on the grading of the office, and Mr. Tardley's would have been passed by Parliament if it had appeared on the Estimates together with the salaries for the other officers graded by the Board in the year 1896. The Board propose to recommend the officers' salaries which were omitted for reconsideration.

## Sick Leave-Generar Division.

During the year the Board had under consideration the anomaly which arose funder the Regulations of officers in the General Division being treated less gencrously in the matter of sich-leave than officers in the Clerical Division. The Board considered that, in a matter of ordinary leave, there are good grounds why a distinction should be made between them. Officers in the Clerical Division have to devote not only their office hours, but may be called upon from time to time to encroach upon their private time in the performance of public duties; and, although overtime is .sometimes granted, this overtime is, under the Regulations, the exception, and not the rule. Moreover, all officers in the Clerical Division are required to work an .hour and a half after usual hours without pay before they can claim overtime, and over and above all this, the Board considered, when fixing salaries, that the leave granted by the Regulations should be taken as part of the emoluments of officers in the Clerical and Professional Divisions. Officers in the General Division cannot, however, be called upon to work overtime without receiving any corresponding consideration, either in leave or pay; and it is these circumstances which have influenced the Board in determining that a distinction should be made in the case of
the General Division as regards ordinary leave. With regard to sick-leave, the Board consider that there is nothing in the employment of persons in the General Division which would warrant the contiuaance of the lower scale of sick-leave; and they, therefore, during the past year, proposed a Regulation for the sanction of the Governor and Council, under which the concession of sick-leave has been made uniform throughout the Service.

The number of days' leave during the year to which an officer of the Clerical or Professional Division is entitled is twelve days' recreation leave, and public holidays amounting to eleven days. In the case of the General Division, they receive public holidays, amounting to eleven days, and six days' recreation leave, if entitled to charge overtime when working beyond the ordinary hours, and twelve days if not so entitled.

## Telegraph Messengers.

The Board have had under consideration the desirability of taking some action in regard to the numerous telegraph messengers who, through age and size, are really unsuitable for the performance of the very common daty of delivering telegrams. The Board find that a large number of lads, with but little education, have been from time to time introduced into the Public Service, commencing with a salary of £26 a year. Dp to the age of about nineteen years these lads are well suited for messengers; beyond that age many of them are unduly heavy for the light ponies Which are used in the Telegraph Service, and they become, for various other reasons, unfit for these duties. The Board have reserved to these messengers all the appointments of ordinary messengers which become vacant in the Public Departments and from their ranks also are recruited the mail-boys, sorters, and other officials in the General Division of the Post Office; but even with these avenues for employment open to them, in excess of those available before the Board were appointed, it is still found that there are many of these young men whom it is impossible to absorb in the Service at work in any way suitable to their age and capacity. A large number of the telegraph messengers, although in receipt of only £52 a year, have foolishly contracted marriage ties; and there is no doubt the pay they receive is not such as to enable them to support themselves and wives-and in some cases, families-with the degree of decency which is proper for a Government employee to maintain. On the other hand, the Board are precluded, by the very wording of the Act, by the policy which dictated its passing, and by the rule which they have laid down and applied to other branches of the Service, from granting to these officers an emolument in excess of the value of the duties performed by them. To do this might be benevolent, but the exercise of benevolence at the expense of the public purse is hardly one of the objects for which the Board were called into existence. The difficulty existed long before the appointment of the Public Service Board, and will exist so long as means arc not taken to relieve the Public Service of these officers who, entering as telegraph boys, have become too old for message work. The Board submitted a rule to the Governor and Council, which was agreed to, enabling them to grant to telegraph messengers four months' leave of absence, or, what is equivalent, retirement with four months' full pay when their services as messengers are no longer required. No advantage has yet been taken by the Department of this rule; but the Board think it would be in the interests of the Department, and the young mon themselves, if all over a specified age were required to leave the Public Service. The bulk of these boys are very poorly educated: if it were otherwise, and the Board found that they were able to employ them on clerical work, such work would long ago have been offered to them. The Board have examined a large number of these lads from time to time, and are disposed to say that, with very few exceptions, they are quite incapable of undertaking the most ordinary clerical duties. For the most part, the boys have neglected every opportunity of improving themselves during the period they were employed in the I'elegraph Department. Their spelling is bad; their writing is, for the most part, very inferior; and they arc destitute of the essentials of an ordinary clerk. The Board do not intend to allow these boys to be absorbed into the Clerical Division of the Public Service ; for, apart from the fact that the Act distinctly forbids this being done, it would only deteriorate the Service to employ such persons on clerical work, especially as the Board, by their examinations, are introducing into the Service the cream of the schools.

## Accommodation for Officers.

In one respect the Board hope yet to see further improvements effected; they are aware that some of the Permanent Heads administer their Departments under difficulties owing to unsuitable buildings, which in some cases have to be rented for the purpose. The Board themselves suffer inconvenience in this respect, it being impossible to extend the premises they occupy, the capacity of which is fully taxed. For permanent offices, it is felt that the renting of private houses is only expedient as a temporary measure, and the provision of commodious and suitable Government buildings for some of the Branches now badly located would conduce, if not to actual reduction of expense, at any rate to greater expedition in work, and afford better security for valuable papers and other Government property.

## Superannuation Fund.

The Board have nothing further to add to what they have already reported in regard to the Superannuation Fund. They, however, understand that the Government have promised to undertake the full responsibility of paying the pensions and gratuities provided by the Civil Service Act of 1884. Although there is no legal obligation on the part of the Government, the Board are very pleased that the implied obligations of the Act are to be so generously satisfied.

The Board take this opportunity to place on record their obligation to those gentlemen outside as well as in the Service who have on numerous occasions given them help. It is a most encouraging feature in the Board's administration that so many are found willing to render-and constantly have rendered--freely and promptly, assistance of the most valuable kind. They recognise that the patriotic feeling which has actuated this ready assistance on the part of many gentlemen in commercial, legal, and other business circles calls for their most sincere thanks; while the equally ready help they have had from gentlemen in the Departments proves that there exists among the officers a desire as deep and earnest as that of the Boaid themselves for improvement wherever possible, and for the maintenance generally of a thorough state of effectiveness throughout the Service. 'This willing co-operation on the part of others strengthens and encourages the members of the Board in the carrying out of their weighty responsibilities.

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,
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$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { GEO. A. WILSON, } \\ \text { J. BARLING, } \\ \text { T. A. COGHLAN, }\end{array}\right\} \begin{gathered}\text { Members of } \\ \text { Public Service } \\ \text { Board. }\end{gathered}$

Office of the Public Service Board.
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## Appendix No. 1.

Statement abowing appointments to the Public Service during the period from 1st November, 1897, to 31st December, 1898 (exclusive of teachers under the Public Instruction Department).

| Name. | $\dot{\text { Position }}$ | Salary. | Remanke. |
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CHIEF SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

|  | stle ... | 134(e) | To fill vacancy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townsend, M. | Cleancr, Chief Secretary's Office............. | 50 | New position. |
| Saunders, Clara | Nurse, Liverpool Asylum. | $5 \overline{5}(f)$ |  |
| Walsh, Katie | Nurse, Coast Hiospital | 25 (a) | To fill vacancy. |
| Pope, Sarah | Matron, Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere ... | 134(e) |  |
| Coberoft, Millicent S. | Probationary Nurse, Coast Hospital | $25(a)$ | New position. |
| L'Estrange, Jas. | Stableman, Coast Hospital | $5 \pm(a)$ |  |
| McKenzie, Mary | Probationary Nurse nt Coast Hospital | $25(a)$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Choinier, Mary Ann | Laundress at Coast Hospital | $45(2)$ | New position. |
| Doneghue, Neil | Attendant, George-strect Asylum, Parramatta | 90 | To fill vacancy. |
| Tracoy, J. | Labourer, Government Domains | 71- a day. |  |
| Bathgate, D. G. | Junior Clerk, Charities Commiesion |  | New position. |
| Luhr, C. R. | Nurse, Coast Hospital . | $95(a)$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Hill, M. I. S. S. |  | $25(a)$ <br> dallowances. |  |
| Brown, M. B. |  | $25$ <br> and allowances. | do |
| Campbell, M. | Senior Attendant, Coast Hospital | $55(a)$ | do |
| Jordan, F. R. | Junior Clerk, Master in Lunacy's Office ...... | 50 | New position. |
| Megarvey, W.t | Clerk, Liverpool Asylum ...................... | 100 | To fill vacaucy. |
| McEwen, James | Junior Clerk, Government Statistician's Office | 50 |  |
| Moore, Florence | General Servant, Coast Hospital.................. | £30 \& allowces valued at $£ 50$. | do |
| Chambers, Ellen | do do | £30 \& allowces | do |
| Brady, P. P. A. | Junior Clerk, Military Secretary's Office ...... | 50 | New position. |
| Reid, Dr. C. W. | Junior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta. | 270(b) | do |

In the following cases the probationary period has not yet expired :-

| Lake, L. A. L. | Nurse, Coast Hospital | 25(a) | New position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nelson, Amelia | do do | $25(a)$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Dey, Robert ....................... | House Surgeons at Coast Hospital . | 100(c) | do |
| Cooley, P. G. .. ................... | House Surgeons at Coast Hospital ............... | 100(c) |  |
| Itarcombe, Oswald G.* ............... | Junior Clerk in Master in Iunacy's Office ... | 50 | New position. |
| Miler, E. A. | Messenger at Coast Hospital ................... | 26 |  |
| Weston, Thos. Charlcs ... . | Gardener, Admiralty House ..................... | $\begin{gathered} 130 \\ \text { and residence. } \end{gathered}$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Thompson, Susan | Probationary Nurse, Coast Hospital | $25(\alpha)$ | do |
| Barnett, Janie ... | Assistant Cleaner, Office of Director of Charitable Institutions. | 30 | do |
| Blay, Alice M. .. ..................... ) <br> Hitcheock, E. S. | Probationary Nurses, Coast Hospital ........ | 25(x) | New poritions. |
| Lumley, Mabel V. <br> Hoperaft, Kate I. | do do $. . . . . i .$. | $25(a)$ | To fill vacancy. |
| ce M. ......... <br> Burke, Milo John. | General Attendant, Coast. Hospital ........... | 70(a) | New position. |
| Tredger, F. R. ........................... | Mother, No. $\overline{5}$ Cottage Home, Mittagong..... | $50(d)$ and allowances. | To fill racmey. |
| Cairns, George | Messenger in Charities Department ........... | 52 | New position. |
| Flowers, Frank | Painter, Botanic Gardens.............. ........... | 8s. a day. |  |
| Hull, A. | Baker, Nacquarie-strect Asylum ... | 65 | To fill vacancy. |
| Gould, Nellie | Matron, Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere ...... | $134(e)$ | do |
| Dawson, R. C. | Junior Clerk, Audit Office ....................... | 50 | do |
| Taylor, R. L. | Junior Clerk, Fisheries Department ........... | 50 | New position. |
| Ryan, J. C. | Junior Clerk, Callan Park ....................... | 50 | do |
| Smyth, Jessie | 2nd Attendant, Little Bay | 350 | To fill racandy. |
| Fox, E. G. | Nurse, Coast Hospital | $25(a)$ |  |
| Parsons, Isabel M. | General Scrvant, Coast Hospital | £30 \& allowces. at $£ 50$. | New position. |
| Nettle, Miss I. J......................... | Probationary Nurse, Coast Iospital | 125 \& allowces. at $£ 50$. | To fill vacancy. |
| Sullivan, Miss E. .................... | do . 'do | £25 \& allownes. at f 50. | do |
| Jubb, May C. | Probationary Nurse, Coast Hospital | £25 \& allowces. at $£ 50$. | do |
| McNamara, Ann | Assistant Cook, Coast Hospital | $\pm 40$ \& allowces. | do |
| Malthouse, H. | Lebourer, Botanic Gardens ..... | 7/- a day. | do |
| Greaves, Rose A. F. | Probationary Nurse, Coast Hospital .......... | £25 \& allowces. valued at $£ 50$. | do |

[^13]| Name. | Position. | SnIary. | Remarks. |
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| Clerk, Pullic Wharfs Office | 80 | New position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preventive Officer, Upper Murray............ | 10 | To fill vacancy. |
| Gold Receiver at Adelong........................ | 10 |  |
| do at Wyalong ..................... | 10 | do |
| Junior Clerks, Treasury | 50 | do |
| Typist, Pullic Service Board | 75 | do |
| Boatman, Broken Bay, Customs................ | 120 | do |
| Preventive Officer, Bateman's Bay, Customs... | 10 | do |
| Laboratory Assistant in Bacteriological Laboratory, Board of Health. | 150 | New position. |
| Junior Messenger, Customs ...................... | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Assistant Inspector of Chinese and Assistant Baggage Inspector. | 175 | New position. |

In the following cases the probationary period has not yet expired :-

| Jamieson, W. L. R. | Junior Clerk, Examining Branch, Treasury ... | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Taylor, T. G................ ....... ... | Junior Clerk, Correspondence Branch, Treasury. | 50 |  |
| Jones, F. W. | Junior Clerk, Account Branch, Treasury ...... | 50 | do |
| Titchen, Jno............................ | Warder, Mercantile Explosives Department, Newcastle. | 130 | do |
| Brown, F. P. | Junior Clerk, Board of Health ................. | 50 | do |
| Wilkins, Jas........................ ) |  |  |  |
| Wykes, W. M. <br> Johngon, H. A. | Junior Messengere, Customs Department,..... | $26$ | To fill vacancies. |
| Herd, N. A. ......................... . $)$ |  |  |  |
| Hurcombe, A. J. K......... . ......... | Junior Clerk, Treasury. | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Neal, H. E. | do Customs | 50 | New position. |
| M'Couaghy, H. | do do | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Gifford, F . | do do | 50 | New position. |
| Mitchell, G. F. A |  | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Wrigley, C. W. ...................) |  |  |  |
| Cannell, J. J. ..................................... |  |  |  |
| Elders, W. R. .............. . . . . |  |  |  |
| Hazelton, (G. C. Inkster, T. W. |  |  |  |
| Leynch, F. C. ... | Assistant Scarchers, Customs Department ... | 110 | New positions. |
| Rankin, H. .......................... |  |  |  |
| Tiller, 0. |  |  |  |
| Williams, J. A. |  |  |  |
| Keniry, T. J. ...................... |  |  |  |
| Macwilliam, S......................) |  |  |  |
| Baker, E. G. M. ...................... | Shorthand Writer and Typist in Office of Public Service Board. | 150 | To fill vacancy. |
| Goggin, Miss E. M. | do do | 125 | New prosition. |
| Kirby, P. D. | Junior Clerk, Taxation Department ......... | 50 |  |
| Cowie, W. J. | do Shipping Master's Office, New- | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Lindsay, W. C. | do Taxation Department | 50 | New position. |
| Nicholls, A. J. | do do | 50 |  |
| Laby, G. H. | do do | 50 | do |
| Triglone, S. G. | do do | 50 | do |
| Shorten, E. W. | do do | 50 | do |
| Ferguson, J. | do do | 50 | do |
| Carey, W. R. | do do | 50 | do |
| Van Epen, T. W | do do | 50 | do |
| Youdale, ${ }^{\text {P }}$. J. | do do | 50 | do |
| Love, P. J. | Junior Messenger, Treasury | 26 | do |
| Grant, Robert | Laboratory Assistant, Board of Health. | 175 | do |

## LANDS DEPARTMENT.

| $\checkmark$ ains, Chas.*** | Acting Forester, Torrowangee | 10 | To fill vacancy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wilson, D. A | Acting Forester, Hay ......... | 10 | do |
| Geeves, Jas. | Messenger, Lands Department | 36 | do |
| Egan, E. K. | Assistant Forester, 'rrundle... | 10 | New position. |
| Fctherstone, Leslie | Junior Clerk | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Evans, Oswald | do Local Land Board Office | 50 | New position. |
| Hagarty, L. J. | do Information Bureau. | 50 |  |
| Denshire, C. C. | do .Local Land Board Office, Morce | 50 District ajlowauce, i12 per nnnum ; special allowance, E15 per annum. | To fill vacancy. |
| Brook, H. J.S. | do | 50 | do |
| Brickwood, A. E. | Assistant to Plan-mounter | 26 | New position. |
| Scott, James | Field Assistant | 100 | To fill vacancy. |
| Wellisch, A. L.... | Junior Clerk | 50 |  |


| Name. | Position. | Salars. | Remaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underset{i}{\text { per annum. }}$ |  |

## LANDS DEPARTMENT-continued.

In the following cases the probationary period has not yet expired :-

| Farrand, S. H. | Plan-keeper, District Survey Office, Forbes... | 26 (a) | Nery position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gould, Harold Vietor | Iunior Clerk Local Land Board Office, Wagga |  | do |
| Herdon, Robt. ......... | Caretaker and Messenger, Local Land Board Office, Wagga | 70 | do |
| McWilliam, H. Pr. | $J$ unior Clerk, Crown Lands Office, Burrowa.. | 50 (b) | do |
| Burt, R. H. | Draftsman, District Survey Office, Moree | 150 | do |
| Thompson, O | Messenger ........................ | 26 | do |
| Jones, J. W. | Messenger and Carctaker, land Board Office, Tamworth. | $\stackrel{100}{\text { and quarters. }}$ | To fill vacancy. |

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.


In the following cases the probationary period has not yet expired :-


[^14]| Name. | Position. | Salary. | Remarke. |
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|  | per annum. |  |  |

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Hosking, G. K.
McCutcheon, J. W. $\ddagger$.
Smith, R, C. $\dagger$
Chalmers, J. W.,
Weir, R.*
Weir, Ellen
Burrows, A. J."
Colvin, Mrs. Mary
Hennessy, Andrew
Gracey Mrs. Rose A.
Edwards, H. D. +
Litchfield, H.*
Lord, Edwarde
Eowler, J. A.
Fowler, Mrs. Georgina
Scott, Walter §.
Mande, M. O. ${ }^{*}$
Jones, John Jas.*
Quirk, John*.
O'Brien, Thos.*
Wearin, W. H.*
Elliott, W. F.*
Rogers, Jno.*
Clifford, L. J.*
Kelly, F.*
Hughes, Joseph
Namb, Charles
Nolan, Cras."
Cole, Hy,*....
Parker, Andrew F....
Lawrence, Mrs. Emma
Gleeson, J. M.
Molloy, J. J. $\ddagger$
Thomson, Isabella
D'Arcy, I. M. G.
Haynes, Jas.*
Haynes, Jas***

Reid, A. E. ${ }^{\circ}$
Davis, J. D.*
Morton, Andrew +
Edwards, H. D. +
Horan, Shos. $\ddagger$
Clinch, J. W. $\ddagger$
Fitzhardinge, M. H.
Fletcher, J. W.
Bloxham, F. E.
Bertram, Dr. T. 1)....

| Bowen, Thos. Andrew* |  |
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|  | Fletcher, H. F. W.H |
|  | Colyer, Mrs. Adelaide. |
|  | Ashwood, Mrs. Lilian. |
|  | Leonard, W. B.* |
|  | White, H. J. ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
|  | Blanchfield, Jno.* |
|  | Barnes, Mrs. Louisa |
|  | Mayo, Mrs. Eliza A. |
|  | Biftin, Mrs. Emma |
|  | Edwards, Mrs. Maude |
|  | Clark, Mrs. Marian A. |
|  | Mason, Frink*. |
|  | Mason, Mrs. Eliza |
|  | Creagh, J. S.: |



| Nil | To fill vacancy. |
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| do | do |
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| Nil | do |
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| 10 | do |
| 10 | New position. |
| 10 | To fill vacancy. |
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| 26 | do |
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| and Nil | do |
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| 20 | do |
| 10 | do |
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| Nil | do |
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| Nil | do |
| 350 | do |
| 350 | do |
| 10 | do |
| 480 | do |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { less } 125 \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | do |
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| 10 | do |
| 125 | do |
| 5 | do |
| 5 | do |
| 10 | do |
| 10 | do |
| 10 | do |
| 5 | Ner position. |
| 7 | To fill vacancy. |
| 10 | do |
| 15 | do |
| 5 | do |
| 15 | do |
| 10 | do |
| 50 | do |


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| Stephens, Geo.* | Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, Helenglurgh.. | 10 | To fill vacancy, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Johnson, A. G.* | do do Clire ........ | 10 | - |
| Briggs, J. T.* | do do Ivanhoe | 10 | do |
| Bolton, Hy.* | do do Mount Hope. | 10 | do |
| Bulwer, I. W.* | do do Daysiale ...... | 10 | New position. |
| McMillan Mrs. M. A. | Comrt-cleaner, Menindic .................... | 6 | T'o fill vecancy. |
| Cheadle, J. E.* .. | Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, Trangie | 10 | do |
| Bolton, Marion | Court-cleaner, Mount Hope.. | \% | do |
| Riley, Robt, ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Acting Gaoler, Coonabarabran Gaol | 15 | do |
| Riley, Mrs. Frances | Acting Matron do | 10 | do |
| Ohtknow, Francis. | Brilitf of the District Court, at Muswellbroois | ${ }^{35}$ | do |
| Wilson, Joseph* | Acting Clerk of Petiy Sessions, at Guyra | $10$ | do |
| Maude, Mrs. L. M. | Court-cleaner at Bungendore | 5 | do |
| Williams, W. G. H. ................. | Registrar•General, Examiner of Patents, and Registrar of Trade Marks. | 1,000 | do |
| Quayle, R.* | Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, at Merriwa... | 10 | do |
| Lavier, J. 'I'.* | do Nambucen ... | 10 | do |
| Oates, Cecil G. | Junior Messenger, in Registrar-General's Department. | 96 | do |
| M'Plierson, Vena. | Court-cleaner, Gilgnnnia ........................ | 5 | do |
| Quirk, Annie | do Finley .. | 5 | do |
| Bremnan, J.* | Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, Nimitybelle.. | 10 | do |
| Telly, Mra, Mary | Court-cleaner, Cobargo .............................. | 7 | do |
| Johnson, Mrs. L. | do Clare... | 5 | do |
| Burgess, W. F... | District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages at Manilla. | Nil | do |
| Banks, H. S.* | Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Berrima ... | 10 | do |
| Foett, M. T.* | do do Collector... | 10 | do |
| O'Brien, Miss Kate | Court-clcaner, Paterson ... | 7 | do |
| Reid, Mirs. Amy | Courd-cleaner at Kangaroo Valley | 7 | do |
| Cheadle, Mrs. Edith | do Trangie ..... | 2 | do |
| Mackenzie, Mrs. L. E. | do Braidwood. | 30 | do |
| Haynes, Mrs. Alice M. | do Harcraves .... ................ | 5 | do |
| Ryan, Rev. Josejk | Roman Catholic Chaplain at Goulburn Gaol.. | 60 | do |
| Kane, Mrs Mary. | Court-cleancr, Murwillumbah.. ................. | 10 | do |
| Conroy, W. A. ..... | Junior Clerk, Registrar-Generals Department | 50 | do |
| Manning, Mrs. Annie | Court-cleaner, Murrurundi ....................... | 26 | ro |
| Jones, Mrs. Matilida | do Mossgiel ... | 5 | do |
| Cambridge, Chas.* | Acting Clerlk of Petty Sessions, Jandaloo ... | 10 | do |
| Mranch, JS. C.* | do do Central Tilba | 10 | do |
| I'Arcy Irvine, Rev. G. A. | Chureh of England Chaplain, Wollongong Gaol. | 50 | do |
| Stumbles, Mrs. S. | Court-clcaner, Drakc........................... ... | 1 | ก̇o |
| West, Mrs. E. | Assistant Cleaner, Justice Department. | 40 | do |
| Kearns, Miss M. | Court-eleaner, Rylstone .................... ... | 7 | do |
| Evans, Mrs. L. M. | do Yentabula .......... | 5 | do |
| Arnold, C. A. .... | Jmior Clerk, Singleton P. S. Office ............. | 50 | do |
| Green, 'T. W. * ... | Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bungwall Flat | 10 | do |
| Sarginson, Mrs. I).... | Court-cleaner, Muswellbrook ..................... | 15 | do |
| Blanchfield, Mrs. M | ro Oxlcy.......... | 5 | do |
| Evans, Lonisa M. | do Fantahulia ... | 5 | do |
| Kane, Mrs. M. 13. | do Marwillumbah | 10 | do |
| Murphy, Mrs. Amy ............... | do Urana .......................... | 15 | do |
| Moxon, Ven. Archleacon R. J. | Church of England Claplain, Grafton Gaol. | 30 | do |
| Casey, Rev. C. ........ | Roman Catholic Chaplain, Bourke Gaol ...... | 10 | do |
| Commolly, Rev. W, H. | do do Broken Hill Gan] | 20 | do |
| Moxon, Rev, R. J. | Church of England Chaplain, Grafton Gaol ... | 30 | dis |
| Murphy, Mrs. Amy | Court-cleaner, Urama............................... | 17 | do |
| Anderson, F. W. C. | Acting Clark of Petty Sessions, Adclong ...... | 10 | do |
| Ray, S. W. . | do do Mulwala.... | 10 | do |
| Tay, Mrs. Amelia | Matron, Grafton Gaol ...... | 12 | do |
| Roper, Mrs. Judica | do Wollongong Gaol .. | 10 | do |
| Brennan, Elizabeth. | Court-cleaner, Nymitybelle ................. ..... | 5 | do |
| Rawling, Rev. John | Church of England Chaplain, Wilcannia Gaol | 20 | do |
| Lawler, Minnic.. | Court-cleaner, Nambuccr........................... | 5 | do |
| Maekay, A. W. | Governor, Goulburn Gaol.. | 380 | do |
| Williams, Mra C. A. | Court-cleaner, IScone .............................. | and allowances. | - do |
| Grifiths, Aaron . | do Balranuld | $55$ <br> and fees. | do |
| Lung, Ada. | do Hunter's Hill .................... | 5 | Now position. |
| Wearin, Ammie $G^{\text {F }}$. | Acting Matron, Inverell Gaol .................... | 10 | To fill vacancy. |
| Byrne, Eillen J... | Court-cleaner, Uralla.............. ........ ........ | 10 | do |
| Phelan, Jissie A. | Matron, Hay Gaol ............. ....................., | 12 | do |

In the following cirscs the probationary period has not yet expired :-

| Schey, A. W. C. | Junior Clerk, Justice Department | 50 | New position, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elliott, Mrs. Annie | Acting Matron, Casino Gaol | 10 | do |
| Iord, Mrs. Alice ....................... | Court-clenner, Cumnock | 5 | 10 |
| Bowman, John H.* | Acting Gaoler, Narrandera | 15 | do |
| Bowman, Mrs. M. S. | Acting Mutron, Gaol at Narrandera | 5 | do |
| Ivory, Archibald* | Acting Giboler, Bega ..... | 15 |  |
| Ivory, Mrs. Laura A. ................. | Acting Matron, Bega Gaol ........................ | \% | do |


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| Acting Gaoler, Murrurun | 15 | To fill vacancy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acting Matron, Murrurund | 5 | do |
| Acting Gaoler, Grenfell.. | 15 | do |
| Acting Matron, Grenfell | 5 | do |
| Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Wagga... | 50 | do |
| Acting Gaoler, Campbelltown | 15 | do |
| Acting Matron, Campbelltown | 5 | do |
| Court-cleaner, Wyalong | 20 | do |
| Acting Gaoler, Port Macruario | 15 | do |
| Acting Matron, Port Maequaric | 10 | do |
| Court-cleaner, Kiama. | 15 | do |
| Junior Clerk, Goulburn Gaol | 50 | do |
| Court-cleaner, Gunning. | 10 | do |
| Court-keeper and Cleaner and Messenger at Orange. | 60 (a) | do |
| Shorthaud Writer and Typist, Registrar General's Department. | 120 | New position. |
| Court-cleaner, Nymagec | 7 | To fill vacancy. |
| R. C. Chaplain, Berrima Gool | 100 | do |
| do Parramatta Gaol | 60 | clo |
| Presbytorian Chaplain, Darlinghurst Gaol | 50 | do |
| C. E. Chapplain, Bourke Gaol | 10 | do |
| do Hay Gaol | 20 | do |
| Wesleyan Chaplain, Darlinghur | 50 | do |
| R. C. Chaplain, Bathurst Gaol | 60 | do |
| R. C. Chaplain, Darlinghurst Gaol ........... | 120 | do |
| C. E. Chaplain, Tamworth Gaol | 20 | do |
| R. C. Chaplain, Darlinghurst Gao | 120 | do |
| Court-cleener, Perrith | 12 | do |
| Clerk of Works, Trial Bay | $\begin{gathered} 200 \\ \text { and quarters. } \end{gathered}$ | New position. |
| 2nd Class Sheriff's Officer, Cobar | $\begin{gathered} 50 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Court-cleaner, Cassilis | 10/10/. | do |
| do Yalgogrin | 5 | New position. |
| do Guyra. | 5 | To fill vacancy. |
| Assistiont Cleaner, Yass | 39 |  |
| Court-cleaner, Moulamoin. | 5 | New position, |
| Junior Clerk, Bathurst Gaol |  | To fill vacancy. |
| do Registrar-Generals Department | 50 | do |
| do do | 50 | do |
| do do | 50 | do |
| do do | 50 |  |
| do Darlinghurst Gaol | 50 | New position. |
| Court-cloaner, Penrith | 12 | To fill vacancy. |
| do Bundarra | 5 | do |
| do Coraki | 7 | do |
| do Gumning | 10 | do |
| do Central Tilba |  | do |
| Junior Clerk, Petty Scssions Officer, Gunnedah | $50(b)$ | do |
| Court-cleaner, Oberon | 5 | do |
| Elcetric Light Engineer, Bathurst Gat | 150 | New position. |
| Court-cleauer, Collcetor ....................... | 5 | To fill vacancy. |
| Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Wagga... | 50 |  |
| Court-cleaner, Penrith ......................... | 12 | do |
| do Bowral | 7 | do |
| do Raymond Terrace | 7 |  |
| Junior Clerk, District Court | 50 | New position. |
| Court-cleaner, Dandaloo |  | To fill vacancy. |
| Electric-light Engineer, East Maitland Gaol.. | 156 | New position. |
| Court-cleaner, Junce. | 7 | To fill vacancy. |
| Acting Gaoler, Wyalong | 15 | New position. |
| Acting Matron, Wyalong Gaol | 5 | do |

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTPY.



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| M'Mahon, F | Messenger, Sydney Observatory. | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Watson, James......................... | Attendant, Carpenterian Reformatory ......... | $\begin{gathered} 100 \\ \text { Less \&35 for } \\ \text { allowances. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Gurney, W. B......................... | Junior Attendant, Public Library ........... | 50 | New position. |

In the following cases the probationary period has not yet expired :-

| Dyet, Alexander ........ .............. | Teacher of Shorthand at Technical School, | Fees only (a) | To fill vacancy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K |  | 0 (d) | do |
| K | Assistant to the Lecturer in Agriculture at Technical College. | 0 | do |
| Warren, E. W | Lecturer in Physics at Technical College | $125(a)$ <br> and tees. | do |
| Cample | Messenger, | 26 | (e) |
| Hendon, Robt. | Cleaner and Caretaker, Technical College...... | 60 | do (f) |
| Petrie, Jas. M. | Demonstrator in Chemistry and Assaying, Technical College. | $\begin{aligned} & 200 \\ & \text { nnd } \frac{1}{t} \text { fees of } \\ & \text { students. } \end{aligned}$ | New position. |
| Perry, E. A. | Laboratory Assistant in Teelinical College | 100 (a) | do |
| McKee, Miss Kate | Laundress at Shaftesbury Reformatory......... | 39 (c) | To fill vacancy. |
| Kelly, Edward ....... | Caretaker and Assistant in Taboratory, Technical College, Broken Hill. | 50 $50(b)$ | New position. |
| Schofield, Miss E. A. .................. <br> Kennedy Hugh | Cook, Industrial School, Parramatta............ | 50 (b) | To fill vacancy. |
| Wennedy, Fugh Waring, Ferbert | Janior Attendants, Free Public Library ...... | $26$ | New position. |
| Stephens, A. J. .................... | Caretaler ther | each |  |
| Barnett, F. W, Bowden, R. J. | Caretaker, 'Lechnical School, Petersham ...... | $20(a)$ | do |
| Hayes, W. F. | Junior Clerks, Public Instruction Department | 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Hall, Thomas | Attendant, National Art Gallery .............. | 117 | New position. |
| Dunning, Ada | General Scrvant, IIurlstone Training College | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Lake, W. J. | Junior Assistant, Technical College, Fitting and Tlurning Shop. | 40 | do |
| Smith, W. | Tailor, Carpenterian Reiormatory ............... | 65 (c) | do |

## DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND AQRICULTURE.

| Waters, George | Orchardist, Hawkesbury Agricultural College | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \pi 0 \\ & \text { less } \sum \begin{array}{l} \text { £ } 2 \text { for } \\ \text { allowances. } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | To fill vacancy, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Baker, George Justelins, W. | Assistant Watchman at Mining Museum...... Warden's Clerk nt O'Connell............... | $\begin{gathered} 26 \\ 6 \\ \text { fcos and } 5 \% \\ \text { coummission. } \end{gathered}$ | New position. To fill vacancy. |
| Gardner, Herbert* + .................... | Warden's Bailiff at Wyalong and Wyalong West. | Fees only ...... | do |
| Wright, Chas. H. ....................... | Warden's Bailiff at Taree | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Oslear, C. E.t ......................... | Warden of the Peel and Uralla and Mudgee Mining 1istricts. | Nil | New position. |
| Purcell, J | Warden's Bailiff, Cootamundra ............... | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Gorman, Clarence H.**. | Caretaker of tho Pera Bore 'and Manager of Experimental Farm. | 200 | To fill vacancy. |
| Davies, G. W | Warden's Clerk, \&e., Wentworth ........... ... | Nil | New position. |
| Biffin, Thos.* | Warden's Bailiff, Hillgrove and West Hillgrove. | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Meynink, H. Gr. W. ................. | Warden's Bailiff at Narrandera | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Andrews, Wm.§ | Bailiff of the Warden's Courts | Fees only.. | New position. |
| Bolton, H. | Mining Registrar, \&c., Mount Hope | Fees de commission | To fill vacancy. |
| Byrne, W. P. | Warden's Bailiff at Murwillumbah................ | 3 |  |
| Clark, C. F. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Warden's Clerk, ©c., Bailiff of the Warden's Court at Bendemeer. | 10 <br> and fees and commission. | To fill vacancy. |
| Scroope, Simon G.* ................... | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, \&c., at South Woodburn. | 6 and fees and $5 \%$ commlesion. | do |
| Davies, E. A. ${ }^{\prime}$ (g). | Warden's Clerk, \&c., Moss Vale .............. | Nil.............. | do |
| McPherson, Jas. ${ }^{\text {a }}$........................ | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registsar, \&c., Gilgunnia. | Fees \& commission | do |
| Kelly, Frank ${ }^{\text {c }}$...................................... | Bajiff of the Warden's Court at Sofala.......... Nining Registrar and Officer to issuc, at Cobargo. | Fees only ...... <br> Fees and $5 \%$ commission. | do do |

(a) Partially employcd. (b) And allowances valued at $=30$, (c) And allowances valued at 535 .

- Police Officer, ( 0 This appontment was rendered necessary by the transfer of the Mining office from Berrima to Moss Vale.
 ** Formerly employod in a temporary capacity -ponsition now made zermanent.
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| M'Cormack, H, | Bailiff of the Warden's Court, Wattle Flat ... | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | New position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Haynes, Jas.* | Warden's Clerle, Mining Registrar, and Officer to issue, at Hargraves. | 7/10\|fees and commission. | To fill vacancy. |
| Capewell, Henry ${ }^{*}$......... | Warden's Clerk: \&c, , and Bailiff at Cargo ... | 16 <br> fees and $5 \%$ commission. | do |
| Aston, C. W.* | Warden's Clerk, \&c., Bobadah ... ........... | $\overline{6}$ <br> fees and $5 \%$ commission. |  |
| Hammond, W. P. | Warden's Clerls, \&e., at Captain's Flat......... | 27 <br> fees and $5 \%$ commission. | do |
| Clifforrs, | Warden's Clerk | 6 | do |
|  | Mining legistrar, \&c.: Bateman's liay ........ | $5 \%$ commission. | do |
| Ashwood, Moses* | Warden's Clerk. Mining Registrar, and Officer to issue, Bullahdelah. | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ \text { tees, } 5 \% \text { com } \\ \text { nission. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
|  | Bailiff of the Warden's Court................. | Fee | do |
| Coates, Dennis* (a) | Bailiff of the Warden's Court at Moss Vale | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ \text { and tees. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Wisbey, Carlto | Mining Registrar and Officer to issue, at 'Tooma. | Fees and $5 \%$ commission. | do |
| Maude, M. O | Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer to issue, at l3ungendore and Bywong. | 12 <br> fecs and $5 \%$ commission. | do |
|  | Bailiff of the Warden's Co | Fees |  |
| Todd, W. G. | Bailiff of Warden's Court, Rockley | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Murray, 'T. C. | Cleaner of Office of Inspector of Public Watering Places at Bourke. | S | New position. |
| Campey, | Warden's Clerk, de., Peak Hill .................. | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & \text { fees and } 5 \text { : } \\ & \text { comminsion. } \end{aligned}$ | do |
| Hynes, B.* | Bailiff of Warden's Court at Tibooburra | Fees only | (1) |
| Wood, W, A.* | do do Warden'sClerk, dc. | $10$ <br> fees and $5 \%$ commission. | tlo |
| Nolan, Charles* | Mining Registrar <br> Warden's Clerk, \&c., at White Cliffs | $7 / 101-$ <br> Fees and 5\% eommission. | do |
| Fraser, F. W. (b) | Officer to Issue at Binda | 5\% conmmission. | do |
| Hodgins, J. W. + | Officer to Issue, de., Wingham ................. | 5\% commission. | do |
| Kane, B* ${ }^{\text { }}$........ ..................... | Warden's Bailiff at Murwillumbah............... - | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | To fill racancy. |
| Brennan; J. *............................. | do do Nimitybelle, Officer to Issue. | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ \text { fees and } 5 \% \\ \text { comntission. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Tucker, J. A.* | Warden's Clerk, ic., Alectown ................. | 25 <br> and fees and commission. | do |
| Alford, Jas. ............................. | Orchardist, Hawkesbury Agricultural College | $\begin{gathered} 210 \\ \text { and quarters. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Hart, Wm. ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | Officer to issue, Galleymont...................... | Fees and 5\% commission. | New position. |
| Gray, A.* .. | Mining Registrar, dc, at Frogmoor ............ | Fees and 5\% commission. | do |
| Hyons, Thomas | Watchman, Mining Muscum ... | 78 | To fill vacancy. |
| Golledge, H. W. | Jumior Clerk ........... ................. | - 50 | New position. |
| Carthew, John | Inspector of Metalliferous Mines .............. | 245 | do |
| Graham, A. N... | Junior Draftsinan ................................. | - 50 | To fill vacancy. |
| Polkinghorn, John ..... | Inspector of Metalliferous Mines ........... | 245 | New position. |

In the followingleases the probationary period has not yet expired :-

| Lee, Mark (c) .......................... | Warden's Cleris, Moonan Brook................. | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | New position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edwards, Alcxander*................. | Warden's Bailiff at Walcha | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ \text { and fees. } \end{gathered}$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Condran, Thos** | Officer authorised to issue at Bunc | commission | New position. |
| Blomfield, T. V. | Inspector of Stock . | 100 | To fill vacnncy. |
| Peacock, P. W. | Manager, Experimental Farm, Bogan Scrub... | $\begin{gathered} 150 \\ \text { and quarters. } \end{gathered}$ | New position. |
| Denston, P. C. | Assistant in Laboratory under the Dairy Expert. | 75 | do |
| Stewart, J. D. | Veterinary Surgeon to Stock Branch.......... | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \\ & \text { and allowances } \\ & \text { valued at } \$ 110 . \end{aligned}$ | o |
| Quirk, P. ............................... | Caretaker of Stud Cattle Farm, Kirkham...... | $\begin{gathered} 150 \\ \text { and house. } \end{gathered}$ | do |
| Hoge, S.A. ............................. | Orchardist and Fruit Dryer, Wagga Farm ... | 150 <br> and allowances valued at $£ 50$. | To fill vacaucy. |
| Chomley, F. G.......................... | Inspector under Vegetation Discases Act...... | 200 | New position. |


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POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

| Brentnall, M | Switch-attendant, Head Offico ............... | 26 | New position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whitelair, C. | do do | 26 | do |
| Northwood, L. L. | do do | 26 | do |
| Wilmshurst, $G$. | do do | 26 | do |
| Tawrie, W. + | do Broken Hill | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Newell, IL. E. | Telegraph Messenger, Penrith ... | 26 | do |
| Osborne, W. S. | - Klo Kiama | 26 | ${ }^{\text {do }}$ |
| Hilder, H. J. | - do Grenfell | 26 | do |
| McDonogh, J. Y.t | do Wardell | 26 | do |
| W'illiams, A. S.t. | Switch-attendant, Head Office | 26 | do |
| Rea, Florence A.t. . . . . . . . . . . . ${ }_{\text {Ther }}$ ) |  |  |  |
| Weatherburn, E. A.t............. | Switch-attendants, G.P.O. ....................... | 26 | New positions. |
| Stevens, Ads J.t................... Parker, J. S.t. |  |  |  |
| Sharpe, Thos.t........................ | Telegraph Messenger at Head Office ........... | 26 | To fill racancy. |
| Drew, W. G., Jr.t | do Nowtown.. | 26 | do |
| Morris, E., Jr. + | do Head Office. | $\stackrel{20}{90}$ | do |
| Walsh, Jas. A.t | do Casino | 26 | do |
| Radnidge, G. McD. $\dagger$ | do Murwurundi Railway Station | 39 | do |
| Darby, C. T. $\dagger$ | do Wagga Wagga ........ | 39 | do |
| McNeill, J. J. $\dagger$ | do Strond | 26 | do |
| High, Emily H. $\dagger$ | Switch-attendant, Head Office.... | 26 | New position. |
| McKeough, M. P. $\dagger$ | Telegraph Messenger, Harwood Island.. | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Sykes, Ella M.t | Switch-attendant, Head Office | $\stackrel{26}{ }$ | do |
| Netterfield, Winifredt | do do .. | 26 | do |
| Gormly, B. N.t.. | Telegraph MIessenger, Aulurn... | 26 | do |
| Cooke, A.t. | do Rockdale | 26 | ${ }^{\text {do }}$ |
| Peek, W. A. $\dagger$ | do West Maitland | 26 | do |
| Richardson, T. $\dagger$ | do . West Kempsey | 26 | do |
| Hattersley, H. $\dagger$ | do Port Macquarie | 26 | do |
| Connell, Mary T. $\dagger$ | Switch-attendant, Head Office | 96 | New position. |
| Collman, S. A. $\dagger$ | 'Jelegraph Messenger, Hurstville | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Vinton, A. S. $\dagger$ | do Summer Hill ....... ... | 26 |  |
| Stackpool, Thos. | do Orange ... | 26 | do |
| Hayward, A. F.t | div Head Ollice | 20 | do |
| Genders, A. $\dagger$. | do Ultimo.... | 26 | do |
| Marr, C. W. C.t | do Head Office. | 26 | do |
| Thompson, H.t | do Newcastle | 26 | do |
| Rankin, R. C.t | Switch-attendant, Cobar ....................... | 26 | New position. |
| Hanley, A. J.t. | Junior Letter-carrier, Greenwich | 26 | ${ }^{\text {do }} \mathrm{o}$ |
| Geraghty, F. A. B. $\dagger$ | Switch-attendant, Head Office ................ | 26 | do |
| Jones, T. H.t | do P'tersham ................... | 26 | do |
| Tissington, W. H. $\dagger$ | do Head Oftice ...il | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Douglass, R. M. $\dagger$ | Telcgraph Messenger, गulwich Hill ........... | 26 |  |
| Fotheringham, E. l. $\dagger$ | do Tarce.. | 20 | do |
| Brindle, W. H. $\dagger$ | do Jenman | $\stackrel{26}{ }$ | do |
| Karnaghan, F. J. $\dagger$ | do Carrathool | 26 | do |
| $O^{\prime} \mathrm{Grady}$, J. A. $\dagger$ | Switch-attendant, Cobar | ${ }^{26}$ | New position, |
| Hough, F. H.†.. | Telegraph Messenger, Brush Grove | 26 | To 611 vacancy. |
| MeGrath, J. $\dagger$ | - to Yamba.. | 26 | do |
| Brown, G., jun. $\dagger$..................... | do Dapto .... | 96 | New position. |
| Dixon, P. E.t ....................... | do Wickham. | $\stackrel{26}{26}$ | 10 fill vacancy. <br> do |
| Gardner, E. B.t ${ }_{\text {Pettingell }}$ H. G. W. ............... | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { do } \\ \text { do } & \text { Vyalong ..... } \\ \text { Cootamundra }\end{array}$ | 26 26 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ |
| Pettingell, H. G. W.t Swanson, E. G. $\dagger . . . .$. | do Cootimundra ........... | 26 | do |
| ${ }_{\text {Swanson, }}$ E, Grayhurst, F. $\dagger$.. | do  <br> do Blanfliord ............... |  | do |
| Grayhurst, F. $\dagger$ | Head Office. | 26 | do |
| Jay, C. A.t ${ }_{\text {ard, }}$ | do William-strcet ........ | $\stackrel{26}{26}$ | do |
| $\stackrel{\text { Baird, Jno. }}{ }+\ldots$ |  | 26 | do |
| Madsen, G. Hi. | Junior Clerk, Cheek Branch......... | 50 | do |
| Eatch, Mabel $\dagger$ | Switch-attendant, Head Office :............... | 20 | New position. |
| O'Connor, A. ${ }^{+}$ | do Wahroonga.. | 26 |  |
| Fitzgerald, S. S. | do Dulbbo... | 26 | do |
| Glover, V. W. H. | do do | 26 | do |
| Carroll, A. A. | do do | 29 | do |
| McCarthy, Jno. $\dagger$ | do Wahroonga | $\underline{26}$ |  |
| Broadfoot, D. $\ddagger$. | Postal Assistant, Allbury .......... | 150 | To fill vacancy. |
| l3yrnes, J. T. | \{ Switch-attendants, Head Office .......... \| | $\stackrel{26}{\text { each. }}$ | New position. |
| Pearse, T . | Switch-attendant, Kogarah | 26 | do |
| Coleman, J. T. | do Waverley | 26 | ${ }^{\text {do }}$ |
| Morton, W. H. N. | do East Carlingford | 26 | do |
| Murray, T. F. J. | Tunior Clerk, Correspondence Branch | 50 | do |
| Stanner, 13. J.t........................ | Switch-attendant, Hunter's Hill................ | 52 | do |
| Parker, Elsie A. | do Head Office....... ........... | 26 | do |
| Powell, Helena T......... | do do . | $2{ }^{26}$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Wilson, Ada M.... | \} Switch-atlendants, Head Office.. ........... \} | each. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ |
| Murphy, 1 . | Switch-attendant; Mosman | 26 | New position. |
| Hook, H. G. C. | do Chatswood | 20 | do |
| Yates, E. E. .......................... |  | 26 26 | do |
| Casey, Geo. S. ........................ | Junior Letter-carrier Captain's Flat ............ | 26 | do |

$\dagger$ Thesc officials were appointed on prohation prior to the period to $r$ hich this return relates; but tbeir appointinents were conflimed during such period, $\ddagger$ Officer reappointed.

| Nanse. | Position. | Salary. | Kenarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\substack{\text { per annum. } \\ £}$ |  |

POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT-continued.

| Sheath, H. A. | Switch-attendant, | Petersham | .............. |  | 26 | New position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lamb, A. W. | do | Bathurst. |  |  | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Watts, R. J. | do | Ashfield |  |  | 26 | New position. |
| Read, A. W. | do | Burwood |  |  | 26 | do |
| Stephan, R. C. ........................ | do | Edgecliff |  |  | 26 | do |
| Vernon, Miss F. F. | do | Head Office |  |  | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Binstead, J. R. | do | do | ................ | * | 26 | New position. |
| Hewiti, R. | do | do |  |  | 26 | d |
| Fullwood, G. F. ...... ................. | do | Glebe |  |  | 26 | New position. |
| Ussher, J. E. | do | Head Office | ......... |  | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Holden, Ethel | do | do | ................ |  | 26 | do |
| Forster, Ethel M. | do | do |  |  | 26 | do |
| Maher, Sarah | do | do |  |  | 26 | do |
| Cleary, Mabel G. ....................... | do | do |  |  | 26 | do |

In the following cases the probationary period has not yet expired:-


| Name. | Fosition. | Salary. | Remnrks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\substack{\text { per annum. } \\ £ \\ \hline}$ |  |

POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT-continued.


| Nane. | Pesitioi. | Salary. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underset{£}{\text { per annum. }}$ |  |

POSTAL AND RLEETRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT-continued.

|  | Switch-attendants, Head Office ... ............. Telegraph Messenger, Narrandera ............ | 26 each. 26 and 5s. a week delivering corres. pondence. | New position. <br> To fill vacancy. do <br> do |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keene, Giles E. | do Chatswool | 26 | New position. |
| Hall, Norman | do Roliertson | 26 | To fill vacancy, |
| Cross, John | do Albury. | 26 | do |
| Talbot, Hugh | do North Sydney.. | 26 | do |
| Heseltine, Emily C.................... Wallis, Stella |  |  |  |
| Weekley, Eliz. S...................... Hanratty, Elsie............... | Switch-attendauts, Head Office ............. | 26 | New positions. |
| Mildwatur, Hithel.....................) |  |  |  |
| Hatchison, A. E. | Telegraph Messenger, Head Office ..... ......... do George-strect West | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 26 \end{aligned}$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Lagerlow, H. W. ...................... ${ }^{\text {McAdam, J. ............... ... }}$ | do George-strect Weat ... | $\stackrel{26}{26}$ |  |
| McAdam, J. .................... ... Crichton, H. . | Telegraph Messengers, Petersham ........ ..... | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} 20 \\ \text { each. } \end{array}\right\}$ | To fill vacancies. |
| Lynch, Daniel ....................... | Telegraph Messenger, Harwood Island... | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Wilkinsou, W. | do Minto | 26 | do |
| Eades, A. | do Parramatta | $\stackrel{26}{ }$ | 30 |
| Jarman, B. S. | do Singleton ................ | 26 | do |
| Cleary, M. G. | Switci-attendant, Head Office ................ | 26 | do |
| Poole, D. R. | Telegraph Messenger, Wiaverley | 20 | do |
| Gearing, w. | do Bourke. | 26 | do |
| Brant, T. W. | in North Botany ........... | $\stackrel{9}{6}$ | do |
| Conmors, J. H. | do Head Office .............. | 26 | do |
| Patton, W. W. | do Forbes | 26 | do |
| Langforl, S. M. | do Katoomba | 26 26 | do |
| Fabry, W. J. |  | 26 26 | do', |
| Higgins, P. ${ }_{\text {Guranich, }}$ | Switch-attendant, Rook wood ... do | $\stackrel{26}{26}$ | New dosition. |
| Torrester, H . | Telegraph Messenger, Haymarket | ${ }_{26}$ | To fill vacancy. |
| Guppy, C. H | Switch-ittendant, Broken Hill | 26 | do |
| Shepherd, J. | Telegraph Mcssonser, Marulan | 26 | ${ }^{\text {do }}$ |
| Petschler, F. C. | do Head Office | 26 | do |
| Robertson, T. | do North Sydney.......... | 26 | do |
| Dale, S. H. | do do | 26 | ${ }_{\text {do }}$ |
| Neary, W. H. ${ }^{\text {U. }}$. | do Coolamon | 26 | New position. |
| Kebblewhite, H. L. | do Myde.... | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Harding, F. J. | ro Broken Hill.. | 26 |  |
| $O^{\prime}$ 'Brien, C. M. | do Bulahdelah | 20 | do |
| Hitcheock, H. W. | do Raymond Terrace | 26 | do |
| Kenniff, Matthew | do Wingham . | 26 | do |
| Golc, S. 0. | Junior Clerk, Mail Division. | 50 | do |
| Harris, W. F. | 'Telegrapl Messenger, Wee Waa | 26 | New position. |
| Caldwell, A.J | do Head Office. | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Ingham, E. J. | do do . | ${ }_{20}^{60}$ | do |
| King, E.... | do Oxford-strect | 26 | dos |
| Beard, C. A. | ro - Head Office.............. | 26 | do |
| Pollard, Thos. | do Mossgriel ................. | 26 | do |
| Thryant, X . | do Smithtown ............. | 26 | do |
| Davies, Charles | do Newcastle .............. | 26 | do |
| Marlden, Chas. | do Narrabri | 26 | do |
| 13ovard, Percy | Switch-attemdant, Lismore | 26 | New position. |
| MeDonough, Patrick Fanning, P. H....... | do do ........................ | $\stackrel{26}{26}$ | do |
| Fanning, P. H......... Figelcton, W. R. ..... |  | $\stackrel{26}{26}$ | do <br> To fill vacancy. |
| Griffiths, E. P | do Alexandria | 26 | do |
| Deaman, F. | do Head Office | 26 | do |
| Schroder, James | do Lithgow | 26 | do |
| Porter, C. W. | do West Kempscy ........ | $\stackrel{26}{6}$ | do |
| Creswick, A. A. S. | do Rooty Hill ............. | 26 | New position. |
| Brown, H. P'. | $\xrightarrow{\text { do }}$ Forles | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Morony, E. A. | Switeh-attendant, Head Office ................. | $\stackrel{26}{96}$ | do |
| Pearse, S. E. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 26 \end{aligned}$ | New position. |
| Watson, A. | do do | 26 | do |
| Kelly, M. | do do | 26 | do |
| Nelson, V. M. | do do | 26 | do |
| Rose, E. | do do | 26 | do |
| Rose, V. M. | do do .lo ............. | 26 | do |
| Bezer, C. C. | Tolegraph Messenger, William-strect ........ | 26 | To fill vacancy. |
| Mrkenn, William | do Thend Office.. | ${ }^{26}$ | do |
| Moore, H. W. . | do Head Office ................ | $\stackrel{1}{6}$ | do |
| Rowley, G. | do Rozelle ...................' | 26 | do |
| Maxwell, B. ......................... | dio William-strcet ......... | $\stackrel{20}{9}$ | do, |
| Edwards, E. E. B. ............... ... | do Summer Hill ........... | 26 | do |

## Appendix No. 2.

Statenent showing cases whero the Services of Temporary Officers have been retained by Ministers, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 38 of the "Public Service Act of 1895," during the period from 1st November, 1897; to 31st December, 1898.

| Name. | P'osition. | Selinry. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

THE TREASURY.

| Ford, William | Cleaner, Public Whar | ris |  | 15s. a w |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jeanneret, H. S.* | Clerk, Government | Printing Office |  | 10s. | a day. |
| Martin, W. ...... | Carpenter, | do |  | 10s. | , |
| Deane, H. | Apprentice, | do |  | 7s. 6d, | ," |
| Little, J. ..... | Reader's Assistant, | do | ................................... | 7s. 6d. | ," |
| MeDernott ${ }_{1} \mathrm{C} . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ |  | do |  | 10s. |  |
| Swain, J. W........................... | Assistant, | do | .... | 12s. a | week. |
| Edwards, H . | do | do |  | 128. | , |
| Prothero, H. ............................. | do | do | .... | 10 s . | , |
| Rodgers, J.. ................... ......... | do | do | ...,....... ............................. | 10 s . | ; |
| Gorry, C. | do | do | ............................................ | 109. | 19 |
| Ball, J. | do | do |  | 108. | , |
| Lyons, J. T. | do | do |  | 10 s . | " |
| Cromack, W. | Peader's Assistant.. |  |  | 7s. 6d. | " |
| Owens, G. | do | do |  | 7s. 6d. | " |
| Tweoddale, W, | do | do |  | 7s. 6d. | " |
| Bayley, J. W. ........................ | do | do |  | 75. 6 d . | " |

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

| Cramna, H. B. | Clerk, Government Architect's Branch | 10s. a day. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wilkinson, L. A. | Surveyor, Engineer-in-Chief's Branch | 11s. , |
| Bowman, J. | Draftaman, Railway Construction Branch | 12s. |
| Rowlands, H. B.t | do Sewerage Construction Branch | £125 per annum. |
| Cooke, W. L. | Surveyor, do | £234 . |
| Simall, H, W. | Draftsman, do | $\pm 125$ " |
| St. John, E. P. C. | do Railway Construotion Branch | $\pm 100$ |
| Tournay Hinde, A. W. | do Sewerage Construction Branch | 15s. a day. |
| Jones, E. C. .......... | do Railway Construction Brauch | £250 per annum. |
| Osborn, H. S. | do Bridges Branch. | 10s. a day. |
| Healey, J. H. | Timekeeper, Mudgee Waterworks. | 8s. |
| Harte, W. .... | Quarry Foreman, Camden Haven Improvement Works | 108. $\quad$, |
| Tunks, F. P. | Draftsman, Harbour and Fivers Branch | 12s. $"$ |
| Henson, A. A. | Timekeeper, Darling Harbour Improvement Works | 83. |
| Newton, J. | Junior Draftsman, Government Architect's Branch | f2 10s. a week. |
| Sparke, A. | do do | £210s. |
| Moser, E. ............................... | do do | £2 10s. " |
| Henry H. | do do | £2 10s. $\quad$ |

## DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

| Ogden, T. A. (a) | Clerk, Ministcrial Branch ............ ................................. | 10s. a day. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elliott, R. H. | Storeman, Board of Exports | £2 10s. a week. |
| Myers, M. T. | Messenger, Hawkesbury College | 10s. a week. |
| Drayton, W. | Boy, do | 25s. , |
| Stewart, W. (b) | Carpenter, Wagga Farm | 8s. a day. |
| Kerr, G. H. (c) | Caretaker, Trungley Trank | 25̄s. a week. |
| Lamb, S. (d) .... | In charge of Tobacco Plantations ... | £290 per annum. |
| Cleary, Thos. (e) | Night Watchman, Hawkesbury College | 15s. a week. |
| Thomson, 3. L. | Caretaker, Moree Bore. | 7s. a day. |
| Lahcy, James ( $f$ ). | Labourer, Nemingha Farm | os. ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ |
| Greentrees, Willian (g) | do do | 3s. |
| Butler, E. D.............................. | Distributer of Seed Wheat | ¢156 per annum. |
| Willians, A.M. | Labourer, Wollongbar Farm | 68. a day. |
| Cahill, J. B. ... | Draftsman, Public Watering Places | 125. " |
| Langston, Edward ( $h$ ). | Labourer, Moonbi Ylantation | 5s. • |
| Harvey, C. M. | Caretaker, Dolgelly Bore. | 6s. ${ }^{\prime}$ |
| Butler, E. D. | Inspector under Vegetation Diseases Act................................ | ¢200 per annum. |
| Chamberlain, Joshua | Caretaker, Yalgogrin Tank ..... ........................................... | 7s. a day. |

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.
Fawcett, W. L'E. (i) ..... .. ......... $\mid$ Clerk, Newtown Petty Sessions Office
Best, C. H. (j) ...........................
Larnnel, A. (k)


10s. a day.
10s. a day.
10s. a day.

* Not now employed, $\quad+$ Resigned, 30 September, 1895
(c) Employnent terminated, 31 st December, 1898. (b) Employnment terminated, 27 th August, 1893 . (c) Emplorment terminated, 30 th June, 1898 . (f) $\mathbf{E}$ (d) Employment terminated, 11 th Septeriber, 1893 . (e) Employnont termlnated, 30th August, 1898.
(f) Employment terminated, 30 th Tune, 1893 . (g) Employment terminated, 7th May 1898 . (h) Employment terminnted, 30th June, 1898. ) Employment terminated, 28 th October, 1893. (j) Employment terminated, 66h May, is9s. (k) Emphoyment terminated, 28th February, 1898


## Appendix No. 3.

Statement of Pensions granted to Officers on retirement from the Public Service, undor the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884, during the period from 1st November, 1897, to 3lst December, 1898.


## Appendix No. 4.

Statement of Gratuities granted to Officers retired from the Public Service during the period from 1st November, 1897, to 31st December, 1898.

| Name. | Department trom which Officer retired. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Oratuity. } \end{aligned}$ | Amount of Rofunid from Supcrannuation Fund. | Total, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ${ }_{103}^{\text {f }}$. ${ }_{\text {s. }}$ d. |  | $\mathrm{E}^{ \pm}$g. d. |
| TManton, W. A. | Post and Telegraph Department............................................................ | $\begin{array}{llll}103 & 8 & 11 \\ 150 & 12 & 10\end{array}$ |  |  |
| Stumbles, S. | Justice Department ................................................ | 22414 | 84107 | 3094 |
| Dennis, G. J. | Post and Tolegraph Department. | 2601310 | 8810 d | 349.42 |
| Kellick, C. M. | Government Printing Office. | 52900 | $135 \cdot 34$ | $664{ }^{3} 4$ |
| $\dagger$ Robinson, C. J | Lands Department..................................... | 75185 |  |  |
| Bottom, W. | do | 321510 |  |  |
| Philps, R. | Ṫclegraph Department | $68 \quad 29$ | 321011 | 100138 |
| Foster, H. J. | Lands Department. | 69 5 |  |  |
| Bright, H. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ junr. | Postal Department. | 1405 |  |  |
| Wells, H. E. | Justice Department ............. ........ .............. | 100 |  |  |
| Stewart, N . | do ..................... .............. | 2000 |  |  |
| Murnsilde. Miss J. | Chief Secretary | 1091610 | 60174 | 17014 |
| Pitt, C. J | Department of Public Instru | 675.10 | 232147 | 907157 |
| Horsley, C. J. |  | 1.00 |  | 100 |
| Everson, P. S. | Lands Department. | 64152 |  |  |
| Dalton, M. | Chief Secretary's Depa | 800 |  |  |
| Chandler, C. |  | 400 |  |  |
| Dodds, s . | Department of Pullic Instruction | 279 | 1011811 | 381.48 |
| Honniball, D. McN. | Postal 1 Jepartment. | 102192 | 5429 | 157111 |
| Davies, T. A. | Justice Department | $\begin{array}{llll}512 & 2 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}228 & 5 & 8\end{array}$ | 7408 |
| Whitnall, G | Marine Board | 24322 | $61 \begin{array}{ll}61 & 7\end{array}$ | 3044 |
| Tiley, J. M | Treasury | 3811911 | 135174 | 517173 |
| Hama, T. H. | Postal Department | 21110 |  |  |
| Samuel, Sir Saul | Agent-Geveral. | 2,364 $12 \quad 2$ | 455160 | 2,820 8 2 |
| Crosby, J. D.... | Department of Public Instruction | $\begin{array}{llll}414 & 4 & 1 \\ 150 & 17 & \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Gambell, W. H. | do do | 150178 | 76121 | 22799 |
| Manton, J. | (Additional). | 2319 |  |  |
| Klause, C. | Government Printing Office | 58109 |  |  |
| Bruce, A. E. | Postal Dopartment. | 111610 | $7 \quad 53$ | 102 |
| Wiburd, W. | do do. | 791810 |  |  |
| Meads, P. J. | Charities Department | 4.40 |  |  |
| Wheeler, s. | Government Printing Offlice | 411510 |  |  |
| Quigley, J. | Chief Secretary's Department.. | 8000 | ............. |  |
| Crawford, W. | Registrar-General's Department. | 531911 |  |  |
| Redstone, J. P. | Post and Telegraph Department. | 22160 | $\begin{array}{llll}12 & 0 & 10\end{array}$ | 341610 |
| Mitchell, D . | Justice Department ..... | 1551210 | 68196 | 224124 |
| Green, W. | Chief Secretary | $80 \quad 00$ |  |  |
| Unwin, H. A. | Military Secretary's Office | 32408 | 150116 | 474122 |
| Downey, W. | Justice Department | $168{ }^{168} 11$ |  |  |
| Douglas, C. | Chief Secretary | 77184 |  |  |
| Corbett, J. H. | Works Department | 6810 |  |  |
| Barnes, IT. W. | Lands Dopartment. | $29718 \cdot 4$ |  |  |
| Hornc, Captain C. G. | Justice Department | 20876 | 136611 | 344145 |
| $0^{\text {P/Connor, }} \mathrm{D}$. | - do | 21162 | 121310 | 34100 |
| Peary, Jhomas | Railway Department. | 15746 |  |  |
| Reardon, li. J. | Postal Department | 127134 |  |  |
| White, G. W. | Lands Dcpartment. | 101011 | 12163 | 113172 |

*Further amount, making £212 103. 11d. in all. †Further amount, making £322 14s. 6d, in all.

## Appendix No. 5.

Statement showing amounts paid in respect of refunds of contributions to the Superannuation Account, in accordance with section 62 of the Public Service Act of 1895, during the period from 1st November, 1897, to 31st December, 1898.

| Name of Onficer. | Department from which officer retired. | Apiount refurded. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hartnell, Miss K. | Department of Public Instruction | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { E } & \text { g. } \\ 30 & 11 & \mathbf{g} .\end{array}$ |
| Moore, Miss C. | do do | 1033 |
| Marshall, Miss J. | do do | 17.71 |
| Adams, Miss V. K. | do . do | 3 3 11 |
| Hadficld, A. | do. to | 17150 |
| Forster, 1 V . | Railway Department | 5910 |
| Luck, H . | Department of Public Instruction | 9151 |
| Harrison, Miss J | do do | 5140 |
| Curry, J. | Postal and Electric Telegraph Department | 150138 |
| McDonald, Miss K. F. | Department of Public Instruction .......... | $\begin{array}{llll}39 & 8 & 3\end{array}$ |
| Firm, Miss A. |  | 5.18 |
| Adams, Mrs. H. J. | do ${ }^{\text {do }}$ | 44178 |
| Burns, Miss A. M. | do do | 617 |



* Amount made payable to representative.


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## Appendiz No. 6.

Statement showing Gratuities granted, puder the provisions of section 51 of the "Civil Service Act of 1884," during the period from 1st November, 1897, to 31st December, 1898.
*Hackett, Mrs. Mary J., widow of Jas. Hackett, Inspector, Railway Department Cookc, Mrs., widow of Wm. Cooke, Coxswain, Launch "Mabel," Lunacy Department Hasmot, Mrs., widow of the late Mr. J. M. Hasmot, Oriental Interpreter
Dickerson, Mrs. Norah, widow of B. Dickerson, Day Watchman, Government Printing Office
Hancox, Mrs. L., widow of the Late S. D. Hancor, Audit Inspector, Railway Department
Brown, Mrs. Amy, widow of the late Mr. J. C. R. Brown, Inspector of Tobacco Factorics, Custom Department

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| 162 | 10 | 0 |

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## Appendix No. 7.

Statement of Inquiries held by the Public Service Board under the provisions of section 49 of the "Public Service Act of 1895" durifig the period from 1st November, 1897, to 31st December, 1898.

| Department in which officer was employerd. | Nature of Offence. | Date on whleh Inquiry whs held. | Decision of the Bonrc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Department of Public Works | Accused of being intoxicated and fighting with other passengers in train whilst travelling on official business. | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { and } 8 \text { Nov., } \\ & 1897 . \end{aligned}$ | To recommend that the officer be dismissed the Public Service. |
| Postal and ElectricTelegraph Department. | Accusel of irregularities in connecinon with his official cash, falsifying his accounts, and tampering with | $\begin{aligned} & 29 \text { and } 30 \text { Oct. } \\ & 1897 . \end{aligned}$ | To recommend thint the officer be called upon to resign. |
| Department of Public Works | Overstaying leave of absence granted to him. | 26 Nov., 1897 ... | Officer severely repuinanded; to be transferred to another position when convenient, and lose salary while under suspension and during period of unauthorised leare. |
| -Postal and Electric Telegraph Department. | Being alsent from duty without leave, clused through drink. | 22 Nor., 1897 ... | To nllow officer to resume duty on probation for six months. Department to report monthly as to his conduct. |
| Department of Justico | Improper conduct in connection with a judgment order obtained against him. | 24 Nov., 1897 ... | To recommend that the officer he dismissed the Public Service. |
| Department of Public Works | Being incapacitated from the effects of drink during office loours, and inefficiency in the performance of his duties. | 3 Dec., 1897 ... | Officer allowed to return to duty. Cautioned that any repetition of complaints will be more severcly dealt with. |
| Postal and Electric Telegraph Department. | Absence from duty without leave ... | 30 Nov. and 7 Dec., 1897. | To recommend that the officer be dismissed the Public Service. |
| lublic Tustruction Department. | Indecent conduct towards female pupils. | 30 Nov., 1897 ... | To recommend that the officer be dismissed the service. |
|  | Having attended his office in an unfit state to perform his duties through drink. | 19 Dec., 1897 | Officer to be allowed to return to duty, lose salary during the time he was under suspension, and be removed to another positiou as soon as possible. |
| Do do | Absence from duty without leave, caused through over-indulgence in drink. | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \text { and } 17 \text { Dee., } \\ & 1897 . \end{aligned}$ | To recommend that the officer be called upon to resigu. |
| Department of Public Works | Insubordination | $\begin{aligned} & 7,14, \text { nnd } 10 \\ & \text { Oct., } 1897 . \end{aligned}$ | Officer transferred to another office on probation for six months. |
| Postal and Electric Telegraph Department. | Irregularly dealing with a registered letter containing a postal note for $£ 1$. | 28 Dee., 1897 ... | To recommend that the officer be dismissed the Service. |
| Public Instruction Depart- ment. | Indecent conduct towards two fernale pupils of his class. | 2s Oct., 1897 .. | To recommend that tho officer be dismissed the Service. |
| $\underset{\text { ment. }}{\text { Chief }}$ Secretary's Depart- | Striking an aged inmate of an asylum | 11 Jan., 1898 ... | Officer severcly roprimanded; trans. ferred to another asylum; salary during the time he was under suspension to be forfeited. |
| Department of Public Works | Disregard of order given by District Tingineer. | 18 Dec., 1897 ... | To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign. |
|  | Wilful disobedience of orders given by Foreman. | 18 Dec., 1897 ... | Officer reduced in grade. |
| Do do | Wilful disobedience of orders given by Foreman. | 18 Dec., 1897 ... | To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign. |
| Do . do | Absent from duty without authorised leave. | 15 Jan., 1898 ... | Charge not sustained. |
| Postal and Electric Telcgraph Department. | (1) Gross carelessness in the performance of his duty, and (2) being in $n$ muddled condition while on duty, evidently caused through drink. | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \text { and } 15 \text { Jan., } \\ & 1898 . \end{aligned}$ | Officer allowed to return to duty on probation for six months, at the end of which time the question of his re-instatement would be considered. |
| Chief Secretary's Department | For performing her duties in_an unsatisfactory manner. | 16 and 17 Dec. 1897, and 7, 8, and 10 Jan., 1898. | Officer transferred to nnother position. |
| The Treasury . | Absence from duty without leave .. | 4 Feb., 1898...... | That the officer be removed from the permauent to the temporary staff, and that he should not receive pay during suspension. |
| Department of Justice.. Do do | Misconduct and inattention to duty. Misconduct and inefficiency........... | 3 Feb., 1898 ... 4 Feb, 1898 | To reduce the officer's salary from £209 to $£ 150$ per annum as from the date of resumption of duty, and that he be not paid salary during period of suspensiou. <br> To reduce the officer's salary from $£ 200$ to $£ 160$ per aunum ; and that he be not paid salary during period of suspension. |
| 'Dopartment of Lands :....... | Reported deficiency in his public accounts, and irregolarity in dealing with moneys entrusted to him as an officer of the Department of Lands. | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text {, 11, and } 14 \\ \text { Feb., } 1898 . \end{gathered}$ | To severely censure the officer; but, in view of the circumstances surrounding the case, not to inflict any moresevercpunishment. Theofficer to be allowed to resume duty and receive salary during suspension. |



| Department in which officer was cmptoyed. | Nature of Ofence. | Dater on which tuyuiry was held. | Jecision ot the Doard. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chief Sccretary's Depariment | Using insulting language ........ ... | 22 Nov., 189S ... | To recommend that the officer be callerl upon to resign, but be considered eligible for re-omployment. should a suitable vacancy occur. |
| Department of Public Works | Mutilnting office time book | -- Nor:, 1898. | To recommend that officer be called upon to resign. |
| Postal and Electric Tclegraph Departinent. | Carclessucss and unrelindility in the performance of his dutics. | 24 Nov., $1898 .$. | Officer to be transferred to another Department. |
| Postal and Electric Telegraph Department. | Insubordination | 16 Dec., 1898.. | Officers to be disrated five places in their grades, or to the bottom of their gralos shoud any of them by being reduced five places go into the grade below. |

## Appendix No. 8.

Stamament showing offences reported to the Public Service Board under the provisions of section 49 of the "Public Service Act of 1895 ," during the period from 1st November, 1897 , to 31st December, 1898, in respect of which iaquiries were unnecessary.

| Depnetment in which the officer concerned was employed. | Offence. | Decision of the Roard. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Department of Public Instruction | Absence from duty without leave. Officer adimitted the trath of the charge. | To recommend that the officer be dis. missed the Service. |
| Postal and Electric Telegraph Department. | Having been under the jnftence of drink while on duty. Officer admitted the truth of the charge | To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign. |
| Department of Public Instruction | Immoral conduct. Officer admitted the trutis of the charge. | do do |

Having been drunk and disorderly while on duty. Arrested and fined.
Chicf Secretary's Department

Public Works Department
「ostal and Electric 'Telegraph Department.

Public Works Department.
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Pullic Works Department.

## Department of Justice.

Postal and Electric Telegraph Department.

## Department of Lauds

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Postal and Electric Telograph Department.
Chief Secretary's Department .
Customs Department
Chief Secretary's Department
Postal and Electric Telegraph lepartment.

Do
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Department of Justice
travelling expenses. Offence admitterl.

Fined 20s. or twenty two days' gaol, for being drunk and disorderly
Irregularitics in connection with Sarings Bank deposits, and general carclessness in management, while acting as Poostmaster. Offence admitted.
Being of intemporate habits $\qquad$
Insulordination. Offence admitted

Hrwing been under the influence of driuk. Oftence admitted.
Having been under pecmiary obligations to several of his subordinate officers. Offence admitted.
Negligence and carelessuess in the discharge of his dutics. Offence admitterl.
Intoxicited while on duty. Oficer tendered his resignation.

Misconduct, due to over-indulgence in drink. Offence admitted.
Misconduct in continually absenting himself from duty without leave, owing to over indulgence in drink, Offence admitted.
Dishonesty und unsatisfactory conduct in the performance of his daties, Offence admitted.
Boing intoxicated while on iuty. Offeuce ad. mitted.
Being under the influence of drink and incapable of performing his daties. Offence admitted.
Absence from duty withont leave, caused throngh over-indulgence in drink. Ofience admitted. Being short in his official cash, and being addicter to excessive use of stimulants. Offence admitted.
Misdelivering a registered letter containing $£ 1$. Offence arimittcis.
lrregularities in pomnection with his official accounts, and absence from district without leave. Offence admittert.
missed the Service
To recommend that the officer be called do
To recommend that the officer be dismissed the Public Service.
Officer severely censured, and informed that if any future complaint of the kind was made against him his dismissal would be recommended.
That the officer be cantioned.
To recommend that the officer be dismissed the Public Service.

To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign.
Officer warned that another offence of this nature would lead to his dismissal.
To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign.
To remove the officer to a position in the country at a reduced salary.
That the officer be removed to a position at a lower salary.
To recommend that the officer's resigna. tion be accepted under the provisions of section 49 of the Public Service Act.
To recommend that the officer be dismissed the Public Sorvice.
To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign.
To recommend that the officer bo dis. missed the Public Scrvice.
To recommend that the officer be called upon to resign.
To recommend that the officer's salary be recluced to $£ 200$ per ammum for tweive months.
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## Appendix No. 9.

Report of the Chatran of tine Board of Exhminetas in connegthon with the Exathinations for Admission to the Clerical and Professional Divisions of me Pobifc Service.

## To the Members of the Public Service Board,-Gentlemen,

Since my last roport two examinations have heen heid, one during the week beginning December 20th, 1897, and one during the week beginning June 27th, 189 s .

The Examinations work smoothly and attract a good class of candidates. Tt is hoped that a somewhat larger proportion may succeed in passing future exaninations; at the same time there is no intention of relaxing the admitted and intentional stringency of the test.

For the December examination 133 candidates presented themselves, 29 of whom succeeded in obtaining the requisite number of marks. The small number of candidates competing may be explainod by the fact that the examination was not expected by the pubic, it being the general impression that a yearly examination held in Junc would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Service.

The candidates were distributed for examination at various centres as follows:-
Sydney, 70 ; Albury, 3 ; Armidale, 5 ; Bathurst, 4 ; Bega, 1 ; Bowral, 1 ; Braidwood, 2 ; Cooma, 1 ; Cootamundra, 1; Dubbo, 1; Glen Innes, 4; Goulburn, 3; Grafton, 3; Hay, 3; Kiama, 1; East Maitland, 2; Narrandera, 1; Newcastle, 5; Orange, 2; Scone, 1; Singleton, 1; T'amworth, 1; Tenterfield, 1; Kempsey, 1; Wilcannia, 1 ; Wollongong, 4 ; Yass, 1.

The following additional examiners were appointed to assist in marking the papers:-
Messrs. E. M. Moors, M.A., D. G. Stewart, M.A., C. Hardy, B.A., C. Brennan, M.A., J. le G. Brereton, B.A.

For the June cxamination 265 candidates presented themselres. Of this number 28 were candidates for admission to the Professional Division (Engineering, Survey, or Drafting). The aubjects for this cramination are the same as those for the Clerical Division with the exceptions:-

1. Thati candidates for the Engineering Branch are required to take Mathematics (Euclid Books 1-4 and Book 6, with exercises: Algebra up to and including quadratic equations), Elementary Drawing, and Geology.
2. That candidates for Survey and Drafting are required to take Mathematics and Drawing (as defined above).
Forty-five succeeded in passing for the Clerical Division and twelve for the Professional.
The candidates were distributed for examination at the various centres as follows:-Sydney, 177; Albury, 1; Armidale, 4 ; Bathurst, 7; 13ega, 1; Bourke, 1; Braidwood, 1; Burrowa, 1; Cootamundra, 4; Dubbo, 2; Porbes, 2; Glen Innes, 3; Goulburn, 5; Grafton, 5; Hay, 5; Inverell, 1; Kempses, 2; Liemore, 1 ; Lithgow, 1; East Maitland, 4; Monnt Victoria, 2 ; Narrandora, 1 ; Newcastle, 16 ; Nowra, 2; Orange, 1 ; Parkes, 1 ; Port Macquarie, 3; Rylstone, 3; Tamworth, 1; Temora, 1; Wollongong, 4; Young, 1 .

The following additional examiners were appointed to assist in marking the papers:-Messrs. E. M. Moors, M.A., A. Newham, B.A., C. Hardy, B.A., A. W. Tose, C. Brennan, M.A., J. le G. Brereton, B.A.

The Board of Examiners desire to convey their thanks to the Senate of the University of Sydney for allowing them to use the Great Hall of the University in connection with the examination of Sydney Candidates; to the Under Secretary for Public Jnstruction for his courtesy in permitting them to use the services of many of the Inspectors of Sehools as superintendents at rarious country centres; to those gentlemen for the efficient manner in which they supervised the examinations; and also to the numerous gentlemen who consented toact on Committees of Supervision.

THEODORE THOMAS GURNEY, M.A., Chairman.

## Superinlendents at various centres of examination (December, 1897).

Sydney :-Messrs. W. II. Nicholle, B.A., and A. Thompson, B.A.
Albury :-T. Pearson, Inspector of Schools.
Armidale :-J. D. Bradles, District Inspector of Schools.
Bathurst:-J. M'Credie, District Inspector of Schools.
Bega:-P. Durie, Inspector of Schools.
Bowral :-W. H. Johnson, District Inspector of Schools.
Braidwood:-G. H. Hunt, Inspector of Schools.
Cooma :-Mr. W. Madgwick, Rev. W. A. S. Anderson, Mr. F. L. Woolrych.
Cootamundra:-Mev. J. C. Betts, Messrs. F. A. Morgan, B.A., F. Pinkstoue, A. J. M'Carthy, W. E. Ward, J3. Doidge.
Dubbo:-J. W. P. Baillie, Inspector of Schools.
Gilen Innes :-W. Beavis, Inspector of Schools.
Goulburn:-D. J. Cooper, M.A., District Inspector of Schools.
Grafton:-A. Lobban, District Inspector of Schools.
Hay:-W. Nolan, Inspector of Schools.
Kiama:-Mr. A. Whittingham.
East Maitland:-T. Dwyer, District Inspector of Schools.
Narrandera:-Reve. C. Eldred, Barnett, Huggart, and J. T. Huston.
Neweastle:-C. O. Jiashman, Inspector of Schools.
Orange:-Rers. A. M. Gould, J. J. Taylor, H. Halmarick, TP. Colwell.
Scone:-Revs. P. Norman, A. C. Hirst, Messrs. J. A. K. Shaw, I. H. Dalton.
Singleton:-Rers. P. Meagher and F. D. Kilgallin, Messrs. A.C. Robinson, R. Ticelurst, F. J. Robineon.
Tamworth:-I. Blumer, Inspector of Schools.
T'enterfield:-Revs. R. Dill Macky, H. Granville Smith, P. Corcoran, and B. Lane, Dr. R. J. Morice, Mesers. T. M. Walker, W. A. Laverty.
West Kempsey :-Revs. J. Taylor, R. H. W. Kells, T. J. Curwood, M. I. Lancaster.
Wilcannia:-lievs. J. Rawling, A. Doig, I. E. Anderson, Messrs. IT. Millard, E. C. Mugg.
Wollongong:-H. M•Clelland, B.A., Inspector of Schools.
Yass:-P. F. Sheehy, Inspector of Schools.

## Superintendents and Committees (ewune, 1898).

Sydney :-Messrs. W. H. Nicholls, B.A., G. C. Millard, B.A.
Albury :-1. Pearson, Inspector of Schools.
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Bega:-1P. Durie, Inspector of Schools.
Bourke:- Rev. F. Morgan, Messrs. W. H. Danioll, D. A. T. Fitapatrick, - Hughes, H. M. Salenger, P. S. Biddulph.

Braidwood:-J. W. E. Baillie, Inspector of Schools.
Young:-C. J. W. Cornish, J.P., R. Cox, J. Levvick, J. Salter.
Dubbo:-G. IK. Hunt, Inspector of Schools.

Forbes:-G. W. Thomas, Inspector of Schools.
Glen Innes:-W. Beavis, Inspector of Schools.
Goulburn :-D. T. Cooper, M.A., District Inepector of Schools.
Grafton:-A. Lobban, District Inspector of Schools.
Hay:-W. Nolan, Inspector of Schools.
Inverell:-Messrs. I. B. Tamiesm, G. S. Bone, II. Thomas, P. Siade, E. W. Belbridge, W. J. Daris, A. Bloore, J. W. Anderson.

Kempsey :-Reps. F'. Curwood, J. Taylor, R. Mowbrar.
Lismore:-P. Board, M.A., District Inspector of Schools.
Tithgor:-A. D. M'Kenzie, Inspector of Schools.
East Maitiand :-'1. Wwyer, District Inspector of Schools.
Mount Victoria :-Rev. T. J. Heffernan, B.A., Messrs. F. G. Barnett, T. Howell. W. R. Roach,
Narmandera :-Revs. F. W. M'Donald, J. T. Huston, W. H. Start Wright, D. Mr inay Barnett.
Newcastle :-C. O. Flashman, Inspector of Schools,
Nowra :-Messrs. J. Green, J.P., C. Grabam, J. P., L. G. Bice, J.P.
Parkes:-Revs. JF. G. Neild, M. Campion, C. W. Graham, W. I: Brown.
Port Macquarie:-S. Wright, B.A., Inspector of Schools.
Quirindi:-FI. Purkinson, Inspector of Schools.
Rylstone:-Messrs. E. H. Davies, C.P.S., H. J. MPherson, IF. R. Jolunston, S. J. Benson, T. W. Jarkson, H. S. Bowden, J. A. Puddicombe, Dr. C. W. Pardey.

Tamworth:-L. Blumer, Tuspector of Schools.
Temora:-Rev. J. D. Edwards.
Scone :-Rey. P. Norman, Messis. J. H. Dalton, J. A. K. Shaw, J. D. Snape, J. W. Stanfurd, Rev. A. C. Hirst.
Wollongong:-H. 1). M'Clelland, Tespector of Schools.
Burrowa:-Rev. F. Richmond, Dr. A. Kingsley Hoets, Messrs. T. G. O'Neill, J. H. Clifton, A. Handeock, junior, A. I. M. Elliott, Dr. Channing Neill.
Moree :-Messrs. A. B. Zlotkowski, D. M‘Kenzie, S. G. Cohen, Dr. W. K. Tomlinson, Rer. J. Adamson. Orange:-Revs. J. Lintott Tarlor, J. Rran, Colwell, A. M. Gould.

## Appendix No. 10.

To the Public Service Board,-
Gentlemen,
I. have the honor to furnish my report upon such examinations of candidates for positions in the Public Service as were held at the Technical College during the year 1898, and for the conduct of which I was in part responsible.

## Typetoriting Clerk (Female).

Twenty-four candidates presented themselves on 30 th March, 1898, for examination for this position, in accordance with the terms of the Board's advertisement. They were subjected to tests in copying (typewritten) from a rough draft, from tabulated manascript, also from printed matter. In addition to this, cxaminces were required to write a short essay, as evidence of their powers of English composition. The highest result reached a percentage of $88 \cdot 6$, which may be regarded as very satisfactory. In this, as in all other competitions referred to in this report, satisfactory testimonials of character were furnished by the successful aspirants for employment. Mr. Fry and myself were the appointed examiners on this occasion.

## Shorthand and Typewriting Clerk (Afale).

An examination for a shurthand and typewriting clerk (male) was held simultaneously with the competition just previously referred to. The typewriting and English portion was the same as that set to the females, while, in addition, a shorthand test was applied, consisting of dictated matter of ordinary difficulty at the rate of 100 words a minute. The reading occupied ten minutes and typewritten transcriptions were furnished. Of the seven competitors, only one exhibited satisfactory qualifications, with au aggregate number of marks equal to $71 \cdot 4$ per cent.

## District Inspector; Government Architect's Department.

Messrs. J. Davis, G. McRae, J. S. Wigram, F. A. Coghlan, and myself, were appointed to examine and report upon the claims of applicants for the position of District Inspector, Government A rchitect's Branch of the Public Works' Department. The subjects set were planning and designing, specifications, quantities, materials and construction, and a report as a test of composition. In addition to the written examination on the 9th and loth May last, interviews were obtained with the examinees, with a view of ascertaining the nature of their qualifications from a personal point of view, having regard at the same time to their previous experience and training. Only five succeeded sufficiently well in the written examination to justify their being required to attend personally. The highest of these secured an aggregate percentage of $82 \cdot 2$, while the fifth in order of merit reached $67 \cdot 5$. Even the latter may be considered a very satisfactory degree of attianments, in view of the range of subjects of examination.

## Shorthand Writer and Mypist (Female.)

An examination, similar in character to that in March last, of male applicants for employment, and previously alluded to in this report, was held on 6th July following. The subjects were shorthand, typewriting, and Inglish composition. The examinee securing first position on this occasion was at the time an employee of the State, anxious to improve her position in the Service, and a successful competitor at a
previous
previous competition. This fact may be taken as pointing, to some cxient, to the effectiveness of these tests in culling ont the best candidates for the positions sought. The nest young lady, in point of attainments, as evinced at the examination, was recommended as eligible to fill the advertised vacancy. Her marks reached an aggregate percentage of 80 . Eighteen applicants were under examination, and Messrs. T. A., B. Fry, H. Noble, F. A. Coghlan, and myself acted as examiners.

## Shorthand Writer and Typist (Male).

Eighteen candidates submitted themsclves for examination at the Technical College, on 21 th September last, and, of these, two retired and did not prosent any work. The nature of the test was as follows:-A passage of ordinary matter was dictated at varying rates of speed. For the first minute, a rate of 110 words per minute was maintained, and, at the termination of cach minute, the rate was increased by 10 words, until the speed reached 140 . The last rate was continued for five minutes. In other words, 1.10 words were read during the first minute, 120 during the second, 130 the third, and at the rate of 140 during the fourth, ffth , sixth, serenth, and cighth minutes. This plan of starting at a comparatively slow rate, and working up gradually to the faster one of 140 words, was decided upon in the interests of the examinecs, inasmuch as it gave the writers an opportunity of becoming settled and composed before being called upon to write at the maximum specd expected of them. They were asked to make correct type-written transcriptions of their shortband notes. Candidates were further required to write a short English essay. The examiners, Messrs. Try and T. A. Coghlan and myself, were unabie to report that anyono had reached the required standard of pass, and suggested that fresh applications for the vacant post be invited.

## Shorthand Wrilors and Typists (Male and Fenale).

Messrs. I. A. B. Fry and T. A. Coghlan and myself conducted an examination of male and female applicants for the above positions on 25 th October. The test consisted of shorthand, with typewritten transcription of notes. A. piece of ordinary difficulty was dictated at the rate of 100 words per minute. I'ype-written copies wero made from manuscript and from print, and the usual task in English composition was set. The highest male and female candidates obtained aggregate percentages of 90 and 85 respectively, while two other males and two females did sufficiently well to warrant their claims to appointment beinir considered, if there had been sufficient openings for their services. Twenty-nine males and twenty-gix females were under examination.

## Shorthand Writer and Typist (Malc).

Mr. R. F. Irrine, Mr. J. A. .B. Fry, and myself tested the qualifications of twenty-one cxaminees on the 16th December instant, in-

Shorthand (typewritten transcription) :-Ordinary matter, at 120 words per minute for six minntes. Shorthand (typewritten transcription) :-More difficult matter, at 100 words por minute for five minutes.
Typewriting of confused manuscript.
Tetter-drafting as a lest of composition.
Arithmetic.
The candidate securing the highest place in the competition attained an aggregate of $84 \cdot 1$ per cent., and, besides proving the most expert examince, was the most expeditious in performing the work required. Twenty-one presented themselves for this examination, which was conducted as usual at the Technical College.

Speaking generally with regard to the examinations held at the Technical College throughout the past year, I am able to report in very favourable terms of the appearance and apparent character of the persons who presented themselves as competitors for the rarious positions in the Service. Moreover, the satisfactory degree of attainments exhibited by the examinees obtaining the first place, and by those who approximated thereto, bears out to some extent the good opinion based in the first place upon their personal appearanco only. The examination tests have been such as were calculated to ascertain the abilities of the applicants in relation to work which the successful one would be actually called upon to perform in his new position, and, while the staudard of attainments expected was not of too high a character, regard was at all times given to the necessity of recommending to the Public Service Board only competent and efficient persons for employment. I might mention that, with respect to the conduct of the examinations here, each examinee is allotted a distinguishing number, by which he or she is represented throughout the examination, and the names are not disclosed to the examiners until the papers hare been valued and the various results collated for final report. It will thus be seen that while every means are taken to secure the best candidates, so far as examination results can show, steps are also taken to ensure a perfectly unbiassed opinion on the part of the examincrs of the claims of each competitor. I believe that the selected examinees in the past have given and continue to give satisfaction in the different posts in which they have been placed, and I can only reiterate my opinion of last year that the method of selection adopted in filling the vacancies in the public service, and as at present carried out, is a sound one.

[^16]R. N. MORRIS,

## Appendix No. 11.

To the Fublic Sersico Board,-Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report that during the vear 1898 I conducted ouly one general era, 180 in law, viz, an examination of candidates for appointment to the ofice of Police Magistrate, under the provisions of sections 31 and $3 \%$ of the Act. This whe beld on the 27 th and 28 th June, and thirty-six candidates were then examined.

The minimum standard was 75 per cent., and of the thirty-six candidates only six succeeded in passing the standard. Of these six, however, four averaged 87 per cont., a circumstance sufficiently attesting that the examination papers presented no difficulties which could not have been, overcome by a reasonably diligent and intelligent study of the published text-books.

The successful candidates, in addition to textual proficiency in law and practice, exhibited a certain mental facility in the comprehension and application of principles that is almost invaluable in a person called upon to exercise judicial functions, and I thiuk the candidates in question, so far as can be judged by the results of such an examination, will make competent and capable Magistrates.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
JAS. L. CAMPBELL,
Examiner-in-Jaw.

## Appendix No. 12.

## Department of Public Service Tender Board,

 Sydney, 6 March, 1890.
## Orerations of the Texder Board.

Sir,
We havo the honor to report, for the information of the Public Servico Board, that the first meeting of the Tender Board was held on the 19 th July, 1898 , since which date twenty-eight ordinary meetings, and three special meetings, convened to deal with tenders requiring urgent attention, have bcen held. The Board meet for ordinary business once a week, when tenders are opened and considered, and other business transacted.

One of the first worts undertaken by the Board was the preparation of a set of "General Conditions" to meet the contingencies likely to arise from time to time under the various contracts. Clause No. 7 of these conditions provides for the deposit of a monetary security by the contractor, in lieu of nominating two bondsmen, as required by the old Treasury conditions. The system of monetary deposits had already been adopted with success by the Works Department, and gives every assurance of satisfaction in connection with the contracts taken by the Board, being a much more tangible security than a bond, whilst apparently not in any way restricting the competition. Indeed, in the contracts for supplies taken for a period of eighteen months from 1st. Tanuary, 1899, the competition was in some instances very kcen, and the prices on the whole lower than for the previous six months. In cases, however, where there is any likelihood of difficulty in obtaining tenders, and in small services (e.g., in the forage contracts for the police), it is not proposed to require any security.

There is another provision in the conditions to the effect that the contractor shall deliver "at such times and in such quantities as may be required," thus compelling him to make delivery at any Government Department withiu a given aroa without charging freight. Besides ensuring the prompt dealing with requisitions (the contractor being required to deliver within two days of receipt of order), this will result in an immediate saving of about $£ 500$ per annum, as there will be no necessity to continue the lorries and horses now attached to the Government Stores, and it will also be possible to reduce the labouring staff.

The Board have also adopted "Special Conditions" tor certain contracts, of which those for "Provision and Forage Contracts" may be mentioned. In these contracts it is proposed to make a rery material alteration, as, instead of inviting tendera for rations (consisting of bread, meat, and vegetables), as has hitherto been done in the gaols and some of the other institutions, tenderers are being asked to give prices for the various articles required. This has rendered it possible to widen the competition in the casc of the larger institutions by dividing the schedules into convenient sections. It is obvious that much better results will obtain now that separate contracts are being taken for meat, bread, and groceries than when these articles (so widely different in character) were included in the one contract, and the change will be appreciated by local firms, and will also, no doubt, rid the 1)cpartments concerned of much of the trouble they have had in the past, as they will now be able to deal directly with the actual suppliers.

Among the many matters dealt with by the Board is that of fuel and light, in which there has hitherto been no uniformity whatever. It was found that a vote was taken by some of the Departments for both fuel and light; others only made provision for either fuel or light, the other item forming a charge against the votes of tho Stores Department; whilst in other cases the Stores Votes had to bear the cost of both. This is very unsatisfactory, and the Colonial I'rcasurer has, on the Board's recommendation, approved of each Department in future making provision for both of these services on Departmental Estimates.

By no means the least important of the Board's duties is the consideration of requisitions. It is the practice of the Chief Inspector of Stores to sulbmit for consideration all furniture requisitions, and other requisitions not of an ordinary nature, -and in the case of furniture alone it has been possible to effect a very large saving. In the past there is no coabt that the furniture asich for and supplied has
been lavish and unnecessary. Within a comparatively short time after the commencement of each year, it was invariably found that the vote for furniture had become exhansted, and consequently necessary requisitions had to stand over until the following year, with a possibility of being again shelved for a further period.

Under the present systom, however, each requisition is carefully inquired into and reported upon by the Board's officers, and on being submitted to the Board it is again subjected to the most rigid examination, and nothing beyond what is considered absolutely necessary supplied. The Board have thus been able in many cases to chock the lavish expenditure referred to, whilst at the same time it has been possible to deal with nocessary requisitions that have had to stand over for some time. A case which oecurred but recently will serve to illustrate the necessity for a check being placed upon applications for furnituro by some respousible body. A requisition was submitted by one of the Departments for costly furniture and upholstery estimated to cost over $£ 100$. Having a knowledge of the circumstances, the Board thought that there was no actual need for the supply, and the Chairman was deputed to wait upon the gentleman whose room it was proposed to refurnish, with the result that he not only stated he did not require the articles asked for, but expressed surpriso at the requisition having been sent in. In this connection it is probable that in many cases such matters are initiated by junior and irresponsible officers; and owing, perhaps, to press of work, they have been allowed to pass through without very careful consideration. It may be mentioned that the opportunity bas been taken to make use of secondhand furniture that has been lying unused in some of the Departments, by expending small sums in repairing the same. It is also proposed to adopt samples of furniture of a less expensive and more durable character than those now in use.

Altogether, the requisitions submitied to the Board for a period of six months amount to about $£ 17,000$, of which items amounting to about $£ 9,000$ have been approved; others for $£ 1,600$ reduced (it is estimated by about half that amount); further requisitions to the value of $£ 1,200$ have been absolutely refused, and the romainder referred back for further particulars. It is, of course, impossible to state the cxact saring effected, but it is estimated at well over $\mathfrak{£} 2,000$ for the six months.

In the case of requisitions for general stores and stationery, these are submitted to the closest scrutiny and dealt with in a diseretionary manner, of fen resulting in a considerable cutting down of the quantitics asked for. In cases where such is deemed necessary they are referred by the Chief Inspector for the consideration of the Board. It is the practice to obtain quotations for articles of any value, and, as the Tender Board are the suppliers for the whole of the Service, the prices quoted are naturally lower than for a single Department requiring but a limited supply. For example, the prices paid by Departments for typewriting machines ranged from about $£ 24$ to $£ 26$, whereas the same machines can be obtained by the Board for from about £19 to $£ 22$. Then, again, an arrangement has been made for the maintenance of incandeseent lights at the rate of 10d. per burner per month, as against 18. per burner paid by individual Departments, and these are but instances of the savings effected.

In the actual working of the Gorernment Stores there has, so far, been no radical change, but there is no doubt that numerous defects have already been remedied. It is evident, however, that there is need for a thorough reorganisation of the whole branch. This is rendered quite apparent by the very unsatisfactory results of the late stock-taking, in which it was found that out of 800 items there were something like 200 discrepancios existing between the stock as shown on the books and that actually on hand, or a percentage of $37 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of errors. Besides this, it was found that in numerous cases there was scren to fitteen years' supply on hand, some of the goods being of a perishable nature. This truly deplorable state of affairs is evidently the result of a want of system; there has been a complete lack of organisation, and an unfortunate confusion of duties, which it is proposed to remedy by dividing the staft into convenitht sections with fised duties. The Board intend to apply themselves to a system whercby unnecessary accumulation of stock will be prevented. The schemo proposed will also provide a simpler and more expeditions method of dealing with requisitions, by at once decreasing the clerical labour, and removing the liability of any of the items asked for being orerlooked. Under the altered conditions it will, it is anticipated, be possible to deal more effectually and promptly with the work, and at the same time, carry on the Department on more economical lines than under the old regime. But, before this can take place, it is felt that there must be a complete change in the personnel of the staff, and a recommendation to this effect has been submitted to the Public Service Board.

Certain amendments in the Kegulations and General Instructions, issued on the appointmenti of the Jeuder Board, which, it is thought, will render them more workable, are now under the consideration of the Public Scrvice Board. I'le General Instructions have also been revised by a Sub-commitree, consisting of offcers intimate with the working of Departmental Stores Branches, and the necessary forms and books to be used recommended for adoption.

We have, se.,
ROBT. HICKSON, Chairman.
EDMUND TOSBERT,
ERIC SINOLAIR,
FREDK. W. NEITENSTETN, $\succ$ Members.
P. B. WALKER,
W. A. GULLICK,

The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., M.P.,
Premier and Minister for Defence.
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## Legislative Assembly.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

## MR. T. A. COGHLAN.

(CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE ATTORNEYGENERAL AND MR. T. A. COGHLAN WITH REGARD TO THE OFFICES HELD BY THE LATTER UNDER GOVERNMENT.)

Printed under No. 10 Report from Printing Committee, 16 November, 1899.

## Minute by The Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Department, Sydney, 18 September, 1899.
I observe that Mr. Coghlan, while performing his duties as a member of the Public Service Board, has continued, as Government Statistician, to be the official head of an important sub-department of the Public Service.

It appears to my colleagues and myself to be undesirable that a member of the Public Service Board should occupy any other position in the Service, which it is his duty, as a member of the Board, to regulate and control.

I observe that my predecessor in office, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, speaking in Parliament, expressed an opinion that this dual position was "an anomaly," and seemed from the tenor of his remarks to recognise the evident desire of members that this holding of two offices should cease. This was on December 16th, 1898 (see Hansard, pp. 3446, 3448).

It is right, however, to point out, in the course of the same debate, Mr. Reid stated that Mr. Coghlan had continued to be Government Statistician at the express request of the Government, and without additional remuneration, and would himself "very much prefer not to have these dual duties to discharge."

Under these circumstances, I would be glad if Mr. Coghlan would make an election between the two positions, and state whether he desires to continue to be Government Statistician or a member of the Public Service Board.

Let a copy of this minute be sent to Mr. Coghlan.
B. R. WISE.

## T. A. Coghlan, Esq., to The Attorney-General.

Sir, Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 19 September, 1899. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your minute of the 18th September, in which you state that you would be glad if I made an election as to whether I desire to continue to be Statistician or a member of the Public Service Board.

In order to answer your inquiry, and at the same time make clear my present position, I would like to refer back to the time when the Public Service Act came into operation. In December, 1895, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid was pleased to propose for my acceptance the position of Chairman of the Public Service Board, then about to be created, and, after giving to it the consideration so flattering a proposal deserved, I felt constrained to decline Mr. Reid's offer, but afterwards agreed to become a member of the Board, provided I could retain my position of Statistician. The reasons for making such a stipulation were fully explained to and accepted by Mr. Reid, and these I may be permitted, so far as my memory serves, to repeat.

I took up the Statistics of New South Wales at a time when their compilation had been greatly .neglected, and when Members of Parliament and the public were without assistance in obtaining proper data from which to gauge the progress and resources of the Colony. After years of diligent labour, the Statistical Office had, at the time of Mr. Reid's proposal, been brought up to a degree of perfection,
acknowledged to be without superior in any part of the world, and for me to retire from the control of the office would be to sacrifice the labour of ten years, for, unlike most other offices, the position of Statistician depends for its efficiency and credit on the reputation and character of the person holding it.

Mr. Reid agreed to my acceptance of the post under the conditions mentioned, and I have continued to do the work of Statistician without remuneration tand without the expectation of any reward. There is admittedly an anomaly, which the late Premier recognised, in my holding the two oflices, but I believe nothing more can be urged against the arrangement; which has proved not inconsistent with the faithful performance of my responsible dutics. That I have pertormed my duties well is for others to say, and that others do say so I have testimony from every civilised country of the world. I have had the very unusual honor bestowed upon me of becoming elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Statistical Socictr, an honor reserved for persons of distinction, and which I shared at my election with Carroll D. Wright, Dr. Von. Schul, Joseph Korosi, and Ritter von Juraschek, the most distinguished Statisticians of Europe and America; and if I need speak of my own performances, the "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales" and the "Seven Colonies of Australasia" have been pronounced by the leading journals of Europe and America to be models which official statisticians wight emulate, the "Wealth and Progress" being, as you are aware, the Official Year Book of the Colony, and the "Scven Colonies," my own property, whose publication by the Government press Sir Henry Parkes was pleased to sanction.

Under these circumstances I cannot consent to. give up willingly the post of Statislician in favour of that of member of the Public Service Board, an office I accepted with unwillingness, and shall lay down without regret. I feel, however, that the wish of the Government, expressed through you, must have the greatest weight with me, and if, on considering the representations I have herein made, it is the desire of the Government that I should retire from the Service, I shall feel it my daty to meet their wishes, and $I$ would be willing to retire altogether from my public employment if satisfactory arraugements are made in regard to the retiring allowances proper under the circumstances.

I have, ©ce.,
T. A. COGHLAN.

## Minute by The Attorney-Gencral.

Attorney-General's Department, Sydney, 20 September, 1899.
The concluding words of Mr. Coghlan's letter of the 19th instant seem to me to indicate a misapprehension on his part of the wishes of the Government.

There is no desire on the part of the Government that Mr. Coghlan should retire from the Public Service. On the contrary, this Government recognises the eminent services which he has rendered to the Colony as head of the Statistical Department, and fully appreciates the'reasons which led him to stipulate, on his appointment to the Public Service Board, that he should retain his position as Statistician.

Nevertheless, the Government feels that the holding of any position in the Public Service is essentially incompatible with membership of the Public Service Board, and if permitted to continue would become a bad precedent.

I gather from the tenor of Mr. Coghlan's letter that the duties of Government Statistician are more agreeable to him than those of a member of the Public Service Board.

If this surmise be correct, and if the smaller salary paid to the former position be an obstacle ${ }^{*}$ the way of Mr. Coghlan electing to resign his position on the Public Service Board, I thini that, having regard to all the circumstances (more particularly to the arrangement made with Mr. Reid on his appointment to the Board), the salary of the Government Statistician, whilst the post is held by Mr. Coghlan, should be increased to £850, and I am prepared to make this recommendation to the Cabinet.

Mr. Coghlan will please understand that there is no desire on the part of the Government to press harshly upon him. Exception is taken to his holding two offices, not on account of auy personal disqualification, but as a matter of general policy, and in order to give effect to the wish of Parliament, as expressed in the debate in the Legislative Assembly on December 16th, 1895.
B. R. WISE.

## T. A. Coghlan, Esq., to The Attorney-General.

Sir,
Public Sersice Board, 50, Young-strect, Sydney, 26 September, 1890.
I have read with gratification that part of your minute of the ?oth September wherein you mention that the Gorernment recognises what you are pleased to call my eminent services to the Colony as its official Statistician, and I cannot deny that you are correct in surmising that the duties of Statistician are more agreeable to me than those of a member of the Public Service Board, honorable and important as these latter duties assuredly arc.

I accepted the position of member of the Public Service Board, resigning that of Registrar of Friendly Societies, which I formerly enjoyed, at the earnest request of the Government, and on the pledge of the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, on behalf of the Government, that I should be continued in my office as Statistician until I quitted the Service. In my own justification I would like to point out that the question of the conjunction of the two offices was very carefully considered before being agreed to by me, and the course of events has shown that, however incompatible in theory may be the holding of these two offices by the same person, in actual practice there has been no inconvenicnce to the Public Service. I unhesitatingly affirm that during the four years in which the connection of the two offices has existed the State has been well served in the Statistical Office as at any previous period, and in no single instance has there been a clashing of interests. I cannot, however, press this view further on the attention of the Government, seeing that the question at issue is one of policy, and in all such matters the views of the Government must prevail over personal opinions and interests.

Although I maintain most strongly that the business of the State has not suffered owing to the anomaly of my dual position, I cannot disguise from myself the fact that, under certain circumstances, my duties as a member of the Public Service Board may conflict with my interests as Statistician. Such circumstances would arise if the post of Statistician were a salaried one, and the salary proper to the office
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became a matter for discussion. Xour courteous proposal to recommend to the Cabinet a salary of £s50 for the oflice of Statistician, if held by me as a salaried post, brings about the only condition under which my duties and interests are in conflict, inasmuth as any proposal of the kind you indicate, even if agreed to by the Cabinet, would be without effect until favourably recommended by the Public Service Board, as that body has the sole right, subject to Parliament, to determine the salary, fee, or emolument payable to officers in the Public Service. I am. therefore disqualified, so long as I. remain on the Public Service Board, from considering the acceptance of any salaried office subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, although I fully appreciate the kinduess and consideration for my feelings and interests which have led to the proposed arrangement being suggested.

Seeing that I cannot deem myself at liberty to discuss your proposal, and as the Government consider the joint holding of the two offices a matter of such moment as to call for immediate rectification, I do not gee how I can do otherwise than leare the matter entirely in their hands, and I give you my frank assurance that I shall not raisc objection to any course that the Government may see fit to adopt; even if such were to involve my retirement from the Service. In the latter contingency the retiring allowance proper under the circumstances would be a matter which I apprehend could be readily disposed of.

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I. A. COGHLAN.
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## Minute by The Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Department, Sydney, 29 September, 1899.
I quite understand that Mr . Coghlan may feel a delicacy in considering my proposal to increase the salary of the Government Statistician while he remains a meraber of the Public Service Board, and, accordingly, I do not consider that the proposal contained in my minute is any the less binding upon me because Mr. Coghlan has neither expressly accepted nor rejected it.

I note that Mr. Coghlan places himself unreservedly in the hands of the Government, and "will not raise objection to any course that the Government may see fit to adopt."

The Government cannot, however, without bearing further from Mr. Coghlan, take the next step to give effect to their policy in the matter of double appointments without, possibly, placing Mr. Coghlan in an invidious position.

If he detcrmines to continue as Government Statistician, he can only do so by resiguing from the Public Service Board.

If he elects to continue a member of the Public Service Board, I would suggest that he resign his position as Government Statistician.

I will take care that the circumstances attending either resignation are made public.
B. R. WISE.

## T. A. Coghlan, Esq., to The Attorney-General.

Sir, Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 4 October, 1899.
The intimation contained in your minute of the 29th September is receiving my earnest consideration, and I hope to be able to give you my answer during the course of a fow days.

I have, \&c.,
I. A. COGHLAN.

Seeu.-B.R.W., 6/10/90.

## T. A. Coghlan, Esq., to The Attorney-General.

Sir,
Public Service Board, 50, Xoung-street, Sydney, 16 October, 1899.
I have the honor to state that I have given your minute of the 29 th September my most serious consideration, and I should be sorry if the Government found it necessary to place me in an invidious position in order to give effect to their policy, and I may be permitted to express the hope that any step so taken may not extend to a violation of the pledge given me by the head of the last Government when I was induced to take office on the Public Service Board.

The letters which I wrote in reply to your previous minutes were intended to point to a way by which the Government might adhere to the determination they have arrived at, and at the same time respect the promises of the preceding Administration; but whatever course they may determine to adopt, it would, perhaps, be well, in the interests of the country, that I should have a few weeks given me to complete the various statistical publications which bear my name.

I have, \&c.,
T. A. COGHLAN.

## Minute by The Attorney-General.

17 October, 1899.
Mr. Cbghran having declined to make an election between his two positions, it now becomes necessary, if the decision of the Cabinet, in accordance with which this correspondence was begun, is to be carried out, that Mr. Coghlan should retire from the Public Scrvice. His appointment to the Public Service Board is statutory, and has several years to run. Ifis positiou as Statistician is held at the will of the Exccutive.

I therefore forward the correspondence to the Chief Secretary, in whose Department Mr. Coghlan is in his capacity of Govermment Statistician, for further action.
B. R. WISE.

## The Attorney-General to T. A. Coghlan, Esq.

## My dear Mr. Coghlan,

Attorney-General's Department,
Sydney, 15 November, 1899.
In compliance with your verbal request made to me this morning, I have pleasure in informing you that leave of absence from your duties as a member of the Public Service Board for a period of one month will be granted to you at the next meeting of the Executive.

During this leave you will take up your work as Government Statistician; and the leave is granted in the expectation that before its expiry the necessary administrative arrangements will be completed whereby your acceptance of a position on the Public Service Board shall not be deemed to have made a breach in the continuity of your service as Statistician, so as to prejudice your rights to a pension under the Civil Service Act of 1884, and whereby your Department may be transferred from the Colonial Secretary's Office to the Treasury.

It is also understood that all these arrangements are subject to the result of an inquiry which will be held immediately into certain matters which have arisen between yourself and Mr. Martin.

It would be as well, I think, during the next few days that you should interfere as little as possible with Mr. Martin or his work.

I am, \&c.,
B. R. WISE.

## T. A. Coghlan, Esq., to The Attorney-General.

Public Service Board, 50, Young-street,
Sydney, 15 November, 1899.
My dear Mr. Wise
If it be considered necessary, I shall make a formal application for leave of absence, to go before the Executive on Tuesday. The inquiry by you and Mr. Crick into the allegations of Mr. Martin I gladly welcome; and as to the future of the statistical Office, and my retirement and reappointment to the post of Statistician and the arrangements consequent thereon, I have no hesitation in leaving them to the generosity and good-will of the Government.

Yours, \&e.,
T. A. COGHLAN.

# REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT. 

(PAPERS RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF THIRD EXAMTNER OF TITLES.)

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## The Registrar-General to The Under Secretary of Justice. <br> Registrar-Gencral's Department, New South Wales,

Sydncy, 29 December, 1898.
Sir, I havo the honor to bring under your notice the urgent necessity for the appointmont of a third Examiner of Titles. There are at present but two Examiners, and the volume of work is really more than they can cope with. For many years past, up to $a$ recent period, there have been three Examiners, and I am satisfied that it would be impossible to carry on the work with less than that number for any length of time, except at great inconvenience and serious risk.

The duties of the Examiners are of a very responsible nature, involving, as they do, the investigation of titles to land, frequently of great value, with a view to the issue of fresh titles under the Real Property Act. The Assurance Fund is liable to be called upon in case of any oversight by the Examiners, and the character of the work requires that it should be performed with the utmost care, and an absence of any necessity for undue baste.

Apart from the fact that the Examiners are not equal to the work in hand, it should be pointed out that the Real Property Act requires that all titles applied to be brought under the Act shall be reported on by at least two Examiners. In the event, therefore, of either Examiner being absent on leare, or his post becoming vacant, it would be impossible to finally pass any titles until his return, or until the appointment of a successor. Mr. Examiner Smith is about to apply for leave, and his bealth, I think, demands that he should have it, although he has been good enough to delay making any application up to the present, in order to avoid any block in the work. I would recommend, therefore, that steps be at once taken for the appointment of a third Examiner, who must necessarily be a Barrister or Solicitor, preferably the latter.

The salary of each of the present Examiners is £ 800 per annum, but I would favour the appointr ment of a Junior Examiner, with a salary of, say, £600 per annum at the outset. He could relieve the present Examiners of much preliminary work in connection with the investigation of titles, and undertake, in addition, work of a miscellaneous character, which at present has to be performed by the Examiners to the prejudice of their more important duties.

The state of the business in the Examiners' Branch requires that an appointment should be made as soon as possible, and I would urge that no time be lost in dealing with the matter.

> I am, \&c.,
> W. H.-WILLIAMS,
> Registrar-General.

Submitted.-G.M., 30/12/98. Refer to the Public Service Board.-C.A.L., 4/1/99. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-G.M., B.C., 4/1/99.

Will the Under Secretary of Justice be so good as to state for the information of the Public Service Board whether any, and if so what, provision has been made for the payment of the salary for the proposed position.-J. W. Holitman, Secretary, Public Service Board. The Under Secretary, Department of Justice, B.C., 9/1/99.

Forwarded to the Registrar-General for any remarks he may wish to make. I do not know that any provision has been made for a salary for the proposed position-G.M., B.C., 11/1/99.

No provision has been made, for the reason, no doubt, that no such appointment was contemplated at the time when the Estimates for this Department were in preparation. I am not aware whether the appropriation of $£ 4,000$ for "Reorganisation of the Public Service" was intended to meet such a case as this, but if not, I would suggest that, having regard to the urgent necessity for the appointment, the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer might be asked to make provision for the salary from his Advance Account. Since iny letter of the 29 th ultimo I have had a return prepared in reference to the transactions of the Examiners' Branch for the past year, as comparod with 1897, from which it appears that there is a considerable increase in the number of applications to bring lands under the Real Property Act and transmission applications, from both of which there is a large revenue. The increase of what are termed miscellaneous matters is even larger. A large proportion of these miscellaneous matters are amendments under sub-section 4, section 11, of the Real Property Act, which involve a great deal of work, and have hitherto been entirely unproductive. I have now made arrangements for the issue of new certificates in all cases of amendments where practicable, which will, I hope, have the effect of producing sufficient revenue from this source to at least cover the expenses of the work involved. Apart from the considerations suggested by my letter, a necessity exists for the appointment of an additional Examiner in order to meet the requirements of the growing business of the Department. It is of the utmost importance that the work of the Land Mitles Branch-to which the Examinors' Branch is attachedshould be kept well up to date, and this is quite impossible under existing circumstances. I would therefore respectfully request that the urgency of the matter be kept in view.-W. G. H.-Winimams, Registrar-General. The Under Secretary of Justice, B.C., 16/L/99.

Submitted in reference to attached paper 98/18,280.-G.M., 17/1/99. Approved.-C.A.L., 18/1/99. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-J.L.W., for D.S., B.C., 18/1/99.

## Report by The Public Service Board.

Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 18 May, 1899.
Appointment of a Third Examiner of Titles, Registrar-General's Department.
The Public Service Board having been informed of the proposal to appoint a third Examiner of Titles, in the office of the Registrar-General, which appointment is rendered necessary owing to the increase of work of that office, have to report that in their opinion therc is no person in the Public Service capablo of filling the position who is available therefor.

They therefore have the honor to recommend for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council that H. R. Colborne, Esquire, Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, be appointed to the position, at a salary of $£ 600$ per annum. The office is in the Professional Division of the Public Service.

Mr. Colborne is one of the applicants who applied in response to public advertisement, and is reported by Mr. Hayes-Williams, the Registrar-General, to be the best qualified candidate.

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The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Q.C., M P.,
Premier and Colonial Treasurer.
Submitted.-F.K., 20/5/99. Approved. The Hon. The Minister for Justice.-G.H.R., 22/5/99. The Under Secretary for Justice.-F.K., 22/5/99.

## Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Subject :-Appointment of Henry Raleigh Colborne, Esquire, Solicitor, as Third Examiner of Titlea, Registrar-General's Department.

Department of Justice, Sydney, 18 May, 1899.
I Advisf, upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, that Henry Raleigh Colborne, Esquire, Solicitor, be appointed to be Third Examiner of Titles, Registrar-General's Department, with salary at the rate of six hundred pounds ( $£ 600$ ) per aunum, to take effect from thodate of entry on duty.

His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.
CHARLES A. LEE.
The Executive Council approve of the appointment recommended-A Lex. C. J3odae, Clerk of the Council. Min. 99/23.-23/5/99.
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## Ligislative Assembly.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## PUBLIC SERVICE.

(RETURN RESPECTING THE GRADING OF PROFESSIONAL OFEICERS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.)

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Question.
(1.0.) Appointment of Professional Advisory Board by Public Service Board:-Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Wise, asked the Attorncy-General, -
(1.) Has the Public Scrvice Board lately appointed the Engineer-in-Chicf for Sewerage Construction a "Professional Advisory Board" to inquire into all recommendations made by the professional heads of the different branches of the Works Department in connection with the grading of professional officers?
(2.) If so, who is carrying out his professional duties while so empioyed ?
(3.) Does this officer receive any allowance, bonus, or increase to salary while so employed?
(4.) What increascs and allowances has this officer received since the Public Service Board was appointed?
(5.) Have any of the appeals made to the Public. Service Board by professional officers of the Works Department, in reference to the regrading which took effect from 1 st $J u l y, 1899$, been, in the first instance, submitted to the Advisory Board; if so, why?
(6.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage been present with the Public Service Board during the hearing of any of the appeals made in connection with the regrading which took effect from 1st Jily, 1899 ; if 80 , for what purpose?
(7.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board refers recommendations, made by the professional heads in the Works Department, in connection with grading aud salaries of professional officers, to this Advisory Board for report?
(8.) If so, does not this practice place such Board above the professional heads of the various branches?

## Answer.

(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage Construction has not been so appointed. The Honorable and learned Member is probably referring to a Committee of Engineering Experts which the Public Service Board appointed to collect information on technical matters to enable them to revise the salaries of the Professional Staff. The Public Service Board in the first place consulted the permanent heads of the Departments concerned, and as the ontcome, the Committee referred to was appointed, as it was erident that the permanent hends could not possibly devote the time necessary to obtain the details required. Mr. Davis, the officer referred to, was the Chairman of the Committee, which consisted of the following members:-Mr. J. Davis, Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage Construction; Mr. C. O. Burge, Principal Assistant Engineer for Railway Construction, Works Department; Mr. C. J. Saunders, Inspector, Department of Lands ; Mr. C. E. Rennie, Chicf Draftsman, Department of Lands; Mr. G. A. McKay, Chief Mining Survoyor, Department of Mines. It is apparently not quite realised that without some such aid as herein indicated it would be impossible for the Board to deal with the large body of Civil Servants (over 15,000 ) placed under their supervision for the purposes of the Public Service Act.
(2.) It has been the aim of the Public Service Board to manage the Service by meaus of the Service-it would be almost impossible to get the requisite experience from any other source. The officer referred to is not absent on this duty sufficiently long to cause any sensible inconvenience, while the benefits to be obtained by this plan-which is tending to produce a very desirable uniformity in the methods of dealing with the Service-is obvious.
(3.) This officer receives no allowance, bonus, or increase of salary whilst so employed, beyond the usual travelling expenses, when on a few occasions ( I am informed, three) he was absent from headquarters.
(4.) When the Board first graded the Service, Mr. Davis held the position of Principal Assistant Engineer of Water Supply and Sewerage, at a salary of $£ 700$ per annum, under the then Engineer-in-Chief for Public Woris (Mr. Hickson). A rearrangement then took place, by which the President of the Water and Sewerage Board (Mr. Darley), who was also Engincer-in-Chief for Sewerage, was appointed Engineer-in-Chicf for Public Works in place of Mr. Hickson, who was appointed Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads. Mr. Davis, the Assistant Engineer for Sewerage, was then made Engineer for Sewerage, and, subsequently, Engineer-in-Chief, at a salary of $£ 800$ per annum, and thus became solely responsible for the control of this large Branch; and it may be safely averred that no officer of like responsibility in the whole of the colonies has so small a salary. This will be better realised when it is stated that, last year, an expenditure to the extent of $£ 200,000$ was carried out under this officer, and that the yalue of works now under his supervision amounts to about $£ 300,000$, and this is quite apart from surveys and designs which are also in hand.
(5.) The Public Service Board, for very apparent rensons, get information from their sub-committee regarding the statements made by the officers in thoir appeals, and they do so in order that every available source of information may be at their disposal before they give their decision.
(6.) The Public Service Board, as a Board, has not yet dealt with the appeals. Each member of the Board is at present taking the method which he thinks necessary to enable him to get at all the facts bearing on the questions at issue, and thus be in a position to deal with them when they come before the Board for decision. In pursuance of this, one member of the Board has already personally interviewed thirty-eight officers. Mr. Davis was present when eight of this number were seen. As he was chairman of the sub-committee, it was considered that he might give valuable assistance in regird to some of the points which 'wero discussed at the interview referred to.
(7.) The sub-committee are often asked for information on points which arise out of Departmental reports. If the Public Service Board were precluded from doing this, the most valuable help would be denied them.
(8.) Before any final decision is arrived at, and after every other available source of information has been exbausted, the permanent heads are finally consulted by the Public Service Board.

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. 

(RETURN RESPROTING.)

Printed under No. 6 IReport from Printing Committce, 19 October, 1.899.

RETURN to an Order of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New Soutl Wales, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,-
" 1 . The names of officers of the Public Works Department who have "applied during $1896,1897,1898$, and 1899 , for three' months or more
" leave of absence.
" 2 . What applications have been granted, and for what reasons.
" 3. The length of services of officers on the Permanent Staff who have "applied for such leave.
" 4 . The reasons for granting such leave; and if leave had been similarly
"refused to retrenched or retired officers for similar reasons."
(Mr. E. M. Clarle.)

RETURN of Leave of Absence to certuin Officers of the Public Works Department.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

(PAPERS RESPEOTING LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MR. ARTHUR HENRY, REGISTRAR IN BANKRUPTGY.)

Printed under No. 15 Report from Printing Committee, 21st December, 1899.

## The Registrar in Bankruptcy to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Sir,
Burnhan, Parramatta, 11 November, 1899.
I have the honor to apply for an extension of leave of absence for six months, dating from 18th instant, on the ground of ijl-health

I forward herewith a medical certificatc, showing the necessity for this application
In asking that my request may receive farourable consideration, I beg to submit that I attribute my serious illness to the unhealthy condition of the offices in Chancery Square, in which I worked for so many years.

I have, \&c.,
A. HENRY,

Registrar in Bankruptey.

143 Elizabeth-street, Hyde Park, Sydney, 10 November, 1899.
In the early part of last month, Mr. Arthur Henry, Registrar in Bankruptey, was suffering from acute nervous prostration, and, in consequence, I recommended that he should be allowed one month's leave of absence, so that he mights sufficiently repair his health and streugth:

After examining him again to-day, I find that his nervous system has not yet properly recovered to enable him to take up his work. Were he to do so, I am of opinion, thiat he would, inevitably, break down

Under these circumstances, it becomes incumbent upou me to advise that he should be granted a period of six months' complete cessation from his official duties.

PHILIP MUSKETT, L.R.C.P., Edin.

Mr. Henry is eligible for ten weeks' ordinary leave, vide statement attached. In addition he may be granted further sick leare, on full pay, for one month, under Public Service Regulation No. 40. Under Public Service Regulation of 23 rd ultimo, officers may, in special cases, be granted sick lcave for such period as the Board, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council, think fit.-J.L.W., 16th November, 1899. Jhe Under Secretary.

Submitted for favourable consideration. From the attached statement, it will be seen that Mr. Henry entered the Public Service on the 13th May, 1872.-G.M., 16/11/99. Forwarded to the Public Service J3oard for favourable consideration. I think six months' leave might be granted, dating from the 18th October.-W. H. Wood, 16/11/99. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-J.I.W. for U.S. B.C., 16/11/99.

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Statement of Services and Salaries.
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## Department of Justice, 16/11/99.

Supplemext to the New South Wales Governnent Gazette (published by authority). No. 853, Tuestay, 24th October, 1899.

Attorney-General's Department, Sydney, 24 October, 1899. The following Regulation, providing for Sick Leave in exceptional cases, made by the Public Service Board, tinder the provisions of the J'ublic Service Act of 1895, having been approved by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, is published in accordance with the requirements of that Act.
B. R. WISE.

Rlgulation under the Poblic Slervice Act of 1895.
Whereas by the Public Service Act of 1895, the Public Service Board is authorised and empowered to make, repeal, alter, and amend Regulations: Now, the Public Service Board, under and by virtue of the powers contained in the abovementioned Act, doth, with the approval of the Governor, hereloy make the Regnlation following, that is to say :-

Sick Leave in Exceptional Cases.
If the Minister shall intimate to the Board that an officer's services have been of such a nature as to warrant a concession in regard to sick leave beyond what the regulations would otherwise authorise, the Board may, with the approval of the Governor, grant to any such officer leave of absence on such terms and for such period as they may think fit, on the production of satisfactory evidence by medical certificate or otherwise that the leave is necessary on account of sickness or ill-health. Provided that in all cases where leave is granted under this regulation, the reasons for granting the leave and the Minister's minnte in relation thereto shall be laid before Parliament as soon as practicable.

## Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 27 November, 1899.

Depaliment of Justice.
Recommending Six Months' Leave of Absence to Mr. Arthur Henry, Registrar in Bankruptey. The Honorable the Minister for Justice having intimated to the Board his opinion that the application of Mr. Arthur Henry, Registrar in Bankruptey, Depariment of Justice, for sis months' leave of absence, on full pay, should be favourably considered under the provisions of the Regulation regarding Sick Leave in Exceptional Cases, published in the Supplement to the Government Gazette on 24th ultimo, No. 853, the Board have the honor to recommend, for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, that such leave be granted.

In making this recommondation, the Board recognise that, in view of the leave of absence enjoyed by Mr. Henry during the past fiftecn years, the proposed concession will give that officer exceptional treatment; but they consider that the duties incident to the position held by lim, viz, the exercising of judicial functions, and being subject to the wear and tear of hearing and deciding complicated cases of law, are such as to warrant special indulgence in the matter of leave of absence.

The Board, however, consider that tho ton weeks' accumulated leave to which Mr. Henry is entitled under Nos. 37 and 40 of the Regulations under the Public Service Act should be included in the period of six months' leave herein referred to.

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Submitted. Minute for Esecutive Council might now be prepared.-G.M., 28/11/90. Approved. -W.H.W., 28/11/99.

## Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Subject:-Leave of Absence to Mr. Arthur Henry, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Department of Justice, Sydney, 30 November, 1899.
For the reasons disclosed in the accompanying papers, I advise, upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, that Mr. Arthur Henry, Registrar in Bankruptey, be granted five (5) months' leave of absence, on full pay, from the 17 th instant.

I further advise that eleven weeks and four days of such leare be granted to Mr. Henry under the provisions of Public Service Regulation of the 24th October, 1S00, regarding Sick Leare in Exceptional Cases, and that ten weeks of such leave be allowed as ordinary accumulated leave due to him under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Serrice Act of 1895 and Regulations thereunder.

> (Sigued) W. H. WOOD.

The Executive Council approve of the leave of absence to Mr. Henry herein recommended. Adex. C. Budge, Clerk of the Council. Approved.-Fredk. M. Darley, Licut.-Governor, 5/12/99. Min. 99/52, 5/12/99. Confirmed, 12/12/99.

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# MR. H. R. CARLETON, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ENGINEER, HARBOURS AND RIVERS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. 

(MINUTES RESPECTING THE GRANTING OF SICK LEAVE TO.)

Printed under No. 12 Report from Printing Committee, 30th November, 1899.
[Presented to Parliament in accordance with the Regulation relating to "Sick Leave in Exceptional Cases" made under the "Public Service Act of 1895."]

## Minute Paper.

Application of H. R. Carleton, Principal Assistant Engineer, Harbours and Rivers Branch, for extended leave.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 26 October, 1899.
I would urge that the application of this officer should be reconsidered by the Public Service Board, with a view to extended leave being granted under the regulation, gazetted last week, dealing with sick leave in exceptional cases.

Mr. Carleton is an officer of over twenty years' service, and his record is an exceptionally good ono. He has been entrusted with the carrying out of some important public works, and has designed a number of schemes of a very extensive and elaborate character. During his sojourn in the northern districts of the Colony, some years ago, he had to undergo an exceedingly trying experience, whilst sounding on some of our bar barbours, and from conversations I have had with him I feel sure that his present weak state of health can be traced to exposure while carrying out this particular work.

I have no hesitation in saying that, in my opinion, this is a case which should receive the best consideration of the Board, under the recently passed regulation, especially as Mr. Carleton, in his present weak physical condition, is quite unfitted to undergo the strain of office work, and his medical adviser has urged him time after time that the only possible chance he has to recorer is to seek a change and abstain from office work.

Under these circumstances, I am hopeful that the Board will now see fit to farourably consider -his application.

ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.

[^17]Department of Public Works, recommending six months' leave of absence to Mr. H. R. Carleton, Principal Assistant Engineer.
Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 31 October, 1899.
Tre Public Service Board have the honor to recommend, for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that leave of absence on full pay for a period of six months be granted to Mr. Henry R. Carleton, Principal Assistant Engineer, Harbours and Rivers Branch, under the provisions of the regulation regarding sick leave in exceptional cases published in the Supplement to the Government Gazette on 24th instant.

GEO. A. WILSON.)
J. BARLING. $\}$ Members of the Public Serrice Board.
T. A. COGHLAN.

Submitted for approval to prepare Executive Minute--R.H., Under Secretary for Public Warks and Commissioner for Roads, 31 Oct., 99. Approved.-E.W.O'S., 31/10/99.

Minute for the Executive Council.
Subject:-LLeare of absence to Mr. H. R. Carleton, Principal Assistant Engineer, Harbours and Rivers Brauch, Department of Public Works.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 2 November, 1899.
In accordance with the recommendation of the Public Service Board, contained in the accompanying minute, I. have the honor to submit, for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that leave of absence, on full pay, for a period of six months, be granted to Mr. Henry R. Carleton, Principal Assistant Engineer, Harbours and Rivers Branch of this Department, under the provisions of the Regulation regarding Sick Leave in Exceptional Cases published in the Supplement to the Government Gazette on the 24th Octobex, 1890. Leave to date from 1st proximo.

## —— E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

The Executive Council approve of the leave of absence to Mr. Carleton herein recommended. Alex. C. Brdage, Clerk of the Council. Minute $99 / 48,7 / 11 / 99$ confirmed 14/11/99. A pproved.Fred. M. Darlet, Lieut.-Governor, $7 / 11 / 99$.

# GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT*S DEPARTMENT. (RETURN RESPECTING.) 

Printed under No. 6 Report from Printing Committee, 19 October, 1899.

RETURN to an Order of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 17th August, 1899, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,-
"All papers in connection with the reorganisation of the. Government
"Architect's Department during the absence of Mr. Vernon in. England; "together with the diplomas of Mr. Davis, Engineer for Sewerage "Construction, the then Acting Government Architect, as an architect " or engineer."

(Mr. E. M. Clark.)

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## No. 1.

## The Government Architect to The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.

Department of Public Works, Government Architect's Branch,
Sir,
Sydney, 27 March, 1897
I have the honor to ask if you will be good enough to place this communication before the Minister.

Under the terms of my appointment as Government Architect in August, 1890 , special leave of abserice for six months after five years' service was arranged for; Mr. Secretary Bruce Smith noting the same, as follows :-
"The Minister considers that in the case of the professional heads of the Department it will be more to the interest of the public than to that of the officers themselves to give them the necessary leave of absence, to enable them to travel for the purpose of placing themselves en courant with the latest developments in connection with their respective professions; he, therefore, agrees to accede to this request."

I have now had the honor and pleasure of filling the position for noarly seven years, and bitherto bave not referred to this matter; during the period, also, the work of the office has prevented me (with the exception of enforced sick leave in 1895) from taking any of the annual leave provided for in the Civil Service Regulations.

I have now been away from the centre of architectural work for ten years; during that period great improvements in the erection of technical buildings, and general advances in all art matters, have taken place, and I cannot but feel the necessity for keeping myself in touch with these improvements, when bearing in mind the responsibility the Government places upon me in the expenditure of large sums of money, and when necessarily it is expected that the works should be of the most modern and improved types.

I should like to spend a fortnight on personal matters, and, therefore, the remainder of the five months necessary for the trip (deducting actual time spent in travelling) I proposo to derote to gaining information relative to my profession.

With this object, I think it is desirable I should inspect the Parliament Houses at Berlin, Stockholm, and London, the new model prisons specially for women, and prison accommodation generally in England. I should also compare notes as to the details of modern hospitals and asylums with those in this Colony; and possibly, with a view of future requirements, I should visit the principal modern abattoirs in England and Maris, and take particulars of the Exlibition buildings now in course of erection in the latter city.

It might, perhaps, be desirable to obtain a professional opinion in London on the Parliamentary buildings designs now before the Parliamentary Standing Committee, when I could be in a position to fully explain the scheme and its details.

On the question of expenses-I would, of course, provide my own as regards matters not conniected with this Department, and 1 estimate my professional ones would amount to $£ 250$. This, I believe, compares very favourably with those of representatives of mercantile firms, and certainly so with those of the City Council's professional officer now in England.

The important matter of determining how my duties could be carried out during an absence of five months has had my serious and first consideration. The Parliamentary buildings scheme is now about to be considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee, and I anticipate the inquiry will be completed before my proposed departure. Beyond this, the works of the year, and of the Loans, are in a fairly forward state, and I do not know of any special question arising in connection with them.

I can, without reservation, depend upon the loyal and special exertion of every officer of my branch, and so far as the purely professional part of the work is concerned, Mr. Robertson, the principal, and the other assistant architects, can be depended upon. In the administrative part of the work, the
control generally will, no doubt, be best dealt with by a present member of the Reference Board, and I therefore suggest that, if Mr. Davis, of the Sewerage Construction Branch, could undertake to add, for the time, further responsibilities to his present ones, the Minister might be satisfactorily assured.

In making this communication, please inform the Minister I place myself unreservedly in his hands, and at the same time trust he will take this matter into his earnest and fayourable consideration.

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W. L. VERNON.

Submitted.-R.H., 29/3/97. Let me have ten typed copies.-J.H.Y., 13/4/97, Herewith.-
U.S., 14/4/97. Approved by members of Cabinet in town; prepare Executive minute.-J.H.Y., 20/4/97.

No. 2.
Minute for the Executive Council.
Subject:-Leave of absence to W. L. Vornon, Esq., Government Architect.
Department of Public Works, Sydney, 22 April, 1897.
I mave the honor to request the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council to the granting to Walter Liberty Verion, Fsq., F.R.I.B.A., Government Arehitect, lenve of absence on full pay for a period of five months from the list proximo, to enable him to visit and report on public buildings and institutions in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe-his actual travelling expenses, not exceeding $£ 200$, to be allowed him subject to the amount being voted by Parliament.

Authority is also requested for Mr. Joseph Davis, Engineer of Sewerage Construction, to perform the administrative work of the office of Government Architect, and for Mr. Louis Robertson, Principal Assistant Architect, to supervise the professional dutios of the position during Mr. Yernon's absence from the Colony.
J. H. YOUNG.

The Executise Council approve of the leave of absence to Mr. Vernon herein recommended. The Council also advise that the appointment of Messrs. Davis and Robertson as proposed be approved.Alex. C. Budge, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 97-21, 26/4/97. Confirmed, 4/5/97. Approved- -Hampden, 26/4/97. Mr. Pavis to note and return.-R.H., Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, 6/5/97. Noted ; should not Mr. Robertson see?-J.D., 7/5/97. Mr. Robertson to please note and return.W.E.E., 8/5/97. Noted.-L.R., $8 / 5 / 97$. The Chief Clerk.-W.E.E., $8 / 5 / 97$. Acct. to note.Jno. P.- $\mathrm{S} / 5 / 07 . \quad$ Noted.-H.W., 12/5/97. File. Gazette notice re Mr. Davis, 28/5/97.

## No. 3.

## The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Secretary for Public Works.

## Minute Paper.

Subject:-Government Architect's Branch.
Department of Public Works, 11 June, 1897.
Having, since Mr. Vernon's departure, been brought into closer touch with his branch of the Department, the conclusion has been fored upon me that some considerable changes are required, with a view of altering the system, so as to make it harmonise with that adopted in the other branches.

As, however, Mr. Vernon is away, I hesitate on my own responsibility to make the recommendations which, in my opinion, are necessary, and would suggest the advisability of asking the Public Service Board to inspect the branch, when I will be prepared to submit my proposals for their consideration and advice.

ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads,
Appd. I sball be glad to have this done.-J.H.Y., I1/6/97. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-JNo. P., 11/6/97.

## No. 4.

Minute by the Acting Government Architect.
Rearrangement of Office.
Department of Public Works, Government Architect's Branch,
Sydney, 16 Juné, 1897.
Is accordance with the wishes of the Public Service Board, I beg to submit my proposals for rearranging the Government Architect's branch.

The existing arrangement I do not think it necessary to dwell upon, as I understand the Board intends to visit and make itself acquainted with the working of the office.

I have left the question of the Principal Assistant Architect, as the Board have signified their purpose to come to a decision in respect to that office.

The chief changes proposed are (a) to collect the whole of the draftemen in the large drawing office under one chief draftsman; and (b) to reduce the size of tho metropolitan area, which is worked from head office, and divide the balaace of the Colony into twelve districts instend of, as at present, into seven districts.

## Metropolitan Arca.

Iam of opinion when the assistant architects are relieved of the designs of the buildings, and their whole attention is devoted to the direction of the works themselves, that with the area reduced, and with the assistance of the clerks of works, three officers will be sufficient to efficiently supervise the buildings, \&c., in charge of the branch. I suggest, therefore, that Messrs. Cook, Drew, and Brindley should be retained at head office to do their work, and that the other three (Messts. Edwarde, Barnet, and Boissier) should be put in charge of country districts.

Country

## Country Districts.

There are seven districts at present with officers stationed at the following towns, viz.:-

| Newcastle. | Grafton. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Armidale. | Albury. |
| Bathurst. | Broken Hill. |
| Goulburn |  |

They are all very large districts, and in most cases are quite beyond the power of tbe local officer to cope with the business which is necessary to transact in connection with them, although the principal buildings are usually managed from head office.

I suggest, therefore, that instead of seven there should be twelve. The centres of the new districts should, for convenience sake, be at the following towns, viz.:-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Dubbo. } \\
& \text { Quirindi. } \\
& \text { Moree. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Forbes.
Cootamundra.

## Drawing Office.

I recommend that the drawing office should be put under Mr. Oakeshott as Chief Draftsman. He is senior draftsman and his professional ability and general suitability for the post point to him as the proper officer to put into the position. I have put his salary down in the list appended at $£ 400$, which I consider none too much for duties which will be required of him. No other chief draftsman in the Public Works Department is being paid less than the sum named. Messrs. Robinson, Thompson, and Adam I propose should be placed in charge of districts, and as they are employed in the drawing office it will be necessary to appoint three other gentlemen to take their places. I have made provision for this in tho list of salaries proposed (see list).

## Retirements.

Me'ssrs. Roberts, Dowell, and Thorne should, I think, be retircd. They are in charge of Bathurst, Goulburn, and Newcastle Districts respectively, and, as intimated above, it is intended to put Messrs. Robinson, Thompson, and Adam in their places.

Rearrangement.
The new arrangement proposed is therefore as follows:-


Helingraph Printer - Shepperd, who will work with the other officers doing the same class of work in the Department.
Foreman-F. King, doing repairs, \&c., in public building.

Timekeeper-W. Dettman, employed at store and yard.
Annual Contracts-W. Mackey, Clerk.
Clerks of Works-These will be employed as required under the different Assistant Architects and District Officers.
In the rearrangement, when the three draftsmen are appointed to take the places of the three officers it is recommended should be retired, there will be the same number in the branch, but whilst the present salaries amount to $£ 13,915$, those proposed amount to $£ 13,384$, or a saving of $£ 531$ per annum. Although in several cases, where the duties and responsibilities are increased, I have suggested small increases. As, however, in all probability another temporary clerk of works will need to be appointed in Mr. Pickering's place, perhaps the £531 should, strictly speaking, be reduced by the amount of his pay.
J. DAVIS.

List of Officers.

| Name. | Present Position., | Proposed Position. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Permanent } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { Temporary } \end{array}\right\|$ | Present Salary. | Proposed Salary. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. E. Edwards | Assistant Architect |  |  | ${ }_{425}$ | ${ }_{400}$ |
| A. T. Brindley ....... |  | Assistant Architect | $\stackrel{P}{p}$ | 425 400 | 400 |
| E. T. Drew ....... | ", ........... | " | P . | 400 | 400 |
| A. S. Cook........... | ", .......... |  | $\stackrel{P}{P}$ | 400 | 400 |
| E. E. Boissier ...... | ", ........... | District Inspector | $\stackrel{P}{P}$ | 350 | 350 |
| 7. Barnet ... ........ | Engineer |  | $P$. | 325 | 325 |
| T. Raw .............. | Engineer | Engineer. | $P$. | 350 | 350 |
| W. Roberts ... ..... | District Inspector | Rotire | P. | 393 |  |
| J. T. Thorne......... | " | ," | $\stackrel{1}{P}$ | 335 |  |
| J. W. Dowell......... | ", ............. |  | P. | 335 |  |
| S. Herbert........... | " | District Inspector ... .................. | P. | 290 | 290 |
| M. MeTaggat ...... | , |  | P . | 290 | 290 |
| E. Fitzgerald......... | ", ............. | $\cdots$ | P . | 245 | 245 |
| J. McGregor ......... |  | " | T. | 235 | 235 |
| H. M. Robinson ... | Clerk of Works | " | T. | 260 | 260 |
| R. M. S. Wells..... |  | ", ........... | P. | 225 | 250 |
| E. L. Thompsen ... | Draftsman | ", ... .................... | $P$ P. | 200 | 250 |
| J. S. Adams ......... |  | " | P. | 200 | 250 |
| W. A. Lewis......... | Assistant District Inspector... |  | P . | 200 | 250 |
| E. Oakeshott. | Draftsman ...................... | Chicf Draftsman | P. | 300 | 400 |
| W. Mitchell ... | " | Draftsman | P. | 290 | 290 |
| W. Blacklock . | " | " | P. | 150 | 156 |
| C. IL. Laidley ...... | ", ........ ............. | , | T. | 130 | 130 |
| G. Blair ......... | " ...................... | " | P . | 250 | 250 |
| C. H. Dibbs .. | " $\quad$.................... | " 0 ............................. | P | 207 | 207 |
| V. Wilshire ... | " | ," | P. | 156 | 156 |
| D. Heeley ....... | " | ", | T. | 130 | 130 |
| H. B. Cranna ..... | " | " | T. | 130 | 130 |
| G. T. Shaw | ", ..................... | " | T. | 156 | 156 |
| H. Crouch ..... | " ...................... | ", | T. | 130 | 130 |
| W. H. Truefitt. | " | ,, .. | P. | 250 | 250 |
| W. B. Wall ......... | , ...................... | ," .. | 'T. | 130 | 130 |
| J. Barr .............. | " | " | P. | 156 | 156. |
| J. Miller............... | ", . ...................... | " | T. | 130 | 130 |
| W. Grace .... | ,, . .................... | , | T. | 208 | 208 |
| Vacant ....... | ", ..................... | " | $\ldots$ |  | 200 |
| " ....... | " | " | $\cdots$ | .... | 200 |
| A. Evans | Quantity Survey |  |  |  | 200 |
| T. E. McGowen ... | Assistant Quantity Surveyor.. | Ausistant Quantity Surveyor | $\underset{P}{P}$ | 68 | 300 68 |
| W. E. Ellard......... | Clerk.............. ............... | Clerk .......................... | p. | 300 | 300 |
| A. J. Purdue......... | Assistant to Principal Assistant Architect. | Assistant to Principal Assistant Arehitect. | P. | 267 | 267 |
| W. Mackey | Annual Contract Clerk ........ | Annual Contract Clerk ....... ..... | P. | 235 | 235 |
| H. Borradale......... | Specification Clerk. | Plan Custodian and SpecificationClerk | P. | 200 | 200 |
| - Shcpperd ......... | Custodian of Plans.. | Heliograph Printer | $\ldots$ | 140 | 140 |
| - Rolph | Plan Mounter | Retire |  | 100 |  |
| A. T. Telfer | Clerk of Works | Clerk of Works | $P$. | 335 | 335 |
| W. B. Simpson...... | , | . | $\stackrel{P}{P}$ | 290 | 290 |
| J. Hellmrich......... | , | ," | $P$ | 222 | 222 |
| W. Wilson.......... | " | " | T. | 235 | 235 |
| C. Francis | , | ", | T. | 208 | 208 |
| H. E. Slliott. | , . | " | 'T. | 208 | 208 |
| W. Eruce ........... | ," | " | T. | 235 | 235 |
| E. Burn .............. | " | ", | P . | 281 | 281 |
| H. Goddard | ,, ............... | " | T. | 260 | 260 |
| W. J. Little .. | , . | , | T. | 150 | 156 |
| W. Marbur.......... | ,', ...... .......... | , | 'T. | 208 | 208 |
| W. H. K. Roberts.. | ,, ................. | ", | T | 208 | 208 |
| W. E. Pickering ... | " | Dispense with | T. | 2018 |  |
| E. H. Ramsey ..... |  | Clerk of Works | T. | 218 | 218 |
| F. King ............. | Foreman ..................... | Foreman | $P$. | 200 | 200 |
| W. Dettman ......... | Timekeeper ...................... | Tlimekeeper | P. | 56 | 56 |
|  |  | Total ........................................ i |  | 13,915 | 13,384 |



No. 5.

## Minute by The Under Secretary for Public Works. <br> Reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 17 June, 1897.
In submitting these skeleton proposals for the consideration of the Public Scrvice Board, I should like to state that I have gone very fully into the matter with Mr. Davis, and am quite satisfied that his suggestions will have a very bencicial effect in the general working of the branch. It is not contended for a moment that the scheme now submitted is complete in erery detail, but believe it is the first step towards a reorganisation which will ultimately have to be carried further.

As the Board propose to make a personal examination of the office, I do not deem it necessary to refer more fully to the matter now; there is, however, one thing that Mr. Davis has not dealt with, and that is the question of giving each district inspector an office boy, to assist in looking after the ordinary routine work, such as making copies of papers, \&c., and to be in the office when the inspector is out, as he frequently is, on his rounds of inspection. This appears to me to be a very important matter, as it is a great inconvenience, not only to the head office, but to the general public, to have theso district offices closed, as they are now, when the inspector is out.

It will be noticed that it is proposed to increase the number of district officers. This is a question which, with my knowledge of the Colony, I have given a great deal of attention to, and $I$ am quite satisficd that, to carry out the work efficiently, the rearrangement and the extra officers are absolutely necessary.

There are a number of minor details in connection with the working of the aystem in the head oflice, which are now receiving my attention, and they will be fully explained when the Board make their proposed visit.

ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.
Forward.-J.H.Y., 17/6/87. $\qquad$
No. 6.
Minute by The Acting Government Architect. * Reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch.
Referbing to the conversation which I had with the Public Service Board this morning respecting this reorganisation, and to their decision not to retire for the present any of the officers if it can be avoided, I have the honor now to report that the arrangement under these circumstances will be as follows :-

| Metropolitan Districts. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. T. Brindley | ... | , | ... | ... | District No. 1. |  |  |
| A. S. Cook ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | \#. , 2. |  |  |
| E. T. Drew ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " " 3. |  |  |
| Country Districts. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| S. Herbert | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | Armidale. |  |  |
| M. McTaggat | ... | ... | ... | ... | Albury. |  |  |
| E. Fitzgerald... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | Grafton. |  |  |
| J. McGregor... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | Broken Hill. |  |  |
| T. Branes | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | Cootamundra. |  |  |
| A. E. Edwards | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | Bathurst. |  |  |
| E. E. Boissier |  | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | Goulburn. |  |  |
| W. A. E. Lewis | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | Forbes. |  |  |
| L. Robertson | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | Newcastle. |  |  |
| W. Roberts ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Dubbo. |  |  |
| J. T. Thorne ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | Quirindi. |  |  |
| J. W. Dowell | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | Moree. |  |  |
| Engineer. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T. Raw ... | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | Engineer. |  |  |
| W. Grace ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\therefore$ | Assistant to Ep |  |  |
| A. J. Purdue... | ... |  | $\ldots$ | $\because$ | Assistant to Pri | al Assistant. |  |
| Drawing Office. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G. Oakeshott | ... | ... | ... | ... | Chief Draftrma |  |  |
| A. Evans | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | Quantity Surve |  |  |
| J. E. McGowen | ... | ... | ... | ... | Assistant Quan | Surveyor. |  |
| W. Mitchell ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Draftsman. |  |  |
| W. Blacklock | ... | ... | ... | ... | " |  |  |
| C. L. Laidley | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | " |  |  |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | " |  |  |
| V. Wilshire ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | " |  |  |
| D. Healey ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ", |  |  |
| H. B. Cranna | ... | ... | ... | ... | " |  |  |
| G. T. Shaw ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | " |  |  |
| H. Crouch ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | " |  |  |
| W. H. Truefitt | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | " |  |  |
| W. B. Wall ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | " |  |  |
| I. Barr ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | " |  |  |
| J. Miller ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | :.. | " |  |  |
| J. S. Adam ... |  | $\cdots$ |  |  | " |  |  |
| E. L. Thompson H. M. Robinson | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | " |  |  |
| H. M. Robinson | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | " |  | Plan |

Plan Custodian and Spec. Clerk-H. Borradale.
Clerk-W. E. Ellard.
Heliographer- Shepperd.
Foreman-F. King.
Timekeeper-W. Dettman.
Arinual Contracts- W. Mäckey; clerk.
Clerks of Works-As at present.
I attach lists of salaries proposed.

List of Officers.


In addition to the foregoing officers; office boys will be required in most of the country districts. In some cases it miy be found possible to use one boy between the Roads and Government Architect's Branches, in which instance, supposing a clerk to be already in the Roads, another will be unnecessary.J. Davis, 30/6/97.
R.H., 30/6/97.

## No. 7. <br> Minute by the Public Service Board.

Reorganisation of Government Architect's Branch.
Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 15 July, 1897.
The Public Service Board, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Public Service Act have had under consideration the question of the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department, with a view to the more efficient and better working of that Branch, and they recommend that, for the purposes of the work of that Office, the Colony be divided into the undermentioned districts, and that the officers named be appointed to such districts, with the positions and salaries set opposite their respective names:-


The Board further recommend that the Fead Office Staff be constituted as follows :-

| Drawing Office ...... | Name. | Position. | Salary: | Grade. | Division. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | W. L. Vernon.............. | Government Architect. | $\stackrel{\mathfrak{2}}{1,064}$ | Al | Professional. |
|  | Vacant...................... | Principal Assistant Architect......... |  |  |  |
|  | W. E. Ellard .............. | Clerk .............................. ... | 300 | A3 | Clerical. |
|  | G. Oakeshott .............. | Chief Draftsman ...................... | 400 | A2 | Professional. |
|  | A. Evans ................... | Quantity Surveyor ............. | 300 | A3 |  |
|  | I. E. McGowen ........... | Clerk ............... | 68 | 135 | Clerical. |
|  | W. Mitchell ............. | Draftsman | 290 | B1 | Professional. |
|  | W. Blacklock ,............. | do | 156 | B2 | do |
|  | G. Blair | do | 250 | B1 | do |
|  | G. H. Dibbs | do | 207 | B2 | do |
|  | V. Wilshire................ | do | 156 | 132 | do |
|  | W. H. Truefitt ........... | do | 250 | 131 | do |
|  | J. Barr ...................... | do | 156 | B2 | do |
|  | J. S. Adam .................... | do | 200 | B2 | do |
|  | Vacant. | do | 200 | B2 | do |
|  | T. Raw...... | Engineer | 350 | A3 | do |
|  | A. J. Purdue ................. | Clerk ... | 267 | 131 | Clerical. |
|  | H. Borradale ............... | Plan Custodian and Specification Clerk. | 200 | ......... | Generul. |
|  | A. T. Telfer................ | Clerk of Works....................... | 335 | A3 | Professional. |
|  | W. B. Simpson ........... | do | 290 | Bl | do |
|  | J. Hellmrich ..... ........ | do ........................... | 222 | B2 | do |
|  | E. Burns ................... | do | 281 | B1 | do |
|  | R. M. S. Wells ........... | do | 225 | B1 | ${ }_{\text {do }}$ |
|  | W. Mackey ................. | Annual Contracts Clerk | 235 | B1 | Clerical. |
|  | F. King .................. |  | ${ }^{200}$ | Bl | General. |
|  | W. Dettman .............. | Timekeeper .. ........................ | 56 |  |  |

The Board further recommend that the alterations in salaries involved take effect from the 1st August proximo.
\(\left.\begin{array}{l}J. BARLING, <br>

GEO. A. WILSON,\end{array}\right\}\)| Members of the Public |
| :---: |
| Service Board. |

The Honorable J. N. Brunker, Esq., M.P., Acting Premier.

The Honorable the Sccretary for Public Works.-J.N.B., 19/7/97.
The Under Secretary for Public Works.-J.H., 19/7/97.

Submitted for approval-R.H. Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, 23/7/97. Approved.-J.H.Y., 23/7/97. Prepare Ex. Minute.-Jno. P., 23/7/97. Ex. Minute, 27/7/97.

No. 8.

No. 8.
Minute for the Executive Council.
Reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch, Department of Public Works.
Department of Public Works, Sydney, 27 July, 1897.
Iv accordance with the recommendations of the Public Service Board, contained in the accompanying minute, I have the honor to request the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council to the reorganisation of the Architect's Branch of this Department, as detailed in the schedules endorsed hereon.

Alterations in salaries involved to take effect from the 1.st proximo.
J. H. YOONG.

The Executive Council approve of the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch as herein proposed, to date from the 1st inst-Alex. C. Budae, Clerk of the Council. Min. 97/38, 3/8/97. Approved.-Hanpden, 3/8/97. Confirmed, 10/8/97. Inform and gazette.-R.P.H., Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, 10/8/97. Treasury, Board, Architect, Gazette, 1I/8/97. 18/8/97. Acct. to note.-Jко. P., 18/8/97.

No. 9.
Memorandum from The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Acting Government Architect.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 11 August, 1897.
Wris you be so good as to note that Hib Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public service Board, has approved of the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch of this Department, as detailed in the accompanying schedule. The alterations in the salaries involved to take effect from the 1 st instant.

ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.
No. 10.
The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Secretary, Public Service Board.
Sir,
Department of Public Works, Sydney, 11 August, 1897.
I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the
Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of your Board, has approved of the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch of this Department, as detailed in the accompanying schedules.

The alterations in the salaries involved to take effect from the lat instant.
I have, \&c.,
ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.
No. 11.
The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Secretary, Public Service Board.
Sir,
Department of Public Works, Sydney, 11 August, 1897.
I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executivo Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Servico Board, has approved of the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch of this Department, as detailed in the accompanying schedules.

The alterations in the salaries involved to take effect from the lst instant.
I have, \&c.,
ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.
No. 12.
The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Secretary for Public Works.

Minute Paper.
Subject:-Reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch.
Since my last communication with the Public Service Board on this matter I have seen Mr. Robertson, who expresses a rery strong desire to be retired in preference to being reduced to the position of a district officer.

Mr. Robertson feels the proposal would practically be censuring and degrading him, and I feel quite sure, with this idea firmly fised in his mind, the State would not get the full value of his services.

After very carefully considering the question, I am inclined to think it would be to the interest of the Sorvice to comply with his request.

I suggest that this communication be forwarded to the Public Service Board.
ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.
Appd.-J.H.X., 8/7/97. The Secretary, P. S. Board.-JNo. P. (for Under Socretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads), $8 / 7 / 77$.

No. 13.

## No. 13.

## Minute by the Public Service Board.

Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 15 July, 1897. Is connection with the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department, which is dealt with in another minute, the Public Service Board recommend that Mr. Louis Robertson, Principal Assistant Architect, be retired from the Public Service in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Act.
W. BARLING,
G. A. WILSON, $\}$ Members of the Public SService Board.
JAMES POWELL,

Deputy Member of the Public Service Board.
The Honorable J. N. Brunker, M.P., Acting Premier.
The Honorable the Minister for Public Works.-J.N.B., 16/7/97. The Under Secretary for Public Works.-F.M., 17/7/97. Submitted for approval.-R.H., Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, 21/7/97. Appd.-J.H.Y., 21/7/97. Prepare Ex. Minute.-Jno. P., 21/7/97. Ex. Minute, 23/7/97.

No. 14.
Minute by the Accountant.
Re Mr. L. Robertson's salary '97-8.-Principal Assistant Arehitect-Government Architect's Branch. Account Branch, 21 July, 1897.
I shaty be glad to know what amount is to be provided on '97-8 Salary Estimates for Mr. Robertson. I find his name has been omitted in the Public Service Board's reorganisation but just issued.

SAMUEL STEEL.
The Accountant.
All payments which are to be made could be charged to the item of "Salaries, Equipment, \&c." on the Government Architect's Schedule, and thus the question of the actual amount to bo provided for will not require decision at present. -
T.R.S., 25/7/97.

Submitted for approval.-R.H., Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, 24/7/97. Approved.-J.H.Y., 26/7/97. Accountant.-Jro. P., 26/7/97. Noted. Assistant Accountant and Examiner to see.-S.S., 29/7/97. Noted.—J.C., 29/7/97. Filed.

No. 15.

## Minute for the Executive Council.

Subject:-Retirement of Mr. Louis Robertson, Principal Assistant Architect.
Department of Public Works, Sydney, 23 July, 1897.
I have the honor to request the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council to the retirement from the Public Service, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Act, of Mr. Louis Robertson, Principal Assistant Architect, as recommended by the Public Service Board in the accompanying minute.
J. H. YOUNG.

The Executive Council approve of the retirement of Mr. Louis Robertson as herein recommended.Adex. C. Bunar, Clerk of the Council.

Minute, $97 / 37,27 / 7 / 97$. Submitted for approval. Approved.-Hampoen, 27/7/97. Confirmed, 3/5/97. $\therefore$ To inform and gazette ; to take effect from the 9th instant.-R H., Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, 4/8/97. Approved.-J.H.Y., 4/8/97. Inform.Jvo. P., 4/8/97. L. Robertson, 5/8/97. The Treasury Board, and gazette.-6/8/97. Accountant to note; then Mr. Davis to see.-Jro. P., 6/8/97. Examiner and Mr. S. Steel.-T.R.S., 9/8/97. Noted.H.W., 9/8/97, W.B., $9 / 8 / 97 . \mathrm{Mr}_{i}$ S. Steel. Noted.-S.S., $9 / \mathrm{S} / 97$. File.W.W.E., $13 / 8 / 97$.

No. 16.

## The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Secretary, Public Service Board. <br> Sir, 6 August, 1897.

I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of your Board, has approved of the retirement from the Public Service of Mr. Louis Robertson, Principal Assistant Architect in this Department,-to take effect from the 9 th instant.

I have, \&e.,

# No. 17. <br> The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Principal Assistant Architect. 

Sir, • • 5 August, 1897.
In consequence of the recent reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch of this Department, I hare the honor to inform you that, on the recommendation of the Public Service Board, it has been decided that you should be retired from the Service, and this has now been approved of by the Executive Council.

I am to add that your retirement will take effect from the 9th instant.
I have, \&c.,
ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Sccretary and Commissioner for Roads.

No. 18.
The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Under
Secretary for Pinance and Trade.
Sir, I have the honor to inform you that His Exellency the 6 August, 1897. Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has approved of the retirement from the Public Service of Mr. Louis Robertson, Principal Assistant Arcbitect in this Depariment,to take effect from the 9th instant.

I have, \&c.,
ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.

No. 19.
Minute by the Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.
Subject:-Milling up position of Principal Assistant Architect vacant by the retirement of Mr. L. Robertson.
Department of Public Works, Sydney, 15 September, 1897.
Tre position of Principal Assistant in the Arehitect's Branch having now been vacant since early last month, I. would suggest that the Public Service Board be moved to take whatever steps they may consider necessary to appoint a successor to Mr. Robertson.

ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.

Appd.-J.H.Y., 15/9/97. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-Jro. P. (for Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads), 15/9/97.

No. 20.
Minute by the Public Service Board.
Appointment of Principal Assistant Architect in the Government Architect's Branch.
Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 15 September, 1897.
Ture Public Service Board, having been informed of the proposal to appoint a Principal Assistant Architect in the Government Architect's Branch of the Department of Public Works, report that, in their opinion, there is not any person in the Public Service capable of filling the position, and they therefore recommend, for the approval of His Excellency the Governor, in terms of section 30 of the "Public Scrvice Act of 1895," that George McRac, Esquire, be appointed to the position, with salary at the rate of seven hundred pounds (£う00) per annum, such salary to be paid, pending the passing of the Estimates, from the Vote "For the reorganisation of the Public Service, $£ 5,000$." The position is in the Professional Division, and graded Al; and to date as required.

This appointment is recommended on the understanding that Mr. McRae's services will be available to the City Council in connection with the completion of the City Markets.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { J. BARLING, } \\ \text { GEO. A. WILSON, }\end{array}\right\}$ Members of the Public Service Board. The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., M.P., Premier and Colonial Treasurer. -
The Honorable the Minister for Public Works-G.H.R., 16. The Under Secretary for Public Works.-J.H., 16/9/97. Submitted for approval.-R.H., Uade Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads, $16 / 9 / 97$. Appd.-J.H.X., 16/9/97. Prepare Ex. Minute.-Jvo. P., 16/9/97. Ex. Minute, 20/9/97.

No. 21.

No. 21.

## Minute for the Executive Council.

Subject:-Appointment of George McRae, Esquire, as Principal Assistant Architect, Department of Public Works.
Department of Public Works, Sydney; 20 September, 1897.
In accordance with the recommendation of the Public Service Board contained in the accompanying paper, I have the honor to request the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council to the appointment of George McRae, Eqquire, as Principal Assistant Architect of this Department, with salary at the rate of $£ 700$ per annum, such salary to be paid, pending the passing of the Estimates, from the Vote "For the reorganisation of the Public Service, £ $\overline{5}, 000$."

The position is in the Professional Division, and graded A1, and the appointment is to date as required.

This appointment is recommended on the understanding that Mr. McRae's services will be arailable to the City Council in connection with the completion of the City Markets.
J. H. YOUNG.

The Executive Council approve of the appointment of Mr. MeRas as recommended.-Auex. C. Budge, Clerk of the Council. Min. 97/46, 28/9/97. Approved-Hampien, 28/9/97. Confirmed, $5 / 10 / 97$. Inform and gazette appointment to date from the 1st proximo.-R.H., 27/11/97. Done, 30/11/97. Acct. to note--Jno. P., 30/11/97. Esaminer and Mr. S. Steel-T,R.S., 1/12/97. Noted.-W.B., J.F., H.W., 1/12/97. Noted.-S.S., 6/12/97. File. Noted.-RaE, 17/3/98.

No. $21_{\mathrm{A}}$.
Extract from Votes and Proceedings No. 69 of the Legislative Assembly, Wednesday, 10 November, 1897.

## Question.

(3.) Appointment of Principal Assistant Architect:-Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Secretary,-
(1.) Respecting the appointment of the Principal Assistant Architcct, did the Public Service Board recommend, on its own authority, Mr. McRae for the position, or was the Board advised; and, if so, on whose report did the Public Service Board state there was no man in the Sorvice fit to occupy the post?
(2.) Has the position been confirmed?
(3.) Has the Government Architect been consulted since his return; and does he consider that no officer of the Department is fit to occupy the position?
(4.) On whose or what authority does the Public Service Board stato that a better outside man than Mr. MeRae is not likely to be obtained?
(5.) Why, when so many appointments have been alrcady filled by competition in the Arehitect's Department, was this position singled out for different treatment?
(6.) Was it not settled upon in the absence of Mr. Vernon?
(7.) Were not the drawings of the proposed Houses of Parliament prepared by gentlemen on the Government Architect's staff?

## Ansecer.

Mr. Reid answered,-The Public Service Board havo furnished me with the following reply :-The Public Service Board accept the entire responsibility for the recommendation they have made in this case. The law imposes this upon them, and they accept it to the fullest extent. Before making their recommendation the Board satisfied themselves that it was the best they could advise in the interests of the Public Service. Although there are many good officers in the Government Architect's Department, the Board are of opinion that there is no one possessing the peculiar qualifications necessary for the position of Principal Assistant Architect, which, above all, requires administrative ability, and they would not, therefore, accept the responsibility of recommending the appointment of any of the existing staff.

No. 22.

## The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to George McRae, Esquire.

Sir,
30 November, 1897.
I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Serrice Board, has approved of your appointment as Principal Assistant Architect in this Department, with salary at the rate of $£ 700$ per annum,-to take effect from the lst proximo.

I have, \&c.

No. 23.
The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.
30 November, 1897. Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has approved of the appointment of George McRae, Esq., as Principal Assistant Architect in this Department, with salary at the rate of $£ 700$ per annum,一to take effect from the 1st proximo.

I have, \&c.
ROBT'. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.
No. 24.
Memorandum from The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Government Architect.

30 November, 1807.
Will you be so good as to note that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has approved of the appointment of George MclRae, Esq., as Principal Assistant Architect in this Department, with salary at the rate of $£ 700$ per annum,-to take effect from the lst proximo.

ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.
No. 25.
The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads to The Secretary, Public Service Board.
Sir, 30 November, 1897.
I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of your Board, has approved of the appointment of George McRae, Esq., as Principal Assistant Architect in this Department, with salary at the rate of $£ 700$ per annum, 一to take effect from the 1st proximo.

I have, de. .,
ROBT. HICKSON,
Under Secretary and Commissioner for Roads.
No. 26.
George McRae, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.
Sir, $\quad$ I have the honor to acknowledge, with thanks, the reccipt of your communication of the 30th ultimo, informing me that I have been appointed to the position of Principal Assistant Architect in the Public Works Department, with salary at the rate of $£ 700$ per annum.

I have, \&c.
GEORGE McRAE.
For information of Minister.-R.H., 4/12/97. Seen.-J.H.Y., 6/12/97. File.
No. 27.
Professional career of Mr. J. Davis, M.Inst. C.E., Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage Construction.
Tre early portion of my four years' pupilage was with my father, who was an engineer and surveyor, and 1872-187s. completed with Mesers. William North \& Son, engineers. 1874-1875.
I acted as resident engineer under Mr. Jacob Forrest, M.Inst. C.E., in tho survey, design, and 1870-1899. construction of miscellaneous engineering works, such as mineral railways, bridges, buildings, mining machinery, and hydraulic works.

Engaged at the Park Lane Ironworks, Oldbury, in designing and engincering works in general.
1580-1883.
Resident engineer for two years supervising the construction of sewerage and other works connected therewith, under Mr. H. J. Marten, M.Inst. C.E., and Mr. G. J. C. Broom, M.Inst. C.E., F.R.S.

At Eliza Tinsley \& Co's. engineering establishment, Birmingham.
Location and survey of railway from Cradlev to Witley, Worcestershire.
Joined Public Works Department, N.S.W., and first acted as assistant to Mr. J. M. Smail, September, 188 . M.Inst. C.E., Divisional Enginecr.

Preparing designs in Sewerage Drawing Office, Public Works Department.
188.

Resident Engineer supervieing the construction of the Bondi Main Sewer, and reticulation of 18s5-188s. Northern Division, and other works under Mr. D. C. McMordie, M.Inst. C.E., Divisional Engineer.

Elected Associate M.Inst. C.E.
Supervising Engineer in charge of the whole of the Sewerage Construction.
Elected M.Inst. C.E.
Principal Assistant Engineer for Water Supply and Sewerage.
Principal Assistant Engineer for Metropolitan Sewerage Construction.
Appointed Engineer for Sewerage Construction in charge of branch.
1889.

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April, 1896 , to

July, 1896 .
July, 1896.

No. 28.
Service Certificate of Mr. Davis by Messrs. Wm. North \& Sons, London.
St. Swithin's Lane, London E.C., 4 May, 1899.
I certify that Mr. Joseph Davis, M.Inst. C.E., formerly of Dudley, Worcestershire, England, now of Sydney, in the servico of the Government of New South Wales as Chief Enginecr for Sewerage Construction, after leaving his father, who was an engineer and surveyor, in 1873, was with my firm, Messrs. William North \& Sons, Engineers, the two following years completing his pupilage, but without articles having been signed.

For William North \& Sons,
F. W. NORTH.

## No. 29.

Copy of Testimonial by Mr. Jacob Forrest, M.Inst. C.E., given when applying for the position of Borough Engineer in England.

I mave pleasure in certifying to the ability of Mr. Joseph Davis, of Dudley, as an engineer and surveyor. Before acting as assistant engineer to the Dudley Decp Drainage, he was employed by us, and carried out most satisfactorily several engineering works of magnitude. On one occasion the construction of a mineral railway two miles in length, with the erection of all necessary buildings and machinery, was put into his hands, and I may say that the survey was made, plans were prepared, and the whole of the work executed in a manner highly creditable to him, and at the same time to our entire satisfaction. He is accurate in his estimates, always very particular in details, and a first-class draftsman. I may add that I have had every opportunity of estimating his natural capability and general character, having known him for seven years, and consider that from his professional knowledge and highly conscientious character, I know of no one better to fill the office of Borough Engineer.

Yours, \&ic.,
J. FORREST.

Witley, 30 January, 1883, Hales Ow'en.

## No. 30.

Service Certificate of Mr. Davis by Mr. Jacob Forrest, M.Inst. C.E.; Witley.
Park Lane Ironworks, Oldbury; near Birmingham,
Dear Mr. Davis,
31 January 1899.
It is a great pleasure to receive your note, and recall the tixne you spent with us in the Old Country. As for the work you did for us, you will be surprised to hear that the furnaces for which you made drawings in or about 1880 are little if any inferior to the latest we have obtained from Sir Benj. Hingleys, and though we shall get all our furnaces on to the new lines as soon as possible, the old and the new are working side by side very comfortably.

As to the other work you did here, I think the whole routine of iron manufacture came before you pretty constantly, but the post of assistant manager here was not attractive enough to keep you away from the deep drainage scheme at Dudley.

I do not blame you, as the work there was important and widely known; but we ought to have kept you, and might have been better off to day if we had,

## Yours, \&c.

F. R. SIMPSON \& Co.
F. F. SIMPSON.

## No. 31.

Service Certificate of Mr. Davis by Mr. E. D. Marten, M.Inst. C.E., Wolverhampton.

13, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.,
The Birches, Codsall, Wolverhampton, 31 January, 1899.
My Dear Sir,
Your letter of the 27 th ultimo has reached me here this morning, and I hasten to reply to it in order to catch Thursday's mail.

I am greatly surprised to learn that anybody has ventured to question either the regularity or the thoroughness of your training as a civil engincer. My first acquaintance with you was towards the end of the year 1880, when you became resident engineer for the main drainage works of the Borough of Dudley, which my late father, Mr. H. J. Marten, M. Inst. C.E., was then carrying out at a cost of between $£ 50,000$ and $£ 60,000$. In those days 1 acted as principal assistant to my father, and had the more direct charge of the various works we were carrying out, and I was, therefore, frequently brought. into contact with you. When you came to us your reputation as a thoroughly sound and practical civil engineer was so completely established that I do not recollect that we made any special inquiry as to what your early training had been. In fact, it is obvious that without such a reputation you would not have obtained the important and responsible position you held under us.

Subsequently $I$ learnt that your pupilage had been the same as my own, namely, in your father's office, when he practised as an engineer and surveyor. After a groundwork there, you had that form of experience which is always considered best for a young engineer, namely, the holding of various positions of growing responsibility on important engineering works, until you came to the Dudley Drainage Works. Your work at Dudley was so good, and so thoroughly that of the trained engineer, that even had I known nothing of your antecedents I would willingly harc staked my reputation that your professional education had been regular. As a matter of fact, I learned by experience that in addition to being regular it bad been remarkably good. My late father used to say that you were one of the best resident engineers that ho ever had under him, and when the work was finished he gladly gave you strong testimonials.

With kind regards, \&c.,
E. D. MARTEN,
M.A. (Cantab.), M.Inst. C.E. (London).

No. 32.
Service Certificate of Mr. Davis by Mr. Geo. J. C. Broom, M.Inst. C.E., St. Helena.
Borough Engineer's Department, Town Hall, St. Helena,
7 February, 1899.
Dear Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 25 th ultimo, asking for a testimonial from me as to your capabilities as a civil engineer, I have no hesitation whatever in complying with your request.

During the time you were at Dudley, England, I was constantly brought in contact with you, and had many opportunities of secing your work, and from what I then saw, and from the experience which must have been obtained by jou since that time, you are, in my opinion, thoroughly qualified in the position of a civil enginecr. Indeed, the fact of your having been accepted as a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in England is, in itself, sufficient to guarantee your professional capabilities.

I am very pleased to hare heard from you, and shall be glad to see you when you return from England. Yours, \&c.

GEO. J. C. BROOM,
M.Inst. C.E., F.G.S., Borough Engineer.
Jos. Davis, Esq., Department of Public Works,
Sewerage Construction Branch, Sydney, N.S.W.

No. 33.
Service Certificate of Mr. Davis by Mr. D. McMordie, M.Inst. C.E., Sydney.
Dear Mr. Davis, Sydney, 16 March, 1896.
In reply to your communication of even date, I have much pleasure in stating that during the time I was Supervising Engineer on the Northern Division of the extensive Sydney Sewerage Works, you were einployed as Resident Engineer on those works from the beginning of 1884 till the time when I left to join the $W$ ater Conservation Branch, formed at the beginning of 1890 , and had the pleasure of pointing out to the head of the Department your well-earned claim and fitness for promotion to the position I was leaving.

After the six years' experience I had of your service I can say with confidence that you proved Yourself a capable, zealous, and efficient officer, in whom the utmost confidence could be safely placed, both as to professional capacity and uprightness of character.

Yours, \&c.,
D. McMORDIE, B.E., M.Inst. C.E.

No. 34 .
Copy of Diploma.
The Institute of Civil Engineers, established 1818. Incorporated by Royal Charter, a.d. 1828.
Thege are to certify that Joseph Davis is a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, a society established for the general advancement of Mechanical Science, and more particularly for promoting the acquisition of that species of knowledge which constitute the profession of a Civil Engineer, being the art of directing the great sources of power in nature for the use and convenience of man.

Witness our hands and seal at Westminister this 9th day of November, 1.891 .

## [Seal.]

GEORGE BERKELEY, President.
JAMES FORREST, Secretary.
Elected Associate Member, 3rd February, 1889.
Transferred Member, 9th November, 1891.

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(THIRD SESSION.)

## Legislatife Assembly.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

# CLAIM OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA. <br> (RETURN RBSPECTING.) 

Printed undne No. \& Report from Printing Committee, 2 November, 1899.


#### Abstract

REIURN to an Order made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 25th July, 1.899, 'that there be laid upon the Table of this House,- "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."


(Mi. Chanter.)

## SCHEDULE.

No. Mr. William IR. Guilfoyle to the Secretary for Mines, asking that a gratuity under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884 be granted to the willow of Josepll Guiffoyle, late forester at Moama, with minutes. 2 June, 1595.
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27. T. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to the Colonial Treasurer, with minutes. 16 December, 1897 .........
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## CLATM OF MRS. GULLFOYIE.

No. 1.

## Mr. William R. Guilfoyle to Tho Secretary for Mines and Agriculture. <br> Dear Sir, Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, 2 June, 1895.

The death of my brother, who was forest ranger in the Moama District, will doubtless haro been brought under your notice. Ho died, on the 27 th ultimo, from acute pueumonia, which commenced with a cold caught whilst performing his duties, and has left a wife and helpless family of eight children without a home of their own, and, unfortunately, alnost entirely unprovided for. The eldest boy-a lad of 17 -is the ouly child capable of earning a living, and now gets 10 s. per week.

I have been told that, according to the Act of 1884, the wife and family of a decensed officer are not entitled to compensation, but, in some doserving cases, exception is made by granting a gratuity. In this instance, sir, there is indecd need of kind consideration and pity; and, judsing from what IT have heard of your charity and goodness, I feel certain that you will do your best, as Minister of the Department in which my irrother was employed, for the poor widow and her eight children, all but one of whom are unable to help themselves. Unfortunately for them I , haring a fandly of my own, awd, like many others, during the "boon period" was so rash in some of my spectlations as to involve myself in grave diliculties, an thercfore unable to render auy appreciable assistance. This I rogret the more now that I sce how my poor brothcr's helpless family are likely to suffer.

It appears that my brotler was altogetber about tiventy years in the Public Service, and, I believe, during the whole of that time perforned his duties efficiently and well.

Since 1834, it is said, he paid 4 per cent. of his sallary into the Superamuuation Fund; but that, I fear, would amount to very little, although of great use if nothing else can be obtained.

I have phaced this matter before you with the fullest confidence that you will do the best you possibly can for the fanily in their helpless and deplorable condition, and feel assured that this appeal in their behalf will not be in vain.

I have, sce.,
Whiliam ra. gcilfoyle.
This is a very sad case. If anything can be done for the family I shall bo glad. Report.--S. Smery, 4/0/95.

Horcster Guilfoyle was first appointed on 1st June, 1870 , his salary at the time of his death (27th May, 1895) being f209 per annum. Recommended this letter be referred to the Chicf: Secretary's Department with a view to a gratuity being granted Mrs. Guilfoylo under section 51 of the Civil Scrvice Act of 1884. The writer to be informed accordingly.-(x.W., 7/6/95.

Submitted-R.D.H., 7/6/95. H.W., 10/6;9. Approved-S. Smitm, 11/6. W. R. Guilfoyle informed, $3.2 / 6 / 95$. The Principal Uuder Secretary, for transmission to the Civil Service Board.-Waxter I. Campredx (pro U.S. for Mines and Agriculture). B.C., 12/6/95. The Chairman of the Civil Service Board.-C.W., P.U.S., B.C., 18/6;9. Mrs. Guilfoyle asked for the usual particulars, 22/0/95.

No. 2.
The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to The Sccretary, Civil Service Board.
Dear Sir,
Department of Mines, Sydney, 9 June, 1895.
I beg to inform you, in answer to your note of the 6th instint, that this Department addresses its letters for Mrs. Guilfoyle to "Mrs. Joseph Guilfoyle, Moama."

Yours faithfully,
HAPRIE WOOD.
No. 3.
The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to Mr. William R. Guilfoylc.
Department of Mines and Agriculture, Forest Branch,
Sir,
Referring to your communication of the 2nd instant on the subject of the fintucial position of the family of your brother, the late Joseph Guilfoyle, a forester of this Deparment, I have the honor to inform you that the papers in his case have this day been forwarded to the Principal Under Secretary for transmission to the Civil Service Board, with the view of the question of a gratuity being granted under sec. 51 of the Civil Service Act of 1881, being considered.
f have, ce.e,
WALIER S. CLMPBELT,
(pro Under Secretary).
No. 4.

## Mì. J. A. Mason to The Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Reid,
Wentworth Court, 1.9 Tune, 1895.
In our conversation on Monday you told me to inform you of all the particulars and circumstances comnected with the death of Joseph Quilfoyle, late forestor at Moam, and the condition of his family. I have made further and full inquiries, and find that Guilfoyle was first appointed to the Servico on list Tune, 1876 , and was made forester on the 1st December, I.883, his salary at the time of his death being $\mathfrak{x} 209 \mathrm{per}$ :mmum, Guilfoyle paid, 1 l an informed, 4 per cent. of his salary into the Superannation

Trund from the time of the passing of the Act, viz, 1881. In regard to the cause of his death, I may aay that there are unusual circumstances, inasmuch, it soems, he died from acute pneumonia resulting from a cold caught whilst away from his usual work doing special duty in connection with a number of men who had gone out to clear some country near the Murray. The unfortunate man left a widow and eight children, the eldest of whom is a boy 17 years old, who is, I am told, now employed on a station and receiving wager at the rate of 10 s. per week. The other children are quite helpless. Several are girls, and all are too young to look after themselves or assist the family in any way. Guilfoyle left his family almost entirely unprovided for, and at present they are, I am informed, alnost in destitute circumstances, and his relations, although willing to help, are not in such a pecuniary condition as will allow of them affording any appreciable assistance. All the facts I now send you are, I am convinced, true, and although I was entirely unacquainted with the deceased officer or his łamily, T bclieve, such are my sources of information, that his condact was exemplary and his efficiency unquestioned. I bey to refer you to section 51. of the Civil Service Act, by which it is provided that widows and young children may receive a gratuity in any case in which an officor dies leaviug his family in necessitous circnmstances. Tn this case the amount of the gratuity would at most be about £105. This amount would no doubt be a great assistance to the unfortunate widow and children, but, besides this assistance, perhaps it might be possible to appoint Mrs. Guilfoyle to some position she is fitted to occupy.

Thanking you very much for your kinduess in already considering the case of these poor people.

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\mathrm{I} \mathrm{am}, \& \mathrm{c} \text {., }
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J. A. MASON.

The Hon. the Secretary for Mines.-G.H.R., 20/6/95. Mr. Ross. Inform-F.K., 20/6/95. Informed.-M.R., 20/6/95. The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture-F.K., the Treasury, 13.C., 21/6/95. Previous papers re granting a gratuity ( $95-4,563$ F.) werc forwarded to Principal Under Secretary on 12 th instant.-T.C.B., $25 / 6 / 9 \mathrm{j}$. Iuform writer of the action taken.-R.D.H., 26/6/95. Informel of reference, 26/6/95.

No. 5.

## The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to Mr. J. A. Mason.

Sir, Department of Mines and Agriculture, Forest Branch, Sydney, 26 June, 1895. With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Hon. the Premier, asking that a gratuity may be granted to the widow of the late Forester Guilfoyle, I have the honor to inform you that the papers in this matter hare already been forwarded to the Principal Under Secretary for consideration.

I have, dec.,
HARRIE WOOD,
Under Secretary (por R.W.O.)

No. 6.

## The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to The Secretary, Civil Service Board.

Dear Mr. Palmer,
Department of Mines and Agriculture, Sydney, 4 Juiy, 1895.
One of our foresters (Guilfoyle) died recently, leaving a widow and some eight or ten children quite without means. T. hear they are starving. Can anything be done for the widow by your Board? Yours, ©ce.,

## HARRIE WOOD.

Acknowledged, and Mr. Wood iuformed as below, 5/7/95.
An application on behaif of Mrs. Guilfoyle for a gratuity was received on 21st June, 1895, from Mr. W. M. Guilfoyle (of Botanic Gardens, Melbourne), a brother of the deceased. Mrs. Guilfoyle was asked on 22nd ilem for the usual particulars. The letter was addressed care of Mr. W. R. Guilfoyle. No reply has yet been received, 5/7/95.

No. 7.

## Mr. W. R. Guilfoyle to 'The Secretary, Civil Scrvice Board.

Sir,
Botnnic Gardens, Melbourne, 8 July, 1895.
I have the honor to forward herewith, as requested in your letter, 22nd Junc, $852-95 / 297$, statutory declaration and marriage certifiente of Mrs. Joseph Guilfoyle, of Moama.

Yours, \&e.

W. R. GUILFOYLE.
[Enclosure.]
Stajutory Declaration.
1, Marx Jane Guiffotle, of Moama, in the Colony of Now South Wales, widow, do hereby solemnly and sincercly declare us follows:-

I am the widow of Joseph Gnilfoyle, latc of BConma aforesid, forester, deceased. Tho assets in my husband's estate consist of a life policy in the Australian Mutual Provident Society, No. 124,c33, upon which there is a balance of $£ 49516 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . payable; also household furniture of the valuc of sbout $£ 45$. The debts duc by my husband nt the time of his decease nmounted to tho sum of e228. My hueland mula a will dated the 23 rd day of Decenber, 1837 , whereby bo derised nnci bequeathed nul his real and personal etate of every deseription unto me (thic decarant), and appointed me sole exceutrix of said will. I have chused notice of my intention to apply for probate of the said will to be published, but same has nat as yeti heon granted. I hare eight chilltren, whose respective names and ages are as followe, namely:--Florie, aged 21 yenrs; somuel, ngeil 18 years; Mish heel, aged 16 years; Gwinnic, aged 14 yenxs; Charlotte, aged 12 yenriz ; Hojen, nged 10 yoars; Dora, aged 8 years ; and Rilla, agod 5 years. In addition, my nged mother lives withl and is depending on me for support. My eldost daughter is unable to earn her own living owing to the state of her cyes; and, as a matter of fact, ghe lias been under the irentment of Dr. Eakins, of Echuca, for the last eleven yenrz. With the exception of my son Samuel, who earns 10s. n week, I reecive no nssistnnes or help from my other seven children, and thereforo I now will have a grent struggle to fight the battle of life, deprived as I' am of the bread-winner, and left without any private means.

And I make this solemn declaration conseietiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and possed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Mijesty, intituled "An Act for file more offertual rbolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppresion of rolundary and extra-judicial Onthe and Affidavits."
Subscribed and declured at Moama. N.S.W., this 5 th day of July,
MLARY J. GUILFOYLE. one thousand eight himdred and ninety-five, before me,- $\}$

Geo. Reginald Eakins, J.P.

No. 8.
The Acting Chairman, Civil Service Board, to The Principal Under Secretary.
Application for gratuity from the Suporamuation Fund on behalf of the widow of Forester Joseph Guilloyle.

Civil Serrice Board, Sydney, 15 July, $189{ }^{2}$.
Tre Civil Service Board, having made full inquiry into this case, are of opinion that Mrs. Guilfoyle's circnmstances do not warrant them in recommending the payment to her of a gratuity under section 51 of the "Civil Service Act, 1884."

Mrs. Guilfoyle has been informed, and the papers are returned for transmission to the Department of Mines.

## JAMES POWELL, Acting Chairman.

The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.-C.W., Principal U.S., J3.C., 15/7, 9 J . For the information of the Minister.-H.W., 17/7/95. . Seen.-S. Ssirth, 19/7.

No. 9.

## Mrs. Mary Jane Guilfoyle to The Secretary, Civil Service Board.

Your letter of the 12 th instant having daly reached me, I note with deep regret that the Civil Service Board are under the impression that after payment of my late husband's debts I shall be in possession of $£ 267$ and furniture, and, therefore, you are directect to inform me that under the circumstances the Board are unable to make any recommendation in my favour. I. an now made painfully aware of the fact that in the hurry of giving particulars for the making of the statutory declaration which I was asked to furnish, that two of the most important items of debt have been unfortunately omitted, and I therefore beg of you, in the name of all that is mercitul, to bring the matter before the Board. I am under agreement to pay $£ 180$ for the house we live in-my husband, some time before his death, having signed the contract-and an agrcement for time-paymont; of a piano, upon which there is still owing £よ0. By the aid of the latter I hope in a few years to make some of my lititle girls learn to earn a living. But I now only beg that the house and bit of ground (costing fisu) be granted to me, and then with my son, a lad of 18, now earning 10s. per week, 1 may porhaps be able to struggle on and face the world with my $S$ young children (eighti). I beg of you to ask the Board to kindly reconsider my sad case and give me a favourable reply,

I have, \&c.
MARY JANE GUILEOTJE.

## No. 10.

## P. J. Hourigan, Esq., to The Secretary, Civil Service Board.

Sir,
91, Mizabeth-street, Sydney, S August, 1895.
Mrs. Guilfoyle, of Moama (the widow of Joseph Guilfoyle, late of Moama, forester, deceased), has placed in my hands your letter to her of the 2nd instant, requesting me, as I acted as her proctor in applying for probate of her husbund's will, to reply to your said letter. Adverting to my client's letter of the 22 nd ultimo, and to which your last letter refers, it appears to me that Mrs. Guiltoyle wrote said leiter under a misapprebension, inasmuch as the house and ground alluded to have not as yet been purchased, but under the lease thereof (executed by her husband in his lifetime) the right or option to purchase same during the currency of the lease for the sum of $£ 180$ was therein incorporated, and she eridently thought that the abovementioned sum was a liability against her husband's estate, which is quite $a$ mistake.

The piann referred to, as far as I can learn, was procured by the late J. Guilfoyle about threo years ago under a "hiring agreement," with the right of purchase on payment of $£ 93$ iUs., and containing a proviso that until said purchase should be completed the said piano should remain the property of the lessors. At the time of $M$ r. Guilfoyle's death $£ 4310 \mathrm{~s}$. had been paid on account of said purchase, and a balance of $£ 50$ remained due thereon. It is therefore quite clear that said piano is not an asset in the estate, and $\mathbf{I}$ am of opiniou that the £50 balance is not, under the legal interprotation of the "hiring agreement," a liability against said J. Guilfoyle's estate.

Notwithstanding the above statement, one cau-easily understand how a simple wouna like my client. (not conversant with transactions of the character relerred to) would fall into unintentional crrors with reference to the same.

I respectfully submit that, having a due regard to the fact that late $T$. Guilfoyle for a great many years previous to his death paid into the Superamuation Fund, and if he had survived a littlo Ionger would have been entitled to retire on a substantial allowance, and also to the main fact that he has left a widow and large helpless family practically in necessitous circumstances, your Board would be fully justified in arriving at the conclusion that the case of my client is onc coming within the menning of the Bist section of the Act 48 Vic. No. 24 .

Letter to Mr. Hourigan; Board unable to recommend gratuity under sec. 51.-21/8,95.

No. 11.
The Secretary, Civil Service Board, to P. J. Hourigan, Esq.
Sir,
Sydney, 21 August, 1895.
I have the honor to inform you that the Civil Serrice Board have considered all the circum. stances sct forth in your letter of the sth instant, and Mrs. Guilfoyle's declaration in support of her application for gratnity.

The Board have directed me to inform you that they aro unable to recommend the payment of a gratuity under section 51 . of the "Civil Service Act, 1831 ," to Mrs. Guilfoyle, as she docs not appear to be in "necessitous circumstances" within the meauing of the Act.

I bave, \&c.,
E. G. W. PALMER,

Secretary.
No. 12.

## J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Secratary for Mines and Agriculture.

Sir,
Sydney, 23 October, 1595.
Referring to ing previous conversalion with you on the subject of making some allowance to the widow and family of the late Mr. Guilfoylo, forester at Moama, when you informed me that the Civil Service Board had reported against any allonance being given, as the widow had property, \&c., the Board have'evidently been misinformed. I caclose you a letiter received some time since from his brother, and since then $I$ have made carcful inquiries, and find the widow and family are in a destitute condition. They have neither money nor property. One of the insurances effected by deceased on his life lapsed in consequence of the payments not being kept up, and the other was hearily mortgaged. The house property was purchased on time-payment, and that also lanses. As deceased paid into the Superannuation Fund a sum of about £81, and had he lived a few days longer would have been granted six months' leave of absence on full pay, it is only equitable and just the widow should receive a sum equivalent thereto. The deccased was an able officer, and served the State faithfully, and, as a matter of justice, the State should now make some slight provision for his destitute wife and childreo. I, therefore, in all sincerity, urge you to reconsider their claims and assist them in their dire extremity.

Yours, de.,
T. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Attach papers.-S. SuIth, 23/10/05. Herewith.-23/10/95. Forward for the consideration of Civil Service Board.-S. Sxrtir, 25/10/95. Forwarded for the consideration of the Board.-R.H.O. (for U.S.), B.C., 28/10/90. The Secretary, Civil Service Board.

The Civil Service Board have given very careful consideration to this case, and are of opinion that no recommendation can be made under section 51 of the Civil Serrico Act, 1884. It might, perhaps, be submitted to the Minister for action under section 60 of the said Act.-E. G. W. Palame, Secretary, 13.C., 30/10/95. The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

I think the widow and frmily should receive a gratuity as provided in section 51; but as the Board does not sce its way to recommend that, I would suggest that a sum equal to six months' salary to the late Torester Guilfoyle be placed upon the Estimates for the benefit of the widow and family-if possible, on the Additional Estimates. Submitted.-H.W., $0 / 11 / 95$. This request is too late for the present year.-S. Smith, $7 / 11 / 95$. Mr. Chanter, M.P., informed, 11/11/95.
[Enclosurre.]
Dear Mr. Chanter
Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, 26 August, 1885.
As regards my late brother's wife and children, the case is simply this: They bave no property at all. They are renting a small honse which my brother, some time before he died, haid iuranged to buy for something less than fec 0 (I. forget the exact amount just now), but was unable to do so, as his speculation lurned ont a failure and left him in delet. Something less than $\pm 500$ was the amount of the life policy, and, unfortunately, there is little left of that sum now, after paying off the liabilitics, so that really the widow and eight orphans have no home of their own, nor, so far as I can see at present, much chance of earning a living, as with the exception of one boy (a lad of 17 ), none are old enough or capable of work. The widow has also to support her aged mother. But I need hardly go into further particulars, as you, I think, know pretfy well the facts of the case.

I beliove that my brother paid sonic esf. into the Superanmation Fund. Surely that will not leo lost; and, as it was the intention of the Department to grat him six months' leave on pay-as stated, I believe by Mr. Campbell, who vieited him a few days before his death-it would not be too much to ast the Government to grant (suy) fllo in aldition to the $£ S 4$ paid into the fund mentioned. You will, I an quite sure, do your beat to represent this unfortunate matter to to the $x S 4$ pait into the fand mentioned. You w
the Hon. the Minister and sec what can be done.
M. Belicve me, \&c.,
J. M. Chanter, Eses., M.P.
W. R. GUILFOYLE.

No. 13.
The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P.
Sir, Department of Mines and Agriculture, Sydney, 11 November, 1895.
With reference to your letter of the 23 rd ultimo, asking that an allowance be made to the widow of the late Torester Guilfoyle, I am directed by the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to inform you that your regrest is ton late for the present year.
I. have, dce.,
D. C. Mclachlan,

Gnder Secretary.

## No. 14.

The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to The Auditor-General.
Forest Department, Sydney, 16 Norember, 1895
Wilx the Auditor-General kindly cause this Department to be supplied with a statement showing the amount paid to the Superannuation Fund by the late Mr. J. Guilfoyle, forester at Moama.

This information being required for Parliament is therefore urgent.
WATITER S. CAMPBELL
(For the Under Secretary).
The records of this Department show the amount contributed to Civil Service Superannuation Fund by Mr. J. Guilfoyle to be £87 1s. 10d.: £205 per annum (1885), £84s.; £210 per annum (188G to 1892 ), £58 16 s ; $; £ 209$ per annum (1893), $£ 87 \mathrm{~s}$; ; £209 per annum ( 1894 ), $£ 57 \mathrm{~s}$; ; £209 per annum (1895), £:3 7s. 10 d . to $27 / 5 / 95-£ 87 \mathrm{ls} .10 \mathrm{~d}$.-E.A.R.

The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture. Andit Office, B.C., 18/1]/95.

## No. 15.

Mrs. Mary J. Guilfoyle to The Secretary, Civil Service Board.
Sir,
Care of Mr. Wm. Bruton, Wentworth Court, Sydney, 15 January, 1896.
Referring to my former letters re application for gratuity, also to the fact of my late husband having paid into the Superanuuation Fund for several years, and also to the fact of my having been left practically in necessitous circumstances with eight children (seven of whom are solely dependention me for their maintenance, clothing, and education), I now most respectfully request your Board to be so good as to reopen my case, with a view of allowing me a just and reasonable gratuity under all the circumstances; and, as in duty bound, I will ever pray.

1 remain, \&e.,
MARY J. GUILmoyde.
The Board cannot see its way to reopen this case-1.B., 21/1/96.
No. 16.
The Secretary, Public Service Board, to Mrs. Guilfoyle.
Madam,
Public Service Board, 50, Young-street, Sydney, 30 January, 1896.
I am directed by the Public Service Board tio acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 15 th instant, asking that your case may be reconsidered, with a view to granting you a gratuity under scction 51 of the "Civil Service Act of 1884," and I am to say that the Board cannot soe its way to reopen the case. I. have, \&e.,

CHARTES IIYNE,
Secretary.
No. 17.
J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary, Public Service Board.

Sir,
Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, Sydney, 19 February, 1896.
Will you kindly read the enclosed letter, and inform me if any such letter has been sent to the Civil Service Board, and, if so, by whom. The Mr. Guilfoyle referred to is deceased, and was employed as a forester at Moama.

The fullest information on this matter will be deemed a favour.
Yours, Ne.,
J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Kindly return Mr. Manton's letter.
Acknowledge, and inform that no letter such as that referred to has been received.-C.L., 21/2/96. Done, 25/2/96.

Dear Sir,
[Enclosure.]
It bas been stated, with reference to your endeavours to procure a gratuity for Moama, 8 February, 1896. uilfoyle, that I bave written to the Civil Service Board, or to some other Department, to the effect that Mrs. Guilfoyle had been left, with means, or had nn income, and that the family did not require nssistance from the Stute, of words to thatioffect. As this is a most crucl and wicked statement, and without the slightest foundution in truth, I shall esteem it a great favour if you will kindly make a searching investigation as to whether any such lettor has been written, and, if so, by whom, as the person who would be capable of doing such a dastardly thing should be shunned by every respectable person in the community.

I know, as a matter of fact, that the late Mr. Guilfoyle left his large and helpless family very badly provided for, and anything that $l$ can do to further your laudable endeavours in getting his widow a gratuity to enable her to support them 1 shall only be too willing to do.

I remain, \&c.,
J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., Moama.

JOUN A. MANTOX.

## No. 18.

The Secretary, Public Service Board, to J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P.
Sir,
Public Service Board, 50, Young-strect, Sydney, 25 February, 1896.
I am directed by the Public Serrice Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, forwarding a communication from Mr. J. A. Manton, of Moana, with reference to Mrs. Guilfoyle's application for a gratuity under the "Civil Service Act of 1884," and I am to say that no letter such as that referred to by Mr. Manton has been received.

No. 19.

## J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Mines.

siir,
Legislative Assembly, N.S.W., Sydney, 7 July, 1896.
I. desire agan to bring under your notice the deplorable condition of the widow and children of the late Forester Guilfoyle, of Moama (one daughter is now here in Syducy undergoing an operation on the eyes), and to again urge you to make some provision on the Estimates to in some measure compensato the widow and children for the loss of their bread-winner, who was so many years in the Service, and died on duty.

Yours, \&c.,
J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Acknowledred, $8 / 7 / 90$. See $95-12,424$ and 199-56 herewith. The Civil Sorvice Board stated that they could not make any recommendation under section 51 of the "Civil Service Act of 1884," but suggested that the case might be submitted to the Minister for action under section 60. The late Under Secretary- $6 / 11 / 95-$-recommended that a sum equal to six months' salary be placed on the Fstimates for Mrs. Guilfoyle and her children, but the request was received too late for consideration. See Minister's minute, 7/11/95.-W.D.W., 10/7906.

By some unfortunate oversight this item was omitted from the Draft Estimates prepared. It may not be too late to get it put on if the Minister approves of a letter being sent to the Treasury to-day.D. Mcl., 13/7:00. Minister wishes a statement of the case, 13/7/96.

## No. 20.

Office Memorandum. The late Joseph Guilfoyle, Forester.
This officer entered the Service on the 1st June, 1876 , and was appointed a forester on the 1st December, 1883, his services under that office being of an esceptionally sntisfactory character.

On the 25th May, 1895, Mr. Guilfoyle dicel from acute pneumonia, the result of a cold contracted whilst in the performance of his official duty, his rate of pay at that time being $£ 209$ per aunum, and his length of service twenty years all but four days.

The contributions to the Civil Service Superamuation Fund by this officer commenced in 1885, and amounted at the time of his deceasc to a total sum of $£ 87 \mathrm{ls} .10 \mathrm{~d}$.

Upon representations made to this Dopartment that the wife and family of this officer were in necessitous circumstances, the papers were referred to the late Civil Serrice Board in June last, with a view to the granting of a gratuity under section 51 of the Civil Service Act of 1884, but the Board, after making inquiry, considered that the circumstances did not warrant recominending the adoption of such a course.

Upon subseçuent representations by Mr. Chantcr, M.P., who entered very fully into the surroundings of Mrs. Guilfoyle, and held that the Civil Service Board had been misinformed as to her circumstances, it was suggested in November last that Parliament should be asked to vote an amount equal to six months of the late officer's salary as a gratuity for the benefit of his wife and family, but it was then too late to place the imount on the Bstimates for that financial year, aud nothing further was done in the matter.

It is believed that the late Civil Service Board considered that they were unable to make a recommendation in favour of the widow on the strength of infornation to the effect thati; she was jossessed of certain property.

As against this, Mr. Chanter states that she has meither moncy nor property; that one of the insurances effected by the deceased on his life was heavily mortgaged, and that the other lapsed for nonpayment of premiums ; and further, that the houso property the Guilfoyles were supposed to bo possessed of was only partinlly paid for, and that the purchase had lapsed for nor-completion of the payments.

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\text { R.D.H., } 15 / 7 / 96 .
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This is a casc the Public Service Board might be asked to consider if the widow can make a statutory declaration that the facts are as stated by Mr. Chanter, and that she was left in necessitous circumstances at her husband's death. Mr. Chanter might be informed that if this declaration be made the Public Service Board will be asked to reconsider the case.-D. C. McLacmiar, 15/7/96.

Approved.-S. Smitri, 16/7/96. J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., 17/7/96.

## No. 21.

The Under Secretary for Mines and Agricultore to J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P. (96-16,495.)

Sir, Wepartment of Mines and Agriculture, Syduey, 177 July, 1896.
With reference to your letter, dated the 7 th instant, again urging that some provision should be made upon the Estimates for the widow and children of the late Forester Joseph Guilfoyle, I am directed to intimate that the Sccretary for Mines and Agriculture has given careful consideration to your representations, viz: :-That Mrs. Guilfoyle has neither money nor property; that one of the iusurances on her husband's life was hearily mortgaged, and the other lapsed; and that the purchase of the house property (which the family were supposed to possess) also lapsed owing to non-completion of payments; and has decided that if Mrs. Guilfoyle will make a statutory declaration that the facts are as above stated, and that she was left in necessitons circumstances at her husband's death, thio Public Servico Board will be asked to reconsider the case.

I have, de.,
D. C. McLACHLAN,

Under Secretary.

No. 22.
J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

Dear Sir, Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, Sydney, 20 July, 1896.
Iu reply to yours of the 17 th instant, $96-16,495$, I have written to Mrs. Guilfoyle to make the statutory declaration required.

Yours, \&e.,
J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Await declaration.-W.F.T., 21/7;06.

No. 23.

## Miss Florrie Guilfoyle to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir,
47, Brown-strcet, Paddington, 20 Jnly, 1596.
On behalf of my mother, who has deputed me to act for her, I venture to address these lines to you, in the full assurance that a respectful appeal to your sympathy and aid will not be in vain.

The circumstances surrounding our position are peculiar and painful in the cxtreme. I musi therefore crave your indulgence while I endeavour, as briefly as possible, to make you acquainted with the whole facts of the ctige, so that you may have an opportunity of fully judging of its merits.

I may premise my statement by explaining that $I$ am in inexperienced girl, grief-stricken at the loss of a devoted father, and labouring under the accumulated sorrows of chronic illhealth and of comparative physical helplessness.

Should there be anything not strictly in accordance with established form in my manner of approaching you, or should $I$ exceed the severe simplicity of official language, I must entreat your forgiveness, and must beg of gon to ascribe it to my ignorance of official procedure.

As rou are, sir, perhaps, aware of, my father, Toseph A. Guilfoyle, late forester at Moama, fell a victim some twelve months ago to acute pneumonia, the result of a chill canglit whilst in the exccution of his duties.

At the time of his denth his financial affairs wore exceedingly embarrassed. This was partly owing to the retrenchment pursued in the Department in regard to foresters' expenses, by which be had, some two years previously, suffered a reduction amounting to over $£ 1.00$ per annum, and partly to the heavy calls which had been made upon him in maintaining and educating his large family. Besides, he had been under the care of medical men on different occasions for considerable periods, and the expenses incurred in connection with sickness among the members of his family circle had the effect of further crippling his resources. The result can well be imagined : he died poor and heavily inmolved. Never an extravagant man, he had been forced by necessity to contract debts, which, had he lived, he would have fonnd means to defray. Fortunately for us, his life had beon iusured for $£ 000$. This amount we received in due course, but it has been swallowed up in paying the debts and in completing the purchase of a small cottage. The latter embraces all our possessions. Of the original sum received from the insurance company there is absolutely nothing left, a fact which can be verified by reference to the New South Wales Bank, Moama, where the money was placed to my mother's credit.

I am the eldest of eight, but have been afficted from childhood, having undergone several operations without any perceptible benefit aecruing. With respect to the rest of the family, there is only one able to give any assistance, and his earnings amount to but 15 s . a week--barely sufficient for his own sustenance.

In conclusion, I may point out that my father's services extended to a period of about twenty gears, during the whole of which time he proved himself a faithful and efficient and a zealous officer.

Though he contributed to the Superannuation Fund from the date of its inauguration, neither he nor his family ever derived the slightest benefit from his action.

He was called away in the prime of life, without opportunity of making proper provision for those nearest and dearest to him.

The widow and orphans are now reduced to a position full of uncertainty and of foreboding.
In this extremity I appeal to you, sir, for sympathy and for assistance.
Representations have already been made to you by Mr. Chanter, M.P., and by others in the matter, and I now add my entreaty to theirs.

I have, \&c.,
FLORRIE GUILFOYLE.
This appears to be a hard case, and I shall be glad if the Public Service Board will deal with this application as soon as possible.-S. Smith. Should await declaration.-W.H.T. Declaration now herewith.--W.H.T., 21/7/96.

No. 24.

## J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, Legislative Assmbly, N.S.W., Sydney, 30 July, 1896.
In reply to your letter of the 17 th instant, No. $96-16,495$, I now enclose you statutory declaration and statement of accounts from Mrs. Guilfoyle, and trust that adequate provision will be made for herself and family.

Yours, \&e.,
J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Case of late Forester Guilfoyle.-Forward all papers for the consideration of the Public Service Buard.-D. C. McTachlan, 31/796. The Secretary, Public Service Board.-H. B. Sumityan (for U.S.), B.C., 31/7/96 The Public Service Board have decided in this case that they are mable to reopen the matter-C.I., B.C., 17/8/96. The Under Secretary, Department of Mines. Mr. Chanter, M.P., may be informed of this reference to the Board and the decision.-1). C. McLacirane, 20/8j96. Approved.-S. Surtir, 24/8/96. J. M. Chanter informed, $25 / 8 / 06$.

## [Enclosure.]

I, Mary Jane Guilfoyle, of Moama, in the Colony of New South Walea, widow, do solemnly and aincerely declare That I am the widow of Joseph Guilfoyle, late of Moama, aforesaid, forester, deceased.
That the assets pertaining to the estate of my late husband that have come into my possession consist of the following:-

| ! | £ s. d. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Money in Bank of New South Wales, Moama. | $2 \mathrm{J4} 1$ |
| Travelling allowances due to decensed | 1746 |
| Salary due to deceased | 1500 |
| Amount received from Australian Mutual $P$ on the policy, No. 124,633 | 5081810 |
| Value of furniture and effects in hand | 4600 |
| Tota | ¢589 17 |

The expenditure incurred by me in connection with my late husband's estate consist of the following:-
Legal charges, probate costs, P. J. Hourigan, solicitor, Sydney ......................................... 1512
Payment of several debts due by deceased at the time of his death, as per attached inventory marked "A"
$463 \quad 9 \quad 6$

Sundry small payments to credit as back rateg, legal charges for transfer ........................... | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Balance available for expenditure on behalf of family since May, 1895................................. £85 1511
That my late husband's policy in the Australian Mutual Provident Society, No. 124,633, with bonuses, realised $\mathfrak{£} 50818 \mathrm{~s}$. 10d. aforesaid, after payment of an encumbrance of $\mathfrak{£} 106$ 5s. 2d.

That my late husband's policy in the same Company, No. 124,634, lapsed about one year prior to his death
I am now possessed of half an acre of land in Moams, with cottage erected thereon, concerning which I had to pay the sum of $£ 176$ 12s. 3d., as indicated in list $A$; that property I value at $£ 250$, but if sold under present conditions it would hardly realise $£ 200$.

I am possessed of an unimproved block of land one-fourth of an acre in area at St. Albans, near Melbourne, on which I place no value, as the rates due thereon and costs of transfer, 1 am informed, will exceed its market worth.

It was only recently I was able to negotiate the purchase of the land and cottage abovementioned. I was, until then, under the impression that the proposed purchase would lapse.

That I have eight children, whose names and respective ages are as follows :-Florrie, aged 22 years ; Samuel, aged 19 years; Michael, aged 17 years; Gwinnie, aged 15 years; Charlotte, aged 13 years; Helen, aged 11 years; Dora, aged 9 years; and Rita, aged 6 years. Of the above, Florrie is an invalid. and is at present under medical treatment in Sydney. Samuel is the only member of my family able to earn moncy. He is working at Moira Station for 15s. per week.

That the only source of income I possess are the balance of the estate unexpended and contributions from my son and other relatives, which contributions may at any time cease, as my relatives are unable to continuously support me and my family.

At present I have no available moncys other than voluntary contributions abovementioned, and I am possessed of no ther property than that abovementioned

Owing to my condition of health, 1 am quite unable to earn any money to support my family. Had it not been for the contributions of my relatives, which may at any time cease, I should now be absolutely destitute. If all my property, consisting of the land and cottage and furniture, were turned into money it would support my family for a comparatively hort time.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the sinth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Onths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in licu thercof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits." Made and signed before me at Moama, ?

MARY J. GUILFOYLE.
this 25th day of July, 1896,-
John Lawis, J.P.
"A."
Debts due by Joseph Guilfoyle, deceased, to the following :-

| ts due by Joseph Griun |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| A. and J. Dobinson, drapers, Echuca | 36211 |
| James Malone, grocer, Moama | 686 |
| E. Berryman, draper, Moama | 14. 0 |
| Peapes \& Co., tailors, Sydney | 7.17 |
| Mre. Sutton, baker, Echucn | 1710 |
| Patrick Kiely, blacksmith, Moama | 115 |
| J. Scott, bootmaker, Echucu | 2 |
| J. Lawrence, bootmuker, Echuca | 2 |
| William Trebilco, fancy goods dealer, Echuca | 16 |
| "Brigidine Convent," Echuen.. | 100 |
| Mr. Heath, butter, dc., Moama | 44 |
| W. Hendersou, draper, Echuca | 3.4 |
| Sydney Mforning Herald | 10 |
| James Dunn, picture-framer, Wehucs | 08 |
| William Grimwood, photographer | 0 |
| Miss Lawrence, dressmaker, Moama | 10 |
| Mrs. Lawson, hotel-keeper, Moama | 10 |
| Miss O'Brien, draper, Hehuca. | 0 |
| W. J. Bell, butcher, Mosma | 10 |
| Stratton \& Co., millers, Moama | 2 |
| Fairthorno, chemist, Echuca | 012 |
| Cunningham, chomist, Echuca | 7 |
| Municipal rotes and taxes.. | 10 |
| Border Post, Moama | 12 |
| Brown \& Oork, butchere, Echuca | 10 |
| Morphet, ironmonger, Eehuca.. | 5 |
| McLarly (buggy), Gippoland | 160 |
| Funeral expenses | 1210 |
| Digging grave ... | 0 |
| W. W. Moore, timber merchant, Echuca | 619 |
| J. Scott, amount due for chattels and goods | 5818 |
| House and land, including rent | 17612 |
|  | 4639 |

This is the inventory marked "A" referred to in the annexed declaration of Mrs. Mary Jane Guilfoyle, taken before me this 25th day of July, 1896.

The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture to J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P.
Sir, . .. "Department of Mines and Agriculture, Sydney, $25^{\circ}$ August'•1896. Adverting to my communication of the 1 th th ultimo, informing you that the question of reversing the decision of the late Civil Service Board deelining to grant any allowance to the widow of the late Joseph Guilfoyle, forester in the Moama district, had been referred to the Public Service Board for consideration, I am directed to inform you that the Board advise the Department that they are unable to reopen the matter.

I have, \&c.,
D. C. McLachlan,

Under Secretary.
No. 26.
Minute by The Secretary for Lands.
Application of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Joseph Guilfoyle, forester, for pecuniary heip.
Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 December, 1897. Mr. Charier, M.P., intends to interview the Right Honorable the Premier in regard to this case. I shall be glad if Mr. Reid will kindly look into the matter, and see if he can grant any financial assistance to the widow of the late Forester Guilfoyle, who, it would seem from the enclosed statutory declaration, has left his family in very straitened circumstances indeed.
J. H. С.

Seen.-G.H.R., 8/12/97.

## No. 27.

J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

Sir,
Sydney, 16 December, 1897.
Re the claim made on behalf of Mre. Guilfoyle whose husband died in the service of the Forest Department at Moama, I recently waited upon the Minister for Lauds, who informed me he would send the papers in the casc on to you, and asked me to wait upon you. The case of the widow and family is an exceptionally hard one, and 1 should be very pleased if you would grant me a personal interview either to-morrow or Saturday morning, as I leave Sydney on Sunday.
J. M. CHANTER.

Submitted.-F.K., 20/12/97.
I will be glad to make an apppointment with Mr. Chanter on his return to the city.-J.N.B., 20/2/97

Mr. Robberds.-F.K., 21/12/97.
Informed, 22/12/97. Informed Mr. Keid will see him at the House on Tuesday evening, 6th September, 1898.-C.E.T.R., 3/9/98.

No. 28.
The. Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P. Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 22 December, 1897.
With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, requesting an interview with the Honorable the Premier and Colonial Treasurer in regard to the claim made on behalf of Mrs. Guilfoylo, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Brunker (who is acting for Mr. Reid in his absence) will be glad to make an appointment with you upon your return to the city.

I have, \&c.,
F. KIRKPATRICK,

Under Secretary for Finance amd Trade.
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Legislatirye Assembly.

# report from the select commitiee 

# CLAIMS OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA; 

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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# EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. 

Votes No. 31. Tcesdat, 24 October, 1899.
14. Clams of Mrs. Guilfotle, Widow of tile late Forester at Moama:-Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to amended Notice,-
(1.) That a Select Committec 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 Sorvice, for a gratuity or allowance.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Carroll, Mr. McLean, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr: Ferris moved, That the following words be added, to stand as paragraph (3.):-"That the
"Return to Order on this subject, laid upon the Table of this House on the. 24th October, 1899,
"be referred to such Committee."
Debate continued.
Question,-That the words proposed to be added be so added,-put and passed.
Question then,-
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"Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the Jate Mr. Guilfoyle, Forester, of Moama, who died in the Service,
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" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Carroll, Mr. McLean, Mr. Byrne,
"Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.
" (3.) That the Return to Order on this subject, laid upon the Table of this House on the 24th
"October, 1899, be referred to such Committee,"-put and passed.

Votes No. 44. Thursday, 23 November, 1899.
4. Clams of Mas. Gullfoyle, Widow of the late Fonester at Moama:-Mr. Chanter, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and evidence talen before the Select Committee for whosc consideration and report this subject was referred on 24th October, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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CLAIMS OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA.

## REPORT.

The Select Commitriee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 24th October, 1899, "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," and to whom was referred, on the same date, "the Return to Order on this sulject, laid upon the Table of this House on the 24 th October, 1899,"-have agreed to the following Report :-

Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list* (whose Boe list, p. 4. evidence will be found appended hereto), and considered the papers referred, find, -

1. That at the time of the late Joseph Guilfoyle's decease his wife and children were left practically without the means of subsistence.
2. That although the deceased's life was insured in the Australian Mutual Provident Society for the sum of £็500, the outstanding debts, which were all paid by his widow, practically absorbed the whole amount.
3. That the deceased was a very painstaking officer, and bis zeal in the performance of his duties-protecting the state revenue-was the primary cause of his decease.
4. That his death was caused by acute pneumonia supervening on a cold contracted through getting wet in the swamps when measuring timber upon which royalty had to be paid to the Crown.
5. That prior to his decease he was promised and urged to take six months' leave of absence on full pay to recruit his health.
6. That during his term of service deceased paid into the Superannuation Fund the sum of $£ 87 \mathrm{ls} .10 \mathrm{~d}$.
7. That had he availed himself of the six months' leave he would have drawn from the Treasury a sum of about $£ 105$, and probably preserved his life.
8. That the claim made by Mrs. Guilfoyle on behalf of herself and children is a just and equitable one; that they were then and are still in necessitous circumstances; and the Committee unanimously recommend her case for the most favourable consideration of the Government.

## J. M. CHANTER, Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly, 23rd November, 1899.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.



Mr. Chanter called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clork.
Committee deliberated.
[Adjourned till Tuesday next at 2 o'clock.]
TOESDAF, 14 NOVEMBER, 1899.
Members Present:-
Mr. Chanter in the Chair.
Mr. Byrne, $\quad \mid \quad$ Mr. Hurley, Mr. Wilks.
Richard Dalrymple Hay (Ohief Clork, Forestry Branch, Lands Department) called in, sworn, and examined

Witness withdrew.
John Aitken Manton called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Florence Ada Guilfoyle called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
[Adjourned till To-morrow at 2 o'clock.]
WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEATBER, 1899.
Members Present :-
Mr. Chanter in the Chair.
Mr. Byrne, | Mr. Wilks.
Patrick John Hourigan (Solicitor) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Richard Dalrymple Hay recalled and further examined.
Witness withdrew.
Walter Scott Campbell (Chief Inspector of Agriculture) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Henry Evans called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Re-assembling of the Comraittee to be arranged by the Chairman. [Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMAER, 1890.
Members Pregent :-


Committec deliberated as to their. Report.
]e-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]
THUURSDAX, 23 NOVEMBER, 1899
Members Pafsent :-
Mr. Chanter in the Chair.
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Molesworth,

Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Molesworth, $\mid$ Mr. Wilks.
Chairman submitted Draft Report.
Same read, amended, and agreed to.
Chairman to report to the House.

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# CLAIMS OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA. 

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1899.

Mr. BYRNE, Mi WILKS. Mr. HỤRLET,
J. M. CHANTER, Esq., in the Chair.

Richard Dalrymple Hay sworn and examined :-

1. Chairman. $]$ You are the head of the Forestry Branch of the Lands Department? Yes.
2. Can you tell the Committee how loug the late Joseph Guilfoyle, forester, was connected with the
R. D. Hay. Forestry Branch? He joined the Forestry Branch on the 1st December, 1883, and he was a member of 14 Nov., 1899 . the staff of that Branch until his decease. I do not know the date of his decease.
3. Are there any records showing the length of service of Mr. Guilfoyle previous to his exchanging into the Forestry Branch? Yes; I fiud from the records of the Mines Department that he joined the Public Service on the Ist June, 1876.
4. Are there any documents in the office in connection with an application by Mr. Guilfoyle, or by others on his behalf, for leave of absence a comparativoly short time prior to his decease? I an not quite sure, but I believe that there was such an application.
5. You do not know that personally? No, I do not.
6. Your connection, in your present position, with the Forcstry Branch is subsequent to Mr. Guilfoyle's decease, is it not? Yes; if 1 remember rightly, I joined it a month or two before he died.
7. Then you would not know anything of him personally? No, excepting that he was recognised as a good officer.
8. In the Barham district of the Murray, is it not absolutely necessary, at certain periods of the year, for your foresters to go into water of considerable depth in order to measure logs? Yes; it is very difficult travelling there-very flooded country.
9. And it was of this particular district that the late Mr. Guilfoyle had charge? Yes.
10. Is there anything in the papers, or within your own kiowledge, in any shape or form, showing that the late Mr. Guilfoyle was other than a first-class offer during his career? No ; he was considered a firstclass officer.
11. Are you aware personally, or by the papers, of his having paid into the Supermnuation Fund ? Yes; he was a contributor to the Superannuation Fund.
12. Would your papers show the actual amount that he paid in? No; the papers would not show that,
${ }^{1}$ but they would show the period during which he was a contributor to the Superannuation Fund; and, of course, his contribution was 4 per cent. on his salary.
13. Will you kindly tell the Committee what his salary was, starting from his entry into the Forestry Branch, and any additions afterwards, it there were any? I have not those particulirs with me; I did not know you would want them.
14. 

R. D. Hay. 14. Can you tell us the salary he was receiving at the time of his decease? No; even that information I have not with me.
15. Can you furnish it? Yes.
16. Mr. Byrne.] How long was Mr. Guilfoyle in the Murray district? He was there, to my certain knowhedge, from the beginning of 1594 until his decease. I know that personally; but he was there some considerable time before that also. I belicve he was in the Murray district from the date of his appointment.
17. Chairman.] Are you atrare whether he exchanged from the Railway Branch with a forester named Edwards ? No; I am not aware of that.
18. DIr. Byrne.] Was Mr. Guilfoyle in the Murray district during the term of office of Mr. Manton? Tes. I think you will find a report on his decease by Mr. Manton.

## John Ailken Manton sworn and examined :-

J. A. 19. Chairman.] Where do you now reside? At Bondi.

Manton. 20. You were formerly chief forester in the Murray district? Yes.
14 Nor., 1899. 21. How long is it since you left that position! About two years.
14 Nov., 1899. 22. During the time that you were in charge of that district, you had under you a forester named Guilfoyle? Yes.
23. Will you tell the Committee from memory, as nearly as possible, how long he was in the Service? Mr. Guilfoyle was in the Service a good may ycirs. He was some years in the Service before he went to Moama.
24. I mean in the Forestry Branch? I think, as far as my memory serves me, that he must have been in the Forestry Branch about ten Jears; but 1 have a very bad memory as regards dates and length of service.
25. You had, prior to Mr. Guilfoyle's entry there, a forester named Edwards? Yes.
26. Did Mr. Guiffoyle exchange with him Yes.
27. In which branch of the Public Servien was Mr. Guilfogle then? In the Railway Branch.
28. An ofticer of the Department-Mr. Hay-has told us that Mr. Guilfoyle entered the Forestry Branch in 1883 ? I dare say it would be 1883.
29. Which particular part of the district was he in? Mr. Guilfoyle had a very large district-from the Edwards River down to the Wakool Riper.
30. Approximately, about what area of country does that cover? A very large area-in length, I suppose, about 150 miles, with an average width of (say) 6 or 7 miles.
31. That would take in what you call the fringe of the rivers? Fes.
32. And would the offeer's employment necessitate his constant supervision of the forests there? Certainly, especially at the time Mr. Guilfoyle was in the Service, because there was a very large demand for timber then.
33. What is the nature of those forests ;-do those trees grow on dry land or ou swampy land? Swampy land. Whenever there is even a small flood the forests there are all inundated.
34. And would it be necessary for your officer, in order to measure the logs there, so as to obtain royalty for the Crown, to wade into the water to any depth? Very often. It would entail not only crossing parts of swamps and getting wet, but also camping out.
35. Is the district of which Mr. Guilfoyle had charge known as the Barham district? That was the lower part of his district.
36. Are the banks of the river lower and the inundation greater there than in any part of the Murray higher up? Yes-more subject to flood; in fact, all his district was more subject to flood than any other. 37. Prior to or about the time of Mr. Guilfoyle's illness, did he make any report to you as his superior officer? Yes. He complained that he was not well some time before he was laid up; in fact, he appeared to have been suffering very considerably from want of proper nourishment, which I account for by his camping out in this particular part of the Barham forest where there was no accommodation for him, there being no hotel near.
33. When he reported himself to you as being unfit for duty, did you grant him any leave of absence? I wanted him to take leave of absence before he did take it. In fact, he did not take leave of absence at all until I insisted upon his taking it, for the simple reason that when I went to see him I thought he was very ill indeed, and the doctor attending him came to me and said, "If Mr. Guilfoylo does not get away he will die." I said, "Is he so bad as that 5 " The doctor replied, "Yes, he is very seriously ill." I immediately wired to Mr. Guilfoyle's brother in Melbourne, who is a director of the Botanic Gardens, advising him to cone up at once. Inmediately after I sent the telegram I went to soe Mr. Guilfoyle. I said, "You are very bad, and had better go away at once. It is the doctor's order that you sbould leave. I have wired for your brother, and he will be here to-morrow." Jif said, "I do not know how I can get away without applying to head-quarters." I said, "I will take upon myself the responsibility in this case; in fact you must get away, and you had better take three or four months. I will write down to the Department explaining your state of health." His brother came and took him away with him, and I fancy that he was away only two months. When he returned I said, "I think you have made a great mistake in coming back so coon; you do not seem particularly strong now." He said, "I am much better. Things are so mixed now, with this Civil Service Board, thati I am afraid that if I were to keep away they might dispense with me altogether." I said, "I do not think they could do that." He said, "At all events I must go down now and take charge of the district." I tried to persuade him not to do it; but he said, "Of course you know how mixed things are, and if I did not do it they might find fault with me, and therefore I had better go and do it." I said, "It is a very bad time, now that the ground is all in a saturated state, for you to bave to camp in that confounded old hut of yours." It was a hut belonging to an old sawmill which was deserted. But he did go, and returned very ill indeed-in fact to die.
39. What salary was he receiving at the time of his decease? $£ 200$ a year; the last part of his time, I think, he got £210.
40. Do you know whether he paid into the Superannuation Fund during the time of his employment there? Yes; he had to pay in whether he liked it or not. It was not a matter of choice, but in matter of compulsion.
41. During the time that he was in the service was the head of the Departmont Mr. W. S. Campbell, and J. A. Manton. did he visit the district? Yes, he did, and I informed him of Mr. Guilfoyle having been awny, and what I had done in the matter, and he said that I had acted rightly. Mr. Campbell and I went down the river, and on our return we found that Mr. Guilfoyle was very ill. Mr. Campbell went to see Mr. Guilfoyle, but I was not present during the conversation that took place between them, but Mr Campbell told me that he thought it was a great pity that Mr. Guilfoyle had not stopped away at least five or six months:
42. Did Mr. Campboll say anything to you at any time of having himself granted Mr. Guilfoyle six months leave of absence! No; but he told me that Mr. Guilfoyle ought to have taken at least six months.
43. Then I understamy you to sar that the decensed could have had a longer time from you, but insisted upon working when he was not fit to work? He might have had a longer time, and lishould strongly hiave recommended the Department to grant it? As it was, I took upon myself to give hin leave of absence in the firstinatance, because it was simply a matter of life and death, and had he taken my advice he would certainly have got the six months. He was entitled to it for length of service, and in his state of health also it was necessary for him to have it.
44. Will you tell the Committee whether he was a good officer who strictly performed his daties? A very good zenlous officer.
4.5. Can you tell the Committee whether the royalty or revenue reccived by the Crown from timber in that district compares farourably with that receised from timber in any other part of the Colony? I think it is abont two-thirds of the whole of the timber revenue of the Colony.
4.0. And th choosing persons for that district where there is so large a revenue, did you, as head of the branch at the time, pay special care to the qualifications of the men that you recommended? Yes, I did, certainly. Mr. Guilfoyle collected a very large amount of revenue from royalty on timber while he was there-that is to say, he mensured timber which represented a very large revenue.
47. Afr. Wilks.] I understand from your evidence that Mr. Guilfoyle returned to his duty in an unfit state? Yes.
48. And he persisted in doing so through fear of the Public Service Board? That is so.
49. And what made you take so much interest in him was his zeal and his efficiency? Yes.
50. Do I understind correctly that the character of the district is such that it was the exposure which he had to undergo in the scrvice of the country which was answerable for his severe sickness? Tes. You must understand that at that time Mr. Guilfoyle was placed at a disadvantage in having a large district, and things not being as they are now. They have since been altered, but during his time it was necessary for him to camp out-he could not help himself. Officers need not do that now.
51. You stated that ho was entitled to a holiday? Yes, for length of service. I thiuk that for long 'service he was entitled to six months' leave.
52. It was not an act of grace? No.
53. It was what he was entitled to? Yes.
54. And do I correctly understand from your evidence that he was so efficient in collecting the royaltics that the employment of a less zealous officer would have meant a serious loss to the Government? Certainly. A great deal can be lost by a man neglecting the measuring of the timber, and it was his constant desire to be always down at certain times to meet the saw millers, in order to measure the logs, so that no timber should be taken aray without being measured; and had ho not done so, in a largo district like that, of course many of the logs might have been taken away and not accounted for.
55. Then I. am to understand that he was such a conscientious officer that the Committee has every reason to beiieve that he studied the interests of the Government at his own expense physically? Ithink so. I know that many other officers would not have done what he did, although they are considered good officers; they would not have gone and camped out as he did.
56. And your experience of so many officers has slown you that the revenue obtained by the Government from timber always becomes larger through the worls of such an efficient officer as Mr. Guilfoylo was? Certainly.
57. Mr Byrne.] You said that Mc. Guilfoyle's district extended from the Edwaràs to the Wakool? Tes.
58. Did it not extend along the Murray as well? Yes, following the Murray frontage. It was really from the mouth of the Edwards, following the Murray right down to the Wakool.
59. Then he would go down as far as Barham, would he? Yes, Barbam was where ho was mostly out measuring timber-there and the Moira.
60. Chairman.] Is there not a very large area of swamp in the Murray forests? It is all swamp-that is, during the summer months.
61. In answer to Mr. Byrne, I think you said that that also was part of Mr. Guilfoyle's district? Yes. 62. Then, practically, the whole of Mr, Guilforle's district was inuudated country ? Certainly.
63. What is the usual method ndopted by the sawmill owners in the Moira forests for removing their timber to their mills? They generally haul logs to the river bank, then they have steamers which tow barges. If the timber is up the river, the steamers tow the barges up the river, and the logs are loaded, with outriggers, transversely across the barges, and they swing them in the river, and thus convey them to the sawmills.
64. Are not trees very often felled in the water and taken out by pontoons? Xंes, very often.
65. In cases of that kind the forester, whoever he might be, would be absolutely compelled to go into the water in order to measure the logs? Yes.
66. Measurement for the purposes of royalty is made, and the logs are branded, before they are removed from the stump? Yes.
67. Then, any sawmill owner taking them away from the stump without their having been inspected by your officer, and branded by him, would be committing an illegal act? Yes.
68. In parts of those forests does the water lie all the year round? No, not all the year round.
69. During what period of the year would the water be there? Generally trom six to eight months in the year there would be water in the lagoons. But after the water has receded the ground, of course, is all in a muddy condition, and the officer has to go into the slush in order to measure the logs.
70. If application had been made to you, as head of the branch at that time, by any officer, to let the logs remain there until the water had receded, and he could go in dry-footed to measure them, what would have
J. A. Manton. been your reply? It would all have depended on when the sawmillers required their logs. If they had insisted upon having the logs at once, the logs would have had to be measured immediately. We could not have possibly refused to measure the logs if the sawmillers were prepared to take them.
71. Taking the district as a whole, of which Mr. Guilfoyle was in charge, is it not a fact that you had to have the use of a steamer on the Murray because you could not go by buggy or any other means of conveyance? That is quite true. Fou could not possibly travel along those frontages during flood-time; and even when the water had left the banks of the river, there were always creeks and bogs to get through, and very often a man would get bogged. I know as a positive fact that Mr. Guilfoyle, a little time before he was taken ill, got bogged, and was up to his waist in mud, and I think that that very materially assisted to bring about his illness.

Florence Ada Guilfoyle sworn and examined :-
F. A. 72. Ohairman.] Are you a daughter of the late Joseph Guilfoyle? Yes.

Guilfoyle. 73. Where is your mother residing? At Moama.

- i4 Nov., 1899. first place, she could not afford to come to Sydney, and I was already in Sydney for the treatment of my eyes, and she thought I should be able to answer the same questions as she could have answered.

75. Do you understand, aince your father's death, all the business obligations and matters that had transpired in connection with your family? Yes.
76. You yourself have been ill for a considerable time? Yes; I have been ailing for some years.
77. And you havo been under medical attendance and operations? Yes; for my eyes. I have been under Dr. McLeod at Sydney Hospital for the last three years, but previous to that father had me treated in Melbourne by Dr. Bowen for some years.
78. How many brothers and sisters have you? There are eight in the family-six girls and two boys. I am the eldest.
79. Do you recollect when your father was first taken ill? He died on the 27th May, and it was some months previous to that when he was taken ill. He was in bad health for a long time.
80. Did he make any statement in your hearing as to what he conceived to be the cause of his illness? I know that his illness was brought on through catching cold when travelling about in wet seasons when he was in a delicate state of health. He had anmmia first, and then preumonia.
81. Did he make any statement, to you, or to your mother, or to any other member of the family, as to how he contracted the cold which was the primary cause of his more severe illness? We know that it was through the wettings that ho had in travelling.
82. Did he say anything about having to go into water and swamps to measure logs? Yes.
83. When he contracted this cold, did he immediately lay up, or did he continue his work? At the time of his illness he was brought back from the country after being laid up there for a fortuight. He was taken sick at Barham through getting wettings there, and was brought home to Moama dangerously illso ill, in fact, that when he was brought home we did not think he could last at all.
84. When he was brought home did he receive any leave of absence from bis superior officer, Mr. Manton? To the best of my recollection he was confined to his bed for a fortnight or some such time-I really forget exactly how long before he went to Melbourne, and then he had leare to go away for two months. He was treated in Moama by Dr. Eakins, who said that nothing could do him any good muless he went from the district altogether. He than applied for two months leave of absence and got it. During those tro months he got on splendidly in Melbourne. When he came home Mr. Walter Campbell came to see him. After he had been home about three weeks he started his work again, and the second or third day he went out he caught another chill or cold. The very same night he returned home again, and went to bed. He did not leave his bed again, but died in four or five days.
85. When your father died, did he leave a will? Yes.
86. Did your mother take out probate of that will Yes.
87. Who was the solicitor who acted for her in taking out the probate? Mr. P. J. Hourigan, of Elizabeth-street, Syduey.
88. Was your father pretty heavily involved in debt at the time of his death? Yes, very much. He was retrenched $£ 118$ a year about two years, or perhaps more, prior to his death.
89. At tho time of his decense was he possessed of any property? None whatever.
90. Was his life insured? Tes.
91. What was the amount for which his life was insured? £500; but about £5 of that was kept back. I now hand in a document showing the transactions which my late father had with the Australian Mutual Provident Society in regard to insurance. His life was first of all insured in two policies of £500 each ; but owing to his being retrenched he had to let one of the policies lapse. This document shows that the amount paid to my mother was $£ 49516 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . The document is as follows :-

> Australian Mutual Provident Socinty.
> Slatement of Cluim.
> Joseph Guilfoyle (deceased).
> Policy No. 1.24633, effected 1.fith February, 1886.
> Initials, S.C.E. Dnte, 3/6/95.
> 92. Mr. Wilks.] I see there is an item in this document, "less premium aceomet, fo7 1.s. 9d." Fromthat I take it that your father had fallen back in the payment of his premiums, and that they were debited in the office against this account? Yes.
> 93. Chairman.] To whom was your father iudebted at the time of his death? To tradespeople-grocer, draper, and others, atMoama and Echuca.
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94 . Of that amount, $£ 49516 \mathrm{~s}$. 10d., paid to your mother, after she had paid the claims of all those varions creditors, what was left? Absolutely nothing,
95. The payment of debts took the whole of the money? After all the debts were paid wo had not a shilling.
96 . Was your mother aware at the time that she need not have paid those claims? I do not think she was aware of that at the time.
97. Is she aware of that now? Yes; she has heard since that she need not have paid any of those claims. But we were ignorant of such matters.
98. T. suppose your mother would have paid them, notwithstanding what her knowledge on the point might have been? Yes; my mother felt that they were father's debts, and wo had a right to pay them.
99 . Was thero any other money coming to your mother, receivable or received by her, in any way other than that indicated in this document? Not a shilling.
100. What are the ages of your brothers? One is 22, and the other 20.
101. Are thoy in work? Not always, because sometimes it is hard for them to get work, One of them is learning the grocery trade. He has been doing that for twelve months or more constantly; but the other boy has to take what he can get.
102. What is the boy in the grocery trade getting? 17s. or 17 s .6 d . a week, I think; $I$ am not quite surc. 103. What does the other brother, who you say has intermittent work, get? Sometimes he will get $£ 1$ a weok. It depends on what he has to do. If he is working in the country and they keep him he gets less than $£ 1$ a week, but if he is working in the town ho gets more. £1 a week is about the average.
104. Have your mother and your sisters any other means whatever of subsistence excepting that which is provided by those two boys? None whatever. If my eyes had been alright I could, perhaps, have helped them, but, unfortunately, I have been aflicted with bad eyes for some years; in fact, twelve months ago, when I came to Sydncy, I had no sight whatever. It is Dr. McLeod who has made them as they are now. 105. I understand that you have a sworu affidavit from the medical gentleman who attended your father, and who has sent the affidavit because he could not possibly attend the meeting of this Committee? Yes; it is from Dr. Eakins.
106. You hand in this document as the sworn affidavit of Dr. Gcorge Reginald Eakins, of Echuca, who attended your father immediately prior to his decease? Yes; the document is as follows:-
I, Gronge Rbainamid Eakins, of Echuca, in the colony of Victoria, a duly qualified medical practitioner registered by the Medical Boards of Yictoria and New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare:-

1. I knew and was well acquainted with Josbrif Geimpoyle, late of Moama, in the Colony of New South Wales, forestor, during a period of twelve years.
2. I was his medical attendant during the illness that caused his dealh on or about the twenty-seventh day of May, onc thousand eight hundred and ninety.five.
3. The cause of his death was acute pneamonia, which mupervence upon a cold and chill contracted immediately previously whilst out in the country in the exerciec of his functions as forester.
4. I was informed by the said Joseph Guilfogle inmedistely before his death that he contracted his dying illness while in the exercise of his functions us forester, and particularly tlirough wading through water to measure logs, \&c., in the exercise of such functions us aforessid.
5. I was informed by the said Josoph Guilfoyle, deceased, previously to his decense, that he had received information from his Department to the effect that he was entitled to six months' leave of absence on full pay, and was granted such.
And I make this solemn declaration conscientiousiy believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the prosisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled an "Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Aflirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Jecelarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of Voluntary and extru-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Declared at Moama aforesaid, this tenth day of Norember, ?
a.D. $1890,-$
W. J. Martin, J.P.
107. Are you awnre whether your mother made any claim on the Department asking for some recompense in some shape or form? Mother did, after father's death.
103. On more than one occasion? I do not think so; but I am not quite sure. She may have done so twice.
109. Up to the present time, has your mother received anything from the Department in the way of recompense, or gratuity, or allowance? Not one shilling.
110. $M I r$. Byrne.] Where were the family living at the time of your father taking ill? We were living in Moama, the same place we are living in now.
111. And you say that he did make complaint in the way of snying that he attributed his illness to the exposure he was compelled to undergo? Yes, decidedly, he did.
112. Mr. Wilks.] You spoke in regard to your father's leave of absence and his visit to Melbourne;-did he state at that period that he was proffered a longer term of leave? He had, first of all, two months' leave, and after his return he was home only a fortnight or nearly three weeks before he was taken ill again, and died in four days. Mr. Walter Campbell came to our house and saw father in bed ill. When he heard that father was so very ill he called to see him at the house, and he told father that he was sorry to find that, after his time away, he had come back and got so ill again, and that it was very foolish of him, before he returned from Melbourne, not to have applied for, and obtained, an extension of leave of absence. Father said the Department was in such an unsteady condition at the time that they might have done away with his services altogether; and he was, of course, not in a position to have that done. Mr . Campbell then said to him: "You take six months' leave now, and I. will see that you get your salary all right; leave the district altogether and go away for six months, and at the end of that tine you will return and be in your usual good health again," or something to that effect. I was standing at the bedside when he said that.
113. What reply did your father make to that;-did he display any anxiety to leave his post? No ; he did not. We had no idea then that he was dying, though we knew he was very bad; but he seemed to collapse all at once.
114. During his time of leave in Melbourne did he express any opinion in regard to the post he held-as to any action of the Department against him or being afraid of any one being placed in his position? No; I do not think he had any fear of that sort. He was, of course, rather alarmed, because he knew that his financial position was very bad, and he just worked steadily on.
115. Was your father recogaised in the district as a very conscientious officer? Yes, very.
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116. And anxious to exert all his influence on behalf of the Government in the collection of various royalties, fees, \&c.? Yes.
117. And would you think that that anxiety on his part caused him to undergo exposure more than ordinarily ? Yes, I should, certainly.
118. I take it that your mother applied to the Forestry Branch for some assistance as an act of grace after your father's death;-was the application farourably entertained? I forget the reply; but I think that they gave mother to understand that they did not think she needed it, or something to that effect. 119. On what grounds did they think that she did not need it? Because of the insurance, I suppose. 120. Chairman.] Is there anything that has not been elicited from you by questions which you would like to state to the Committee relative to the case? I do not think so, except that I know that mother is in rather straitened circumstances just now ; in fact, $\mathbf{I}$ do not know what she will do if she does not get help.
121. You yourself have undergone a very severe operation? Yes; for ingrowing of the cyelashes and for granulation. My ailment is owing to the climate up there.
122. The operation was so scvere, I understand, that a piece of the flesh was taken from your lip and grafted on the cye-lid? Yes; two pieces were taken from my bottom lip and incisions wero made on the eye-lid and both the picces put in, and so far they have acted wonderfully on the lid.
123. How long is it since the operation was performed? Last January I had that operation performed. 124. How long previously to that were you incapacitated from doing anything? I have suffered from five to six years, and father used to take me to Melbourne and leave me there under the care of Dr. Bowen. I was treated there, and he used to come down and take me bome again, and so on, but no real good was done me. A few cye-lashes have grown since the operation was perforned in Sydney, the doctor having used electrolysis on the eye-lid.
125. M1r. Byrne.] A treat denl of the financial difficulty under which your late father laboured was occasioned by your aflliction? Yes. Now, though my eyes are better, I have very bad sight. They look better than they really are.

WHDNESDAY, 15 NOVEALBER, 1899.

## 猚resent:- <br> Mr. BYRNE, <br> 1 <br> Mn. WILKS. <br> J. M. Chanter, Esq., in the Chatr.

Patrick John Hourigan called in, sworn, and examined :-
P. J. 126. Chairman.] You are a solicitor, practising in Sydney? Yes.

Hourigan, 127. Did you know the late Joseph Guilfoyle? Yes, intimately.
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128. You acted as his solicitor? Yes. His legal business was very limited; but in everything of that kind that he bad to do I believe I acted for him.
129. You prepared the necessary documents in connection with the making of the application for probate of his will? Yes. The will itsclf was prepared at Moama.
130. You conducted the proceedings in regard to the obtaining of probate? Yes; I made application on behalf of his widow, who had been appointed sole executrix under the will, and I took out probate on her behalf.
131. At the time of Mr. Guilfoyle's decease, can you tell the Committee what property he was possessed of? The probate was taken out about July, 1895; and, in order to refresh my memory in this matter, I have referred to a copy of the Stamp Act affidavit, and I find that the assets there set out are as follows:Furniture, valued at $£ 227 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ buggy and harnéss, $£ 18$ 10s. ; cow, $£ 2$; horse, $£ 2$; fowls, 10 s . In addition, I find that there is the sum of $£ 50 \mathrm{~S} 1 \mathrm{ss}$. 10 d . received on a life policy from the A.M.P. Society, including bonuses, less the cost of probate and stamp duty, which was deducted, £15 12 s . Gd. On the 26 th July, 1895, or about that date, I paid into the credit of Mrs. Guiffoyle £403 6s. 10 d . Taking the life-policy money away, it would, of coursc, leave only the furniture, the horse, and buggy and harness, which Mr. Guilfoyle was obliged to hare in order to perform his duties as a forest ranger, and the cow, valued at \&2, and some fowls. In other words, you may say that tho whole corpus of the estate consisted of the money that came from the A.M.P. Society on his life policy.
132. Do you know, from any statement made to you, or from any document or anything of that sort, whether Mrs. Guiffoyle utilised this money for her own benefit, or did she use it to pay off the debts of her late husband? That I camnot say of my own knowledge. I paid the money into her credit, and I do not know how she used it. If I were to tell you anything that she told me or wrote to me it would not be evidence, and of my own knowledge $I$ do not know anyihing about the disbursement of the money. 133. But you, having had the conduct of the proceedings in connection with the application for probate, are in a position to say that the only property left to the widow was what you have stated-the horse, cow, and so on? Yes; and that is set out in the Stamp Act affidavit.

Richard Dalrymple Hay recalled and further examined :-
R. 1. Hay. 134. Chairman.] You produce the information required by the Committee in regard to the deceased's status and length of service? Yes. I have here a statement in the form of salary and allowances from 188s, the date when Mr. Guilfoyle was appointed, to the date of his decease. It is complete, with the exception of the aliowances for the ycar 1883. I found that the register in the Mines Department, which should have shown them, the officers could not put their hands upon; but you could obtain those particulars by applying to the Auditor-General. As I have said, the rest of the statement is complete. For the year 1883 the salary was $£ 200$, and the amount of allowances I cannot state; 1884, salary $£ 200$, allowances $£ 1775$ s. ; 1885 , balary £205, allowatuces $£ 20415 \mathrm{~s} . ; 1886$, salary $\mathcal{L} 210$, allowances $£ 19810 \mathrm{~s}$.; 1887, salary £210, allowances $£ 190$ 10s.; IS88, salary $£ 210$, allowances $\mathcal{L} 16215 \% . ; 1889$, salary $\mathcal{L} 210$, allowances £144, 15ัs.; 1890, salary £210, allowances $£ 160$ 15s.; 1891, salary $£ 210$, allowances $£ 171$ $15 \mathrm{~s} . ; 1892$, salary £210, allowances £163 1.0 s . ; 1893, salary £209, allowances $£ 10512 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$. ; 1894, salary $£ 209$, allowances $£ 72$; 1895 , salary to date of decease at the rate of $£ 209$ per anuum, and allowances to date of decease $£ 294 \mathrm{~s}$. Gd. The date of decease was May 27, 189 J.
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135. What did those allowances consist of? Part of the time they were called travelling allowances, R.D. Hay. and at other times they were called forage allowances; latterly they were called forage allowances.
136. But the payment of that moncy is actually as a recompense to your officer for the cost of keeping 15 Nov., 1899. horses and travelling, is it not? Yes; I may say that from 1883 to 1893 the allowances were practically recoups of money paid out of pocket. Mr. Guilfoyle presented vouchers for that.
137. Mr. Wilks.] Were those allowances ia keeping with the allowances to similarly-situated officers? Yes; there was a little difference in the scale, according to different districts, but it really was an equipmont allowance.
138. You would not call it an out of the way scale? No.
. Walter Scott Campbell called in, sworn, and examined :-
139. Chairman.] You are the Chief Jnspector of Agriculture? Yes.
140. You were originally the head of tho Forestry Branch? Yes; I had charge of both branches.
141. During the time that you were engaged in the Foresty Branch, you had a forcster under you named Toseph Guilfoyle, who died at Moama? Yes.
142. Were you with him shortly before his deceasc? ITcs; a few hours before he died.
143. At any time during your visit to him, was a promise mado by you to him that in consequence of his sickness and his vory serious state, be should have a lengthened torm of absence? Ho was in such a state when I saw him that he could hardly speak to me. I knew he was dying. So I would not have made any promise of that kind to him. It was quite apparent that he was dying, and I made no such promise.
144. Did you see bim previous to that? No; I did not see him previous to that. When I heard that he was so ill I made a point of going to see him in order to cheer him up a little, and I was very glad that I did so. The poor man was so grateful for my calling on him.
145. Was any promise made by you to his wife or any of his children? No.
146. Were you aware of Mr. Manton, who was the superior officer in that district, haring made a promise to Mr. Guilfoyle of six months leave of absence? I do not recollect it. It is so long ago, and I have never thought over the matter from that day to this. He may have done so, but $I$ have no recollection of it. I may say that Mr. Manton and I spoke to each other about Mr. Guilfoyle's case. I considered that he had been a very faithful officer of tho Department, and, from what I gathered there, that his sickness had come on in cousequence of his oxposure up near Koondrook.
147. Better known as Barham? Yes, close to Barham.
148. You visited the Barham district with Mr. Mantou in a boat? Yes; and we campod closo to where Guilfoylo had been located in a bit of a hut, which Mr. Manton pointed out to mo. Thero was a big lagoon close to it, and Mr. Manton said, "This is a very low swampy sort of a place, and Guilfoyle's sickness was caused chiefly through living in that hut." That is, as far as I cau recollect at this moment, what was said.
149. During your visit or from information otherwise obtained can you state to the Committee whether the timber growing in that locality in water would necessitate your officers very often wading into the water in order to measure the logs? Yes, it would, certainly.
150. In order to protect the revenue of your Department? Yes. If they carried out their dutics faithfully they would be obliged to do that.
151. From your observation of Mr. Guilfoyle during your term in the Department, can you say whether ho was a good officer, faithful to tho Department in protecting its revenue? I had no personal knowledge of him. I had never seen him, so far as I can recollect, until he was dying, but I always had good accounts of him. I always heard that he was a faithfol officer, and worked well.
152. Can you from memory any what action was taken by your Department when an application was made by his widow for some compensation? I cannot remember at the present time. J. have an iden that Mrs. Guilfoyle spoke to me about it when he was dying. I had some couversation with her about him, and $I$ have an indistinct recollection that something of that kind occurrod, but I would not like to swear as to that.
153. Will you look at these papers from your Department, which will refresh your memory a little; you will see that the Department was very favourable to the application, and sent it on to the Principal Under Secretary, and that there is a minute there with your name attached to it? Yes, the whole thing now flashes across my mind.
154. Your minute will be found on the last sheet? Yes, I see it is there.
155. According to these papers the then Minister, Mr. Sydney Smith, was very strongly in favour of the widow receiving compensation, and wrote a minute to that effect? Yes, I am pretty sure that everything was in favour of it, so far as I can recollect now.
156. From that minute you will be able to sce whether your Dopartment was favourable to the application for compensation, or otherwise? Yes. Mrs. Guilfoyle spoke to me about the number of her children. I recollect it now. I have had no opportunity of refreshing my memory in regard to the case until now, and was utterly ignorant of what information you required from me.
157. Under the ordinary circumstances the papers should have been printed and Members should have had a copy of them, and the officers in the Department would have been able to see them; you being out of the Department have not had the opportunity? No; I have been out of the Department for some time. There is no doubt that wo were very strongly in favour of the application being granted.
158. Personally you know nothing of you yourself having intimated that Mr. Guilfoylo should hate six months' leave of absence, and you cannot say from memory whethor Mr. Manton did? 'No; I cannot say from memory. I have a very indistinct idea now that there was something of tho sort. 'lhe whole thing is now cropping up in my mind.
159. Mr. Manton stated, in his evidence yesterday, that originally the deceased had two months' leave of abence and went to Melbourne to see his brother:' Yes, he went to Melbournc.
160. And ho came back again and was offored six months' leave of absence, but was afraid to take it for fear of consequences at the hands of the Public Service Board, and he went to work again? There was no Publie Service Board at that time.
161. Well, he was afraid of something of that kind-that is the evidence given by Mr. Manton-and he resumed his work? Yes, that is perfectly correct.
W.S. 162. And then he was brought in from the place, as you have explained to the Committee, in practically a

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5 Nov. 1899 dying state? I think that is quite correct. I am beginning to remember now. There was some talk about six months' leare of absence. I remember that quite distinctly. I know that we thought the case was a very hard one. The poor man was suffering very much and was very nervous. He was an extremely nervous man and was always frightened about losing his billet and so on. That is what I heard at the time.
163. From the littlo you saw yourself while you were there, would you consider that the family were in a state of affluence? No; certainly not. They struck me as being very very poor indeed.
164. Do you think that under the circumstances, and considering the salary that Mr. Guilfoyle received, it would have been possible for lim to maintain his wife and eight children, all of them of tender years, and at the same time save any money? I do not think he could have saved a penny.
165. As far as the Department was concerned, you, as an officer of the Department, and the Minister were perfectly satisfied as to the equity of the claim for compensation? Perfectly satisfied.
166. Mr. Byrne.] Miss Guilfoyle, in giving evidence here yesterday, said that she was present at a conversation in which you were engaged with the deceased, she standing by the bedside, and that she heard you say something to the effect that you would recommend six months' leave of absence, and that Mr. Guilfoyle was foolish to come back again as soon as he had done? That may be. I think it is very likely. It was most distressing to me to see the poor man suffering as he was, and I dia what I could to encourage him and cheer him up a little.
167. Then there was something said in connection with six months' leave of absence? Yes, there was. There is no doubt about it.
168. Mr. Wilks.] While you were head of the Forestry Branch, do I rightly understand that the advices you received led you to believe that Mr. Guilfogle was a zealous and conscicntious officer? Yes.
169. And a careless officer would have allowed a good deal of revenue to escape? Unquestionably, it would have been in his power.
170. Do you think that the Department, taking inte consideration the whole circumstances of the caseMr. Guilfoyle being a zealous officer whose decease was practically caused by exposure whilst in pursuit of his occupation-would have been justified in granting compensation to the widow as an act of grace? Most decidedly I think so.

## Henry Erans called in, sworn, and examined :-

H. Evans. 171. Chairman.] You are now employed in Sydneg? I am temporary messenger in the Clerk of the Peace Offico. I was formerly Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moama.
172. Were you acquainted with the deceased, Joseph Guilfoyle, who was a forester at Monma during your term of office there? Yes, intimately.
173. What was his general character? One of the very best of characters that any man could have, I think.
174. Was he a painstaking judicious officer? Most decidedly so. A more upright or honorable man you could not find.
175. I suppose that in your position as Clerk of Petty Scssions you often came in contact with the deceased, officially and otherwise $P$ Yes, very frequently.
176. Apart from that, I believe you were on terms of friendship with the family? Yes.
177. Were you with the deceased at the time of his death or a short time previously? He died in my presence.
178. Can you recall to your memory the time when the hend of the Forestry Branch, Mr. W. S. Campbell, paid a visit to Moama? Most decidedly I remember it.
179. Do you recollect being at Mr. Guilfoyle's residence at the time Mr. Campbell was there? I do.
180. Was there any conversation with, or any promise given to, the deceased, or to any member of his family as to Mr. Guilfoyle receiving leave of absence for any given term? Yes. I cannot remember the exact words, but I can give you the purport of what was said. As nearly as I can recollect, Mr. Campbell used words to this effect, in speaking to Mr. Guilfoyle, "You are not well enough to work. You look very bad. Send in an application for six months' leave. You cau have sir montha; I will give it to you. Send in an application for it.".
181. After that how long did Mr. Guilfoyle live? A very short time, but I cannot exactly tell you how long. A few days, I think, as well as my memory serves me.
182. From your knowledge of tho deceased and his family, can you tell the Committee whether, at the time of Mr. Guilfoyle's death, they were in a state of afluence or otherwise? I knew their affairs as well as any man could, because I had a good deal to do with them. They were certainly not in a state of aflluence. I should say that they were in a state of impecuniosity.
183. At the time of Mr. Guilfoyle's death, were any meinbers of the family able to work and earn their own living, or assist their mother in any way? No. One son, Sam, was at work, I belicye, somewhere in Moama, but he was earning only a few shillings-not sufficient even to clothe himself.
181. Do you know the eldest daughter, Florence? Yes.
185. What has been her state of health for the last few years? For a number of years she has had granulation of the oyelids, and has been under medical treatment, she being then nearly blind.
186. Would her illness be a considerable source of expense to her mother or her late father? It was a source of very great expense to her father while he was alive, and I presume it bas been lately also a source of expense so far as it could be incurred, but I think that most of the doctors have helped to assist the mother by making the expense as light as they could, she not being able to bear a great expense since the decease of her husband. I do know that while Mr. Guilfoyle was alive his daughter's illness was a source of great expense to him.
187. Mr. Byrne.1. As a matter of fact, I suppose a great deal of the pecuniary difficulties that surrounded the father was in consequence of the drag that this girl was upon his financos? There is no doubt about it. He told me so himself in confidence. I had known him since he was a boy. In fact, I knew him when he was a boy at Dubbo and his father had the nursery gardens at Double Bay, and I know that it was a good deal owing to his daughter's illness that he was pulled down financially. He told me what expense he had been put to in consequence of Florrie having to go to Sydney to undergo surgical operations. He having to bear all the cost of her travelling and also to pay the doctor's charges here, it was indeed a considerable source of expense to him.
188. Chairman.] An application in the form of a clain for compensation, in consequence of the death of her husband, has been put in by Mrs. Guilfoyle under the terms of the Civil Scrvice Act;-do you, from your knowledge of the family and the circumstances surrounding the case, and bearing in mind the probity and good conduct of the late officer, consider that this application is a just and equitable one? I do.
189. Mr. Byrne.] You certainly think so? Yes, I think it is.
190. From your knowledge of Mr. Guilfoyle, and of the way in which he performed his duties, and of his general conduct? Yes, I do consider so.
191. In the position you occupied at Moama you would have peculiar opportunities of knowing a great deal of Mr. Guilfoyle and how he conducted his official business? Yes. He used often to come into my office and have conversations in reference to timber licenses and so on, and he would tell me most of his troubles in reference to money matters, \&e.
192. Of what age do you thiuk he was at the time of his decease? About 44, or perhaps 47.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(PETITION FROM THOMAS BUCKLEY, PRAYING THAT HE MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OR ATTORNEY, OR IN PERSON, BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE, WITH THE RIGHT TO GALL WITNESSES AND EXAMINE AND CROSS-EXAMINE WTTNESSES ON.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 28 November, 1899.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Thomas Buckley, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, -

## Humbly Showeth:-

1. That on the eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, your Honorable House appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of Thomas Buckley.
2. That your Petitioner humbly prays that he may be represented by counsel or attornes, or in person, beforo the Select Committeo appointed to inquire into and report upon the said matter, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before the Select Committee.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.
THOMAS BUCKLEY.
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# CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ; 

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Votes No. 70. Tueaday, 20 October, 1896.
7. Case of Thomas Buckiet-Pumlic Works Department:-Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to 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. Hayes, Mr. Gormy, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Cann, Mr. Willis, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided,
Ayes, 31.

| Mr. Lrue, | Mr. Thomas Brown, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. Schey, | Mr. Dacey, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. McGowen, |
| Mr. Travera Jones, | Mr. Gornly, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Kelly, |
| Mr. Thomas, | Mr. Howarth, |
| Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. IIturley, | Mr. Simeon Phillips, Mr. O'lheilly, |
| Mr. Miller, | 3). Mollia, |
| Mr. Pyers, | Mr. Willis, |
| Mr. Cotton, | Mr. Wood. |
| Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barister, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Camm, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Fergusom, | Mr. E. M. Clark. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 16.
Mr W. H. B. Piddington, $\quad$ Tellers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Sydney Smith, $\quad$ Mr. Cruickshank,
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mr. Sydney Smith, } & \text { Mr. Cruickeliank, } \\ \text { Mr. Gould,' } & \text { Mr. Alexandor Campbell. }\end{array}$
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Carruthere,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Aftcek,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Millen.
Mr. Milien.
Mr. Greene,
Mr. Millard.

Votes No 73. Tuesdat, 27 October, 1896.
6. Case of Thomas Buckley-Public Wobks Daparmment:-Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Thomas Buckley, of Sydney, stating that a Select Committee had been appointed by the House to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Buckley, Public Works Department; and praying to be represented loy comsel or attorncy, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses, and to examine and cross-esamine all witnesses that may give evidence.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Votes No. 70. Tuesday, 16 November, 1897.
9. Case of Thomas Buckley-Ptblic Wores Depabtment :-Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to 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. Hayes, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell,

Mr. Howarth, Mr. Cann, Mr. Willis, Mr. McGowen, Mr. O'Sullivan, 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.

Votes No. 71. Wednesday, 17 November, 1897.
2. Case of Thomas Bocrift-Piblic Works Department:-Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Thomas Buckley, of Sydney, representing that the House bad appointed a Select Committee to inquire into his dismissal from the Public Works Department; and praying that he may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses, and to examine and cross-examinc all witnesses that may give evidence.
Petition received.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee.
Question put.
The House divided.

| Ayes, 62. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Ashton, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Mackay, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Lonsdale, | Mr. Cann, |
| Mr. Goind, | Mr. T. R. Smith, | Mr. Alexander Campbell, |
| Mr. Gnrrard, | Mr. J. C.. L. Fitzpatri | Mr. Frank Farnell, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. W. TI. B. Pidding | ,Mr. Wheeler, |
| Mr. E. M. Clark, | Mr. Rose, | Mr. Jutw, |
| Mr. Shhoy, | Mr. Aflleck, | Mr. Gormly, |
| Mr. Hogue, | Mr. Moore, | Mr. Chanter, |
| Mr . Hurley, | Mr. Kelly, | Mr. MIonry Clarke, |
| Mr . Pyors, | Mr. Simeon Phillips, | Mr. Newman, |
| Mr. Hawthorne, | Mr. Fiarris, | Mr. Wood, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. McIean, | Mr. Thomas, |
| Mr. Nelson, ${ }_{\text {, }}$ | Mr. Harrey, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. Sydney Smith, | Mr. McElhone, | Mr. Ferguson, |
| Mr. Anderson, Dr. Graham, | Mr. Barnes, <br> Mr. Robert Jones, | Mr. Watkins, Mr. McGowen. |
| Mr. Yarkes, | Mr. Bavister, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Carroll, | Mr. Cotton, |  |
| Mr. Perry, <br> Mr. M. T. Phillips, | Mr. Wilks, Mr. Waddell, | Mr. Fegan, Mr. Hassall. |
| Mr. Keymond, |  |  |

Noes, 4.
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. James Thomson.
Tellers,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sleath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
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(SECOND SESSION.)

## EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Votes No. 7. Tuesday, 30 auguse, 1898.
8. Case of Thomas Bucklex-Public Works Departmpnt:-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.
Debato ensued.
Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:" (3.) That the Minutes of Procecdings 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.
Votes No.9. Tubsday, 6 Spememblib, 1898.
2. Case of Thomas Buckley-Pubitc Works Derartment:--M.i. 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 Commintitee.
Votes No. 46. Tuesday, 6 Decemtber, 1898.
7. Case of Thomas Buckuef-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. J. J). 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.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## Voter No. 37. Tuesday, 7 November, 1899.

12. Case of Thomas Buckley-Ptblic Woris Department :-Mr. E. M. Clark moved, purguant to 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. O'Sullivan, Mr. Haycs, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Spruson,

Mr. Holman, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Ohanter, Mr. Norton, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedinge and Eridence of Select Committees of 1896, 1897, and 1898 respectively, together with all papers referred thercto, be referred to such Committee.
Debate ensued.
Qucstion put and passed.
Votes No. 45. Tuesdat, 28 Notember, 1899.
5. Case of Thomas Buckley-Public Works Departmentt :-Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Thomas Buckley, of Sydney, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into his dismissal from the Public Works Department; and praying that he may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses and examine and crosseexamine all witnesses that may give ovidence. before such Committee.
At the request of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
Votes No. 50. Wednesday, 6 December, 1899.
6. Case of Thomas Buchlet-Public Woris Department:-Mr. F. M. Clark (by consent) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Thomas Buckley, praying to be heard by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the Select Committee on "Caso of Thomas Buckley-Public Works Depart"ment," received by this House on the $28 t h$ November, 1899, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
Votes No. 56. Wednesday, 20 December, 1800.
6. Case of Thomas Buckiey-Public Works Departmant:-Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairmain,
brought up the Report from, and laid upou the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 7th November, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose * See List, evidence will be found appended hereto), and considered the papers referred, find ${ }^{\text {page }} 10$. as follows :-

1. That Thomas Būckley was dismissed from his position in the Public Works Department, at the instance of Mr. Dyson, Road Superintendent.
2. That Buckley made certain charges of irregularities against Dyson, and á Departmental inquiry exonerated Dyson, but the evidence at such inquiry was not taken on oath.
3. That Dyson made charges of neglect, drunkenness, and insubordination against Buckley, which your Committee cannot endorse on the evidence before them.
4. That the evidence before your Committee does point to some irregularities on the part of Mr. Dyson, and although opportunities were repeatedly given to Mr. Dyson to appear before the Committee to give evidence, he has not availed himself of them. Of late, it must be said, however, serious illness has prevented him.
5. That it was the duty of Buckley, as an employee of the State, to report irregularities, even of a superior officer.

Your Committee consider that Buckley was harshly dealt with by reason of his dismissal, and therefore beg to recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the Government.

EDWARD M. CLARK,

Chairman.
No. 1 Committee Room,
-Legislative Assembly, 20th December, 1899.
1896.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

## TUESDAY, 27 OOTOBER, 1896.

Members Prebent:-

| Mr. E. M. Clark, | Mrabers Present :- Gormly, |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mr. Hayes, | Mr. O'Sullivan. |

Mr. E. M. Clark called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee rad by the Clerk.
Thomas Buckley called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

TUESDAY, 3 NOVIUMBER, 1896.
Members Presents:-
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Hayes, | • Mr. Wilks.
[Adjourned till Thursday next, at 2 o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1896.

## Members Present :-

Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hayes.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings, in xeference to the Petition of Thomas Buckley, praying to be heard by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the Committce, read by the Clerk

Mr. Thomas Buckley appeared on his own behalf.
Robert Rowan Purdon Hickson (Under Secretary for Public Works, and Oommissioner for Roads) called in, sworn, and examincd

Witness withdrew.
Luke Parbury called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Michael Foley called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
William Melrose called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]
1897.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1897.

## Members Present:-

Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Gormly, Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. E. M. Clark called to the Chair.
Entrics from Votes and Proceedings,-
(1.) Appointing the Committec ;
(2.) Referring the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of Session 1896 to the Committee;
(3.) Referring the Petition of Thomas Buckley,-read, by the Clerk.

Resolved (on motion by Mr. Gormly), That Mr. Buckley be heard.
[Adjourned till Thursday next at 11.30.]

## THURSDAX, 25 NOVEAMBER, 1897.

Members Present:-
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Hayes
Mr. MeGowen.
Mr. Howarth,
-
Mr. Thomas Buckley appeared in person on his own behalf.
Thomas Buckley sworn and examined.
Patrick Owen Gorman called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1897.
Membens Present:-
Mr. E. M. Clark, , | Mr. Waddell.
In the absence of a Quorum, the mecting called for this day lapsed.

IUESDAY, 7 DNOEMIBER, 1897.
Memteris Present:-
Mr. 13. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Gormly, | Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Thomas Buckley appeared in persou on his own behalf.
Edward Hanson called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. this day.
There not being a Qnorum present fifteen minutes aftor the time named, the sitting lapsed.
1898.
(SECOND SESSION)

## PROCEEDTNGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1898.
Member Present:-

## Mr. E. M. Clark.

In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

## WEDNESDAF, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Members Present:-
Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Spruson. Mr. Hayes,
Mr. E. M. Clark called to the Chair.
Entries from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, and referring the Petition of Thomas Buckley,-read by tho Clerk.

Committee deliberated.
Resolved (on motion of $M r$. Hayes), -What the luayer of the Petition be gianted.
Resolved (on motion of Mr. Hayes), -That the evidence of the previous Committees bo adopted by this Committee.

Re -assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

WEDDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1898.
Members Present :-
Mr. E. M. Clark, $\quad$ Mr. Sprusor.
In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1898.
Members Present:-
Mr. Spruson.
In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1898.
Member Present:-
Mr. Spruson.
In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1898.
Members Present :-
Mr. Chanter, $\quad$ Mr. E. M. Clark.
In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAF, 27 OCTOBER, 1898.
Mempers Present: -
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Chanter, Mr. Hayes. Mr. Spruson.
[Adjourned till Thursday, 10th November, at 2 o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1898.
The meeting called for this day postponed by order of the Chairman.

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1898.
Members Present:-
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Hayes, Mr. Spruson. Mr. Holman,
Mr. R. Colonna Close, Barrister-at-Law, appeared on behalf of Mr. Thomas Buckley. Patrick Collins called in, swom, and examined.
Witness withdrow.
Thomas Davis called in, sworn, and oxamined.
Room cleared.
Committee deliberated.
Ordered,-That Mr. E. D. Dyson be summoned to give evidence next meeting.
[Adjourned till I'uesday next, at 2 o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1898.
Members Present :-
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Chanter, | Mr. Hayes.
$\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{T}}$ R. Colonna-Close, Barrister-at-Law, appeared on behalf of Mr. Thomas Buckley.
Room cleared.
Committee deliberated.
Resolved (on motion of Mr. Chanter), "That the Chairman obtain leave of the Houso for the Committee to visit and take the evidence of Mr. E. D. Dyson at his residence."

Counsel called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

## TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1808.

Mempers Present :-
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Chanter, | Mr. McFarlane.
Resolved (on motion of Mr. Ghantor), -That the Committee meet on Thursday next, at 11 o'clock, then to proceed to Mr. E. D. Dyson's residence for the purpose of taking his evidence.
[Adjourned till Thursday next, at 11 o'clock.]

## THURSDAY, I5 DECEMBER, 1898. <br> Members Present :-

Mr. E. M. Clark, | Mr. McFarlane.
In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

## THURSJ) AY, 22 DECEMMER, 1898.

Memahers Present:-
None.
In the absence of a Quorum, the mecting called for this day lapsed.

# 1899. <br> PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. 

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1899.
Members Present :-
Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. M. MeFarlane.
Mr. E. M. Clark called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proccedings appointing the Committec, and referring the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committees of 1806 , 1807, and 1898 respectively, together with all papers referred thereto,-read by the Cierk.

Papers referred before the Committee.
Resolved (on motion of Mr. Mc.Farlane), -That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of previous Select Committees on the subject be adopted by this Committee.

Ordered-That Mr. E. D. Dyson be summoned to give evidence next mecting.
[Adjourned till Tuceday next, at 2 o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1899.
Member Prisent:-
Mr. E. M. Ciark.
In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

## $T H U R S D A Y, 7 . D E O E M B E R, 1809$.

Members Present :-
Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Cbanter, Mr. McFariane. Mr. Holman,
The Clerk, by direction of the Chairman, read a letter from $D_{r}$. Shewen, intimating that Mr. E. IJ. Dyson would never be able to give evidence, on account of serious illness.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings referring the Petition of Thomas Buckley to the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Resolved (on motion of Mifr. MIcFarlane)-That the prayer of the Petilioner be granted.
Mr. R. Colonna Close (Solicitor) appeared on behalf of Mr. Thomas Buckley.
Thomas Buckley called in, sworn, and examined.
Alexandie Cowie called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Mr. Close addressed the Committee.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

## $T H U R S D A Y, 14$ DEOEMBER, 1899

The House continuing to sit during the time appointed for the sitting of the Committee, no meeting could be held.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMABER, 1899.

## Members Present:-

Mr. E. M. Clark in the Chair.
Mr. Chanter, | Mr. McFarlane.
Chairman submitted Draft Report. Same read, amended, and agreed to.
Chairman to report to the House.

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## TAENTN BEYORD

## THE SELECT COMMITTEE

OF THE

## CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

## TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1896.

## 相regent: -

Mn. GORMLY,
Mr. O'SULLIVAN, Mr. HAYES.

EDWaRD ManN clark, Esq., in the Chair.

Thomas Buckley aworn and examined:-

1. Chairman.] Were you employed in the Public Works Department some years ago? I was employed T. Buckley.
 2. Why were you dismissed? For not signing a list of the men's time which Mr. Dyson, the rond superknew nothing of the men's time which he had made out.
2. Who dismissed you? Mr. Dyson. It was customary for me to call on Mr. Dyson each morning to get instructions. I called on the lst of the month, and he said he would get the times himself. I was working with two men on the Bullock Road-i.e., Catherine-street-in Leichhardt. William Brown, one of these men, was in the habit of getting drunk on these occasions, and Mr. Dyson asked me to remain with this man and see that he did not get drunk.
3. Will you tell the Committee what happened in regard to the pay-sheets? On the 1st of the month when I called on Mr. Dyson I asked him if I would go and get the men's time. He said he would go and get the time himself. On the following day he was going round the district. I went to my work with these two men, and on Saturday when I called at his office Mr. Dyson made out a memo. of the time for me to sign. Alfred Benson, a clerk, was present at the time. I told Mr. Dyson that I knew nothing about the time-sheet he wished me to sign, though I did know that it was wrong, for some of the men were working for contractors during the month, and he put full time down for these men on the pay-sheet. He said to me, "When it pleases me, it ought to please you"; and when I declined to sign it he said to Benson, "Alfred, you will take the time in future, as Buckley won't sign this paper." My chief reason for not signing the pay-sheet was because in the previous month he had made out a similar pay-sheet, and after I had signed it, docking one man some nine days, he added full time for this man.
4. MIr. Hayes.] Did you sign the pay-sheet for Mr. Dyson $P$ The second pay-sheet $I$ refused to sign. I went away to my work, and a fow dayb afterwards Mr. Dyson sent word to me to go to the Newtown Road to work. I did not know what part of the Newtown Road I was to go to, and as I was to going past his office I called to ascertain where it was. He kicked up a row, and of course I went into the office and reported him.
5. Chairman.] You reported Mr. Dyson for his manner of dealing with you and for abusing you? Yes. 7. Did you report the matter of the pay-sheets at the same time? I forget exactly whether I made the whole report then; but Colonel Wells told me to go back to work at present.
6. Do you think the reason why he abused you was in a great measure owing to your refusal to sign the paý-sheet P Yes.
T. Buokloy. 9. You think that he intended to find fault with you? Yes.
$\overbrace{\text { Pas }}$ 10. You think his idea was to get rid of you? His idea was that I was too honest to be likely to get 27 Oct., 1896. those who would be likely to help him.
7. Will you now state what happened next? I went to work on the Newtown Road. I found the men where they were spreading metal. I continued without any further instruction until about the middle of the month, when Mr. Dyson sent me a letter by Benson saying that my services would be dispensed with on the Ist of the month. On the last day of the month I put my tools in the yard, came away, and went to the office. I went to see Mr. Bennett, the Commissioner, but it was Colonel Wells I saw. Colonel Wells wrote me a letter to the effect that if I would lay definite charges against Mr. Dyson they would be inquired into.
8. What did he say in reference to your discharge? I complained that I was dismissed for not signing the list of the men's time, and he told me to lay definite charges, and I did lay definite charges against Mr. Dyson.
9. Did you lay any charges against anyone else? No.
10. Mr. Hayes.] Did you make the charges in writing? I did.
11. What happened after Colonel Wells wrote you that letter? There was a departmental inquiry, and some witnesses were sent for. As regards one of the witnesses. Michael Sullivan, Mr. Dyson sent me to get 7 s . from him, and that he would make it up in his next pay. Ihis man gave evidence at the departmental enquiry that he did give the 7s. to Mr. Dyson, and that he got it included in his cheque at the following pay. Mr. Hickson, who conducted the inquiry, told him that he would not believe him. Sullivan was drowned some time back at Ball's Head.
12. Did you give evidence before that inquiry? I did.
13. Did you state the facts which you have just stated to this Committee? I cannot exactly say. I kept back evidence which I would not give because the evidence was not being taken on oath. What I did give I do not know.
14. Did you state on oath before that inquiry that the pay sheet was a false one? I made a statement to that effect
15. Chairman.] Did you produce any evidence to substantiate the charges which you made? I did bring evidence, but the men who were in the employ of the Government, as some of them later on informed me, were instructed to give evidence, or else they would lose their jobs.
16. Mr. Hayes.] The witnesses which you brought forward did not substantiate your evidence? Some of them did.
17. Chairman.] Will you state the names of the witnesses who did? Joe Kane, Michael Foley, Luke Parbury, and William Melrose
18. These men substantiated your charges against Mr. Dyson? I understand that they did.
19. Were they employed in the department at the time? Yes. They were instructed by Mr. Dyson to give evidence, I was informed.
20. There were a numbor of others who were also employed in the department who did not substantiate your statement? Yes.
21. These would be the men whose names appear on the fraudulent pay-sheet? One of them, Tom

Jones, who was out in the Centennial Park later on, told a man very recently that it was more than his billet was worth to go contrary to his instructions.
26. I suppose you have had interviews with Ministers and Under Secretaries in regard to your case?

I have seen everyone I could see.
27. You still contend that you did your work, and that you would never have been dismissed if you had not refused to sign the pay-sheets? I think I would not.
28. Did Mr. Hickson take any evidence at the inquiry he held? He did, and I declined to go any further when he would not take the evidence on oath.
29. He took the evidence of the men whose names are on the paper which you have just handed to me? I could not say. These are the witnesses I want now.
30. Some of them substantiated your statements, and some of them were afraid to do so, because they were employed in the Public Works Department, and feared that they would lose their employment if they did? Yes.
31. Can you get all these persons to give evidence? They are to be got, but I do not know whether I could get them.
32. M1r. O'Sullivan.] Are they still employed in the Public Works Department? Some of them are; Parbury is.
33. Chairman. Did you get any official intimation from the department in regard to the result of the inquiry which was held? Never a word.

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1896.

E. M. CLARK, Esq., in THE Chair.

> Mr. Thomas Buckley appeared in his own behalf.

[^18]written one, and asked him to sign for the men's time he knew. He refused, and wss very insolent. I instructed Mr. Dyson to relegate him to his former pay, and have the time kept by some one else; but the Commissioner, aware of the man's previous character, which had always been defiant and troublesome, ordered his dismissal, which his subsequent conduct shows was richly merited. I may state that Buckley, to me, insolently refused to return to duty on his former 5 pay, and said he would rather leave.
38. Was any other inquiry held in regard to the matter? Mr. Buckloy, o: several occasions, I think, snw mo ; at all events he saw the Under Secretary, and the result was that Mr. Bruce Smith asked me to hold an inquiry into the case, and it was about one of the first things I did after I had been made Commissioner for Roads. I have here a copy of a report I made, and the minutes of the evidence that I took are all here with these papers. I was appointed on the 1st July, 1889. The report, which is dated September 7th, 1889 , is as follows:-

Re Thomas Buckley's Dismissal.
I have gone very fully into this matter, having examined Messra. Dyson and Buckley at great length, and in their prosence several witnesses called by both parties. The case consisted of a serics of charges and counter chargea which I will give as far as possible in the order in which thay were made, and in as brief a form as possible.

Alleged constant disappearance of Buckiey from his work.-Mr. Dyson complained that Buckley was frequently disappearing from his work, and could not be found when wanted. To which Buckley replied, that the nature of his work kept him constantly moving about, and that while Mr. Dyson might be looking for him in one place he might be at another.

Mr. Dyson met this by stating there were sevcral occasions on which Buckley could not be traced at any part of the district by any of the men.

Alleged tendency to drink.--Mr. Dyson stated he aaw Buckley drunk on one occasion during working hours; and another time he sent one of his men to Buckley's house, about 3 o'clock p.m., when he was found rather the worse for liquor; and he found on further inquiry that Buckley had been seen drunk on more than one occasion during working bours. Buckley denied this, and stated he never took more than "four drinks in any twenty-four hours"-"once, bowever, two drinks upset him."

Making trivial excuses and generally causing much trouble. -This charge gave rise to a very extensive field of inquiry, the conclusion at which I arrived being it was a well founded one.

Buckley then prepared a series of charges against Mr. Dyson, three of which were of such a serious nature I told Buckley I would not only require ample proof, and give him ceery facility to get what witnesses he required, but that upon the truthfulness or otherwise of these charges depended to a great extent the result of the inquiry.

The first charge was that Mr. Dyson on one occasion added a day's pay to one of the men's time to make up for a deficiency created by the loss by Buckley of 10s., on the understanding that Buckley would not make discovery of the irregularity to the Commissioner.

Secondly, that Mr. Dyson employed Government men at is own work.
Thirdly, that Mr. Dyson allowed Government men to assist contractors at some bridges which were being constructed in his district.

The evidence in favour of the first charge was of a most unsatisfactory nature. Buckley stated that Mr. Dyson offered him 7 s . to make up for 10 s . which he lost, and that he proposed putting an extra day on to one of the men's time to make it up. Buckley further stated that this was donc, and that the man to whom the extra day was given was present, and as a further proof presented a slip of paper showing this man's time for the month in which this transaction was supposed to have taken place, whereas the time docket which he gave Mr. Dyson, and which was produced, gave quite a different returu for this man's time for that morith.

I had this man, who is now in the Railway Depirtment, called, and he to some extent, corroborated Buckley's statement, but I am compelled to say his evidence was of a most unsatisfactory nature, and could not be relied upon.

In order to substantiate Buckley's statement, he said on overtures boing made to him by Mr. Dyson, he allowed an extra day beyond that to which he was entitled to be returned for him, and that he reccived the money knowing that he had not earned it. This charge was of such a serious nature I took a great deal of pains to sift it to the bottom, and am satisfied it is entirely without foundation.

The second and third charges were also equally untrue.
The conclusion I arrived at after a most careful iuquiry was that Buckley is a most troublesome man, and one whose word could not be relied upon, and that under no circumstances should he be again employed in this department.
I now produce the evidence on which that report is based. In connection with that inquiry you may remember that I drew attention to one witness whose evidence was very unsatisfactory-a man named Michael Sullivan. Mr. Buckley gave me his name, and I found out that he was working for the Railway Commissioners, on the Southern Line I think. I asked that he should be brought in, and he was brought in. His evidence, to which $I$ have alluded, was of such an unsatisfactory nature, that I thought I ought to write to the Railway Commissioners about it, and I did so as follows, my letter being dated 3lst August, 1889 :-

While thanking the Commissioners for allowing one of their men, Michael Suliivan, to attend at this office to give cvidence in a case now under my consideration, I deem it my duty to state for their information that his evidence, as far as his own honesty and integrity are concerned, was of the most unsatisfactory nature.

In order to substantiate the testimony of the person for whom he was giving evidence he stated (which was sub. sequently proved by overwhelming evidence, to be entirely without foundation), that on overtures being made to him ho allowed an extra dny beyond that to which he was entitled, to be returned for him, and that he received this day's pay knowing that he did not earn it.

This was only brought out when he had gone so fur with his cvidence as left him but one alternative, viz., denying all that he had previously said. Being thus corncred, he hesitated for some time, but eventually remained firm to his previous statement, which he himeelf had to confegs was a dishonest transaction.

I told him I considered the matter of such import I would report the circumstance to you.
That was sent on to the Railway Commissioners, and they just received it. The next thing, I think, in connection with the case was that Buckley called on Mr. Barling, who was then Under Secretary, and this is the result of the interview :-

## Charges made by Thomas Buckley against Mr. Dyson :-

The Under Secretary, having heard the further evidence brought forward by Buckley in support of the charges made by him against Mr. Dyson, minuted that the only points requiring explanation were, (1) as to the alleged carting of stone and cement for Mr. Dyson's private account at the expense of the Government, and (2) as to men being allowed time in Govermment hours to make up for their night work for Mr. Dyson.

As regards charge No. 1, the evidence of Chas. Green, who was brought by Buckley to support it, was of a very unsatisfactory character, and there is, I think, grave reason to suspect that his evidence was suborned by Buckley. Greens statement was that he was in the employ of Mrs. Fox, who was doing cartage for the Government, and that while so employed he carted in ordinary working hours stone and coment for Mr. Dyson's private use.

Against this we hive the evidence, (1) of Mrs. Fox, that she had mever known of any work being done by her cart for Mr. Dyson, (2) of Mr. Gavin Hamilton, that the two particular stoncs alleged by Buckley to have been carted by Green were delivered at Dyson's premises by the quarryman's own cart. (3) 'This is confirmed by Mr. Slup, and they both maintained, as does also ( 4 ) Mr. 'I'. Jones, that no carts working for Government were ever employed on Mr. Dybon's work.

Charge No. 2 was that Mr. Dyson employed three or four of his men at night to empty a cesspool at one of his honges, and allowed them time of next day to make "p for it. Buckley brought no evidence, but stated that he had been o informed by a certain John Kane.
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Hickaon. named Thomas Farrell to empty a cosspit, that Farroll was liberally paid ly Mr. Dyson and that no one had "time of " in comection with the transaction. Mr. Dyson ulso produces Thomas Farrell's receipt for the sum of $£ 12 \mathrm{~s}$. for emptying

Ithink Mr. Dyson's exculpation from these charges complete. I produce the evidence upon which those reporte are based.
39-40. Mr. Dyson is not now in the employ of the department? No; he is one of the retrenched officers. Of course, he could be got, and I think it would be advisable to have him as a witness.
41. The department did have some little difficulty or trouble in connection with an accident that happened at George's River in connection with a punt, and also, I think, in connection with his retiring;-the papers that were laid on the Table of the House showed that Mr. Dyson exhibited a desire to get as much money as he possibly could? No doubt.
42. He fought very strongly, and for some two or three years he wanted more than he got? Yes.
42. But you do not know much about that? I must say for Mr. Dyson that my recollection of him is that he gave very little trouble. He was retrenched, and I think he got a year's leave on full pay.
44. Mr. Buckley.] What was the cause of Mr. Dyson being called upon to resign? I do not think I am called upon to state that. There was a general scheme of retrenchment, and we found that his services could be dispensed with.
45. Chairman.] Had it anything to do with this case? Nothing whatever. There was no fault found with Mr. Dyson in connection with his being retired.
46. Mr. Buckley.] Is it true that you have told Mr. Brunker that Mr. Dyson was called upon to resign on account of my affair? I never said anything of the sort. I heard that statement, and I asked Mr. Brunker if he had said it, and he told me that he had said nothing of the sort.
47. In regard to Sullivan's evidence, did he not prove at the departmental inquiry that he got that money included in his cheque the following pay? I think not. I think it was very clearly proved that what Sullivan said was absolutely untrue, and that he only got what he was entitled to. I desire to say that personally I know nothing at all against Mr. Buckley.

## Luke Parbury called in, sworn and examined:-

L. Parbury. 48. Ohairman.] What are you? I am a blacksmith by trade, but I do labouring work.

Nor., 1896. 49. Were you working for the Public Works Department about November, 1888, wheu Mr. Buckley was Nov., 1896. working for them? Yes.

50, Do you remember Mr. Buckley being in charge of the work in such a way that he had to sign the pay-sheets of the mon? I believe he did sign the pay-sheets, but I had nothing whatever to do with papers.
51. Do you know anything of the circumstances connected with the 1 st November, 1888, as regards the pay-sheets at that particular time? No.
52. Was any inquiry made on behalf of the Public Works Department with Mr. Buckley's case, and did you then give evidence? Yes.
53. What was that ovidence? I can hardly tell you what the evidence was about. I think it was about a grievance between Mr. Dyson and Mr. Buckley.
54. What evidence did you give in regard to that grievance? I am sure I forget. It was given eo long ago. I could not tell you what the evidence was at that time. I have never seen the papers.
55. Do you know anything of the grievance between Buckley and Dyson? I know they were at loggerheads, but I camnot remember what the real grievance was.
56. Then you do not know why Buckley was dismissed from the Public Works Department? No; I never did know.
57. You do not know up to this date? No.
58. Mr. Buchley.] Do you remember me and you working together near Piper-street? Yes.
59. Do you remember making any explanation to me which had any reference to a letter? I am sure I forget.
60. Do you remember Michael Foley calling you and me into Mr. Dyson's office in reference to a letter you sent from Tom Ugly's Point? I sent no letter.
61. Do you recollect Mr. Dyson showing you a letter and asking you if you wrote it? Oh, that is the grievance between him and McCleneban.
62. How came you to write that letter? I did not write any letter. There was a letter written, and I was asked to sign it, I believe, but I forget what it was.
63. Did Tom Jones ever take a letter to you at Tom Ugly's Point? If there was a letter, I do not remember. I have no such letter in my possession.
64. Do you not recollect that when Mr. Dyson, Michael Foley, and you and me were in the office, Mr. Dyson showed the letter to us all? It had nothing to do with me.
65. Did you ever do any work at Camperdewn Bridge? No, I do not think I over did any work thereI do not remember anyway.
66. Did you ever point any tools for the masons working there in Government time? No, not in Government time; but I pointed tools for the masons, I remember now, on Saturday afternoon, in my own time. 67. Have you done private work at any time for Mr. Dyson? Yes.
68. In Government time? I have worked for him on Saturday afternoon, and also at night after 5 o'clock.

I remember one special time. I remember that he took a buggy load of tools out to Tom Ugly's Point.
He carried three or four of us men to expedite the works, and he broke down his buggy in carrying the
Government tools backward and forwards, and I put in a few bolts and strengthened his buggy in
Government time.

## Michael Foley called in, sworn and examined :-

M. Foley 69. Chairman.] You are a labourer? Yes; I have been in the Roads Department eight years and six $\rightarrow 1$ months.
5 Nov., 1896, 70. Did you at any time give evidence in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Buckley from the Public Works Department? Yes; but I was not on oath. The inquiry was held by the heads of the Department.
71. Do you know anything of the dismiscal of Mr. Buckley from the Public Works Department? I. M. Toleg remember his being dismissed, but I do not know why he was dismissed.
72. You remember the date of his dismissal? I could not tell you the date.
73. About eight years ago? Yes, over that.
74. Were you working with him at the time? Not at that time, but a few days before I was getting blinding in the Bullock Road with him.
75. He was a foreman then? Yes.
76. Do you know anything of the trouble about his refusal to sign some pay-sheets? I do not know anything about that.
77. You never had any trouble, I suppose, in regard to your pay? Never.
78. You never got paid more than you were entitled to? I never got a shilling more than what I worked for.
79. You do not remember signing for an amount in excess? No, I never aigned a falso receipt for him nor for any other man, but I gave him a receipt at one time. I used to pay him rent for a room, and after some time he made me a present of the money.
80. Who was that? Mr. Dyson. And I gave bim a receipt to the effect that he would not take anything from me for the room.
81. You never did any work for Mr. Dyson in Governmont time? Well I used to puthis horse in the buggy, and send him on the road.
82. You never did any other kind of work for him? No.
83. Mr. Buckley.] How long were you in the Government employ under Mr. Dyson? I believe about aix years.
84. When you started with Mr. Dyson where did you live? ' In Sydney. I was working at day work.
85. After you started? I lived in the yard from the day I started.
86. And you paid him rent? I did.
87. You gave him a receipt on one occasion to the effect that you paid none? Yes; after he made me a present of the money.
88. Did you continue to pay rent after that? I made a present of it to the daughter. I pressed the young child to take the money. I said that if she would not.take it I would not stop in the yard.
89. Did you know anything good or bad of me all the time I was working with you? No, I did not.
90. Did you ever hear Mr. Dyson say a word, good or bad about me? No. He used to have a large growl about you when you were absent.
91. Chairman.] Was Buckley in the habit of getting drunk? I never saw the aign of liquor on him during the time I was working under Mr. Dyson. He may have taken drink but I did not see him.
92. As far as you know, he was always attentive to his work? Yes.
93. Mr. Buczley.] Did you hear that Mr. Dyson wanted to put another man named Vincent in my place? I never heard that.
94. Did you over see any of the road men working at Camperdown Bridge? I sav Michael Sullivan working there, but I do not know who would pay him.
95. Did you see anyone else working there;-Edward Hanson? I do not remember seeing him, but I heard he was there.
96. You did not see any of the men who were working on the roads, working from time to time at the bridge? I saw Sullivan, and I worked a couple of hours there myself.
97. Mr. Hayes.] You say that you know Michael Sullivan was working there? Yes.
98. Was he working there at the time he was employed by the Roads Department? I could not say how it was arranged between him and Dyson.
99. Mr. Gormly.] You could not tell who would pay him?" No ; certainly not.
100. Chairman.] You knew that Sullivan was reputed to be working for the Government, and at the same time was working on this bridge? Well, he was a maintenance man on the roads before that bridge was started, and he was shifted off the roads on to that bridge, but how it was managed I could not tell you.
101. How long was he working on the bridge? A long time.
102. AIr. Hayes.] Was he constantly employed there while the bridge was being built? I could not swear.
103. As far as you can remember? He may have been off some days and on other days. I could not say whether he was there constantly or not.
104. Mr. Gormly.] Was Sullivan working moro than a week at the bridge? Yes.
105. A couple of weeks? Yes.
106. A couple of monthe? I think about two months.
107. Ohairman.] Off and on, or at a stretch? I would not like to swear as to whether he was constantly working at the bridge.
108. Mr. Buckley.] Do you recollect any cement being in Mr. Dyson's yard? Yes.
109. Do you know who owned it? No, I do not. I stw the cement delivered there by some trolleys, but I could not say who owned it.
110. Some of the cement was used for concreting cottages? Yes; I saw the casks broken and the cement made into concrete.
111. About how many casks were used ? About a dozen.
112. Did any conversation occur between you aud Mr. Brown, after this row between me and Mr. Dyson, in reference to the row? Nothing passed between us in reference to the building of the bridgo or cottage. 113. Did Mr. Brown ever say that on account of the quarrel between me and Dyion he (Mr. Brown) lost a couple of hundred pounds? Brown told me distinctly that he lost £200 over the bridge, but he did not say that it was through you and Dyson having a fall out. He never mentioned that. He merely said that he lost $£ 200$ over the contract.

## William Melrose called in, sworn and examined :-

114. Ohairman.] You are a labourer? Yes.
115. Do you know anything of the dismissal of Mr. Buckley from the Public Works Department? Yes, a little bit.
W. Melrose.
116. Were you employed with Mr. Buckley in the Roads Department about eight years ago? Yes.

## W. Melrose. 117. Do you know why he was dismissed? I do.

$5 \overbrace{\text { Nov., 1896. 118. Will you tell us? Because he would not sign the pay-sheet. }}^{\text {? }}$.
5. Nov., 1886. 119. Do you know what reasons he had for not signing it? Yes.
120. What were his reasons? I understood that it was a false pay-sheet that he was asked to sign. Another gentleman, Mr. Benson, was sent round to take the time on the $8 t h$ November. The time should have been taken before that.
121. I suppose the time should have been taken on the B1st October? Yes.
122. And he was sent round on the 8th November? Yes.
123. Do you know how Benson got the time? Fes. He came to me and another man $I$ was working with that day on the Cook's River Road.
124. On the 8 th November, for your time up to the 31st October? Yes. We passed some remarks when he came for the time. We asked, "what is wrong with Buckley that he has not come for the time?" Benson was not supposed to come round for the time.
125. You had previously given your time to Buckley? Yes, always.
126. Did you give your time to Buckley for that particular month? No.
127. Alr. Hayes.] You say you understood that Buckley was dismissed for refusing to sign a false paysheet? Yes.
128. How did you know that? I was informed.
129. By whom? By Mr. Buckley.
130. Did you know it of your own personal knowledge? No, I cannot say that I knew it of my own personal knowledge.
131. You were merely informed by Mr. Buckley that that was the reason why he was dismissed? I heard he was dismissed over it.
132. Did you hear that from Mr. Buckley? No.
133. You have just stated that you did? I heard from a good number of the workmen that he was dismissed for refusing to sign the pay-sheet.
134. Who informed you in the first instance? We all talked over it amongst ourselves.
135. You have just stated that Buckley informed you that that was the reason he was dismissed? Yes.
136. Is that correct? Yes, that is correct.
137. Mr. Gormly.] Had you any knowledge of the pay-sheets? None at all.
138. Had you any knowledge that the pay-sheet which Buckley refused to sign was a false one? I understood it was.
139. Had you any personal knowledge;-did you see the pay-sheet? I saw it when I got my money.
140. But did you know from your own personal knowledgo that it was a false pay-sheet? Well, I could not swear to that.
141. Mr. Hayes.] Was your time on it correct? Yes, my time was correct.
142. Chairman.] And you always in signing a pay-sheet saw that you received the amount you signed for? Yes.
143. Did you ever do any work for Mr. Dyson outside your ordinary time? I did.
144. But not in Government time, did you? Fes, in Government time.
145. When was that and where? In his own house. I rented a house from Mr. Dyson in Clevelandstreet, and one day I painted a room. I told him that one of the rooms wanted painting, and he said, "You take to-morrow and paint it yourself"; but I could not give you the date.
146. Did he pay you Government time for that? Well, I got it along with the Government time.
147. Did you sign for it? I signed the pay-sheet as usual.
148. With this amount in it? Yes; 7s. a day.
149. Mr. Buckley.] How long did you know me on the roads working for Mr. Dyson? A bout three yeara.
150. Did you know anything, good or bad, of me? I never heard anything bad of yon, and could not from my own judgment say that I suw anything bad.
151. Were any complaints ever made by Mr. Dyson or others about me? Never a one.
152. Did you ever see me druak, neglectful, or careloss in any way? No; I never saw you drunk.
153. You never heard anything bad of me from Mr. Dyson or others? I did not.
154. Was the work carried on at the time I was looking after it as well as it was before or has been since? I think it was as well lookod after at the time you were looking after it as at any time.
155. Chairman.] Are you still working for the Government? No.
156. Mr. Hayes.] How long did you remain in the Service under Mr. Dyson after that 7s. were given to you which you were not entitled to get on that pay? I left in January, 1889.
157. How long was it before January when you painted that room? About a couple of months.
158. What is the reason you left the Service? Through scarcity of work, Mr. Dyson said. I have in my pocket a copy of his reference to that effect.
159. Mr. Dyson retired you through not having sufficient work for you? So he said, but that was not the cause. It was because I left his house, because I could not afford to pay 17 s , a week rent.
160. Chairman.] Then you mean to say that jou always had plenty of work with Mr. Dyson while you lived in his house? Yes.
161. Mr. Hayes.] When did you leave Mr. Dyson's house? I could not tell you.
162. Was that before you were discharged? It was.
163. How long? About three months, as near is I can tell.
164. Then you were retained in the Service three months after you left bis house? Yes.
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THE SELECT COMMITTEE

# CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. 

THURSDAF, 25 NOFEMBER, 1897.


Mr. Thomas Buckley appenred in person.
Thomas Buckley sworn and caamined :-•

1. Chairman.] Fou desire to give sone evidence additional to that which you gave to a former Select T. Buckley. Committee? Yes. I desirc to say that at the cand of Scplember, or the beginuing of October, 1888 , $2 \overbrace{\text { Nor., } 1897}$ Michael Foley and Luke Parbury called at my house one night when they had done work. They said it was a shame that some of them did not report Dyson for the swindling in connection with the Camperdown Bridge on the Parrmatta Road. One of them said he would not like to take any action, and the other. said his writing would be known. I heard no more of the matter for some few weeks, when Foley called at my place again, and said he had a letter he would send into the Department reporting Dyson. Later on when ho saw me he told me he had burnt it. On or about the 25 th October he told me he had met a young fellow on the racecourse, and he got him to write a letter for him. He said he put a handkerchief round his land, and complaining thatititwa sore, had got the young follow to write the letter for him, and had given him a shilling for doing it. I believe the letter went in on the 1st November, and on the 2nd Norember Dyson asked me if I knew of any person of the mame giren in the anonymous letter. 2. What was the purport of the letter? I do not know the nature of it, except that it referred to the swindling on the Camperdown Bridge. It may be in the Department now.
2. Do you think the letter had auything to do with your dismissal? I do ; it was thought that I was implicated in the sending of it.
3. Fou think the anonymous letter was interpreted as having been sent by you? I thought so ; I believe it had a great deal to do with my dismissal.
4. Was this matter mentioned at the Departmental inquiry? No; but I think it was the cause of my dismissal.
5. You think Foley was the author of an anonymous letter which caused your dismissal? Yes; Foley later on came to my place and said he knew he would be dismissed on account of the letter, but he did not care.
6. That is the man who has refused to give any further evidence in the matter? Yes.

## Patrick Owen Gorman sworn and cxamined :-

P. O. Gorman. 8. Chairman.] You are called upon to give some evidence in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Buckley $\overbrace{-1897}$ some years ago from the Public Works Department ;-do you know the circumstances of the dismissal ?
25 Nov., 1897. As nearly as I can recollect I went to work for my sister, Mrs. Fox, in November, 1887. I was drawing metal and blinding for the Roads Department with her horse and cart under Road Superintendent Dyson. Buckloy was then foreman and time-keeper for the district, as I understood.
9. Mr. Buckley.] Did you ever cart to any place for Mr. Dyson metal or other material which you were supposed to be carting for the Government;-do you remember carting any material belonging to Dyson? I remember that I carted a load of sand from Waterloo to a property of Dyson's in Cleveland-street.
10. What was going on there? There was a building there-a shop, I think.
11. Was the carting done in Government working hours? Yes. Of coursc Dyson paid for the aand himself.
12. Was the work charged to the Government? The Govermment paid for the carting for the day. I was sent to Waterloo, and was given a shilling to pay for the sand. I bad to load it myself, and I remember that it was done in working time.
13. The charge for the day's work was made to the Government? Yes.
14. You really carted sand for Dyson in Gorernment time? Yes. I remember another time when the Camperdown Bridge was being built-I mean the viaduct which the tram now goes over-there was some stone which had. been dressed by some of the workmen on the job. Whether the work was done by contract or not I do not know. I know that the stone was put on to my cart, and that I carted it to Dyson's cottage-to a building he had alongside his private residence.
15. Was that time also charged to the Government? Yes.
16. Do you know the men who dressed the stone? One man was named Thomas Jones, the other man was Frank or Fred ; I forget his other name.
17. Was Thomas Jones the foreman of the workmen at the bridge? Yes.
18. Did you do any work for Dyson in Government time besides carting this stone and sand to his private property? It is very difficult to recollect; the thing occurred a very long time back.
19. Do you remember carting any material from the Cut Hills, near the University-material which had slipped down from the embankment? Xes; I remember delivering some of that stuff in Dyson's yard.
20. You could have taken the stuff over the road and put it into the University paddock with some advantage to the Governmont? Yee.
21. How many loads could you have taken to the University paddock while you were taking one load to Dyson's? I could take four or five loads there while I took one to Dyson's. In the one case I should have to cart only about 200 yards from the embankment while Dyson's would be over half a mile away.
22. Was the time you occupied in carting that material charged to the Government? Certainly.
23. Do you recollect Mrs. Fox siguing two vouchers in one month? No; I cannot say that I do.
24. Mr. Hayes.] You were working for your sistor? I was employed by her.
25. Did she prepare the pay-sheets? No ; they were prepared by Dyson and his clerk. I never saw the pay-shects-she paid me privately. She received so much a day for the carting. I was told to go whercever I was directed by Dyson, the clerk, or Buckley.
26. You cannot state absolutely then that the time you were occupied in carting for Dyson was charged in the Government pay-sheets? No.
27. Ohairman.] Your sister told you that it was so? Yes; she told me she was paid by the day for her horse and cart.
28. Assuming that Dyson had paid her directly for the carting you did, it would not be charged in the Government pay-sheet? I should think not.
29. Can you stato definitely whether Dyson did or did not pay your sister for any of the work? No.
30. Mr. McGowen.] The horse and cart that you were driving was engaged by the Public Works Department in carting material on Government works? Yes.
31. You say that you took one load of sand to Dyson's property? Yes, to a houso of Dyson's in Cleveland-street; I think it was a shop.
32. Who gave you instructions to take it there? Dyson's clerk.
33. You unloaded it there? Yes.
34. You do not know whether it was used in any building there? I could not say; I know that it was unloaded in the yard.
35. How many loads of stone did you cart to Dyson's property? There were several loads of stone; perhaps a couple of stones would be dressed and put on the cart down at the croek, and I should have to cart them up to Dyson's cottage, and unload them there and leave them.
36. What were they used for ? For the steps, I think; and some of them were used in the foundations. 37. Do you know definitely that the stone were used for the door steps and foundations? They were cut for that purpose.
38. Who were the stone-masons who dressed the stone; -were they in the employ of the Public Works Department? I could not exactly say; Jones was supposed to be the foreman of the job.
39. In your own mind you have no doubt that the stone which was carried to this property of Dyson's was used in the work there? I have no doubt whatever that it was used there.
40. You understood when you were taking the stone there that it was to be used for that purpose? Yes. 41. Who gave you instructions to take the stone there? Dyson himself was present on the work, as far as I can remember.
42. Did it not atrike you at the time that the proceeding was somewhat strange? Well, I was simply working there, and I thought it was no business of mine; I merely did as I was told.
43. The horse and cart were employed by the Department, and your sister was paid upon a voucher every month? Yes.
44. Did you present any vouchers for payment? No.
45. Did your sister always presented them? Yes, and sho paid me in cash.
46. Did you ever mention to your employer that you were engaged in carting sand to Dyson's private property? We may have casually talked the matter over, I remember that my sister told me not to mind, but to do as I was told.
47. Under the circumstances you thought the thing somewhat suspicious, and you mentioned it to her? Yes; we often spoke of the matter.
48. Did she ever say in explanation of your suspicions that any difference had been made in the P. O. Gorman. vouchers, and that the time during which you had been engaged in carting stone and sand to Dyson's was not included? No; the only difference made was when I left her. I think she was getting 11s., and she was cut down to 10 s. a day. I said I could not afford to work at the reduced prico she would have to give me, and that I should have to go, as I had too many to keep.
49. Is it likely, do you think, from what you know of your employer, that if Dyson had paid for the carting himself, and had mentioned it to her, she would be likely to tell you? I think it is more than likely; she would bo sure to tell me, because she had great difficulty at times in gotting her monoy.
50. Therefore, there is no doubt in your mind that no difference was mode to your sister in the payments by the Public Works Department, and that full time was charged for the use of the horse and cart? I have no doubt in my mind, although I am not positive.
51. Mr. Hayes.] You say you informed your sister, Mrs. Fox, that you had carted during Government time anad and stone for Dyson? Yee, $I$ informed her immediately afterwards.
52. You are quite clear about that? Yes.
53. If Mrs. Fox, when examined by Mr. Hickson, said she had never known of any work being done by her horse and cart for Dyson, would it be true? No, it would not.
54. Were you aware of the inguiry before Mr. Hickson? No.
55. You were not called as a witness? No. I was at Hillgrove at that time.
56. An inquiry was held by a Select Committec last Session;-you werc not called as a witness on that occasion? No.
57. When was it that you saw Buckley and gave him this information? I suppose Buckley spoke to me about this matter shortly after I left the works. I leftin July, 1888, and went up to Iocksley prospecting. I was up there three weeks; when I came back I saw Buckley on two occasions. He then asked me about certain things. He said, "You remember doing those things?" I said I did, and he aaid, "I am trying to get an inquiry into the whole of this matter, because I consider that I have been wrongfully dismissed; would you give evidence?" I said, "Certainly, if I am here." I then went to New England, being employed in the Sunlight mine; I was there ten months, when I canc back to Sydney and obtaincd employment in the General Post Office. I went to the Gencral Post Office in 1890 , and I have been there ever since. I have seen Buckley on two or three occasions, but I had not seen him for two or three months until to-day. When I last saw him he told me he was still trying to geti an inquiry.
58. Ohairman.] Did you ever cart cement from any of the works to any place belonging to Dyson? I may have carted cement and not remembered it. There are rarious little odds and ends which I had to cart for Dyson. He had a store for the depariment at his own placo.
59. Had Mrs. Fox any other cartis on the work? No; Green was working for her before and after me. 60. Mr. Hayes.] You say that just before you loft Dyson reduced the rate for carting. from 11s. to 10s.? Yes.
61. For that reason you left? Yes; because Mrs. Fox was paying me 27 s . Gd. per week, and she could not afford to do that and fecd her horse out of the amount she was receiving.
62. Mr. Howarth.] Do you know what the material which you carted from the Cut Hills was used for? I think it was used for filling in the yards round about the cottages.
63. But did you take any stuff from the Cut Hills to any other place near Booth-strect at Camperdown Creek? Yes; I remember that a good deal of stuft went down to Hawthorne's.
64. What Hawthorne is that? I used to call him old man Hawthorne. He used to live just above the Booth-street Bridge.
65. Was the material taken to private property ? Yes.
66. Mr. Hayes.] In regard to the removal of the clay, you had to tako it to some place where it would be dumped? Yes; wö had to take it away out of the road.
67. I's it not often the case that the Government are only too glad to get privato ground upon which to dump such material? We used to be very often hunting for a place to get clay to use as blinding over the metal. We used to get it from privaio places at times.
68. But in this particular case the clay had to be removed and dumped at the most convenient jlace, whother on private or Government land? Yes; wherever we could get it out of they way.
69. Was that what happened in in this case? I could not exactly say. I understood that when the clay was taken to the place it was to oblige Mr. Hawthorne. It could have been thrown into the University paddock.
70 . Was it customary to throw such material into the University paddock? Yes; to a great extent, just below the gate.

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1897.
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Mr. O'SULLTVAN, E. M. CLARK, Esq., IN THE Chatr.

## Mr. Thomas Buckley appeared in person.

Edward Hanson sworn and examined:-
71. Chairman.] You are at present employed in the Public Works Department? Yes; I have been E. Hanson. cmployed in the Department for sixteen yeare. I am at present a maintenance man. I was formerly a $\overbrace{\text {. Hanson. }}^{\text {en }}$ ferryman.

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72. Were you at any time employed upon some work at Camperdown Bridge? Yes.
73. By the Government? No; I was employed by the contractor, Mr. D. Brown. I was sent there by Dyson to help the contractor rig up a crane.
74. Who paid for the work? The contractor.
75. Mr. Buckley.] Did you do any work for the contractor at the Camperdown Bridge at any time after you rigged up the crane? Yes; I shifted the crane back again over on to the other side of the road.
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E. Hanson. 76. How long did it take you-a week, a day, or how long? It was more than a day $I$ know; but it is so $\overbrace{\text { long ago that I could not say definitely. One cannot remember these things. }}^{\text {I }}$
7 Dec., 1897. 77. You are sure it was not a week? I cannet say. I remember asking them whether I should take a weekly ticket so that I might get my fare cheaper; they said the work would not take a weck. At the ordinary rate I had to pay 1s. 3 d . daily for my expenses.
78. Do you know at about what time this was? No.
79. Do you recollect how many days you were working at this place in September, 1888? No; it is no long ago that I have forgotten the year.
80. Were you working there in September, 1888, for twenty-three days? That I could not say.
81. You will not say you were not? No.
82. Did you work there in October, 1888? I could not say ; it is so long ago.
83. You do not remember working there three days in October, 1888? I have been working every day since I started for the Government; but I could not say whether on any particular day I was working for contractors or for the Government. I simply went where I was sent, and paid no attention to where it was. 84. Chairman.] You do not remember working for the contractors, and being paid by the Government for that work? Not to my knowledge.
85. Mr. Buckley.] Supposing the vouchers show that you worked at this place twenty-three days in September, and three days in October, 1888, I suppose they would be right? I suppose it would be right if tho vouchers showed it.
86. Mrr. O'Sullivan.] How is it that you do not remember? I never paid any attention to where I was; all that I know is that my wages were paid. I do not keep books.
87. Are you still in the employ of the Department? Yes.
88. Are you under the influence of any superior power in the matter; - has any one spoken to you about it? No; I did not think anything at all about it until I received two subppenas to attend this Committee. 89. Did you mention the matter to an officor of the Department? The only officer to whom I montioned it was Mr. Morton, who is the Resident Engineer of the Parramatta District. I asked him if I should attend this Committee, and he said I must attend.
90. Mr. Gormly.] Do you remember working at any time for a contractor, and being paid by the Government for doing that work? Not to my knowledge.
91. But you surely must know whether it is so or not; you would remember under such circumstances by whom you were paid;-were you or were you not? I was not paid by the Government for doing contractors' work.
92. You are prepared to state definitely that you did not do work for contractors for which you were paid by Government officers? I am.
93. Mr. Buckley.] Do you remember getting some mooring poles'? I do; I. was paid for them by Ford, the contractor.
94. Do you remember 'Tierney's cart taking mooring poles from Gannon's Forest for an officer of the Department? I do not.
95. Will you state that such a thing did not occur? It did not occur to my knowledge.
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## Legislative Assembly.

# MINUTES OF EVIDENCE 

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

# CLAIM OF THOMAS BUCKLEY. 

IHURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1898.

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Mr. HOLMAN,

Mr. HAYES,

Mr. SPRUSON.
E. M. CLARK, Esq, in the Chair.

Mr. R. Colonna Close, Barrister-at-Law, appeared on behalf of Thomas Buckley,
Patrick Collins, dairyman, sworn and examined:-

1. Chairman.] Were you over employed by the Public Works Department? Yes, as a labourer and $\mathbf{P}$. Colling. contractor. I was first employed about eighteen years ago.
2. Were you employed by the Department in 1888 ? I remember Mr. Buckley being in the Sorvice during 17 Nov., 1898 . the time $I$ was contracting.
3. What position did he oceupy then? He was something under Mr. Dyson, the Roads Superintendent. I think he took tho time.
4. Were you under the control of Mr. Dyson in connection with any mork you did? Yes. Mr. Buckley used to keep account of the stone I carted. At that time I was not on day-wages, but was a contractor. 5. DIF. Hayes.] When Buckley was dismissed had you left the Department? Yes, in 1888.
5. Ohairman.] How long before that had you worked for the Department? About threo years.
6. Virtually you left the Department in 1885 or 1886 ? Yes.
7. You say you were a contractor? Yes; in conucetion with the roads and bridges. I was in the Harbours and Rivers Department, and had a contract to supply the stone for the Botany pier and Rickettystreet.
8. Whatever work you did for the Government was done by contract? Xes.
9. Did Mr. Buckley lave any control over you in regard to your work? Yes, in Darling-street, Balmain. Io kept account of the loads of ballast we carried.
10. Were you paid by the load? Jes; I contracted to cart ballast at 3s. a load.
11. I suppose, so far as your contracts were concernod, everything was carried out in a regular way? Yes; I looked to Mr. Dyson as my boss.
12. Mir. Spruson.] What had you to do with Buckley? I simply knew him.
13. Did you know anything of Buckley's relation with Dyson or his position in the Department? He used to keep account of the loads, and take the time of the men.
14. Chairman.] Do you know anything of any differences between Dyson and Buckiey? No.
15. You delivered no stone other than that you delivered to the Government in connection with your contract? No, not as regards stone.
16. Mr. Spruson.] As regards anything? There were certain-little matters which I considered were not as they might be.
P. Collins. 18. Do you know what this inquiry is about? I cannot exactly say I do. I think it is in regard to the dismissal of Buckley.
17 Nor., 1898. 19. Fou know nothing definite about the dismissal? No.
17. Is what you have said just now to be construed in this sense: That you know something with regard to maladministration in the Department? Yes; I do not think things were carried out as they should have been.
18. What do you think was wrong? On one occasion I was called upon to put a horse in day-work. It happened to be the last few days of a certain month. What month it was I could not tell you-it is fourteen or fifteen years ago.
19. What do you mean by putting in a horse? Putting a horse on day-work. Eleven sbillings a day was what we got for the employment of a horse, cart, and man. I had a horse at work for two days-say the 29 th and 30 th, or the 30 th and 31 st of a certain month. Mr. Dyson sent for me, and I appeared at his office.
20. Was this after you had put the horse in? Yes. I appeared at his office, and he wrote out a cheque and got me to sign as usual. The cheque was, I think, for £1, or, perhaps, 22s. Mr. Dyson and I had always been the greatest friends, and so we are now. 'When we were parting I said, "You have forgotten the little cheque." He said, "That will be all right. I will throw that into this month; " but I never received it. Of course, I got it in the next month.
21. What do you mean by getting it the next month;-did you get paid the next month? Yes.
22. You did not get the first cheque for which you actually signed? No.
23. Did anyone else witness the transaction?
24. What did you get paid the next month? I could not tell you. It would depend upon the number of days $I$ put in.
25. You did not have a horse and cart in for the whole month? No.
26. For how long? For, perhaps, a week or a fortnight.
27. Ohairman. ] But you are quite certain you got paid for two days more in the next month? Yes.
28. Did you sign for that two days? Yes.
29. Then you signed for two days and got no cheque, and for two days additional in the next month, and got paid for it? Yes.
30. Mr. Spruson.] Then you signed for two days more than you actually supplied the horse and cart for? No.
31. Did you sign for the actual time during which you supplied the horse and cart? I signed for two days, but did not receive a cheque, and those two days were put into whatever time I had in the following month.
32. Mr. Holman.] Then, if you worked for ten days in the next month, you were paid for twelve days? Yes.
33. Did you sign for twelve days plus two-that is, fourteen days? No.
34. You had previously signed for two days? Yes; but I did not get paid for it.
35. You actually signed for two days more than you got paid for? Yes.
36. Did you ever report that to anybody? No.
37. Did you ever mention it to anybody? I do not think so. It was not for me to mention it.
38. Did you think anything was wrong at the time? I did not. I was a new chum at the time. I do not think I would stand it now.
39. What made you think of it now? When I heard of things going wrong.
40. How did you come to hear of this inquiry? From a man working on the roads.
41. Did you come here voluntarily to give this information? Yes; I considered it my duty to do so.
42. It was only in thinking over the matter recently that you came to the conclusion that there was anything wrong about what you did? That is so.
43. Is that the only matter with which you can find fault? I did not come here in any way to give evidence against Dyson.
44. Mr. Olose.] How long is it since you saw Mr. Dyson? Probably a month.
45. Where did you see him? I. called on him after getting the summons from here.
46. Was there any conrersation about you coming here? Yes; we talked the matter over, and I showed him the summons.
47. What did he say? He said I need not appear.
48. Did he not intimate that you should not and ought not to appear? He did not force the mattor.
49. Did he tell you not to come? Yes.
50. Did you see anybody else there? I saw a man on the roads a few days afterwards.
51. Who was that? A man named Brown.
52. Is he a friend of Mr. Dyson? He was working for the Government, and I was working nineteon years ago.
53. Is he a friend of Mr . Dyson ? Yes; he always was.
54. What position does he hold? He held several positions.
55. What position does he hold now, or when you saw him? He works on the roads.
56. Did he say anything to you about coming here? Yes; he said I. ought not to come:
57. Mr. Hayes.] You say that the 22s. which you earned, say in the month of January, for the horse and cart, was taken by Mr. Dyson, and kept by him? I asked for the chequc, and I did not receive it.
58. Was that money taken by Dyson, and kept by him for his own use? It was a cheque.
59. Surely you understand the question? He did not give it to me.
60. Were you aware that at the time Buckley was dismissed, at his instance full inquiry was made in reference to the charges brought by him against Dyson? I heard something about it, but I did not meet Buckley for years.
61. You say yon knew Buckley pretty well? Yes.
62. You knew he was dismissed? Yos, I heard something about it from other men.
63. And you knew he brought certain charges against Dyson? No, I did not know that.
64. What you have mentioned about the cheque occurred thirteon or fourteen years ago ? Yes.
65. Did any similar thing occur at any other time? No.
66. Were you cmployed for any length of time under Dyson as a contractor? I was a little time under him.
67. For what length of time, on and off? Nine or ten years.
68. During the whole of that time did anything similar to what you have stated occur? No, that was the only occasion.
69. And that occurred fourteen years ago? Nearly as possible.
70. And you never reported it to the Government? No.
71. And you never had any conversation with Mr. Dyson afterwards as to why you did not get the cheque? No; I got it, and that is all I wanted.
72. M1r. Spruson.] Was there any misumderstanding about the chequo? Not the slightest.
73. When you tell us there was not the elightest misunderstanding, it is cident there must have been some certain understanding? Yes.
74. There was a certain understanding? I got paid on the following month. He told me it would be all right, and I would get it next month.
75. Did you undorstand that the cheque would be kept over for you until the next month, or did you take it that there was any crooked business going on? I did not at that time, but I did the next time I. got the money.
76. You say that Buckley was taking the time? Yes; whon I was carting stone to Darling-street, Balmain. I think it was Mr. Brown who was taking the time then.
77. Brown is the man who advised you not to appear? Yes.
78. Did he know of the incident you are speaking of when he told you not to appear? I do not know whether he knew it from Mr. Dyson or not.
79. When you saw Mr. Dyson, did you remind him of it? No.
80. Can you give any suggestion as to what Dyson's motive was in telling you not to come here? I suppose he thought I would not do him any good by coming.
81. At any rate your time was taken? Yes.
82. Did you see the time-book when your time was checked? No.
83. Was it the practico after doing several weeke' work for you to put in an account? No.
84. Supposing you had worked at odd places for fifteen or sixteen days, and tho end of the montly came, would you require to be paid-what would you do when you went to the office;-did you meroly go in and say you had worked for fifteen days? No, the time would be in before $\mathbf{I}$ went.
85. And you would take what they gave you? Yes, if it were right, and if it were wrong I should object. 89. Mfr. Holman.] Were you under the impression that the two days being at the end of the month, it was customary to run the account on? Yes; I took it that they did not care to make out a cheque for a trifle.
86. Ifr. Spruson.] You were a new chum, and did not know your way about too weil; but you would not be likely to do a thing like that now? I would not.
87. Chairman.] You have said you were largely employed as a contractor? Yes.
88. Under those circumstances, you did very little day-work for the Government? Yes
89. So that you had yery few opportunities of knowing that this is a custom followed by Mr. Dyson in regard to day-labour? Yes.
90. During your employment on day-labour for the Government, did you ever cart any material for Mr. Dyson during the time you were supposed to be employed by the Government? Yes, at one time, in connection with the Forest Lodge bridge. This is the first time it has struck me. Wo were carting the old stuff away from the bridge. I was working with a cart on day-work, and we carted the old timber into Mr. Dyson's yard. The thing has never struck ine before.
91. You carted it into Mr. Dyson's premises during Government time, and were paid for the work?
92. Mr. Hayes.] How long wero you carting timber into Mr. Dyson's yard? A day or two.
93. Mr. Spruson.] Was the stuff you carted of any value? It could only be used for firewood.
94. Could it havo been of any use for the Government; - could you have got a price for it? It might have come in for old flooring, and things of that sort.
95. Having regard to the fact that the Government could not bold an auction sale to dispose of a few shillings worth of timber, is the matter one you would regard as being worth talking about? You might have got 5s. a ton for it.
96. How many tons were there? There must have been a good deal on the face of the bridge-10 or 12 tons. It was a long span bridge.
97. You know what became of the timber after it went into Mr. Dyson's yard? I could not tell you.
98. Do you know whether it was used by him for his own purposes? I could not tell you.
99. Then you do not know whether it was carted asray or sold from there? No, I do not.
100. Chairman.] In regard to this irregularity which you say took place-I refer to the two days payhad you heard the people employed by the Government complain of like occurrences? 1 heard something about the night-carts.
101. You had heard that there were several incidents? Eyen a bit stronger.
102. Mr. Olose.] During the time you knew Buckley did you ever see hin drunk? No.
103. Do you regard him as a man who was quarrelsome or anything like that? No.
104. Do you know that Dyson employed men to do his own work in Goverament time? Yes.
105. Do you happen to know that Dyson allowed men to assist contractors on somo of the bridges which were being constructed in his district during Govermment time? I do not know anything of that kind; but I know something about the yard work. He got me into the yard on one occasion, and thero was a little place at the back for which he got me to pay 5 s, a week.
106. Was that a Government yard ? No; it was his own yard.
107. Did you have the use of the place? There was a litile room, and J. used to sleep in it.
108. Mr. Holman.] Have you any recollection of Mr. Dyson having got Government employees to work for him in Government hours? Yes.
109. Can you give us the details? He used to got Brown to chop wood. He also got Tim Crowley to do his work. Sometimes there were tiwo or three of us there.
110. Ohairman.] During Governmont working hours? Yes.
111. Mr. Molman.] Did this go on to any cxtent-to any number of hours per week? I could not tell you. I got "full up," and I left. .He wanted me to work there on Christmas Day, Sunday, and Boxing Day, and I could not soc it, and I cleared out on Christmas Ere. He thon got another man-Tim Crowley.
112. 

P. Collins. 116. Mr. Spruson.] Did you ever fall out with Mr. Dyson? No; I went back again after that.
$\overbrace{1898}$ 117. Did you feel dissatisfied at all? Yes, because probably at 10 o'clock he would call upon me to go 17 Nov., 1898. to post a letter.
118. But the dissatisfaction was not on account of your relations with him, so far as Government work was concerned? No, I got on very well with Dyson ; we were always the best of friends.
119. Mr. Close.] I believe you are very friendly with him now? Yes, even now.
120. Mr. Ifolman.] Fad you opportunities of observing the general way in which works were managed under Mr. Dyson? Yes.
121. Did it seem to be carried on in a straightforward may? I do not think so. I thought things were a bit mixed up.
122. You do not make any suggestion of dishonesty in regard to Mr. Dyson's management? Of course the incident about the cheque stands out in my mind.
123. At the same time you did not suffer by that incident? No.
124. And you have no absolute proof that the original cheque was ever drawn? It was signed by him.
125. And so far as you know it might never have been presented? No, probably not.
126. Mr. Haynes.] I suppose you are aware that Dyson may have to explain this matter? Yes.

Thomas Davis, stonemason, sworn and examined:-
T. Davis. 127. Mr. Close.] Were you ever asked to come here before? Yes.
128. I do not mean in connection with this particular Committee work, but in connection with the previous

Select Committee? Yes.
129. Did you come? No, because I was not in the position to do so. I was working up country at the time.
130. Did you give any evidence at the Departmental inquiry? No.
131. Were you away from Sydney when the Select Committees were being held? I was only asked to come to one.
132. Were you in Sydney when you were asked to come? Yes.
133. Did you come? I came here, but I refused to give evidence at the last inquiry.
134. Why? Because I wanted to know who was going to pay me.
135. Was there any other reason? No.
136. What position did you hold in the Government Service? Overseer.
137. Had you anything to do with Buckley? Yes, he was working with me.
138. Did you find him a sober man? Yes.
139. Did you find him at all troublesome? No.
140. In what position were you relative to Mr. Dyson? I was under Mr. Dyson.
141. Do you know anything about the dismissal of Buckley? No; it was after T. left.
142. What was the cause of your leaving? I was retrenched.
143. Do you know of any instance in which Mr. Dyson employed Government workmen during Government
time to work for himself? I do not recollect.
144. Could you swear that no men were employed by Mr. Dyson privately during the time they ought to have been working for the Government? I would not swear that. I cannot recollect. It is twolve years ago.
145. But you would not say it was not the same? No.

14G. Did you have any communication with Mr. Dyson about giving evidence? No.
147. Have you seen him lately? I saw him the same day wo appeared here.
148. How long ago is that? About twelve months.
149. You have not seen him about appearing here to day?
150. Do you know a man named Jones or Wright? Yes.
151. Did you ever say to Jones or Wright that Mr. Dyson had prevented you trying to give evidence here?

No ; I had no conversation about it.
1.52. The conversation is alleged to have taken place in the Centennial Park? I was never told by Mr. Dyson not to come here.
153. Mr. Holman.] You know nothing about Buckley's dismissal? No.
154. What opportunity had you of noticing Buckley while you were in the Department? I saw him every day.
155. Was it your impression that he was a sober, respectable man? I never saw anything wrong with
him. He was well-behaved, and did his work well.
156. Did you ever find him loafing on the Department? No.
157. Mr. Spruson.] Do you know if there was any bad feeling between Buckley and Dyson? I do not
know anything about that. They were often falling out, and having bits of "snaps" at each other.
158. Was Mr. Dyson in the habit of falling out with other people? Well, he was not a saint.
159. Was Buckley a saint? I do not think he was.

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TAKEN BEFORE
THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON
CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLRY, PUBLIC WORKS DRPAR'IMENT.

## $T H U R S D A Y, 7$ DECEMBER, 1809.

多resent-
Mr. CHANTER,
Mr. McFARLANE.
E. M. CLARK, Esq., IN THE CHair.

Mr. R. Colonna Close, solicilor, appeared for Mr. Thos. Buckley.
Thomas Buckley sworn and examined :-

1. Mr. Close. 3 You wore an employee in the Government service? Yes.
T. Buckley.
2. And you live in Leichhardt? Yes.
3. Do you remember last session when a Select Committee was sitting here on your case? Yes.
$7 \overbrace{\text { Doc., } 1899 .}$
4. Do you remember that Mr. Dyson was summoned to appear before the Select Committee for the purpose of giving evidenco and of being examined and cross-examined? Yes.
5. Do you remember on the day he was summoned seeing him outside malking about? Yes. I saw him at his gate walking about in the presence of a man who was working on the tram-line and who pointed him out to me.
6. Do you happen to know that the alleged reason of his not being present was illness? I would not think it.
7. Did you happen to know that the alleged reason of his not being present at the meeting of the Select Committee here was illness? I understand that it was on account of his illuess.
8. Do you remember the Select Committee appointing a sub-Committee for the purpose of going out to

Mr. Dyson and examining him at his own house? Yes.
9. Do you remember seeing him outside on the day on which it was appointed that the sub-Committee should go? I saw him on that day outside while l was waiting for a tram.
10. Do you know that on the day which the sub.Committee ought to have gone out it was alleged that in consequence of illness he was not able to receive them? I heard so.
A. Cowie.

Alexander Cowie, licensed draiucr, called in, sworn, and examined :-
$7 \overbrace{\text { Dec., 1899. }}^{\text {11. Mr. Close.] What are you? I am a licensed drainer. }}$
12. Where do you live? At No. 4, Philip-street, Enmore.
13. Do you know Mr. Dyson? Yes; for many years.
14. Do you remember at any time doing contract work in which Mr. Dyson was interested? I will tell you what I know very well. At the time when Darlington was getting connected with the sewer Mr. Dyson, who has two houses in Cloveland-strect, brought men off the Newtown-road to take out the trenches to receive the pipes; he hard to get a licensed man to lay the pipes. I made inquiry from the men if they were paid full time by the Government. I made it my business then to go down to the accountant, Mr. Cahill; I asked him if he would furnish me with tho time which the men worked, and he said he would. Wben I went afterwards to get it, they had found out that I was going to bring it before the Minister for Works, and he would not give it to mo. He said it had caused a minute to be written to the Minister for Worls.
15. Was there any other occasion on which you came into contact with Mr. Dyson employing Government men in Government time on his own work? These Government men were doing the work on his private property.
16. Chairman.] Only on this occasion? On that occasion, and that I ean prove without any doubt.
17. That is the only occasion on which you know it was done? Yes.

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report from the select committee ON

# TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL; 

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE-VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Votes No. 11. Wednesdat, 9 Augdst, 1899.
5. Terrace-street Closing Bill (Formal Motion):-Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,-
(1.) That Terrace-street Closing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Dr. Ross, and the Morer.
Question put and passed.

## Votes No. 13. Tuesdax, 15 August, 1899.

5. Terrace-street Closing 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 9th August, 1899; togetler with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Commitee.
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## TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL.

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## REPORT.

The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on 9th August, 1.899, "Terrace-street Closing Bill,"—beg to report to your Honorable House :-

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose *sec List p. 4. evidence will be found appended hereto), and that thé Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as agreed to by them.

> EDWARD M. OLARK,
> Chairman.
No. 3 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly, 15th August, 1899.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

## TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1899.

Members Peresent.--'
Mr. E. M. Clark, Dr. Ross,

Mr. Nobbs,<br>Mr. Dugald Thomson.

Mr. E. M. Clark called to the Chair.
Fintry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee read by the Clerk
Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce same, before the Committee.

Present:-John Stinson, Esq. (Messrs. Pigott and Stinson-Solicitors for the Bill).
Tom Burton Dibbs called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Adelbert Schleicher (Surveyor) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Hugb Hamon. Massie called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
William Barnett Smith (Council Clerk of the Borough of North Sydney) called in, sworn, and examined.

Room cleared.
Preamble considered.
Question,—"That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,"-put and passed.
Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.
Schedule read:andragreed to.
Plan agreed to.
Title read and agreed to.
Chairman to report the Bill without amendment to the. House.

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## THE SELECT COMMITTEE

# TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL. 

## TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1899.

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Mr. DUGald thomson, 1 Ma. Nobbs,<br>Dr. ROSS.<br>E. M. CLARK, Esq., in the Chair.

Mr. John Stinson, of the firm of Messrs. Pigott and Stinson, appeared for the promoters of the Bill.
Tom Burton Dibbs sworn and examined :-

1. Chairnan.] You are one of the trustees in regard to this land adjoining Terrace-street? Yes.
2. You own the land on both sides of the street? Yes. Mr. Gaden and $I$ are merely dry trustees.
3. You have made application to the municipal council to have the street closed $P$ Yes.
T. B. Dibbs $\overbrace{15 \text { Aug., } 1899 .}$
4. And you have virtually entered into an agreement with them? Yes.
5. Does the plan attached to the Bill properly describe the land? Of course, I am not a surveyor. It seems to be correct:
6. Mr. Dugald Thomson.] Do you know if all the necessary legal formalities have been complied with as regards this proposal? Yes, I believe so. We placed the matter in the hands of our solicitor.
7. Dr. Ross.] I suppose your co-trustee consents to this proposal? Yes.
8. Mr. Stinson.] Will you look at the cortificate of title [produced] and see if that is the settlement affecting the land and the certificate of title comprising the land in question? It is.
9: Do you know the locality? Yes, well.
9. Do you know Terrace-street? Yes.
10. And you know that at the end of that street there'is a very steep cliff?. Tes.
11. Which it would be impossible to make a roadway over? Yes.
12. The street leads to nowhere? No; it is a blind alley.
13. As far as the usefulness of that area for the public is concerned, could it be of any practical value to the borough? No; it is only a place in which rubbish is deposited.
14. It has the reputation of being used for other purposes also that do not tend to elevate the neighbourhood? Ycs; nuisances are committed there.
15. Your co-trustee is one of the petitioners for the Bill? Yes.

Adelbert Schleicher sworn and examined :-
17. Chairman.] You are a surveyor? Yes.
A. Schleicher.
18. Mr. Stinson.] You know the block of land adjoining Terrace-street, North Sydney? Yes.
19. You have had a survey made of it ? Yes.
$\overbrace{15 \text { Aug.,189a }}$
20: Did you prepare the plan produced? Yee.
21. And you prepared a plan for endorsement on the Bill ? Fes.
22. Does that plan correctly describe the land adjoining Terrace-street, and Terrace-street itself? It does.
23. You know the description which is included in the Bill? Yes; it is a description prepared by myself.
24. In reference to the cliff at the end of Terrace-street, would it be possible to ever malke a street there?

No; there is a clear fall of 15 or 20 feet. There is'no getting to Lewis-strect, which touches it at one point.
25 . Is Terrace-street of any use to the public? 'It is of no use whatever.'
$129-B$
A. Schleicher. 2G. BIr. Dugald Thomson.] Termecestreet is absolutely a blind alley? Tes.
$\overbrace{\text { 2 }}^{27}$. Dr. Koss.] Are there any buildings there? No; all the land belongs to the same owners.

1. Ang. 1892. 23. Arr. Stinson.] Have you compared the description given in the Schedule of the Bill with your original doscription of the ground? Yes, and it is correct.
2. And the plans also? Ies; they are correct.

## Hugh Hamon Massie sworn and examined :-

H. H. Massie. 30. Chairman.] You live on the property fronting Flagstaff View streot, adjoining Terrace-street? Yes. 31. You wish to have Terrace-street closed, because you find it very objectionable to have it opened 15 Aug., 1899. Yes, very objectionable indeed.
32. Does it cause any nuisance? It is a rery great nuisance. It is a resort for larrikins, and is used for all sorts of improper purposes, day and night.
33. There is no access from Terrace-strect to Lewis-street, is there? No.
34. Could access be provided from Terrace-street to Lewis-street? No.
3.5. You caused a valuation of this land to be made by some reputable valuator? Yes; by Messrs. Richardson and Wrench and Messrs. Hardie and Gorman.
36. What was the amount of their valuation? £5 a foot; £I50 altogether.
37. That is the amount which the trustees propose to pay to the mumicipal council? It is.
38. There have been no objections on the part of the municipal council? No; on the contrary, everything has been done with their concurrence.
39. Can this street be of any use at' all to the residents of the neighbourhood? None whatever.
40. Mr. Dugald Thomson.] Was it understood by the municipal council that the valuation obtained would be accepted as the price to be paid? It was.
41. The same owner owns the land on each side of Terrace-street? Fcs.
4. $M I r$. Stinson. $]$ As a matter of fact, gou fond it necessary, and the council desired you to take steps to prevent the land from being used as it has been used by putting a fence along it? iry
43. That has'been done in order to keep undesirable characters out? Fes.

William Barnett Smith sworn and cxamined:-
W. B. Smith. 4t. Chairman.] You are Town Clerk of the Borough of North Sydner? Yes.
45. Yon are aware that procecdings hare been taken by the municipal council in regard to the closing of 'lerrace-street? Yes.
46. Has the council agreed to that in considerstion of the sum of 2150 being paid to them ? Yes; they obtained a valuation from Richardson and Wrench and Hardie and Gorman. That was their valuation.
47. Have you any knowledge of the locality? Ies; I know the place well.

4S. Is the plan produced correct? It is.
4.) I suppose the municipal council are practically unanimous on the subject? They are.
50. Mr. Dugald Thomson.] How did this matter come before the council? Some years ago Mr. Massie obtained permission from the council to puta fence across on paying a nominal sum to the council for the use of the street. Mr. Massie owns the property on each side of the street. Mr. Wilkie objected, and Mr. Massie found the only thing to be done was to purchase the street; but the council had no power to sell it . I understand that Mr . Massic is obtaining power to buy this street, and the council accepts flol) as its value.
51. Was that consent of the council to the erection of a fence given in consequence of the nuistnce caused in Terrace-street? Yes; Mr. Massic said that the street was used by all sorts of people, and he was grently annoyed by people coming at vight and using the strect. He asked the council to close it on that-account.
52. Chairman.] He said that it was used for purposes of a not very elevating character? He sniditwas used for immoral purposes.
53 . Do you know whether any opportunity has been given to adjoining property owners to protest anainst the closing of the street, if they desire? 'There are no adjoining property-owners, except Mr. Massie.
i54. Well, say the neighbouring property-owners? The Bill has been advertised.
T5. It has been before the council for some years? Ies.
56. MLr. Solbs. $]$ Messes. Dibbs and Gaden are trustees for Mrs. Massic? Tes. There was; a joint letter presented to the council some time ago against the fence being crected- the letter being signed by eight or nine people. Some of those who signed the document, however, wrote afterwards to sily that they had signed under a misapprehension, and asked that their names should be withdrawn.
57. M1. Stinson.] Do you know, as a matter of fact, that advertisements in referenco to this proposal have beẹn largely circulated? Tes.
\%s. Mr. Nobds.] Has any resolution been passed by the municipal council consenting to the closing of -this strect? Ies; a resolution was passed accepting the valuation of $£ 150$, on condition that Mr. Massie, in addition, paid all expenses in connection with the Bill.
59. Dr. Ross.] How long bas the borough had Terrace-street under its control ? It has been laid out upwards of twenty years, but it has nerer been used.
© 0 . There has been no kerbing or gutiering done, and no borough money spent on it? No.
61. It remains in its matural state? Yes.
62. Mfr. Stinson.] The valuation of $£ 150$ represents the freebold value of the whole thing? Fea.

6:3. The council, you consider, are doing very well in getting that amount, and being relieved of a useless piece of strcet? Yes.
i4. The question of consenting to this Bill came formally before the council, did it not? Ies. It first went to a committee. The committee considered the matter. Then it came before the council on a letter from Mr. Massie, in which he submitted the valuation. Then the council passed a resolution accepting the valuation, with the conditions I have mentioned.
G5. And the council are willing, not only that Terrace-strcet should be closed, but also that the freehold of the land shall be vested in Messrs. Dibbs and Gaden, the petitioners, subject to the pajment of £150? Yes.
66. The $£ 150$ would be for the use and benefit of the ratepayers? Tcs.
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ON THE

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL; 

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## Votes No. 12. Thunsday, 10 August, 1899.

4. Municifal District of Broken Hife Elfectric Lighting Bill (Formal Motion):-Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice,-
(1.) That the Municipal District of Brolien Hill Electric Lighting Bill" be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(..) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Ashton, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hurley, and the Mover. Question put aud passed.

Votes No. 14. Wednesday, 16 August; 1899.
12. Municibat District of Broken Hifl Eiectric Lrahting Bill :-Mr. Cann, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceediugs of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 10th August, 1899 ; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
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## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BLLL.

## REPORT.

The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and Report was referred, on 10th Augrist, 1899, the " Municipal District of Broken Hill Dlectric Lighting Bill,"-beg to report to your Honorable House :-

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose* See List, p. 4. evidence will be found appended hereto) ; and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as agreed to. by them.

No. 3 Committee Room,
J. H. CANN,

Chairman.
Legislative Assembly, 16th August, 1899.
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## PROCEEDINGS OF JHE COMMITTEE.

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| Mr. E. M. Clark, | Mr. Bennett |
| Mr. Fegan. |  |}

Mr. Canu called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.
Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce same before the Committee.

Josiah Thomas (a Member of the Legislative Assembly) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Richard Sleath (a Member of the Legislative Assembly) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
William John Ferguson ( a Member of the Legislative Assembly) called in, sworn, and examined.
Room cleared.-Preamble considered.
Quostion,-" That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,"-put and passed.
Clauses 1 to 39 read and agreed to.
Title read and agreed to.
Chairman to report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE

UPON

## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL.

## WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGDST, 1899.

程resent:-
Mr. Benneyt,
Mr. E. M. CLARK,
Mr. fegan.
J. H. CANN, Esq., in the Chatr.

Tosiah Thomas, M.L.A., called in, sworn, and examined :-

1. Chairman.] You are the representative of the electoral district of Alma in the Legislative Assembly? Yes.
J. Thomas,
2. You were for some time a resident of Broken Mill? I was.
$1 \overbrace{\text { Aug., } 1899}$.
3. For how long? For six or seven years.
4. You know the municipality well? Yes.
5. What is, approximatoly, the population of the municipality? Somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000 .
6. What is the area of the muncipality? I camot say; it is a fairly compact municipality.
7. But it covers a good area, does it not? Naturally, it would do so.
8. There is no lighting of the public thoroughfares at the present time? No.
9. The only light in the thoroughfares is derived from business places? Yes.
10. Do you know that the municipality called for an expert's reports as to the lighting of the municipality with both electricity and gas? Yes.
11. You know that those reports were sent in to the Municipal Council? Yes.
12. Do you know which proposal was faroured by the Council? I know that they are desirous of having the place lit with electricity; I take it, therefore, that they favoured the report of the electrical engineer.
13. You did not yoursclf read the reports? I did not.
14. You know that a plebiscitc of the ratepayers was taken whether the town should be lit or not? Yes. 15. Do you know the result of the voting? I do not know the result of the figures; but there was a big majority, I believe, in favour of the town being lit by electricity.
15. Do you know whether a Select Committee of the Council has since been appointed to consider the matter? Yes.
16. And that the Council itsclf have been considering this Bill for some months? Yes.
17. Do you know whether the Council decided to ask Parliament for the powers conferred by this Bill? I know that.
18. Do you know of any objection on the part of the ratepayers of Broken Bill to the granting of these powers? I suppose those who own gas shares would object; to their being granted, but outside of that I know of no objection.
19. Taking it as a whole, the municipality is pretty unanimous on the question? As far as $I$ am aware.
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J. Thomas, 21. Drr. Bennett.] Is there a gas company at Broken Hill? Yes; a private company.
    M.L.A. 22. Do they supply gas to private houses? Yes.
16 Aug.,1899. 23. Broken Hill, I believe, is a municipality, not a borough? It is a municipality.
24. Chairman.] Do you know the price per 1,000 feet of gas charged by the Gas Company? I an not
positive, but I fancy it is 14 s . a thousand.
25. Mr. Bennett.] A majority of the ratepayers are in favour of electric lighting ? I do not know of any
objection, except, as I say, on the part of a few porsons who are interested in the Gas Company. Possibly
they might object; but they have not voiced any objection-that is to say, there have been no mectings.
There would naturally be an objection on the part of those who thought that the proposal would interfere
with the operations of the Gas Company; but, apart from that, I know of no objection whatever to the
Bill. There has been no petition against the proposal.
26. You think the proposal would be a distinct benefit to the municipality? I think the municipality
ought to light up the stroets. It is not at all up-to-date that the municipality should not supply some
description of light. Personally, I am of opinion that electricity would be better and cheaper than gas
but that would be a matter for the Council themselves to decide, and they have decided, I take it, in
favour of electricity. Had they decided in gavour of gas, I should have eaid that it would be likely to be
a good thing for the municipality. The aldermen are on the spot; they are there specially to look after
these things; and I should feel inciined to support their decision whatever it might be. My personal
proference would be in farour of clectricity rather than gas, and that happens to bo the view taken by the
municipal Couvcil.
27. Mr. Fegan.] Do you think it would be possible to obtain the figures showing the result of the
plebiscite? I think there would be no difficulty in getting them. The Chairman could no doubt obtain
the figures by wire.
28. Several of the Broken Hill mines are lit by electricity? Yes
29. What mines are they? I cannot say positively, but I should fancy the whole of the mines along a
line of lode. They would be the Proprietary, Block 14, Block 10, the Central, and the South.
30. Have any accidents occurred in the stroets through the want of lighting to your knowledge? I do
not know of any particular accident.
31. You have not been to Broken Hill very much within the past six or seven years? Within the past
five years.
32. The place has not grown very considerably within that interval? I suppose not, although there are more houses there now than ever there were before. It is a growing place. I do not know that within the past five years it has been added to very extensively, but there has been continuous growth.
33. Will the rate which it is proposed to strike under this Bill, viz., 6 d . in the \(£\), compare favourably with the charge for gas at the present time? That is a matter into which I have not gone. I should cortainly think it would compare very favourably, but I have not gone into the figures. The municipality, I take it, had the two reports before tbem, and, having appointed a Select Committee to deal with the matter, they no doubt found electricity cheaper than gas; otherwise, I take it, they would have advocated the proposal to light the town with gas.
34. Have you any idea of the cost of lighting the various mines with electricity? Not the slightest.
35. Has any conference taken place between the municipal authorities and the Gas Company as to the desirableness of lighting the town with gas? I really could not say. There has been controversy for a considerable time upon the question whether the town should be lit with gas or electricity, and it is quite possible that a conference may have been held; but I cannot say definitely that it has been held. I know that letters have appeared in the newspapers.
36. Do you know of any ofter having been made by the Gas Company to light the streets of Broken Hill with gas; and if so, at what rate? I really could not say whether or not an offer has been made.
37. Afr. E. M. Clark.] You say that this decision of the Municipal Council has been arrived at upon the report of an expert;-do you know whether the expert was an electrical engineer? It was the report of some person connected with electric lighting, and presumably he was on electrical enginecr. I know that two men came up from Sydney-one to deal with the question of lighting with gas, and the other with that of lightiog by electricity. Who the men were, I do not know.
38. You say that you yourself prefer electricity as a means of lighting the town;-have you yourself had any experience of the results of lighting with both gas and electricity in different municipalities? No, I have not ; but I have an idea that electricity is more up-todate.
39. I suppose the streets at Broken Hill have not been lit at all yet? No; not even with oil lamp.
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Richard Slcath, M.L.A., called in, aworn, and examined :-
R. Sleath, 40. Chairman.] You are the representative of the electoral district of Wilcannia in the Legislative
M.L.A. Assembly? Yes.
41. You were a long time a resident of Broken Hill? Yes.
42. For how long? For about ten years.
43. Do you know the municipality well? Yes.
44. You were once a candidate for the position of alderman there? Yes; I think I contested every election from the time the mumicipality was formed until I left.
45. At what do you estimate the population of the municipality? I should think it would be about 30,000.
46. You know that there is no ligliting of the streots? None whatever.
47. The question of lighting the streets has been agitating the people of Broken Hill for a long time? For quito a number of years.
48. It is only recently thati it has been decided by the Municipal Council to obtain power to light the strects with electricity? Yes.
49. A vote of the ratepayers was taken some time ago as to whether the town should be lighted by electricity or not? Yes.
50. Do you know the result of the plebiscite? A large majority decided in favour of lighting the town. I think there were 1,036 votes for lighting, and 600 odd against it.
51. Do you know whether expert opinion was obtained as to the method of lighting? There were a number of reports, I believe, as to lighting with both gas and electricity.
52. Did you see the reports? I saw them, as published in the Broken Hill newspapers.
53. You infer that the reports were in favour of lighting with clectricity, inasmuch as the Municipal Council are applying for the powers contained in this Bill? Yes.
54. AIr. Bennett.] Do you know the value of the ratablo property within the municipality? I do not know what the last assessment was, but; I know that at one time the rates, apart from the Government subsidy, amounted to $£ 8,000$ or $£ 9,000$ a year. The minos, of course, pay a fair proportion of that amount, but the value of the rates outside of the mines would be about $£ 5,000$ or $£ 6,000$. I. do not think that amount is on the decroase; it is rather on the increase.
55. The town is actually inereasing? Yes; it is becoming moro settled.
56. And the buildings ire more permanent? Yes; the value of property is going up.
57. Some scheme of lighting is very much needed there? Yes. It is the only town of anything like its size in the whole of the Australian Colonies, I think, the streets of which are not lit.
58. Mr. Feqan.] You have taken an active interest in the municijal life of the district;-was this question of the lighting of streets before the electors at any time during your candidature for the position of alderman? It was not put before the electors in my time; but when I was a candidate $I$ always adrocated that the streets should be lit, and the people secmed to approve of that course; but for a great many years the affairs of the Municipal Conncil, I fancy, was not handled with the best business tact. Broken lifl has an income from rates amounting to the sum I have riven you, and I do not think the whole of its debts, including borrowed money, amount to more than $£ 7,000$ or $\mathfrak{E 8 , 0 0 0}$. They have a town hall which has cost $£ 17,000$ to build. I do not suppose there is another munjeipality in the Colony in the same financial position.
59. At the time when you were a candidate for alderman the town was not as stable as it is now? No; property was not of the same value.
60. It was regarded at that time as an ordinary field? Yes; there were a number of persons coming and going. There was not so much permanent settlement. Men would come there and stay, perhaps, six or twelve months. They did not take a great deal of interest in the town, knowing that they did not intend to remain permanently there.
61. It is proposed under this Bill to fix a maximum rate of 6 d . in the $£$ ? That is correct. I do not think the rate should exceed that amount. The lighting-rate in a great many municipalities amounts to only 3 d .
62. But those municipalities are much nearer to coal, which is used considerably in lighting? Yes; but on the other hand 50 per cent. would allow a big margin.
63. You think that will cover all costs? Yes; after all, coal is not very much used in electric lighting. 64. Chairman.] Do you know of any opposition to the town being lit by the means proposed? I do not know of any opposition at all. There is a private gas company there, and they would probably prefer that tho Council should use their gas.
65. What do the Gas Company charge per 1,000 ? I know that the charge used to be 15 s a 1,000 . I do not know whether it has been reduced.
6f. Mfr. Fegan. $]$ Is is not a fact that in all communities you find a certain amount of opposition to a scheme of this kind by persons who object to pay taxes for anything? In every large community you will find someone opposed to almost anything. It is about four or five years since I left Broken Hill, but I bave been there now and again. I have heard this question discussed, and I never heard anyone raise the slightest objection to the scheme. I heard cveryone speating in favour of it.
67. Tou think the majority of votes recorded for the scheme is large enough to warrant the Committee in conceding the powers asked for in the Bill? Yes. There were probably thousands who did not vote at all who would be in favour of the Bill; while no doubt every ratepayer opposed to the lighting of the town recorded his vote in that direction.
68. Chairman.] I suppose one of the main reasons actuating those who voted against the town being lit was a desire to avoid rating for lighting purposes? Yes; and there were some persons I think who lived some distanco outside the main centre of the town who thought they would be rated for the supply of light to the centre, while they themselves would derive no advantage from it.
69. Do you know the area of the municipality? I think it is about 26 miles.
70. There are some tramways running right through the town? Yes.
71. The municipality provides no light for the protection of the public at the tram crossings? No.
72. And the trams run at night as well as in the daytime? Yos; there are three different systems of trams or trains. There is the main line going indo Block 10 or other mines; then there is the line running right through the town from one end to the other-a continuation of the Tarrawingee tramway line; and another line rumning into tho Junction and other mines.
73. The only light availablo at night is derived from business places? Yes.
74. Since the smelters were done away with the darkness hits been intensified ? Yes. When the smelters were at work there were some large are lamps on the slag dumps, and when tho molten slag was tipped out it threw a light some miles round. When the smelters wero running, slag would be dumped over every few minutes.
75. That is all done away with now? Yes. There is a small electric-lighting plant, and as an experiment a few poles were erceted, and lamps were lit, with the intention of inducing the municipality to use the light. However, the municipality did not take advantage of the opportunity, and since then the owners of the plant have had all they can do to supply the business places. The plant is not large enough to lightithe town now, even if the municipality could come to any arrangement.
76. Mr. Hogan.] 'Io your knowledge no agreement has been ontered into with the Gas Company? Nono whatever, as far as I. know.

William John Ferguson, M.L.A., called in, sworn, and examined :-
77. Chairman.] You are the ropresentative of the electoral district of Sturt, in the Legislative Assentbly ? Yes.
78. You were for a long time a resident of Broken Hill? Yes; for about nine or ten years.
79. You know the municipality fairly well? Yes.
80. Had they any lights in the streets when you were there? No.

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81. There are none at the present time? No.
W. J. 82. Do you know whether the municipality has had under consideration for any length of time the Ferguson,
M.L.A. question of lighting the streets? For a considerable time.
83. What stcps did they take in deciding upon a scheme of lighting;-did they obtain reports from experts? Yes.
84. As to the lighting both by electricity and by gas? Yes.
85. You infer that the reports must have been farourable to lighting by electricity since the Municipal Council now favour that scheme? Yes.
86. A vote of the ratepayers was taken upon the question? Yes.

S7. That was also in favour of lighting by elcetricity? Yes.
88. Do you know the area of the municipality? I do not know the exact area.
89. It is about 26 miles, is it not? I suppose it would be quite that.
90. Do you know the population approximately? I suppose it would be between 26,000 and 30,000 .
91. Do you know whether there is any objection in the municipality to the Council having power to light. the strects by electricity? I never heard of any.
92. I suppose you think it is necessary that the town should be lit? Yes.
93. Mr. Feqan.] The electorate of Sturt takes in a portion of Broken Hill? Fos; the outlying districts to the north.
94. A portion of the Municipal District of Broken Hill is actually within your electorate? Yes.
95. Clause 35 of the 3 ill contains this provision :-

And all the sums of money orilered ly my such Conrt to be paid, and all costs and expenses awarded by such Court, may be recovered and cnforcell by distress and sale of the goods ant chattels of the person or persons ordered to pay the same, and in default of sufficient distress such person, or persons slall be liable to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months, unless such money, costs, or expenses be sooner paid.
The Committec were thinking of inserting in the clause a provision to this effect:-
Provided that no such distress shall authorise the seizure or sale of auy ledstead, bedding, wearing apparel, culinary articles in domestic use, or tnols of trade.
As a representative of the district, would you have any objection to the insertion of such a provision in the Bill? None at ail.
96. Do you think it would interfere in any way with the recovery, of rates? I do not think it wouldnot to any appreciable extent, anyhow.
97. You think there is some hardship at the present time in the collection of rates? There is that in every municipality.
98. I suppose to your knowledge there has been no agitation or outcry against the lighting of the streets at Brokon Hill? I have not heard of any.
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## REPORI FROM THE SBLECT COMMITIEE

ON THE

## LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL:

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

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## EXTRAOTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATTVE ASSEMBLY.

## Votes No. 30. Thecrsday, 19 October, 1899.

6. Lismobe Municipal Boundaries Brll (Formal Mfotion):-Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice,--
(1.) That the Lismore Municipal Boundaries Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Millard, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Lee, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Edden, and the Mover. Question put and passed.

## Votes No. 31. Tuesdat, 24 October, 1890.

3. Lismore Municipml Botindaries Bram:-Mr. Bwing, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th October, 1809 ; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

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LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL.
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## REPORT.

The Select Commotese of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on 19th October, 1599, the "Lismore Municipal Boundaries Bill,"一beg to report to your Honorable IIouse :-

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose Sce List, page evidence will be found appended hereto), and that, the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the clauses and Schedule of the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now bag to lay before your Monomble House the Bill, as agreed to by them.

THOS. EWING,
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,<br>Legislative Assembly, 24th October, 18!9.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMI'TIEE.

TUESDAY, 24 GCTOBER, 1809.
Members Present:-
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dugald Thomson. Mr. Ewing,

Mr. Ewing called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.
Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce same, before the Committee.

Present:-C. W. Schrader, Tisq., Solicitor (representing Messrs. Sly and Russell, Solicitors for the Bill).

Charles William Schrader sworn and examined.
Witness produced plan showing the reduced area of the Municipal District of Lismore, and handed in statement of liabilities and assets of the Municipal Council of Lismore. [See Appendix.]

Willian John Hanna (Principal Assistant Engincer for Roads and Bridges) called in, sworn, and cxamined.'

Room cleared.
Preamble cousidered.
Question,-" That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,"-put and passed.
Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreerl to.
Title read and agreed to.
Chairman to report the Bill, without mendment, to the Eouse.

LIST OF WJTNESSES.


## LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL.

TUESDAT, 24 OCTOBER, 1890.<br>翟resent:-<br>Mr. HENRT CLARKE, | Mr. DUGAJD THOMSON. 'THOMAS THOMSON EWING, Esq., in THE Chatr.

Charles William Schrader, Esq.: appeared on behalf of the Solicitors for the Bill.

Charles William Schrader sworn and examined:-

1. Chairman.] What is your position? I am a solicitor of the Supreme Court, and am managing for Messrs. Sly and Russell.
2. Messis. Sly and Russell have received instructions from the Municipal Council of Lismore to apply for a reduction of the municipal areas under this Bill? Yes.
3. Tou produce a plan showing the reduced areas of the municipality? Yes.
4. Do you also produce a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Lismore Council? Yes. [Sce Appendix.]
5. Do you also produce the consent of the Bank of New South Wales to this Bill? Yes; it is as follows:-
Messrs. Sly and Ruzsell, Solicitors,
Inspector's Office, Bank of New South Wales,
George-street, Sydney,- Re Lismore Arumicipality.
I have mach pleasure in adrising that this Bank is perfectiy willing to meet the wishes of the Lismore Municipality in respect to the proposel curtailment of the mmicipai area.

We willingly sanction an arrangement which is manifestly an alvantigge from every standpoint.
Yours faithfully,
J. THOS. FORD,

Inspector.
6. The Bank of New South'Wales are the only creditors outside the Department of Works? Yes.
7. Your instructions are from the Municipal Council of Lismore? The instructions are that the rates received from the areas outside the proposed boundaries are small, that the working of the municipality is too cumbersome with the large areas, and that it would be a benefit to the people living within the area that this curtailment should be granted. The Municipal Council will then be able to spend the moneys better on roads they can manage than on the roads outside.
8. The object of this Bill is in accordance with public opinion in Lismore? That is what I am instructed. 9. The fact that the Municipal Conncil takes the matter up proves that, I presume? Fes. I'he whole of the plans were gone into with the Bank; ihey went into everything very carefully, and came to that conclusion.
10. Mr. D. Thomson.] What are the requirements of the law as regards those whose interests may be affected? The nature of the Bill has bcen alvertised for four consecutive weeks in the Tismore district, and it has also been advertised in Sycrey.
C. W. 11. Is thero no necessity to gain the consent of, or give an intimation to, those within the district who are going to bo cut off? No; you can give no other intimation than by advertisement in that way. The objects of the Bill, which show the curtailment, are advertised, and the matter is in their own hands. You could never serve every one with notice.
12. I want to know if all legal conditions have been complied with? Yes.
13. Chairman.] You are aware of no protest against the Bill? No ; as a matter of fact, this Bill has been advertised much more than was necessary. Four advertisements appeared, which were not quite in accord with the Standing Orders. Two advertisements appeared in one week, and they had to be advertised again. The advertisement bas been appearing in the Lismore papers for three months, so that the probability is that every one in the district has seen it.
14. Mr. D. Thomson.] Do the Bank hold all these debentures? I understand so. 15. They are not held by others? I understand not.

## William John Hanna sworn and examined :-

W. J. Hann, 16. Chairman.] What is your official position? I am Principal Assistant Engineer for Roads and Bridges. Lieq. 17. Fou attend here as the representative of the Under Secretary? Fes.
$\overbrace{\text { Oct., } 1090}$. 18. He has instructod you as to his attitude with regard to this matter? Fes.
19. Is he aware of the proposal to curtail the area of the municipality? Yes.
20. Will you tell the Committoc his view in regard to the matter? There is no offection to the proposal as far as the Department is concerned.

## APPENDIX.

[To Evidence of Charles William Schrader, Esq.]
'Sommary of Absets and Liabilities of the Municipal District of Lismore, 1st August, 1.898.

| Assets. |  | Liabilities. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Water-works and plant | 10,076 000 | Water-works | 10,016 00 |
| Gnaworks and plant. .............................. | 7,300 0 0 | Loans (Debentures now through Bank New |  |
| Council Chnmbers and contents ................. | 30000 | South Wales) .............................. | 12,000 00 |
| Working-plant, material, and stores ........... | 900 0-0 | Bank | 9310 l |
| Land (exclusive of gasworks land) .............. | 1,300 000 | Unpresented cheque.............................. | $3{ }^{3} 00$ |
| Stone-breating plant: ........................... | 400 O 0 | Special nccount .................................... | 3791010 |
| Rates .............................................. | 3,535 810 | Balance | 2,967 7 I |
| Other accounts due to Council | 307149 |  |  |
| Credit balunees, Bank New South Wales ...... | $74013 \quad 5$ |  |  |
|  | 25,459 170 |  | $£ 25,459170$ |

Council Chambers, Lismore, 18th April, 1809.
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## REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITMEE

ON THE

# TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL; 

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# EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. 

## Votps No. 33. Thersday, 26 October, 1899.

6. Tamwortu Show-ground Bilm (Formal Motion):-Mr. Sawers moved, pursuant to Notice--
(1.) That the Tamworth Show-ground Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That supch Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Dight, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Millard, Mr. Sultor, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

Votes No. 35. Wednebdat, 1 November, 1899.
4. Tamwontir Show-ground Bill :-Mr. Sawers, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the 'lable the Minutes of Proceerlings of, and evidence iaken before the Selcet Committice for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 26 th October, 1899 ; together with it copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
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## TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL.

## REPORT.

The Select Commitiee of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on 26th October, 1899, the "Tamworth Show-ground Bill,"-beg to report to your Honorable House :-

That they have examined the witness named in the margin (whose Thomas evidence will be found appended hereto), and the Preamble having been Newnan. satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your' Honorable House the Bill without amendment.

W. SAWERS,<br>Chairman.

## No. 3 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly, 1st November, 1899.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. 

## WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1899.

Memrers Present :-

| Mr. Aflleck, | Mr. Suttor, |
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| Mr. Sawers, | Mr. Wilks. |

Mr. Sawers called to the Chair.
Entry from the Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.
Printed copies of the Bill reforred, together with original Petition to introduce same, before the Committee.

Thomas Matthew Newman, Solicitor, appeared for the Bill.
Thomas Matthew Newman called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness produced the original Deed of Grant of the Liverpool Plaine Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association; the Government Gazette containing the appointment of Robert Alfred Orville, Thomas Matthew Newman, and Henry Stoddart.

Room cleared.
Preamble considered.
Question,-"That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,"-put and passed.
Solicitor called in and informed.
Clauses 1 to 7 read and agreed to.
Title read and agreed to.
Chairman to report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.
1899. (IHIRD SESSION.)

## Legislative Assembly.

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ON THE

# TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL. 

WED NESDAY, 1 NOTEMBER, 1899.

- Wresent:-


## Mn. SAWERS, Mr. WIHK.S, <br> Mr. AFELECK, <br> Mr. P. B. SUTHOR. <br> WILLIAM SAWERS, Esq., M.P., in the Chatr.

Thomas Matthew Newman was called in, sworn, and examined :-

1. Chairman.] Yon have been appointed solicitor to the Jiverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association? Yes.
2. You are a trustee for the Association? Yes; and I am also president of the Association.
T. M.

Newman.
$1 \overbrace{\text { Nov., } 1899}$.
3. You are empowered to appear here as their agent? Yes.
4. And you appear before us to prove the recitals and statements of the preamble of the Tamworth Showground Bill? I do.
5 . Will you kindly proceed to prove those statements, dealing with each in order? Yes. In proof of the statement that
By deed poll or grant from the Crown bearing date the thirtieth day of June, one thousand cight hundred and eighty, all that piece or purcel of land in the said Colony, containing by admeasurement five acres, be the same more or less, situated in the county of Inglis, parish of Tamworth, town of Tamworth, being allotments one to ten inclusive, of scetion forty.four in the county of Inglis, parish of Tamworth, town of Tamworth, being allotments one to ten inclusive, of scetion forty. four
was thereby granted unto Philip Gidley King, John Gill, and John Kennedy Doyle, their "*** *as thereby granted unto Philip Gidley King, Nohn Gill, and John Kennedy Doyle, their Association.
1 produce the original decd of grant. [Producell.] As is next alleged, Robert tlfred Orville Gill and myself were on the 30th August last appointed trustecs of the land in place of John Gill, deceased, and John Kennedy Doyle, resigned, and, on the same date, Henry Stoddart was appointed an additional trustec, and I produce a copy of the Government Gazette of that date, containing notifications of those appointments. [Produced.] With regard to the next recital, that
the said Philip Gidley King, John Gill, and John Kennedy Doyle were registered as proprietors, under the provisions of the Real Property Act, of all that allotment or parcel of land in the said Colony, containing by admeasurement one rood thirty-five perches, be the same more or less, situated in the county of Inglis, parish of Tamworth, and town of Tamworth, being allotment anmber fifteen of section number forty-four.
S produce a certificate of title to that land, dated 27 th March, 1874 , in favour of William Henry Russ, bearing a transfor endorsed thereon from Edwin Charles Hunt to the Hon. Philip Gidley King, Johu Gill, and John Kennedy Doyle. [Produced.] In proof of the next statement, that
the said Philip Gidley King, John Gill, and John Kennedy Doyle, hy decluration of trust under their hands and seals, dated the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, icknowledged and declared that they, their heirs and assigns, did and shonld stand seized and possessed of the said piece or parcel of land, lastly hereinhefore described, upon trust to holrl the same for the uses and purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association.

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T. M. I produce the declaration referred to, signed by the parties named. [Produced.] In proof of the next Newman. statement, that
1 Nor., 1899. And whereas by deed poll or grant from the Crown bearing date the cighteeuth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, all that piece or partel of land in the said Colony. containing by admeasurement one acre three roods twenty perches, be the same more or less, situated in the connty of Inglis, parish of Tamworth, being allotments cleven, iwelse, thirtecn, and fourteen of section forty-four, town of Tamworth :

* was thereby granted to Philip Gidley King, Robert Alfred Orville Gill, Thomas Matthew Newman, and Heary Stoddart, their heirs and assigns for ever, upon trust for the purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association.
I produce the Government deed of grant. [Produced.] The preamble goes on to state that:
the said lands are now unsuitable for the purposes of the said Association, and it is expedient that the respective trustees of the lands hereinbefore described should bave power to sell the same respectively, and that the proceeds of such sale or sales should be applied in or towards the purchase of lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Tamworth aforesaid, to be held by the said trustees for the like purposes, and in or towards cffecting necessary improvements on the lands so to be purchased as aforesaid, and that the said trustees should have power to mortgage the lands so to be purchased as aforesaid, as herein provided.
In support of the allegation of unsuitability. 1 wish to say that the 5-acre block is separated from the other two blocks by flame which comects White and Fitzroy Strects, and, whenever we have a show, wo have to ask the Tamworth Municipal Council to allow us to temporarily close that lane.
(i. Afr. Afleck.] Could not the Association get Parliament to allow them to close the lane? We applied to the Land Board to have the lane closed; but our application was refused. That I know of my personal knowledge, because I was solicitor to the municipality at the lime.

7. Chairman.] Is there notia further unsuitability? Fes, the land is unsuitable on another account. It has a slope which makes it inconvenient for driving and for jumping. Then, too, the area is too small to enable us to make a suitable driving-ring. A very large number of people attend the shows, and when there are many vehicles and horses in the ring, it is unsafe for the people there. It is most desirable that we should have a larger area, and, particularly, that we should have more level ground. For these reasons, the trustees ask power to sell, and to apply the proceeds of the sale to the purchase of other land, and in effecting nccessary improvements, and, as the sum we are likely to obtain may not be sufficient for our purpose, we also ask for power to mortgage.
8. As a matter of fact, would it not be an absolute advantage to the town of Tamworth if this land was released and made available for ordinary occupation? I think it would.
9. And it would be an advantage to the Association to have a more level piece of ground outside the town? Yes
10. Mr. F. B. Suttor:] Do you anticipate getting, with the proceeds of the sale, a larger piece of ground than you now possess? Yes. If the ground we now have were larger and more level, we should have no wish to move, because we are now right in the middle of the populated aren.
11. Have you another piece of ground under offer to you? We had a piece on the other side of the river, at West Tamworth, under offer by the Peel River Company. Another piece which has been spoken of, though most of the members of the Association consicier it unsuitable, is situated at the northern end of the town It is at present used for police purposes.
12. Chairman.] There is more than ono site available? Yes; another site is the oval.
13. You have been empowered by the Association to advocate the passing of this Bill? I have.
14. Mr. F. B. Suttor.] Can you produce any resolution or anthority showing that you are empowered to art for the Association? I presided at the mecting at which I was authorised to act. I have also the following letter from the secretary:-
Messrs. Newnan and Sons, Solicitors, -
Dear Sirs,
Timworth, 8 April, 1899.
In accordance with a resolution passel at a Committee meeting of the above Association on Friday, 7th April,
1 have the honor to inform you that your firm has been appointed as solicitors to act on behalf of the Association in the passing of a Bill through the Legislative Assembly to enabie the trnstees of the I.P.P. and A. and H. Association to sell the site of the present show-ground.

Yours respectfully,
J. R. WOOD,

Secretary.
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ON THE

# YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL; 

TOGETHER WITH TICE<br>PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE<br>ANO<br>MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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# EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. 

## Vores No. 57. Thursday 21 December, 1899.

4. Yass Roman Cationic Church Trustefs Enabling Bigh (Formal Motion):-Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice,
(1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Trustecs Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committec consist of Mr. Sawers, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Dights Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Rose, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Hassall, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and the Mover. Question put and passed.

## Votes No. 58. Fridat, 22 December, 1899.

7. Yass Roman Catholic Chubcif Trustees Erabling Bille:-Mr. Affleck, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Sclect Committee for whose considoration and report this Bill was referred on $21 s t$ Decomber, 1899 , together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
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## Yass ROMAN CQATHOLIC CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL.

## REPORT.

The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred on 22nd December, 1899, the " Yass Roman Catholic Church Trustees Enalling Bill,"-beg to report to your Honorable House : -

That they have examined the witnesses named in the list* (whose evidence *sec list, p. 4 will be found appended hereto), and the Preamble laving been satisfactorily proved to your Committee they proceeded to consider the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill, without amendment.

WILLIAM AFFLLECK.
Chairmau.

No. 1 Committee Room,<br>Legislative Assembly,<br>22nd December, 1899.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMIITTEE.

PR1DA $F, 22$ D ECEMBER, 1SO9
Mexibers Presext:-
Mr. Aflleck,
Mr. Gormlf,

Mr. Affleck called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee read by the Clerk.
Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce same, befor: the Committce.

Present-H. O. Marshall, Esq. (Solicitor), on behalf of the Promoters of the Bill.
Harry Osborne Marshall sworn and examined.
The Chairman having left the Chair, Mr. Gormly called to the Chair pro tem.
William Affleck (a Mlember of the Legislative Assembly) sworn and examined.
The Chairman resumed the Chair.
Room cleared-Preamble considered.
Question,--" That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,"-put and jassed.
Clauses 1, 2, 3, read, and agreed to.
Schedule read, and agreed to.
Title read, and agreed to.
Chairman to report the Bill without amendment to the House.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE

# Yass roman catholic church trustees linabling BILL. 

$F R I D A Y, 22$ DEOEMBER, 1899.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Me. DIGHT, |  | Mr. GORMLY, |
| Mr. ROSE, |  | Mr. SAWERS. |
| Wm. ATI | K, EsQ, | he Chatr. |

Harry Osborne Marshall, Esq, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the promoters of the Bill.
Harry Osborne Marshall, solicitor, Sydney, sworn and examined:-

1. Chairman.] You appear here as agent for Mr. Thomas John Butler, of Yass, the solicitor acting for the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass? Yes.
H. O. 2. Are you in a position to prove the preamble of the Bill? Yes. All the title decds mentioned in the 2. Are you in a position to prove the preamble of the Bill? Yes. All the title decds mentioned in the
preamble have been before me, aud $J$ say that the statements made in the preamble are correct records 22 Dec., 1899 . of the grant, and of the deed of appointiment of the trustecs.
2. Mr. Gormly.] Is the preamble of the Bill correct? Yes.

## William Affleck sworn and examined :-

4. Mr. Gormly.] You are a Member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales? Yes.
W. Affieck.
5. You are well acquainted with Yass? Yes.
6. Will you state to the Committee whether you thimk that the objects of the Bill are desirable? I think 22 Dec., 1899 .
they are. I may make this statement, which I believe to be correct: Some years ago a private Bill was passed by Parliament to enable this land to be sold by the trustees. The land was sold to the Government, and after the Government had bought it they found that it was not suitable for the purposes for which they had acquired it. Thereupon the Government reconveyed the land to tho trustecs. Through tho action of the Government, the trustees lost their power to sell the land, and they now ask that this Bill shall be passed in order to give them the rights that they had under the previous Bill. This land is not reguired for church purposes, inasmuch as the Roman Catholics of Yass have a good church, presbytery, and convent, and they desire to sell the land, and, as the Bill states, apply the proceeds of the sale "In or towards the enlargement, mainienance, and support of a Roman Catholic school or schools, and teacher's residence or residences in the town of Yass.'
7. Do you think that it would promote the interests of the church to sell the land; it could be sold advantageously for other purposes? Yes; I think so. It is in the principal street of Yass.
8. Therefore it would be a valuable business site? Yes; it is one of the most valuable sites in the fown,

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# STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL; 

TOGETHER WITH THE

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## Votes No. 32. Wednesmay, 25 Octomer, 1899.

7. Stanford Coal-mine Rallway Bili (Formal Motion) :-Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice,-
(1.) That the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Dight, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

## Votes No. 37. Ttiesday, 7 Noyemben, 1899.

3. Stanford Coat-mine Ratlitay Binil-Mr. Gillies, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedinga of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25 th October, 1899; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

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STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL.

## - REPORT.

The Select Commitree of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on 25 th October, 1899, the "Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill,"-beg to report to your Honorable House:-

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose evidence * See List, will be found appended hereto) and that, the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the Bill, in which it was deemed necessary to make certain amendments.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as amended by them.

J. GILLIES,<br>Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,
Legislative Assembly,
2nd November, 1899.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. 

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WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER,1S99. <br> Menbers Present:- <br> 

Mr. Gillies called to the Chair.
Entry from the Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee read by the Clerk.
Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce aame before the Committee.

Mr. Blackett, instructed by Mr. F. A. S. Bowden, appeared on behalf, of the Promoters of the Bill. Henry Trenchard called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Alfred Francis Hall, C.E., called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Henry Taylor, called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Charles Josiah Hebblewhite, called in, sworn, and esamined.
Witness withdrew.
Harold Francis Norrie, called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Ordered, That the Secretary for Railways be summoned to give evidence next Meeting,
[Adjourned till tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 2nd NOVEMIBER, 1899.
Members Present :-
Mr. Gillies in the Chair.

| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Meagher, |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mr. David Davis, | Mr. Wilks. |

Mr. Blackett, instructed by Mr. F. A. S. Bowden, appeared on behalf of the promoters of the Bill. Hugh McLachlan (Secretary to the Railway Commissioners) called in, sworn, and examined.
-1, Witness withdrew.
Henry Trenchard recalled and further examined.
Witness handed in a telegram from James Clift in favour of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill; also a letter from G. E. Earp, stating that the directors of the East Greta Coal-mining Company are in favour of Bill [Appendix A, B.]

Room cleared.
Preamble considered.
Question,-That this preamble stand part of the Bill,--put and passed.
Parties called in and informed.
Clause 1 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 2 read and agreed to.
Clause 3 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 4 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 5 read and agreed to.
Clause 6 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 7 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 8 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 9 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 10 read and agreed to.
Clause 11 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 12 read and agreed to.
Clause 13 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 14 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clauses 15 to 32 read and agreed to.
Clause 33 read, amended, , and agreed to.
Clause 34 read, amended,* ${ }^{*}$ and agreed to.
Clause 35 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 36 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 37 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 38 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 39 read and agreed to.
Clause 40 read, amended,* and agreed to.
Clause 41 read and agreed to.
New clause, to stand clause 39, read and agreed to.
New clause, to stand clause 40 , read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreed to.
Title read and agreed to.

- Chairman to report the Bill, with amendments, to the House.


## SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS.

Page 2, clause 1, line 33. After" Railways" insert " namoly four feet eight and a half inches"
Page 3, clause 1, line 12. Add at end of clause "The sad Railway shall be constructed in a proper and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction and the Railway Commissioners"
Page 3, clause 3, line 27. Before " Commissioners" insart "Railway"
Page 3, clause 3, line 28. Omit "for Railways"
Page 3, clause 3, line 38. Onit "thrce" insert "two"
Page 4, clause 4, lines 22 to 24. Omit "and for the conveyance of goods at a rate per ton notexceeding that charged by the Commissioners for Railways in respect of every ton of goods for every transit"
Page 4, clause 4, line 42. After "the "insert"Railray"
Page 4, clause 4, line 42. Omit "for Railways"
Page 5, clause 6, line 37. Add at end of clause," Provided always that any such works shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Commissioner for Roads, and all such diversions, alterations, and crossings, and the approaches thereto shall thereafter be maintained and repaired by the promoters at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the aaid Commissioner for Roads."
Page 5, clause 7, line 39. After "atoresaid" insert " or if they fail to maintain all auch diversions, alterations, crossings, and the approaches thereto"
Page 5, clause 7, line 42. After "interrupted" insert "or during which such diversions, alterations, crossings, or approaches, shall remain in a state of disrepair "
Page 5, clause 7, line 42. Onit "penalty," insert " penalties"
Page 5, clause 7, lines 42 to 44. Omit "trustecs, commissioners, surveyor, or other persons having the management of such road" insert "said Commissioner for Roads"
Page 6, clause 8, line 5. After "passengers" insert " goods"
Page 6, clause 8, line 10. After "passengers" insert "goods"
Page 6, clause 9, line 26. After"'road "insert" to the satisfaction of the said Commissioner for Roads"
Page 6, clause 9, lines 34 to 36 . Omit "surveyor or other person having the management of the road interfered with by the promoters" insert "said Commissioner for Roads"
Page 7, clause 11, line 10 . After "erect" insert "or construct"
Page 7, clause 11, line 10. After "maintain" insert" to the satisfaction of the said Commissioner for Roads cattle, stops or"
Page 8, clause 13, line 32. Afler "railroad" insert" Provided always that every such bridge shall be erected to the satisfaction of the said Commissioner and the said Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction."
Page 9, clause 14, line 4. Aftcr "railroad" insert" Provided always that every such bridge shall be crected to the satisfaction of the said Commissioner for Roads and the said Engineer-inChief for Railway Construction" "
Page 9, clause 14, lines 16 and 17. Onit " trustees or surveyors of such road" insert "said Commissioner for Roads"
Page 14, clause 33, lines 13 and 14. Omit "Public Works Act of 1888 , fifty-first Victoria number thirtyseven" insert "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act"
Page 14, clause 33, line 18. After "the "insert "Railway"
Page 14, clause 33, Jines 18 and 19. Omit "for Railways."
Page 14, clause 34, line 35. Omit "Attorney-General" insert "Executive Council and published in the Government Gazette,"
Page 14, clause 35, line 36. Omit "a printed or written copy of "
Page 14, clause 35, line 36. Before "by-laws" insert" Gazette containing such"
Page 14, clause 36, line 40. After "the" insert" Railway"
Page 14, clause 36, line 41. Omit "for Railways"
Page 14, clause 36, lines 42 to 44 . Omit "further or otherwise than is necessary for making the junction and intercommunication between any siding or sidings to be constructed by the promoters under the"
Page 15, clause 36, line 1. Omit "provisions of this Act and the Great Northern Railway"
Page 15, clause 36, line 2. After "the" insert "Railway"
Page 15, clause 36, line 3. Omit "for Railways"
Page 15, clause 37, line 4. After"said" insert" Railway"
Page 15, clause 38, line 12. Omit "Commissioners-for Railways" insert "Railway Commissioners and such sum may be charged to the promoters as the said Commissioners may deem roasonable for such services"
Page 15. Insert the following new clause to stand as clause 39 :-
39. The said Commissioners may from time to time appoint any person to be inspector, for the kailway com purpose of inspecting the railway and of making any inquiry with respect to the condition of the works missioners may or into the cause of any accident, provided that no person so appointed shall exercise any powers of inspectors, interference in the affairs of the promoters, and every inspector under this Act shall, for the purpose of nny inspection or inquiry which he is directed by the Railway Commissioners to make or conduct, have the following powers, that is to say,-
(1) He may onter and inspect the railway and all the stations, works, buildings, offices, stock, plant, and machinery belonging thereto.
(iI) He may by summons under his hand require the attendance of any person who is engaged in the management, service or employment of the promoters, and whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for the said purpose, and may require answers or returns to such inquiries for the said purpose as he thinks fit to make.
(III) He may require and enforce the production of all books, papers, and documents of the promoters, which he considere important for the said purpose.
(IV)
(Iv) If after any such inspection the Railway Commissioners deem the railway to be unsafe for the carriage of passengers, they may by notice in writing require the promoters to desist from carrying passengers until any repairs or alterations mentioned in the notice are effected, and thereupon, and until the requirements of such notice have been complied with, it shall not be Jawful for the promoters to carry any passengers upon the said railway.
Where, in or about the railway, or any of the works or buildings connected with such railway, or any buildings comnected with such railway or any building or place, whether open or enclosed, occupied by the promoters, any of the following accidents talie place in the course of working, that is to say,-一
(r) Any accident attended with loss of life or personal injury to any person whomsoever.
(iI) Auy collision where one of the trains is a passenger train.
(uII) Any passenger train, or any part of a passengor train accidentally leaving the rails.
(vi) Any accident of a kind not comprised in the foregoing deseriptions, but which is of such a kind as to have caused, or be likely to cause, loss of life or personal injury, and which may be specified in that behalf by any order to be made from time to time by the Railway Commissioners.
Tho promoters shall send notice of such accident, and of the loss of life or personal injury (if any) occasioned thereby, to the Railway Commissioners.

Such notice shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as the Railway Commissioners may from time to time direct, and shall be sent by the earliest practicable post after the accident takes place.

The Railway Commissioners may from time to tinc, by order, direct that notice of any class of accidents shall be sent to them by telegraph, and may revoke any such order. While such order is in force, notice of every accident of the class to which the order relates shall be sent to the Railway Commissioners by telegraph immediately after the accident takes place. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall render the promoters liable, for each offence, to a penalty not exceeding £20. Page 15. Insert the following new clause to stand as clause $40:-$
Pou'er to assign.
40. It shall be lawful for the promoters at any time, by any deed or instrument in writing, to assign and transfer all the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and advantages conferred upon them by this Act to any person or persons or to any duly registored company, and upon any such transfer or assignment being signed or executed, the person or persons or duly registered company in whose favour such transfer or assignment is made shall then stand in the place of the said promoters, and shall have all the rights, powers, benefits, privileges, and advantages conferred upon the said promoters by this Act. Page 15, clause 40 42, line 23. Before" John" insert "Henry"
Page 15, clause 40 42, line 24. After " the "insert "survivors and"
Page 15, clause 40 42, line 25. After " or " second occurring insert "their or"

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TAKEA BEVORE
THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

## STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL.

WEDNESDAY, I NOVEDABER, 1899.

## 猚resent:-

| Mr. BENNETT, | Mr. MEAGHER, |
| :--- | :---: |
| Mr. GORMLI, | Mr. WILKS. |
| JOFN GILLTES, Esq., IN THe Ohair. |  |

Mr. Blackett, instructed by Mr. F. A. S. Bowden, appeared for the promoters of the Bill.

Henry Trenchard, colliery proprietor, sworn and examined :-

1. Mrr. Blackelt.] You are a colliery proprietor residing at Sydney? Yes.
2. Aro you with Mr. Henry John Adams and Mr. Samuel Clift owners of certain Jands in the parishes of

Stanford and Greta? Yes.
3. I think you have freehold lands as well as leasehold lauds? We have frechold lands, private leasehold lands, and mineral leaschold lands.
4. As regards the Govermment leases, are you subject to the payment of a rogalty to the Crown? Fes; to a royalty of Gd. a ton.
5. Have you done anything in regard to opening coal-mines on this land? We have opened the land in four different places.
6. Hare you any way of getting the coal to market except by mens of the railway which you desire to construct? No; we have no other means.
7 . Is this a new coal-field? Yes; it is an extension of the East Greta. The nearest workings are at East Greta, 6t miles away.
8. Is it likely to be a large coal-field? It is likely to be a very extensive coal-field.
9. Do you and Mr. Adams and Mr. Clift desire to construct a railway from these conl-mines? Yes; to connect with the East Greta line.
10. Was the East Greta line constructed under the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Acts of 1989 and 1892 ? Yes.
11. Does it comect with the Great Northern Railway? Yes ; at a point nearly a mile from West Maitland Station,
12. How far from the line are your collieries? Six and a half miles; it commences at about 3 miles and tuns on to about $6 \frac{1}{2}$ miles.
H. Trenchard. 13. If this railway is constructed, do you expect that there will be a large trafic over it? Yes, considerable. $\overbrace{\text { 14. Will it be necessary, for the purposes of that large traffic, to have sidings connecting with the Great }}$ 1 Nor., 1899. Northern Railway? Yes, decidedly.
15. That is, in addition to the sidings already constructed by the East Greta Co.? Yes. I may state that these sidings have the special recommendation of Mr. Kitchen, the District Superintendent of Railways.
16. Is the land over which this railway would pass the property of the Cromn, certain corporations, and private owners? Yes.
17. Are these persons named in the schedule to the Bill? Tes.
18. Do you produce a plan of the railway as it has been surveyed? Yes.
19. And this plan shows your lands? Yes; it shows the freehold which is the square block; threo pieces of private leasehold, and the pieces of Government leasehold.
20. How far is the terminus trom your leasehold land? It is almost touching our leasebold land.
21. As it goes across these Government lands, and the lands of private owners, you are unable to construct the railway without legislative authority? So I understand.
22. Are there many persons living about the neighbourhood shown there? Not in the immediate neighbourhood; but beyond there are a good many people.
23. Where principally? At a township called Cessnook, and right up to the Wollombi.
24. Would these persons be advantaged by the construction of this line? Fes, ultimately.
25. Do the persons living in the district use the East Greta railway? No; because the end of the East Greta railway is only $2 \frac{2}{3}$ miles from Maitland.
26. Still it will be a benefit to these persons that your railway should be constructed? Certainly.
27. You are mable to work your coal-mincs unless thero is a railway? It would be quite useless to do so.
28. If you are able to work them there will be a large royalty to the Government? Yes.
29. What other public benefit will there be? A large increased traffic to the Great Northern Railway, and it will open up a large area of Government land.
30. Will it promote any settlement, or draw any population to this particular part? Considerable when the pit is at work. We anticipate that in a very short time we should have 300 or 400 men at work.
31. Your Bill prorides for tho carriage of coal, goods, and live stock of other persons, and also for the carriage of passengers? Yos.
32. Would the opening of your mines give an increased supply of coal for steam and other purposes? Yes; and increased employment.
33. You are prepared, and offer by the Bill, to compensate any persons through whose land your railvay will pass? Yes.
34. ls this Bill substantially the same ns the Act under which the East Greta Railway was constructed? Substantially it is the same.
35. Are the ratos for the carringe of goods and coal of other persons the same as those fixed in the East Greta Company's Act? Identical.
36. Has the Bill in its present form been submitted to the Commissioners for Railways? Yes.
37. Has it also been submitted to the Roads Department? Yes.
38. Have the officers of those Departments made suggestions to fou in reference to the Bill? Yes.
39. Mr. Wilks.] Are the suggestions embodied in the Bill? All the suggestions which have been made we are embodying in the Bill. I have been in consultation with the Roads Department and the Railway Department for the last day or two, and we have adopted their suggestions.
40. The alterations you will be asked to make in the Jiill are renlly alterations suggested by those Depart. ments? Yes.
41. Mr. Blackett.] The printed Bill does not contain these suggestions? No.
42. In your own copy of tho Bill you have written down the suggestions as additions to be made? Yes; we will incorporate them in the Bill.

## Alfred Francis Hall, civil engineer and licensed surveyor, sworn and examined :-

A. F. Hall. 43. Mr. Blackett.] What are you by profession? I am a civil engineer and licensed surveyor.
$\overbrace{\text { Nov., 1899. }}^{\text {44. Have you lately, under instructions from Messrs. Clift, Adams, and Trenchard, made a survey of a }}$ 1 Nov., 1899. proposed railway line? I have.
45. Is this [pointing to EExhibit] your plan? It is.
46. This is a plan of a railway starting from the land of these gentlemen to the East Greta line? Yes; it shows tho lands through which the line goes when permanently stated.
47. Is that in accordance with the road described in the Schedule to the Bill? This is exactly in accord. ance with the description in the Schedule.
48. Does that railway; as you surveyed it, interfere with any houses, or gardens, or cultivation lands? No, it does not.
49. In making the survey, have you endeavoured to take as little land as possible for the purpose? Yes. 50. And also to do as little damage as possible? Yes.
51. In the course of your survey, did you have any objection to any person in regard to this line? No.
52. Have you made proper provision for crossing the roads? Yes. There are only two roads, of which one will be a subway and the other a level crossing. One is a Government road, and the other is a private road. The Government road is unformed, with a dead end immediately across the line. It certainly runs into Crown lands, but it is never used, as far as $I$ can see. There is no evidence of any traffic on it. I propose to cross that road with a level crossing. The private road up in the East Greta Coal Company's land will be a subway.
53. You are conversant with this district, I supposo? Yes.
54. With regard to these coal-mines that are now to be opened, do you think they will cause a large traffic on that line? They should, undoubtedly.
65. For the purposes of that traffic will any sidings be necessary at the junction of the East Greta line and the Great Northern line? Yes; it will be necessary to have sidings there, not necessarily jsolated from the East Greta line; but they should be loops of the East Greta sidings. They could not interfere with the Great Northern line in any way.
56. Nor with the East Greta line? No.
57. In your opinion will the construction of this railway cause any increase of traffic on the Great A. F. Hall. Northern line? It certainly should. If the mine goes ahead it must have a very great effect on the traffic.

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58. Have you planned the railway in accordance with the regulations as to Government railways? I have. 59. Is it planned with the same width of gauge- $4 \mathrm{ft} .8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in} . ?$ Yes.
60. Will it be capable, according to your plans, of carrying Government rolling-stock? I propose to make it equal to the Government standard.

Henry Taylor, teamster and farmer, sworn and examined :-
61. Mr. Blackett.] What are you? I am a teamster and a farmer, residing at Buchanan.
62. How far is that place from the terminus of the proposed railway? About 2 miles.
63. Is it a district which produces much timber? Yes.
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64. I think you are employed in the timber business? I am.
65. Would the wants of that district in regard to its production of timber be served by the construction of this line to the East Greta railway? To a large extent, I think.
66. Would the railway otherwise be a benefit to the residents about there? Fes.
67. How far is Cessnook from the terminus of the railway? I should think about 8 miles.
68. How do the people of Cessnook get their supplies and send out their goods? By road to West Maitland.
69. If this railway is constructed, would they be able to take advantage of the line for the carriage of their produce? Yes; they could cut a corner off and save a long journey. It is a flat country. There is a bush road across, too.
70. In your opinion would the construction of this railway lead to the development and advancement of that district? I am sure it would. I can speak from experience of East Greta.
71. From your experience of the. residents of that district, do they desire that this railway should be constructed ? Yes; they are very anxious for it to be constructed. I am positive of that.

Charles Josiah Hebblewhite sworn and examined :-
72. Mr. Blackett.] What are you? I am manager for Hebblewhite \& Co. of Sydney.
73. Where is their property situated? The coal property is in the parish of Stanford.
74. Do you know the railway which it is proposed to construct to the Heddon and Stanford Collieries? Yes.
75. How far is Hebblewhite \& Co's. property from that pit? About half a mile. It is situated immediately west of the property of the promoters of this Bill.
76. Are you pretty familiar with that district? Yes, for about twelve months I was testing the property, which is now under discussion, for coal, so that I am intimately acquainted with the country.
77. Are you satisfied that there is a large seam there? 1 know there is, I know there are two large seams on our own property. At a depth of 66 feet we got 15 foet of coal, and further on on that property we discovered bolow it another seam of 12 feet, вo that there is really two splendid working seams there.
78. You think it will be a permanent field? I am certain of it.
79. Will that field be served by the railway now proposed to be constructed ? Fes; the direction in which they intend to take that railway is the direction in which 1 suggested that the Silkstone railway should be taken. Instead of going further north it should have gone round there, because it really follows the outcrop right round.
80. Have you any personal interest in the passing of this Bill? No, except whatever good there may be derived from the railway going in the direction of this property of ours.
81. In your opinion, will your property be advantaged by the construction of the railway? I am certain that it will. I know that in 1890 wo had an offer by an English Company of $£ 40,000$ to take up that property of ours, contingent on the Silkstone railway being completed. That railway was not completed and the offer fell in. In fact I went to England about the same offer.

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㴚resent:-

| Mr. WILKS, | Mr. BENNETT, |
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| Mr. MEAGHER, | Mr. D. DAVIS, |
| JOHN GILLIES, Esq., IN THE CHAIR. |  |

Mr. Blackett, instructed by Mr. F. A. S. Bowden, appeared for the promoters of the Bill.
Hugh McLachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, sworn and examined :-
82. Mr. Blackett.] Have you examined the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill, on behalf of the Railiway Commissioners? Yes.
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McLachlan.
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83. Have you suggested certain alterations, which are marked upon the copy which you hold? I have suggested a number of amendments. I may say that the promoters of the Bill called upon me to ascer- 2 Nov., 1899. tain if the Railway Commissioners were likely to require any amendments, and I indicated to them the amendments which the Commissioners should like to have made. If you will allow me, I will briefly indicate what those amendments are. Clause 3 is a clause which used not to appear in Bills of this character, but of late years we have suggested that provisions of that kind should be embodicd. The question in regard to this particular clause is whether three years is not too long a period to allow the railway to cease to be used. I suggest that it would be better to make the period two years. Then 256-B
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clause 4 appears to me a little bit wide in its provision regarding the rates charged for the conveyance of goods, seeing that the persons whose goods are carried will supply their own trucks. I believe, however, that the promoters of the Bill are willing to transfer this provision to clause 8, which allows the Executive Council, if petitioned by any person, to consider whether the rates charged are excessive, and, if they find them to be excessive, to reduce them, and I think that that will practically meet the case. Although clause 8 provides for the infliction of penalties, clanse 34 enacts that such penalties must first be approved by the Executive Council. Clause 36 allows the promoters of the Bill to enter upon land belonging to the Railway Commissioners, when and where such entry is necessary for the making of the junction and intercommunication with the Great Northern Railway; but I have suggested the elimination of that provision, so that the consent of the Railway Commissioners shall be required before any entry is made upon their land, or any action taken which will affect their lines. With regard to the working of the junction, and the appointment of men, I have suggested that that should be at the expense of the promoters, if it is consjdered reasonable, and I understand that provision is being made for that. Subject to the amendments which I have indicated being made, the Commissioners have no objection to offer to the Bill. I understand, however, that the promoters desire to undertake the carrying of passengers. Now, where a private railway carries passengers, the Railway Commissioners feel a certain amount of responsibility for their safety, and it is provided in several of the Railway Acts which have been passedthe Deepwater Railway Act, the Illawarra Farbour Railway Act, the Simpson's Railway Act, and othersthat the Commissioners shall have power to inspect the line. I would suggest, thorefore, that the Commissioners should be given the same power in connection with this line.
84. Would you approve of the addition of the following prorision :-

If, after any such inspection, the Railway Commissioners deem the railway to be unsafe for the carringe of passengers, they may, by notice in writing, require the promoters to desist from carrying passengers until any repairs or alterations mentioned in the notice are effected, and thereupon, and until the requirements of such notice have been complied with, it shall not be lawful for the promoters to carry any passengers upon the said railway.
? I think that would be a wise provision to make, and in the public interest.
85. I understand that the substance of that clause was your suggestion? I recollect suggesting in connection with one of these measures that the promoters should be required to make good any defect pointed out to them, and that if they continued to use the line after those defects had been pointed out, and without remedying them, they should be liable to a penalty of $£ 20$ per day; but I think the clause which you have read will meet the case.
86. The effect of the amendment which you have suggested in-regard to the conveyance of goods will be to make the rates chargeable subject to reduction by the Executive Council? Yes, if they are considered excessive.
87. Are all the amendments which you have suggested in the interest of the Railway Commissioners and of the general public? They are amendments in the direction of protecting the interest of the general public. They are matters which the Railway Commissioners think should be provided for in the public interest.
88. Do they all impose stricter conditions upon the promoters of a railway? Yes.
89. Are the amendments which you have suggested in this Bill contained in the earlier Railway Act? Many of them are. They practically bring the Bill up to what we consider the best model. A point which I hare not considered is the question of how the proposed railway will affect public roads or land required. That question the Railway Commissioners generally leave to the Public Roads Department, - and to the Railway Construction Department.
90. If the proposed railway is constructed, will it increase the traffic of the Great Northern Railway? It ought to do so. It ought to develop the district.
91. Chairman.] You think that the interests of the public are entirely safeguarded by this Bill? I do.

## Harold Francis Norrie, Clerk-in-charge of Bonds and Contracts, Public Works Department, sworn

 and examined :-H. F. Norrie. 92. MIr. Blackett.] What are you? I am Clerk-in-charge of Bonds and Contracts in the Public Works $\overbrace{-}$ Department.
2 Nov., 1899. 98. Have you scen Mr. Trenchard with regard to the Bill for the construction of a railway to the Heddon and Stanford Colliery? I have.
94. Have you been through the Bill on behalf of the Department? I have.
95. Have you carefully considered any clauses which affect your Department? I have.

96 . Have you made certain suggestions as to additions which you would desire to have made in the Bill? Yes.
97. Will you look at this copy of the Bill and eay whether the suggestions you made are marked in the margin in red ink? Yes. I notice in the copy I have that in clause 9, line 36, the words "if a public road" have been ruled out in error; they should stand in the clause.
98. Do you know the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act? I cannot say that I do.
99. Did you compare that Act with this Bill at the time you made these suggestions? No.
100. Mr. Bennett. I I suppose you consider that the rights of the Roads Department have been properly conserved by you in these alterations which jou suggest? I think so. I have gone through the Bill very carefully. There is, possibly, one addition which might be made in clause 3. It says :-

The promoters shall, before the commencement of any such operations, cause a sufficient road to be made instead of any road interfered with, and shall, at their own expense, maintain such substituted road in a state as convenient as the road interfered with, or as nearly as may be.
I think this work should be done to the satisfaction of the Commissioner for Roads.
101. MIr. Wilks.] You wish to have an amendment to that effect inserted? That is a matter for the Committee. We are not very keen on it.
102. Mr. Meagher.] Practically that bas been inserted in clause 7? Yes. I could not suggest any other alterations. I went through these additions with the Commissioner for Roads, who was satisfied. anmannmer 103. Mr. Wilks.] Do I understand that you wish the words struck out in lines 35 and 36 of clause 91 to stand? No, ouly the words "if a public road," which were ruled out in error. We are only interested in public roads, and we would be only entitled under the Bill to the penalty so far as the public roads are affected.
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104. Does the construction of bridges come under your cognisance? Roads and bridges. Clauses 13 H. F. Norrie. and 14 provides for a bridge over the road and one under the road.
105. As to the matter of working the signals, I take it that the promoters of the Bill are agreeable to 2 Nor., 1899. these alterations being made? With that I have nothing to do-t hat concerns the Railway Department. 106. Mr. Blackett.] In clause 11, line 2, you suggest the insertion of the words "cattle stops or";-is that a usual method of protecting the road where the railway crosses it? I have not any personal knowledge of it, but I understand it is a practice which has been adopted for some time past by the Department on light lines.
107. As far as you know, has the practice been found sufficient? I could not give you any information on that head.
108. At any rate, it has been adopted by the Railway Commissioners, and without objection by your Department? l' do not know about the Railway Commissioners; we construct the line, and then hand it over to the Commissioners, and we have adopted it, and, as far as I know, the practice is still existing.

Henry Trenchard, Esq., colliery proprietor, recalled, and further examined:-
109. Mr. Blackett.] With regard to the owners of the land through which the line will pass-Messrs. H.Trenchard. Hickey, Callaghan, and Nines-have you seen any of them in connection with this matter? Not recently, though I have seen them on former occasions. I know the district well, and I have lived there for many 2 Nov., 1809. years. Not only are the people through whose land the line will pass anxious for its construction, but the whole neighbourhood wish to see it carried out. I have never heard an objection to it.
110. Mr. Wilkes.] Have these property-owners signified to you their willingness that you should go through their land? No ; because, so far as Messes. Hickey and Callaghan are concerned, it is only because we have to make a detour to avoid a hill that we have gone upon their land. We only touch the very edge of their property, and that at a place where it is hilly. The land at the lower end is swampy, and is under cultivation, but we do not go through that. I know from others that Mr. Nines is most anxious that the railway should be made. All these people have coal in their land, and the construction of a railway will largely increase its value.
111. Mr. Bennett.] None of them have raised any objection to its construction? No; I have always heard that all the people there are most anxious that it should be constructed.
112. Mr. Blackett.] Did not Messes. Johnson, Callaghan, and Hickey give their consent to the construetron of the Silkstone line? Messes. Johnson and Cliff did. That line was not going into the property of Messes. Hickey and Callaghan. I know, as a matter of fact, that Mr. Joseph Clift promised to give the promoters of the Silkstone railway what land of his they required for nothing.
113. Mr. D. Davis.] And has any one offered any protest against the construction of this line? No one at all. We have never heard that any one objects to the making of the line. Its construction will be to the advantage of the whole district, and all the people there desire to see it made.

## APPENDIX.

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A.

Telegram from Jas. Clift to Juno. Gillies, Esq., M.P., Chairman, Stanford Select Committee, Parliament House. Am in favour of Stanford Railway ; have no objection to it passing through my property.

JAS. CLINT.

## B.

Gentlemen,
Sydney, 1 November, 1899.
I beg to inform you that the local directors of the East Greta Coal-mining Company, Limited, are aware that you are applying to Parliament for a Bill to enable them to construct a railway from the Stanford Greta Colliery to connect with the East Greta Company's line, portion whereof passes over the East Greta Company's land. On behalf of the directors, I have to state that no objection is offered on behalf of my company.

Yours, \&c., G. R. ROUP,
Messes: S. Clift, H. J. Adams, and Henry Trenchard.
Director.

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[^0]:    JAMES GORMLIY,
    Chairman.

[^1]:    Legislative Assembly, 19th October, 1899

[^2]:    Legislative Assembly, 26 th October, 1899.
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[^3]:    * All these refunds were made in 1883.

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[^7]:    LIST OF PLACES WHERE POSTMASTERS ACT AS CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS．$a$
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    a．These officers are paid salary by the Postal Department，and receive uo additionai remuncration for performing duty as Clerks of Petty Sessions．

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[^10]:    Sydney: Willinm Apptcgate Gullick, Gavernment Printer.-1899.

[^11]:    Mtcmorandum in regard to the request made by the deputation to the Honorable the Premier respecting Civil Servants who elected to retire from the Superannuation Ifund.
    There will be no need to alter the provisions of the Act to accomplish the views of the deputation, as the Right Honorable the Premier has arranged with the Pablic Seryice Board to continue to pay rofunds to all persons voluntarily retiring from the Servico, but in order to comply with the decision of the Court the future practice will be for all resignations to take the form of applications to be allowed to retire without a gratuity, these applientions will be recommended by the Board in the usual way. This will necessitate the retention of the words "not excceding" in section 60 , otherwise the State would be compelled to pay a gratuity of it month's pay for each year of service to officers quitting the Service on their own motion. The Board, however, will, as heretofore, recommend the maximum gratuity to all persons whose retirement is brought about by the action of the Board or of the Government. In no case has the Board awarded less than the maximum unless there have been substantial reasons for their so doing, and there can be no possible reason why this practice should be departed from.

[^12]:    The Tender Board is to consist of officers of the public service, who are to be paid for their attendance at lloard meetings.

    The 'l'ender Board is to be the sole authority to procure all stores and other materials and requisites for the Public Service, tenders for the supply of which are to be invited annually by advertisement in the Government Gnzette and other newspapers.

    Preference to be given to articles manufactured in Her Majesty's gaols; the most adrantageous tenders in the interests of the service (not necessarily the lowest) to be recommended ; the specifying of any particular brand of article not to debar the tenderer from supplying similar article of New South Wales manufacture if of equal quality; and, other things being equal, articles of local production will generally be preferred; any New South Wales manutactarer at liberty to tender separately for supply of his own productions.

    The Board has the right to disqualify any tendercr, who, however, has a right of appeal; may employ experts to report upon any matter of sapplies; the Board, or officor appointed by it, may inspect any books, accounts, stores, \&c., held by any officer, also examine any contracts, documents, relating to same; may call for any returns or information necessary, or cxamiue any person in connection with the same; may articles under contract, or upon any matter generally in connection with supplies, stores, \&c. Any officer guilty of negligence, carelessness, or extravagance is to be reported to the Public Service Bonrd. Opinions of permanent heads are to be obtained in regard to certain supplics, such as medicine, uniforms, \&c. The Board may issue regulations and instructions; and shall present a report of its operations every year to the Colonial Trcasurer, and to the Public Service Board.

    A general stock-taking is to be held annually by each Department.

[^13]:     (d) And sllowances, valued at fiz. (e) And ailowancers, valued at $£ 26$. ( $f$ ) And allownaces,

[^14]:    (a) And quarters valued at 27 . (b) leceives a special allowance of e20 per annura.
    (c) Also recelves £24 per annum as cleaner in the office of Dircetor of hotanic Gardens.
    $*$ Police Oftiver. $\quad+$ Retrenched officer-re-appointed under section 72.

[^15]:    *The refundg in these casos were authorised in consequence of the opinion given by the Attornry-General in rogard to the position of offcers of the Slock Brasel.

[^16]:    Technical College,
    Sydney, 31st December, 1898.

[^17]:    Approved.-E.W.O'S., 26/10/99. Sec. P.S.B. R.H., 26 Oct., 99, Under Secretary Public Works and Commissioner for Roads.

[^18]:    Robert Rowan Purdon Hickson, Esq., sworn and examined:-
    R. R. P. 34. Chairman.] You are Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads? Yes.

    Hickson. 35. Do you know anything of the dismissal of Thomas Buckjey from the Roads Department in the year 1858? No, nothing personally. He was dismissed before I was made Commissioner for Roads.
    36. You know he was dismissed? Yes.
    37. Have you any idea why he was dismissed? This is the only paper that I have bearing on it. It is a minute from Mr. Wells, who was then Assistant Engineer for Roads. It is dated June 4th, 1889 :-
    T. Buckley, a day labourer, was, unwiscly, considering his provious character, advanced 7 s . a day in his wages to keep record of the time of men working with him. Mr. Dysou, Road Superintendent, directed him once or twice to make such return in writing. He never would or could do it. Mr. Dyson at last made out from his verbal return a

