

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1888.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fourteenth day of September, 1888.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT,
“ to wit,) BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable
“ (L.S.)) Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order
“ CARRINGTON, of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-
“ Governor. Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of September instant: Now, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October now next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-third day of October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the city of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and in the fifty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ”

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

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

For the Electoral District of Redfern, in room of James Squire Farnell, Esquire, deceased.

For the Electoral District of Gunnedah, in room of Thomas Henry Hall Goodwin, Esquire, resigned.

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

James Peter Howe, Esquire, to serve as a Member for Redfern.

Edwin Woodward Turner, Esquire, to serve as Member for Gunnedah.

3. ELECTORATE OF EAST MAITLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess he had received from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary a letter enclosing a copy of the Supplementary *Government Gazette* notifying that James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire, had accepted the position of Secretary for Lands; that thereupon, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Bruncker; and that such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of East Maitland.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered the following Message:—
 “MR. SPEAKER,—
 “It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”
 The House went; and being returned,—
5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members, having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—
 James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire, for East Maitland;
 Edwin Woodward Turner, Esquire, for Gunnedah.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at sixteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN COURTS OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the Clerk had received subpoenas to appear—
 (1.) At the Supreme Court, Sydney, to produce “the Assembly Roll, showing the List of Members and their respective signatures thereto, and also the places which they represent”—in the case *Haynes v. Fletcher*;
 (2.) At the Supreme Court, Sydney, to produce “the Report from Select Committee, dated 28th January, 1886, on ‘Privilege—Mr. Melville, M.P.’”—in the case *Melville v. Willis*;—
 And that he had authorized the Clerk to attend and produce the said documents.
7. ORDINANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840*,”—which was read a first time *pro formâ*.
8. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

I have called you together, after an unusually short recess, in order that provision may be made for the Public Service, and the financial business, which is urgent, may be dealt with before the end of the year. By this being done, the obligations of the Constitution in these respects will be met, and the way prepared for the consideration of the important measures of legislation waiting to be submitted, which it is probable may be reached for effective treatment at an earlier period than otherwise would be found practicable.

2. If the business for which the Session is specially called at this period can be disposed of so as to permit of the introduction of other measures, you will be invited to deal with Bills to carry out several objects of much interest, though not of the first importance.

3. It has now been satisfactorily proved that the work of irrigation may be successfully applied to unproductive lands, so as to effect their fertilization, and render them capable of remunerative cultivation. Bills will be introduced to provide for carrying out the most improved means of irrigation, and also to promote the conservation of water, especially in the more arid parts of the Colony.

4. You will be invited to make provision for the establishment of an Agricultural College, and of experimental farms in connection therewith.

5. In view of the continuous destruction of our timber trees, you will be asked to approve of the planting of new forests in suitable localities, and under conditions ensuring their protection.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be laid before you almost immediately, and the Treasurer will make his annual statement, explanatory of the state of the public finances, before the close of the present month. It affords me much gratification to be able to announce to you that there is a marked improvement in the public revenue.

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

7. You will be asked to consider proposals for a number of important improvements in connection with the water supply, drainage, and harbour accommodation of the Colony, which have been examined and investigated by the “Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works”; and I have every confidence that you will bestow upon the several proposals for new expenditure that careful attention which keeps in view equally the public welfare and the wisdom of sound economy. The new Authority created by the Act of last Session for conducting investigations in respect to the expediency and productive character of all projected public works in the future appears to have worked in a manner highly satisfactory.

8. On an early day Resolutions will be submitted in favour of the extension of new lines of railway with a view of giving the advantages of easy transit to districts which hitherto have not enjoyed their full share of the benefits of railway communication.

9. Though it is not intended to enter upon the discussion of any large measure during the present Session, it is believed that it will be in accordance with your wishes to lay before you the Bills for reforming the Electoral system, establishing local self-government, and for dealing with other urgent questions, which it is confidently hoped may be passed into law early next year.

10. I now leave you to your legislative duties, with the fervent prayer that the Almighty may at all times direct your patriotic efforts to the preservation of the honour of the country and the happiness of the people.

Mr. Turner then moved, and Mr. Nobbs seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Black, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

2. The measures to be submitted to us for making proper provision for the Public Service will receive the most anxious consideration at our hands.

3. The proposals for new lines of railway and for carrying out other public works will be considered, with a sincere desire to devote our labours to the promotion of the public welfare.

4. We shall be glad to assist in maturing any measures that may be introduced for advancing works for irrigation, water conservation, and other kindred objects.

5. We join with your Excellency in the hope that our labours may tend to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Mr. Turner then moved, and Mr. Nobbs seconded the motion, That the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

9. MEMBER SWORN:—James Peter Howe, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Redfern.
10. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate on the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry No. 9,—resumed.
Question,—That the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,—put and passed.
Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at a quarter before Four o'clock to-morrow.
11. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from William Thomas Poole, James Angus, and John William Cliff, of Sydney, representing that the Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves in warehouses and other buildings for electric lighting and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes in the city of Sydney and its suburbs,*"—which was read a first time.
(3.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a second time.
(4.) Ordered, that the committal of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 6th November.
12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
Reports, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on
(1.) Harbour Improvements at Newcastle.
(2.) Drainage Works, North Shore.
(3.) Drainage Works, Manly.
(4.) New Central Police Court.
(5.) Improvements to Circular Quay.
(6.) Storage Reservoir at Potts' Hill and second line of Pipes to Crown-street.
Also, the Minutes of Evidence and Appendix relating to proposed improvements and additions to the wharfage accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay.
Ordered to be printed.

13. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Charles Frederick Stokes, of Sydney, merchant, representing that the Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company's Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Garrett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the High-pressure Hydraulic System for use on wharves in warehouses and other buildings for electric lighting and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes in the city of Sydney and its suburbs,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at a quarter past Three o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at a quarter past Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1888.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I receive with much gratification your Address, and the renewed assurance of your attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I fully rely on your patriotism and wisdom in the consideration of the important measures to be submitted to you, and I earnestly hope that your labours may be directed to the benefit and honor of the country.

Government House,
24th October, 1888.

CARRINGTON.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government arrived at a decision in regard to the proposed line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The surveys of the suggested routes to connect Inverell with the Great Northern Railway are still in progress, and a final decision cannot be arrived at until the plans have been completed.

(2.) Prospecting for Gold and other Minerals:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How much of the 1887 Prospecting Vote (£15,000) had been disposed of when the 1888 Vote (£20,000) was passed?

(2.) Has the whole of the 1887 Vote now been disposed of; if not, how much of it is still available?

(3.) How much of the 1888 Vote has been disposed of, specifying the amount granted for each mineral or metal?

(4.) How many applications for assistance have been dealt with by the Prospecting Board?

(5.) How many applications are pending?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) £14,701 2s. 6d.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) £7,598 5s., viz.:—Gold, £6,547 5s.; gold and antimony, £479; gold and copper, £70; silver, £252; copper, £150.

(4.) 112.

(5.) 328.

(3.) Maloga Mission Station:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he inquire into the necessity of the appointment of a medical officer to make periodical visits, and prescribe for the sick aboriginals at the Maloga Mission Station?

(2.) Will he appoint some gentleman, resident at Moama, as Protector to the aboriginals, whose duty it would be to inquire into the wants of the aboriginals at Maloga Station, and report to the Government accordingly?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Maloga Mission Station is under the control of the Aborigines Protection Association, who consider the appointment of a medical officer unnecessary. The Association subscribe to the Echuca and Sandhurst Hospitals, to either of which aborigines suffering from any serious complaint are sent, all ordinary cases of sickness being prescribed for by the Manager of the Station, who is kept supplied with an ample stock of medicines, under the direction of Doctors Danne and Singleton. These gentlemen have already visited the Station and reported on the health of the residents, &c., and will pay periodical visits, furnishing full reports as to sanitary conditions and requirements of the Station.

(2.) There does not exist the necessity for the appointment of a Protector to the aboriginals. A secular Manager and Overseer are both resident on the Station, and periodical visits are paid by members of the Association. An officer, whose duty it is to visit and report on the requirements of the Stations generally, is now at Maloga, and will continue systematic visitations.

(4.) Ammunition Factory :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that Captain Whitney has definitely declined to establish an ammunition factory on the Border, and intends to establish one on the Saltwater River, near Melbourne?

(2.) Will he communicate with the Premiers of South Australia and Queensland, inviting their co-operation in establishing an ammunition factory on the Border?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Of course I am aware that it is intended, so far as I can learn, to establish this ammunition manufactory on the Salt Water River, Melbourne; but I really do not see what I can possibly have to do with that. In regard to making any communication to the Governments of the other Colonies, I have already more than once informed the Government of Victoria that we should be prepared to invite Parliament to co-operate in subsidizing a factory of this kind if it were established in a situation where it would be of a strictly federal character.

(5.) Government Assistance to Sufferers by Fires :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government donated a sum of money to aid the Chinese who were recently burned out on the Botany Road?

(2.) Is he aware that a number of Europeans also suffered through a conflagration at Potts' Hill?

(3.) Will he inform the House why a donation was not made to the Europeans at Potts' Hill as well as to the Chinese on the Botany Road?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A sum of money (£100) was distributed amongst these Chinese, many of whom, by the fire in question, were rendered so destitute that it was understood they had not a single penny in their possession. It was thought justifiable under all the circumstances, and especially in respect to the sufferers being Chinese. The other case has not come under my notice. No application has been made, and I do not think any application of a similar character would be made by any body of Englishmen.

(6.) Mr. District Court Judge Backhouse :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Judge Backhouse been appointed Acting Supreme Court Judge for the Circuit Courts of Grafton and Armidale?

(2.) What special remuneration (if any) will Mr. Backhouse receive for the temporary service?

(3.) Is Mr. Backhouse the last-appointed and junior of the District Court Judges?

(4.) Why was Mr. Backhouse appointed over the heads of his seniors?

(5.) Will he, in terms of the District Courts Act, make further similar appointments, as required from the District Court Judges, in rotation of order and length of service?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This matter has not yet received my consideration.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) It is not considered advisable to make public any other reason why Mr. District Court Judge Backhouse was so appointed than that he was eminently qualified to fill the position.

(5.) The Minister of Justice does not make such appointments; he only recommends to the Governor and Executive Council. The terms of the District Courts' Acts do not provide that such appointments should be made in rotation of order and length of service, nor do I think it expedient to make any promise of the kind referred to.

(7.) Tolls on Ferries :—*Mr. Ewing*, for *Mr. Bowes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the promise made last Session to abolish the tolls on ferries, will he inform this House what action he has taken to have the tolls removed?

(2.) Is it true that tenders have again been called for leasing the ferries?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matter is under the consideration of the Government, but no tenders will be accepted until a decision has been arrived at on the whole question.

(8.) Cost of Maintenance of Military and Police, Newcastle District :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost of the maintenance of the special Military Force in the Newcastle District during the strike?

(2.) What is the cost of the special Police Force in the same district during the same period?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If the Honorable Member really desires to know the cost of these two Forces during the time they are in Newcastle he can have that information; but it will be very incomplete if it does not embrace a period which has not yet expired. What I wish to point out is, that both the Police Force and the Military are bodies who can only be of service by being removed to where their services are required, and the amount of cost in one particular place can have very little meaning in connection with the maintenance of the Force as a whole.

- (9.) Tenders for Public Works :—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Ryrie*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that very great expense and loss of time is experienced by the *bona fide* tenderer for public works, when the lowest tender is accepted, by the person so tendering refusing to sign the contract?
 - (2.) Will he give instructions to the local officers to demand a certain sum shall be deposited by each tenderer, the accepted one forfeiting his deposit should he refuse to sign the contract?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in many cases the lowest tenderer declines; but I have given directions that in future any contractor so declining is to be deemed ineligible to tender again. It is considered this will check the practice.
- (2.) With the precaution referred to, it is not considered necessary to insist on cash deposits in the case of contracts for small works, tenders for which are invited by local officers. It is the practice to insist upon deposits in the case of all tenders received by the Public Works Tender Board.

- (10.) Electoral Bill :—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Ryrie*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention, when introducing the Electoral Bill, to provide that all elections shall take place on the same day?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the preparation of any Electoral Bill there is a number of questions which will have to be considered, every one of which is capable of being viewed in several lights; and many of them appear to me of more importance than the one on which the Honorable Member requires information; but as the Honorable Member's question only asks me for information on this one point, I may state that I should not be in favour of all the elections being on one day.

3. PAPER.—*Mr. Sutherland* laid upon the Table,—Statement of the Commissioner for Railways upon relinquishing Office, October, 1888.
Ordered to be printed.

4. WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—

- (1.) *Mr. Gould* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of West Maitland, representing that the West Maitland Cattle Sale-yards Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

- (2.) *Mr. Gould* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon*,"—which was read a first time.

- (3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.

5. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL :—

- (1.) *Mr. Day* presented a Petition from *Clement Alban Benbow* and *Leslie Johnston*, both of Manly, representing that the North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—
Petition received.

- (2.) *Mr. Day* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater Broken Bay and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid*,"—which was read a first time.

- (3.) Bill, on motion of *Mr. Day*, read a second time.

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

- (5.) *Mr. Day* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be (in the original terms), "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater Broken Bay and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid*."

Question put and passed.

- (6.) Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater Broken Bay and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th October, 1888.

6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—

(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

(2.) Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That Ninian Melville, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Roberts,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Hutchison,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Day,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Gould,	

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Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Cameron and Mr. Melville respectively made their acknowledgments to the House.

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

Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "and Thursday," and the insertion in their place of the words "Thursday, and Friday."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Bowman,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Toohy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Frank Smith,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Street,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Dangar,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

8. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the bell be rung at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Question put and passed.

10. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, on Tuesday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and that on every alternate Tuesday General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.

Question put and passed.

11. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
12. **FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion,' or 'Order of the Day,'" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That, before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and, on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions" or "Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
(4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
(5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
Question put and passed.
13. **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as "Formal Business," shall again go through the Business Paper for the Day to permit Members, without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that Day; and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.
Question put and passed.
14. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
15. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
16. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
17. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House,—
(1.) Members Balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or, in his absence, the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
18. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee; and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
19. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, (*as amended by consent*), That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cameron, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Gould, Mr. Garrett, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Street, Mr. Want, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority

authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Spcaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garvan, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wise, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of 6th August, 1862.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Day, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Holborow, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed.

22. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.

Question put and passed.

23. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, "That" when the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.

Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That" in line 2, and the insertion in their place of the words "Strangers shall not at any time be ordered to withdraw from the House, unless a motion be first submitted for their withdrawal (to be put without Debate) and be carried."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Black,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Lee.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Moore.
Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

24. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—**
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce,*"—
 which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
25. **TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL:—**Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That this House will, on Tuesday, 6th November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Trade Marks Act of 1865," and to make more effective provision for the prevention of frauds with respect to trade marks.
 Question put and passed.
26. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—**Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Employers Liability Act of 1886."
 Question put and passed.
27. **FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS REGULATION BILL:—**Mr. Street moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That this House will, on Tuesday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of factories and workshops, and for the supervision of females, young persons, and children employed therein.
 Question put and passed.
28. **TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL:—***Mr. Carruthers*, for Mr. Frank Farnoll, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize the totalizator on public racecourses.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Inglis,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Byrie,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Gormly,	Dr. Ross.

And so it passed in the negative.

29. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—**Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—
 (1.) The names of the Honorable Members of both Houses forming the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works.
 (2.) The number of meetings held by such Committee.
 (3.) The attendance of each Member at such meetings.
 (4.) The subjects discussed and reported on by such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
30. **SUPPLY:—**Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Question put and passed.
31. **WAYS AND MEANS:—**Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Question put and passed.
32. **ELECTORATES OF THE GWYDIR AND INVERELL BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL:—***Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Moore, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the boundaries of the Electoral Districts of The Gwydir and Inverell.
 Question put and passed.
33. **SIDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Neild moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 6th November.
34. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1888.

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

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

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

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

“ Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire,	“ Alexander Kethel, Esquire,
“ Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, “ Esquire,	“ Alban Joseph Riley, Esquire,
“ William Hillier Holborow, Esquire,	“ Alexander Ryrie, Esquire, and “ Richard Windeyer Thompson, Esquire,

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

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,
“ this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
“ and eighty-eight.

“ JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
“ Speaker.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Stamp Duty on Transfer of Mineral Conditional Purchases to Wingello Coal-mining Company:—
Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the amount of stamp duty charged on the transfer of certain mineral conditional purchases, Land District of Berrima, from vendors, to the Wingello Coal-mining Company?
- (2.) What was the amount of consideration money mentioned in such transfers?
- (3.) What is the amount of stamp duty charged on the transfer by way of sale on a conditional purchase?
- (4.) Is the transfer of mineral lands generally from owners to companies floated subject to a like charge for stamp duty as is charged on sale and transfer of selections?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) There were nine transfers, and £1 stamp duty was paid on each.
- (2.) Ten shillings. A nominal consideration was stated therein, as a statutory declaration, was furnished by Mr. E. P. Simpson, solicitor, to the effect that the proper consideration was set out in an indenture of conveyance at Common Law from the vendors to the Company, upon which stamp duty to the amount of £322 has been paid.
- (3.) Half per cent. upon the consideration expressed.
- (4.) Yes.

(2.) Cancellation of Reserves:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many reserves of 160 acres and upwards have been cancelled from 1st June till 31st August?
- (2.) How many of such reserves have been made special areas?
- (3.) Has any portion of such areas been selected; and, if so, how much?
- (4.) How many special areas have been gazetted to be sold by auction during June, July, and August?
- (5.) Were such sold; and, if so, were the adjoining large landed proprietors the purchasers?

Mr.

- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Two hundred and twenty-three.
 - (2.) Twenty-nine.
 - (3.) Inquiry will immediately be made of the Local Land Agents, and the information, when obtained, will be supplied to the Honorable Member.
 - (4 and 5.) No land within a special area was submitted to auction during June, July, or August.
- (3.) Barratta Auction Leases:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Were the Barratta auction leases advertised for auction sale on the 21st August last and withdrawn previous to the date of sale?
 - (2.) Has the District Surveyor reported, and when will these leases be again offered to public competition?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The leases will be sold by auction the first week in January next. If sold before the end of the year, it is very doubtful whether any person would care to pay rent for the current half-year, as required by the 85th section.
- (4.) Sale of Land at Corowa:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he say if the land advertised for auction sale at Corowa on 10th October last was sold?
 - (2.) If so, who were the purchasers, what was the total area sold, and how much advance on upset price was obtained?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The sale was postponed till the 26th instant, *vide* notice in the *Government Gazette* of 28th September, 1888, No. 617.
- (5.) Mr. Justice Foster:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the conduct of His Honor Justice Foster in having allowed the Crown to challenge more than eight jurors in the trials for riot at the Maitland Circuit Court, and in having advised the prosecuting counsel to advise the Attorney-General to remove the *venue* from Maitland, in case of future trials?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any further action in these cases?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—These questions were referred to the Attorney-General, to whose Department the matter properly belongs, and I have been furnished with the following reply:—
- (1.) I am not aware that Mr. Justice Foster allowed the Crown to challenge more than eight jurors in these cases. I have received no official intimation upon the point, one way or the other. I read, in a report from a local paper, that the Judge, after the jury had acquitted the defendants in the first case, made use of the following observations: "I regret to say, gentlemen, that it is my duty to tell you, what I have never told a jury before, that your verdict, at least as regards one of the prisoners, is directly against the teeth of the evidence and the law." And, addressing the gentlemen representing the Crown, he said:—"Mr. Rogers and Mr. Coffey, I have no doubt that you will consider the propriety of communicating to the Attorney-General the remarks which I have felt constrained to make, in case the propriety of trying any more of these cases in the district may be considered." Mr. Rogers replied,—“Your remarks will be communicated to the Attorney-General as soon as I get to Sydney.” Mr. Rogers has not returned.
 - (2.) I have not yet determined what further action will be taken.
- (6.) Deposits on Land made by Michael Madden and W. H. Monaghan:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will the deposit money paid by one Michael Madden on 500 acres, taken up by him as a conditional purchase at the Land Office at Parkes, on 26th April, 1888, be returned to him; if so, when?
 - (2.) Was the land granted by the Local Land Board different land from that originally applied for by Madden, and has Madden now refused to accept it?
 - (3.) The like information in regard to a similar conditional purchase of 300 acres taken at the Land Office at Parkes, on the same date and under similar circumstances, by one W. H. Monaghan?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No; Madden has refused to accept it.
 - (3.) The same answers apply to Monaghan's case.
- (7.) Riots at Brookong:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Who were the magistrates who committed the rioters at Brookong?
 - (2.) Was there any Stipendiary Magistrate on the Bench?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—Mr. Henry Baylis, Police Magistrate, Wagga Wagga, who visits Urana, where the cases referred to were heard.
- (8.) Eight-hours Demonstration, Newcastle:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) By whose orders were the troopers withdrawn from the procession on the occasion of the Eight-hours Demonstration in Newcastle?
 - (2.) For what reason were they withdrawn?
 - (3.) Had the Committee of the Eight-hours Demonstration applied for, and received a promise of, the presence of the troopers?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I desire to say, before I give the answers supplied to me, that I know nothing whatever of this matter. The following answers have been supplied by the Acting-Inspector-General of Police,—
- (1.) Superintendent Meares.
 - (2.) The miners insisted on carrying a banner in the procession, caricaturing the Military and the Government, after being informed that if they did so the police would not be permitted to accompany them.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (9.)

- (9.) Prisoner Newman—Mount Rennie Case :—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to take any further steps in the case of the young man Newman, condemned in the Mount Rennie case?
 - (2.) Will he lay the correspondence between himself and His Honor Justice Windeyer upon the Table of the House, together with all papers concerned in the correspondence?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) I have to ask the Honorable Member to move for the papers to be laid upon the Table of the House in the regular way.
- (10.) Prisoner Holt :—Mr. Garvan asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House all papers, &c., having reference to the prisoner Holt?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House if moved for in the regular way.
- (11.) Court of Quarter Sessions, Newcastle :—Mr. Ellis asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps has he taken towards the establishment of a Court of Quarter Sessions at Newcastle?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am informed that the existing Court-house accommodation is wholly unsuitable for the holding of Quarter Sessions, and instructions have been given by me to the Colonial Architect for the preparation of necessary plans for a new Court-house at Newcastle, to be completed as speedily as possible, and I have recommended that provision be made on Estimates for ensuing year for this purpose.
3. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—
- (1.) Mr. H. H. Brown presented a Petition from Edmund Henry Taylor and George Kerry Kirkland, of Sydney, representing that the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Brown then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
 - (3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON THE DEATH OF A MEMBER (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion that in future, on the death of any one of its Members, the adjournment of the House should not be moved as a mark of respect.
Question put and passed.
5. WORKING OF COAL-MINES DURING STRIKES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the working of coal-mines during strikes.
Question put and passed.
6. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and modify the rights of barristers, attorneys, solicitors, and proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and modify the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.
7. VISITING MAGISTRATE AND WARDEN AT EMMAVILLE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, minutes, reports, petitions, &c., relating to the appointment of the Police Magistrate, Glen Innes, as Visiting Magistrate and Warden at Emmaville, about the year 1878.
Question put and passed.
8. CASE OF MICHAEL KELLY AGAINST THOMAS RYAN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of the depositions in the case Michael Kelly against Thomas Ryan, for larceny from the person, heard at the Police Court, Tenterfield, on the 15th June, 1888.
 - (2.) Copies of all letters, minutes, reports, and affidavits thereon from the Sergeant of Police, the Acting Inspector-General of Police, the Chief Justice, the Police Magistrate, Tenterfield, and the Department of Justice.
- Question put and passed.
9. LAND KNOWN AS LAMB'S FARM, LANE COVE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copy of the deed of grant to Henry Lamb of 25 acres of land, known as Lamb's Farm, situate in Lane Cove, district of Hunter's Hill, on the 19th November, 1794.
 - (2.) Copies of all letters, minutes, reports, and plans relating thereto.
- Question put and passed.

10. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, with respect to the sale of Colonial wines.
Question put and passed.
11. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The names of the gentlemen who have been appointed from time to time on the Civil Service Inquiry Board.
(2.) The names of the gentlemen who have resigned.
(3.) The names of the existing Board.
(4.) The number of sittings of such Board, and the attendance of each of the members.
(5.) The remuneration paid or payable to such Board for each sitting.
Question put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Chanter rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of House, “in order to bring under the notice of Members the following matter of public importance—
“the action of the Minister of Lands in withdrawing from Conditional Purchase (by telegram last evening only) lands situated on Chowar Run, in the Land District of Deniliquin, which had been previously gazetted as to be open to conditional purchase at Deniliquin, at 10 o'clock a.m. this day, thereby causing not only annoyance, but serious loss of time and money, to a large number of persons who had been induced to attend with the intention of purchasing the said land.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Chanter moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. ELECTORATES OF THE GWYDIR AND INVERELL BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Moore presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the boundaries of the Electoral Districts of The Gwydir and Inverell*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.
14. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Correspondence respecting Additional Nominations to Legislative Council.
(2.) General Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings, of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
(3.) By-law of the Borough of East Maitland.
(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Alexandria.
(5.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Ashfield.
(6.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Waverley.
(7.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Wollongong.
(8.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton.
(9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hay.
(10.) By-laws of the Borough of Petersham, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
(11.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrandera, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
(12.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Adamstown, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
(13.) By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
(14.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
(15.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
(16.) Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board for the year ended August, 1888.
(17.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the recent Alleged Tramway Frauds.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Despatch respecting Trade with the Marshall Islands.
(2.) Despatch respecting Tonnage Admeasurement of Netherlands Vessels.
(3.) Despatch respecting Exemption of the Kingdom of Tonga from the provisions of the “Arms Regulation of 1884.”
(4.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1888.
(5.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 30th June, 1888.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of Cancellation of the Special Regulations made under the 106th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Notification of Cancellation of Regulation No. 2 under Prickly Pear Destruction Act of 1886, and adoption of Amended Regulation in lieu thereof.
(3.) Notification of Amendment of Regulations Nos. 28 and 87 under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(4.) Notification of revival, amendment, and approval of Regulations under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (7.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (8.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (9.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 14th June, 1888—"Muswellbrook-Cassilis Railway Line."
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumptions, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Balgownie, Beggan Beggan, Boggumbil, Eurimbla, Middle Falbrook, Paddington, Pennant Hills, Robinsville, Tumut, Wagra, Woolwich.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Bankruptcy Act of 1887.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations relating to Mining Leases, under the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884.
- (2.) Letter from Mr. Charles Robinson, respecting Return in connection with Water Conservation Commission.
- (3.) Amended Regulation under Imported Stock Act of 1871, and Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.
- (4.) Return to Order made on the 7th June, 1888—"Common for Muswellbrook."
- Ordered to be printed.

15. **STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the whole of the Standing Orders of this Honorable House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for the consideration and revision or amendment of the same.
- (2.) That the Standing Orders Committee shall make their report to this House at as early a date as possible, either during the present or the next Session of Parliament.
- Question put and passed.

16. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works," as provided for by the "Public Works Act of 1888," viz.:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire; Henry Copeland, Esquire; Jacob Garrard, Esquire; Alexander Kethel, Esquire; Sydney Smith, Esquire; Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire; John Rendell Street, Esquire; Daniel O'Connor, Esquire.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

17. **DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 25th October, 1888, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

"By His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

- "To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

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

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

"CARRINGTON.

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

18. DEATH OF LATE MEMBER FOR REDFERN, JAMES SQUIRE FARNELL, ESQUIRE:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House hereby places on record the expression of its deep sense of the loss which this Colony has sustained by the death of the late Member for Redfern, James Squire Farnell, Esquire, whose long and valuable services to the people have endeared his memory to all sides of this House.
Mr. Dibbs also addressed the House.
Question put and carried unanimously.
19. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—
(1.) Supply ; House to resolve itself into Committee.
(2.) Ways and Means ; House to resolve itself into Committee.
20. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stephen,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Lces,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Neild.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Dawson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 20th November.

The House adjourned, at a quarter after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Imprisonment of Jansen in Casino Gaol:—Mr. Crouch asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has a man named Jansen been confined in the Casino Gaol, on a writ of *ca sa*, for debt for upwards of seven months?
 (2.) Have five months elapsed since he filed his schedule as a pauper?
 (3.) Has he undergone the usual examination, in terms of the Bankruptcy Act?
 (4.) If so, when will Jansen be liberated?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Jansen filed his schedule on the 27th April, 1888, but not as a pauper.
 (3.) He was examined in gaol. Being in gaol, the public examination under the Bankruptcy Act could not take place.
 (4.) When application is made to the Judge in Bankruptcy, under Act 37 Vic. No. 11, and when he has complied with such conditions as the Judge may think fit to impose.
- (2.) Proposed Railway Lines:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it probable the Railway Board of Commissioners will submit to the Public Works Committee the consideration of the lines of railway submitted to this House last Session?
 Mr. Burns answered,—The whole question involving the railway policy of the Government is under consideration, but no definite statement can be made at the present time in regard to it.

- (3.) Floods Relief Funds:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What funds (if any) are now at the credit of the Government in connection with the Floods Relief Funds in the Hawkesbury and other districts?
 (2.) What amount (if any) remains at the credit of trustees in any of the Sydney banks in connection with the said Floods Relief Funds?
 (3.) Will he take steps to have such funds transferred to the Consolidated Revenue to meet future claims?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Government are not in possession of any funds in connection with the "Floods Relief Funds" in the Hawkesbury and other districts.
 (2.) It is not known to the Government whether there are funds at the credit of trustees in any of the Sydney banks in connection with the said Relief Funds. Perhaps the Honorable Member could furnish the name of any bank in which it is supposed that there are such funds. I may state, however, that I do not see how the Government can have anything to do with this private subscription.
- (4.) Mr. J. C. Neild, Executive Commissioner, Adelaide Exhibition:—Mr. Creeer, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., the late Commissioner for the Adelaide Exhibition, yet adjusted his accounts in connection with the same, as promised by him on the 8th May last?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Neild has not furnished to the Government an adjustment of his accounts, though he has been applied to several times. I have received a memorandum from Mr. Neild himself, which perhaps I had better read. "Mr. Neild states that he is closing the affairs of his Commission as rapidly as his business and public engagements permit, and anticipates being able to present his final Report at an early date."

- (5.) Amounts due to Exhibitors, &c., Adelaide Exhibition :—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What sum is now due by the Commission, or the Executive Commissioner of the Adelaide Exhibition, to exhibitors for exhibits or goods sold after the close of the Exhibition?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—*Mr. Neild* states that the amount now due to the exhibitors is £3 12s.
- (6.) Constable Berry :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—Did Constable Berry give satisfaction as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, from April, 1877, to March, 1884?
Mr. William Clarke answered,—In reply to inquiry made of the Police Magistrate at Moruya, I am informed that Senior-Constable Berry gave satisfaction to the Eurobodalla Bench in his capacity as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions there, from the time the present Police Magistrate took charge of that district in 1883; that he had not previously heard any complaints of him; and that the late Police Magistrate, Moruya, spoke well of him.
- (7.) Constable Berry :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Did Constable Berry give satisfaction during the time he was Mining Registrar, &c., at Nerrigundah, Bermagui, and Eurobodalla?
 (2.) If so, why was the 4 per cent. deducted from Constable Berry's pay for the Superannuation Fund not returned to him on his discharge?
Mr. Abigail answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Three per cent. only was deducted. The Police Regulation Act does not authorize the refund of deductions on account of the Police Superannuation Fund to men discharged for misconduct.
- (8.) Mining Act—Permits under 28th Section :—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the greatest area of land that it is the custom of the Department to grant to applicants for permits under the 28th section?
Mr. Abigail answered,—Two thousand acres for coal; twenty acres for gold; eighty acres for other minerals. In special cases, involving the expenditure of considerable capital in the employment of labour and the construction of very costly works, the above areas are exceeded.
- (9.) Over-crowding of Passenger Steamers, Sydney Harbour :—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the passenger steamers plying to and from Circular Quay, Manly, and other parts of the harbour are often overcrowded, whereby the convenience and safety of passengers are endangered?
 (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken to prevent passengers being carried in excess of the numbers for which the steamers referred to are licensed?
Mr. Burns answered,—With respect to the alleged overcrowding of passenger steamers plying to and from Circular Quay, Manly, and other parts of the harbour, I have been furnished with reports from the Marine Board and Police Department respectively, which I shall read to the House.
 (1.) The Marine Board states :—
 (1.) Steamers frequently appear overcrowded when their licensed numbers are not on board, because the passengers persist in crowding the bridges and upper parts of the vessels, leaving the lower decks and cabins altogether unoccupied. This causes inconvenience, and in some cases danger; but there is no power to select certain of the passengers and make them remain below.
 (2.) Convictions are obtained by the Marine Board and Water Police against masters and owners of vessels for carrying more than their licensed number of passengers.
 (2.) The Acting Inspector-General of Police states :—
 (1.) No case of illegal overcrowding of harbour steamers has come under the notice of the police since May last, when the offender was prosecuted. Complaints have frequently been made, but the passengers, on being counted by the police, were found not to exceed the authorized number. The steamers "Brighton" and "Fairlight" are licensed to carry 1,190 and 960 persons respectively.
 (2.) All the passenger steamers are kept under constant observation by the Water Police.
- (10.) Water Conservation :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have the Government decided to make any change with reference to the dual control (between the Works and Mines Departments) of the work of water conservation?
 (2.) Is it their intention to place the control of this work entirely in the hands of one Department?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There has been no dual control in regard to water conservation. The work is being carried out under the Department of Mines.
- (11.) Supply of Stock Trucks for Railways :—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have the Government taken any definite steps for the immediate supply of stock trucks to meet the block which is alleged to exist in the stock traffic on the railways?
 (2.) If not, when will orders be given for increasing the accommodation?
Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the question of an immediate supply of stock trucks, to meet the block which is alleged to exist in the stock traffic on the railways, is now under the consideration of the Railway Commissioners.
- (12.) Erection of Government Smelting Works :—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What steps have been taken in reference to the erection of Government smelting works in connection with his Department?
 (2.) When does he anticipate the above works will be completed?
Mr. Abigail answered,—Steps are being taken to secure the services of a metallurgist, thoroughly competent to superintend the works, and it is not proposed to erect the works until the gentleman who is to have charge of them can be consulted.

(13.) Sunday Train to Penrith:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he bring under the notice of the heads of the Railway Department, at the earliest opportunity, the representations made frequently of late for the extension of the running of the Sunday train from Campbelltown to Penrith?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have already under notice the representations stated to have been made for the extension of the running of the Sunday trains from Parramatta to Penrith.

(14.) Prospecting Board:—Mr. De Courcy Browne asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names and official positions of the persons who have performed the duties of the Prospecting Board, in reporting on applications made for a share of the Prospecting Vote for 1888?

(2.) What is the amount paid for travelling or other allowance to each person who has performed the duties of the Prospecting Board, up to 30th September, 1888?

(3.) Out of what Vote are the expenses referred to in Question 2 paid?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) The Prospecting Board originally consisted of Harrie Wood, Under Secretary for Mines, C. S. Wilkinson, Geological Surveyor, and W. H. J. Sice, Inspector of Mines; but T. W. E. David, Geological Surveyor, and William Anderson, Geological Surveyor, have been appointed additional members of the Board.

(2.) Harrie Wood, £40 17s. 6d.; W. H. J. Sice, £65 7s. 6d.; T. W. E. David, £18 15s.; and W. Anderson, £30 15s. The Geological Surveyors are in receipt of an equipment allowance, which covers travelling expenses while in the field on geological work.

(3.) Vote, £75,265 9s. 8d., item No. 451, Appropriation Act of 1888.

(15.) Chief Mining Surveyor:—Mr. De Courcy Browne asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the Chief Mining Surveyor, Mr. Pitman, paid his field allowance of £250 a year in the same manner as his salary, or only such portions of it as per voucher presented for field work expenses?

(2.) How many days during the present year has the Chief Mining Surveyor been absent from Sydney on field duty?

(3.) How much of the field allowance of £250 named in Question 1 has been paid the Chief Mining Surveyor this year?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) The equipment allowance is paid monthly, the amount being £230 per annum, not £250.

(2.) Eighteen days.

(3.) £172 10s.

I may also be permitted to say further, that I am not satisfied with this matter of equipment allowance, and it is my intention to give it consideration to see if some better arrangement cannot be arrived at.

(16.) Land Advertised for Sale, at Corowa:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was the land advertised for sale at Corowa on 10th October, and postponed till 26th October, sold on that day.

(2.) Who were the purchasers?

(3.) Was there any competition?

(4.) Did any of the lots bring any advance upon the upset price?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No sale took place, the land advertised, with the exception of seventy (70) acres, having been conditionally purchased on the 4th and 11th instant as special area selections at £2 per acre.

(17.) Peat's Ferry Railway Accident:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have all the sufferers by the Peat's Ferry railway accident been compensated?

(2.) If not, why?

(3.) Have any of the sufferers refused the offers of compensation made by the Railway Department?

(4.) Are any suits pending against the Government for compensation in reference to this accident?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the whole of the sufferers by the Peat's Ferry railway accident have received compensation with two exceptions, where the amounts offered have been declined. There is one suit pending against the Government for compensation in reference to this accident.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for Sydney Sewerage Works.

(2.) Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act, of the Loan of £7,000 to Municipal Council of Hay, on account of Water Supply Works.

(3.) Proclamation, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, in connection with the Reticulation Works, Water Supply, West Maitland.

(4.) Report on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales for the year ending 30th June, 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th June, 1888—"Site of Telegraph Office, Angledool."

3. LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, representing that the Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Nobbs then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as Trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of St. Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof,*”—which was read a first time.
- (3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.
4. OAKY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from W. Gray and Philip H. Sullivan, representing that the Oaky Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Frank Farnell then presented a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable the Oaky Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Eskbank belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway,*”—which was read a first time.
- (3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.
5. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Street presented a Petition from William Macquarie Cowper, M.A., Commissary of the Bishop of Sydney, with the advice and by the desire of the Standing Committee of the Synod, representing that the Petitioner, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, is conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
Petition received.
6. UNOCCUPIED HOUSES IN SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of unoccupied houses in each of the suburban municipalities when the valuation or assessment was made for the present or current municipal year.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day relative to the Sale of Colonial Wines, postponed to Tuesday, 13th November.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Melville rising to move the the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to consider the administration of justice in New South Wales.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from certain Electrical Engineers engaged in the business of Electric Lighting in the Colony, in opposition to the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill.
Petition received.
10. SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1889 a sufficient sum to provide for a special endowment of £1 for every £1 raised in municipalities by way of rates or contributions towards any municipal purposes.
Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Melville, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Teeco, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walker,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of Military and Police stationed in Newcastle District:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the special cost up to date of the Military Force stationed in the Newcastle district during the strike?
 (2.) The extra cost of maintenance of the Police Force in the same district up to date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Permanent Artillery specially sent up to the Newcastle district, in addition to the ordinary detachment there, receive, during their detention in Newcastle in connection with the strike, over and above their pay, a total of £7 3s. 9d. daily, officers, non-commissioned officers, and gunners included; total to date, £301 17s. 6d.
 (2.) The Acting Inspector-General of Police reports that the contractor for the supply of provisions to the police performing duty at Newcastle has not yet rendered his account. The extra cost of maintenance of the Force cannot therefore be given at present.

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

- (1.) Is it a fact that an unnecessary delay has taken place in calling for tenders for the construction of the bridge at Narrandera?
 (2.) What has been the cause of the delay?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the work would be now undertaken at a less cost than if the work had to be carried out during the winter months?
 (4.) When are tenders likely to be called for?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) It was necessary to have a survey, which the Road Superintendent has only just completed.
 (3.) Probably; but not very much less.
 (4.) About a month from this date.

- (3.) Contributions from Workmen on Government Contracts for Sick Pay:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the system of collecting moneys from men employed on Government contracts for sick pay is still continued?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the contractors make considerable profits out of this system?
 (3.) Is it his intention to take any steps to prevent the moneys thus subscribed for medical aid being applied to any other source?
 (4.) Is it a fact that the public hospitals have been burdened by the sick and wounded from the camps on Government contracts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The notice given has been too short to obtain full information relating to these questions, but I have directed that it be obtained and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Rent Charged by Government for Land at Potts' Hill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the workmen and tradesmen engaged at Potts' Hill reservoir are charged by the Government an occupation rent of £10 for camping on Government ground?
 (2.) Will he, in consideration of this very high rent inflicted on the men for merely camping on Government land, do something to reduce or abolish it altogether?

Mr.

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No. Steps are being taken to temporarily dedicate the land, and place it under the control of the Secretary for Public Works, whose officers are daily on the ground, and will thus be in a position to control the occupation and see that sanitary matters are properly attended to. I have suggested to my honorable colleague that only a nominal rental should be charged for occupation by the workpeople, as when the reservoir is completed the persons in occupation will have no claim to purchase the allotments. I may add, the action referred to in this answer was taken upon a representation made in the early part of the week by the Honorable Members for Central Cumberland, Mr. Nobbs and Mr Farnell.

- (5.) Mr. Darby, Railway Department :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in the transfer to Strathfield of Mr. Darby, the officer-in-charge at Cabramatta railway platform?
 - (2.) Did Mr. Darby receive notice, on the 22nd September, 1887, that he would be required to take charge at Strathfield?
 - (3.) Has the difficulty been got over of finding a suitable place for the officer-in-charge at Strathfield, who was on duty on 30th January, 1888?
 - (4.) How long has Darby been in the Railway Service, and is he not senior officer-in-charge in the Metropolitan District?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that it is not intended to remove Mr. Darby to Strathfield.
- (2.) Mr. Darby received notice that he would be so transferred, but the arrangement was subsequently altered.
- (3.) The difficulty of finding a suitable place for the officer who was in charge of Strathfield on 30th January, 1888, has been met.
- (4.) Mr. Darby has been in the Railway Service since June, 1878. He is not the senior officer-in-charge in the Metropolitan District.

- (6.) Crown Lands Act of 1884 :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What number of homestead leases have been taken up in the Western Division of the Colony, and what area approximately do they embrace?
 - (2.) Have any been forfeited; if so, have they been re-let or not?
 - (3.) What number of occupation licenses have been taken out under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and what area do they embrace?
 - (4.) Have any been abandoned or forfeited?
 - (5.) Has compensation (and, if so, to what extent) been paid for withdrawals of land from such occupation licenses?
 - (6.) What amount has been received for the year ending 1887 for rent on homestead leases, and for license fees for occupation licenses?
 - (7.) Is he aware to what extent the licensees have made or are making improvements on the lands held under occupation license?
 - (8.) Have any homestead leases (and, if so, what number and area) been taken up away from river and other frontages to water?
 - (9.) What has been the actual cost to the Government of carrying out the division of the runs throughout the Colony?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member is so extensive—and some of it is not available at head quarters—that I cannot possibly furnish it at such short notice. If, however, a Return is moved for in the ordinary way, I will see that the necessary particulars are supplied without delay.

- (7.) Mr. Fehon, Railway Commissioner :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Fehon is a partner, or holds any shares, in any carrying company in this Colony?
 - (2.) Is any further step to be taken to obtain from Wright, Heaton, & Co., and others, the moneys due to the Government for short payments for carriage of goods?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that Mr. Fehon is a partner, or holds shares, in any carrying company in this Colony.
- (2.) The matter was noted for the consideration of Cabinet in the early part of the year, but no definite decision was arrived at. The question will now be brought under the notice of the Railway Commissioners.

- (8.) Constables sent to New Lambton :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Were constables sent to New Lambton lately, when men were employed filling small coal; if so, by whose request?
 - (2.) If such request was made in writing, will he lay a copy of it upon the Table of this House to-morrow?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Acting Inspector-General of Police reports that owners of mines who employ men filling small coal at New Lambton and at other places in the Newcastle district, applied verbally for police protection, which was supplied.

- (9.) Law Officer of the Crown in the Assembly Chamber :—Mr. Thompson asked the Minister of Justice,—What arrangements have been made by the Government as to having a Law Officer of the Crown in this Chamber?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government are not in a position to give any definite reply to this question at the present time.

(10.) Forest Rangers :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) When is it intended to dispense with the services of the forest rangers still under employment?
- (2.) Cannot the services supposed to be performed by them be performed quite as well by the police, as they were formerly?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) As soon as possible this matter will receive the attention of the Secretary for Lands.
- (2.) I am not in a position to reply to this question.

(11.) Emigration of Discharged Prisoners from Great Britain :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government taken any steps to apprise the Imperial Government that the emigration of discharged prisoners from the gaols of Great Britain to this Colony would be regarded as a serious cause of complaint if countenanced by the said Imperial Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have made no intimation of this kind to the Imperial Government, and no circumstances have been brought under the notice of this Government which would justify any such communication; but should there be any real ground for supposing that persons of this class were indiscriminately sent out to this Colony, the Government would strongly protest against it.

(12.) The Salvation Army, Wollongong :—Mr. Thompson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) As his attention has been called to the case of several members of the Salvation Army now imprisoned in the gaol at Wollongong for alleged breaches of a By-law of the Borough Council of Wollongong, has he obtained the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown as to the validity of the By-law and proceedings under it?
- (2.) If these men are not guilty of any moral wrong, will he take immediate steps for their release from custody?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) I have not obtained the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the validity of the By-law and proceedings under it. I am informed by the defendants' solicitor that it is intended to apply to the Supreme Court to have conviction set aside in one case at least, on the grounds that the By-law under which the convictions were had is *ultra vires*.
- (2.) A letter was received by me from an officer of the Salvation Army, applying for the release of the defendants upon certain conditions; but I am now informed that this letter was written under a misapprehension of the direction received from the head of the Army, and it is now, under the altered circumstances, a matter for consideration as to whether any recommendation should be made for the immediate release of any of the defendants.

(13.) Murwillumbah Punt :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount in rent was paid to the Government last year for Murwillumbah punt?
- (2.) What was the expenditure during the year?
- (3.) What is the scale of charges?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £190.
- (2.) The cost of the ferry, including depreciation and interest for 1888, amounted to £107. The amount expended on the approaches in 1888 amounted to £328 15s.
- (3.) For every foot passenger, 2d.; for every horse, mare, gelding, mule, or ass, drawing or not drawing, 6d.; for every gig, dray, cart or other vehicle with two wheels only, 1s.; for every waggon, dray, carriage, or other vehicle with four wheels, 1s. 6d.; for every ox or head of neat cattle, drawing or not drawing, exceeding ten in number, 3d.; for every ox or head of neat cattle, drawing or not drawing, not exceeding ten in number, 4d.; for every sheep, lamb, pig, or goat, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The toll for vehicles to be paid in addition to the toll for horses or other animals drawing such vehicles. Persons riding or travelling in vehicles not to be charged toll as foot passengers. Children going to or coming from school will be exempt from toll. Where the number of vehicles crossing at one time exceeds two, half rates only to be charged.

(14.) Crown Lands Act of 1884 :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to bring in a Bill this Session of Parliament to so amend the Land Act of 1884 that conditional leaseholders, under the 52nd clause of that Act, may be put upon the same footing in all respects as those who occupy holdings under the 48th clause?
- (2.) Is it a fact that holders under the 52nd clause are in such a state of uncertainty as to the renewal of their leases that they fear to go on with any improvements?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) It is not my intention to introduce a Bill this Session to deal with the question of conditional leases held under section 52 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (2.) I have been given to understand that the lessees feel the uncertain position in which they are placed; but at the present time I can only say that I am of opinion that the holders under section 52 should have their leases extended to ten years, and (where the land is open to sale and can be surveyed, in accordance with the Regulations) with the right of purchase at the end of that time. No doubt, before the end of next year legislation on the subject will have been given effect to.

(15.) Conditional Leases :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In what position do conditional leases within mining reserves and proclaimed gold-fields stand as regards mining?
- (2.) Are conditional leases being granted within mining reserves and proclaimed gold-fields?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Steps are being taken to authorize the search for minerals within conditional leases, in accordance with subsection 3, clause 98, of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (2.) Conditional leases, under sections 48 and 54, are not granted over mining reserves if same are reserved from sale, but they are of land within gold-fields not restricted from conditional purchase.

- (16.) Weir in Lachlan River, Condobolin :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has an application, supported by petition, been made for a weir in the Lachlan River, at Condobolin, at a cost of £500 ?
 (2.) If so, will he place that sum on the Estimates for that purpose ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) An application, supported by petition, has been made. A preliminary survey has also been made, and the approximate cost of a weir will be £1,500.
 (2.) No promise can be made at present.

- (17.) Delay of Passengers on Blayney to Cowra Railway :—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is no train timed to convey passengers from Cowra to Blayney to meet the morning train to Sydney, and that passengers from Sydney for Cowra, Carcoar, and all stations on the Blayney to Cowra line, who leave Sydney by the morning train, are delayed over two hours in Blayney ?

(2.) If so, when will the Department respond to the numerous requests that have been made upon this subject, and provide the accommodation asked for ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am informed that it is a fact that no train is timed to convey passengers from Cowra to Blayney to meet the morning train to Sydney, and passengers from Sydney by the morning train to Cowra, &c., are detained at Blayney.

(2.) The trains on the Blayney-Cowra branch run in conjunction with the main line mail trains only, and this arrangement was made in consequence of the traffic being reported as insufficient to warrant the running of two passenger trains daily over this branch. The whole question will have the consideration of the Commissioners.

- (18.) Embankments, Mullet Creek—Hawkesbury Bridge :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the work in filling up the estuaries of Mullet Creek been completed ?

(2.) If not, can any estimate be given as to the time when these works will be completed ?

(3.) Have these particular works exceeded the estimate; if so, to what extent ?

(4.) Has any report on these works been called for and furnished; if so, will he lay a copy of that report upon the Table of this House ?

(5.) Has one of the caissons of the Hawkesbury bridge canted; if so, what has been done towards rectifying the state of things caused thereby ?

(6.) What is the opinion of the officer-in-charge of the works at that bridge as to the cause of that canting ?

(7.) In what state is that caisson now ?

(8.) When did the time for the completion of the bridge contract expire ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes; all the banks along Mullet Creek have been so far completed that no further trouble with them is anticipated, with the exception of No. 5, and it is expected that this bank will shortly be completed.

(3.) In answer to a similar question in June last, it was stated that the expenditure up to that date had been £82,995 16s. 7d. Since that date to the 20th instant the cost has been £7,679 9s. 8d.

(4.) No special report has been made on this matter.

(5.) Yes; but not to a sufficient extent to interfere with the safety of the bridge, and the masonry has been built upon it.

(6.) The canting was caused by the difficulties met with in sinking the caisson.

(7.) Answered by No. 5.

(8.) The contract time has not yet expired.

- (19.) Reserves on Resumed Areas, District of Moama :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to cancel any of the reserves on the resumed areas of the various pastoral holdings in the District of Moama, and Land District of Deniliquin ?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to proclaim such reserves special areas, or allow them to be selected under the ordinary provisions of the law ?

(3.) What are his intentions regarding the disposition of the surveyed portions of Crown Lands within the population boundary of Moama ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The District Surveyors have instructions to report on the question of retaining reserves on the resumed areas. No intention to cancel such reserves can be traced on record.

(2.) The ultimate disposal of these reserves will depend upon whether the land is suitable for special areas.

(3.) I have not yet had time to consider the question. The papers are with the District Surveyor at Hay; but it is believed that Mr. Secretary Garrett decided that the lands were to be made special areas. Survey is not yet complete.

- (20.) Commission of Inquiry into Civil Service :—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Royal Commission which was appointed to inquire into the working of the Civil Service made any reports, or *pro tem* reports ?

(2.) If so, will he have them printed and circulated amongst Honorable Members of this House ?

(3.) For what reason have the Commissioners reports been kept back so long ?

(4.) Will he state why the Chairman of the Commission, the Honorable James Watson, and Mr. M'Millan, M.L.A., resigned their positions on the Board ?

(5.) Is it a fact that the gentlemen referred to resigned their positions because no notice was taken of their reports and recommendations by the Government ?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners have made reports.

(2.) There can be no objection to laying those reports before Parliament, though it does not appear that they are documents of the character which need be laid before Parliament, unless desired, until they have been dealt with by the Government.

(3.) The only answer is, that the reports were made to the Executive Government to be acted upon. It would hardly seem necessary to present them to Parliament until they were acted upon or dealt with in some way.

(4.) I have no knowledge. The letters of these gentlemen give no reason for their resignation.

(5.) The very obvious reply to this question is that the reports could scarcely be dealt with at all until they covered at least one Ministerial Department, and on several occasions I explained that to the Commissioners. The Treasurer's Department having been completed, the reports are being taken into consideration, and the principal recommendations are being carried out.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT :—Mr. Colls presented a Petition from certain members of the Municipal Councils of the Colony, praying that, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, the consideration of a Bill for extending the system of local government throughout New South Wales may be proceeded with during the present Session and passed into law.

Petition received.

3. GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL :—

(1.) Mr. See presented a Petition from T. Quirk, representing that the Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the city of Grafton and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage,*"—which was read a first time.

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

(4.) Ordered that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 4th December.

4. SOUTH BURWOOD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from the South Burwood Coal-mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable a company called the "South Burwood Coal Company (Limited)" to construct a Railway from the South Burwood Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.

And Mr. Melville having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Australian Star* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

5. GOULBURN AND TUENA TRAMWAY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from John George Griffin, representing that the Goulburn and Tuena Tramway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Stevenson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from Goulburn to Tuena, in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return showing Rents of Pastoral and Homestead Leases, and License Fees of Resumed Areas, reduced under 100th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting French Law on the return of Convicts to France.

(2.) Regulations for giving effect to Provisions of section 409 of Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883, in respect of Licenses for Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

7. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Creer presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, representing that the Hunter-street Newcastle Extension Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Creer then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. **YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—**
 (1.) Mr. Creer presented a Petition from the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited), representing that the Young Wallsend Coal Company's Railway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.
 And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
 Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Creer then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—which was read a first time.
9. **PROSECUTIONS FOR PERJURY AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883," in respect to prosecutions for perjury in certain cases.
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,' in respect to prosecutions for Perjury in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.
10. **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, PARRAMATTA (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all correspondence and reports, &c., in connection with the application of Charles Pye for the release of his two daughters, Rebecca and Margaret Pye, from the Industrial School, Parramatta.
 Question put and passed.
11. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1889, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1888 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—**The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Seaker:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 1.*
Governor.
 In accordance with the provisions of the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for 1889, together with Supplementary Estimates for 1888 and previous years.
Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1888.
 Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
12. **SUPPLY:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
 (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,144 to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1889.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS (Financial Statement):—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow week.
14. **PAPER:—**Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1889.
 Ordered to be printed.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Water Supply to High Portions of Ashfield :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps are being taken to grant a water supply to those portions of Ashfield, &c., which have been found to be above the level capable of being at present supplied by the Sydney water supply?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage that a small pumping scheme for raising water into an elevated tank, erected on the highest parts of Ashfield, for the benefit of the locality and isolated parts of Petersham, is now being prepared by the Board's Engineer.

- (2.) Eight-hour Demonstration, Newcastle :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the banner said to have been carried in the procession at the Eight-hour Demonstration in Newcastle was not a part of the procession, and that this fact was stated to the police authorities?
 (2.) Were the police withdrawn on a short notice; if so, for what reason?
 (3.) Were the police not in attendance on the grounds; if so, for what reason?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Acting Inspector-General of Police :—

(1.) No; the Burwood Miners' Lodge formed part of the procession, and carried the banner. The police authorities were informed at 9 o'clock that the display of the banner could be prevented, but at 10 o'clock it was noticed in the procession.

(2.) The troopers were withdrawn immediately it was noticed that the banner was in the procession.

(3.) Five foot police were in attendance on the ground during the day for the purpose of preserving order. I am bound to say that I do not know what these questions are about.

- (3.) Improvements of Parks and Recreation Grounds :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it intended to distribute the Vote of last Session for improvement of parks and recreation grounds?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Vote has been distributed, and vouchers in favour of the various Trusts are being issued.

- (4.) Glen Innes Gaol :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. See, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The total cost of the Glen Innes Gaol?
 (2.) On what date was it taken over from the contractor?
 (3.) How many prisoners will it accommodate?
 (4.) Has it been used for the accommodation of prisoners since its erection?
 (5.) Do the Government intend to use it for prisoners; if so, when?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) £11,300.
 (2.) 20th August, 1886.
 (3.) Separate cells, 12; associated, 42.
 (4.) No.

(5.) I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that the gaol could not be occupied with any advantage commensurate with the cost of staff.

(5.) The Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In the appointment of the two Assistant Railway Commissioners, will he state why the Government overlooked all the officers of the Railway Department in making these appointments?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner, objected to any railway official of this Colony being appointed Assistant Commissioner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The officers in the Railway Department were not overlooked in considering these appointments.
- (2.) It is not correct that Mr. Eddy made any objection whatever in regard to the appointments.

(6.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the unemployed been at work on roads on the Holt-Sutherland Estate?
- (2.) What public roads have the unemployed been sent to improve?
- (3.) Have any of the unemployed been used for the service of any Members of this House?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the unemployed have been engaged in constructing roads in and around the property owned by the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. R. B. Smith, and Mr. Withers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will presently lay a paper upon the Table giving the required information.

(7.) Construction and Supervision of Tanks and Wells :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government come to any decision with reference to the differences between the Works and Mines Departments in the matter of construction and supervision of tanks and wells?
- (2.) Is it their intention to put this work entirely in the hands of one Department?
- (3.) Have the Government received a report from the Commission appointed to inquire into this matter?
- (4.) If so, when will it be laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. The matter is still under consideration.

(8.) Postmaster at Newcastle :—Mr. Lakeman asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a gentleman has been appointed postmaster at Newcastle over the heads of many of his seniors in the Service?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there is a distinction made between Postal and Telegraph Service?
- (3.) If so, on what basis are these promotions made?
- (4.) Has the Civil Service Board confirmed the appointment at Newcastle of the postmaster?
- (5.) If the appointment to Newcastle has not been made, will he take steps to ascertain whether Mr. Burnett, of Hay, is not many years senior to the gentleman the Secretary for the Post Office proposes to appoint?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Not over the heads of any postal officials who were willing to accept it.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) In cases where the postal and telegraph business is amalgamated, promotion is given in order of seniority (the senior being qualified) to persons holding the *combined appointment* of post and telegraph master. In cases where, as at Newcastle, the post and telegraph duties are conducted in separate buildings and by separate staffs, the vacancy in the former is filled as a rule by the promotion of a postal, and in the latter by a telegraph official. By the appointment of an operator to the Newcastle office, the Government would not only lose his services as a telegraphist, but an injustice would be done to a large number of postal officials, whose only chance of promotion is on the occurrence of postal vacancies.
- (4.) The concurrence of the Civil Service Board is not required in connection with appointments made under Regulations, as provided for by the 7th section, Civil Service Act.
- (5.) The appointment has been made. Mr. Burnett no doubt has been longer in the Public Service than the person appointed, and had the vacancy occurred in the telegraph instead of the post office at Newcastle, no question would have been raised as to his right to it. By appointing a postal official to Newcastle, not only was promotion afforded to several of the postal staff, but the Department was able to effect a considerable saving by amalgamating at a smaller office on the promotion of the official in charge of the postal branch to a vacancy arising out of the Newcastle appointment.

(9.) Cost of Transport of Military and Police to Newcastle :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the cost of transit of the special Military and Police Forces to Newcastle?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The cost of transport of officers and men of the Military Force to Newcastle, including freight of camp equipment, was £50 14s. 9d.; and about £30 for the Police Force.

(10.) Murwillumbah Ferry :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the rates charged at Murwillumbah Ferry greater than those charged at other similar ferries?

Mr. Burns answered,—The rates charged at Murwillumbah are the same as at fifty-three other ferries. The rates on the Hunter and Murrumbidgee Rivers are lower, but this is on account of the large traffic dealt with. At Grafton, Harwood, George's River, Wiseman's and Book's Ferries, special rates are charged, to suit local circumstances.

(11.) New Law Courts :—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to invite competitive designs for new Law Courts to be erected in Sydney?
- (2.) Have designs been prepared; and, if so, by whom?
- (3.) Where is it intended to erect the Law Courts?

Mr

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) On the site of the buildings now used as temporary Supreme Court and other offices, known as Chancery Square, and of the Colonial Architect's office and District Court.

(12.) The Licensing Act :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a publican named Kelly fined for a breach of the Licensing Act?
- (2.) Was the fine remitted?
- (3.) If so, by whose recommendation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The police report that there is nothing known of this case. There are probably a dozen persons named Kelly holding publicans' licenses, and convictions under the Licensing Act are not reported to the Police Department, unless in exceptional cases, until the end of the year.

(13.) Sale of Land near Circular Quay :—Mr. McMillan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to postpone the sale of land near Circular Quay, authorized by special Act, pending decision upon railway and tramway schemes?

Mr. Burns answered,—The proposed sale of land at the Circular Quay will not be proceeded with at present.

(14.) Railway Freights on Empty Crates :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are the new Railway Commissioners responsible for the alteration of freight on empty crates from 6d. to 3s.?
- (2.) Has the effect of this alteration been to destroy the pottery industry at Lithgow?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are not responsible for the alteration of freight on empty crates as stated, and the old charge, by their direction, has been reverted to, pending inquiry.

2. PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Parramatta, representing that the Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

(2.) Mr. Taylor then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands either within or without the Borough for use as Stone Quarries in connection with the Municipal Works within the said Borough and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned.*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(5.) Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be (in the original terms), "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands either within or without the Borough for use as Stone Quarries in connection with the Municipal Works within the said Borough and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

(6.) Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands either within or without the Borough for use as Stone Quarries in connection with the Municipal Works within the said Borough and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st November, 1888.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 5th October, 1887—"Railway Accident at Petersham Bridge."

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 14th June, 1888—"Bridges on Duplicated Line between Parramatta and Penrith."

(3.) Return to an Order made on the 14th June, 1888—"Bridges on Duplicated Line between Parramatta and Penrith."

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order made on the 27th October, 1887—"Railway Differential Rates."

Mr. Burns moved, That the Document be printed.

Question-put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cooke,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Neild
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Nobbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Seaver.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Street.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Garland.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—

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

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Day then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(5.) Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be (in the original terms), "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill.*"

Question put and passed.

(6.) Ordered that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st November, 1888.

5. BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Charles Bath, of Sydney, Merchant, representing that the Broken Hill Tramway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Cameron then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway by way of Thackaringa the Pinnacles and Broken Hill to 'Mount Gipps Hotel,'*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. SOUTH BURWOOD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable a company, called the South Burwood Coal Company (Limited), to construct a railway from the South Burwood Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Melville having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable a Company called the 'South Burwood Coal Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the South Burwood Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—read a first time.

7. YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Creer moved, pursuant to Notice:—

(1.) That the Young Wallsend Coal Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Martin, Mr. Day, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. DISTRICT COURTS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Gould*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the "District Courts Act of 1858," and to amend the "District Courts Act Further Amendment Act of 1884." Question put and passed.
9. HOSPITALS PARTIAL INCORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Neild*, for *Mr. Lee*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the election of Trustees and Treasurers of Hospitals. Question put and passed.
10. PRISONER HOLT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garvan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers having reference to the prisoner Holt. Question put and passed.
11. MASTERS AND SERVANTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Thompson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Masters and Servants Act. Question put and passed.
12. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases. Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Walker* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish Distress for Rent, and to abolish Preferential Payments in certain cases*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.
13. PAPER.—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—Certain information relative to work done by "The Unemployed." Ordered to be printed.
14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed until Wednesday next.
15. PROPOSED LEASING OF THE GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS:—*Mr. Neild* proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Bowes*, *Mr. Bruncker*, *Mr. William Clarke*, *Mr. Creer*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Hawken*, *Mr. Howe*, *Mr. Ives*, *Mr. Neild*, *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Stephen*, *Mr. Stevenson*, *Mr. Stokes*, *Mr. Teeco*, and *Mr. Waddell*,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at six minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 25th October, 1888, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn in at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Members Sworn*:—Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, Esquire, and Richard Windeyer Thompson, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Schools Act—Truant Inspectors at Casino:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Crouch, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Were proceedings taken at the Police Court, Casino, against certain persons for neglecting to comply with the provisions of the Education Act in sending their children to school?
- (2.) Did these cases necessitate the attendance of the Truant Inspector from Grafton, the teachers of the schools at Casino, Tatham, Busby's Flat, Irvington, and South Casino, to the neglect of their respective schools?
- (3.) Did five out of the eight cases break down?
- (4.) The amount of the fines imposed?
- (5.) The total cost to the State, including travelling allowances?
- (6.) Have prosecutions ever taken place where parents wholly neglected to send their children to school?
- (7.) Does he consider the offices of Truant Inspectors might be abolished, and the duties performed by the various Local School Boards, aided by the police?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The School Attendance Officer attended to conduct the prosecutions. The teachers of the schools at Casino, Runnymede, Tatham, and Tomki attended to give evidence.
- (3.) There were three convictions, and in six cases the charges were withdrawn. I have called for a full report of the circumstances that led to such apparently unsatisfactory results.
- (4.) The total amount of fines was 5s.
- (5.) Travelling allowance, £4.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) I think there would be grave objections to such a course.

- (2.) Stamp Duty Office:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ryrie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is a want of sufficient room at the Stamp Duty Office?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the necessity for providing better accommodation?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am satisfied that the premises at present occupied by the Stamp Department do not afford sufficient accommodation for its business, which continues to extend, and it is my intention to obtain more commodious premises as early as I can.

- (3.) Acquittal at Maitland of Men charged with Riot:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the Attorney-General yet decided upon taking any further steps in the case of the men recently acquitted (on a charge of riot) at Maitland; if so, what steps?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am informed that the Attorney-General has requested Mr. Mair, Police Magistrate, Newcastle, to apprise the accused in the riot case in which the jury returned a verdict of not guilty that he does not intend to proceed further against them on the charge of conspiracy, for which an information was filed at the Maitland Circuit Court.

- (4.) Colo Valley Railway Line:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention, in accordance with a promise made to a deputation some time ago, to authorize Mr. Townsend to complete the survey of the Colo Valley railway line to its convergence with the Great Western line.

Mr. Burns answered,—It is not the present intention of the Government to authorize the continuance of the survey of this line to its convergence with the Great Western railway.

- (5.) Water and Travelling Stock Reserves:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact, or has it been represented to him, that water reserve 13 from sale, reserve 75 from lease, and travelling stock reserve 1,239 have been fenced across, and the public debarred from using them, or the crossing at Goangora (or Kilcargoo), Namoi River?

(2.) Were such, or a portion, applied for under improvement purchase, and has such application been refused?

(3.) Have, or will, instructions be issued to the Crown Lands Bailiff, or proper officer, to cause the fencing and obstructions to be removed, thereby giving the public free access to the reserves and crossing?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Complaint has been made as to fencing of portion of travelling stock reserve No. 1,239.

(2.) Application for improvement purchase was made by Mr. Wills-Allen, but was refused.

(3.) Mr. Wills-Allen has been called upon to remove the obstructing fences, and warned that, if such removal be not effected, proceedings in trespass will be instituted against him.

- (6.) Bathurst High School:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a place known as "The Elms," at Bathurst, has been leased by the Department of Public Instruction for a Ladies' High School?

(2.) If so, for what term of years, and what is the date of the lease?

(3.) At what rental?

(4.) What number of young ladies are attending the Bathurst High School (1st) at the date of the lease, (2nd) and at the present time?

(5.) How many teachers are there in that school?

(6.) What are the salaries of each of them?

(7.) What is the total amount received as fees from the scholars of the High School, at Bathurst, for ladies, from the 1st January last to the 30th September last?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; for five years, from 1st January, 1889.

(3.) £260 per annum.

(4.) 1st, see reply 2; 2nd, twenty-seven.

(5.) Three.

(6.) Principal Teacher, £252; Assistant Teacher, £50; Sewing Mistress, £18.

(7.) £136 10s.

- (7.) Bathurst High School:—Mr. Walker for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that, under the Regulations approved of by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, on the 25th July, 1883, the admission of pupils to the High Schools could only be granted upon the applicants proving that they possessed the standard of attainments set out in those Regulations?

(2.) Is it a fact that the following advertisement appeared in the Bathurst newspapers:—"The 'Elms,' Bathurst.—These premises have been leased for the purpose of a Girls' High School. The Minister for Public Instruction has decided that any pupils, whether boarders or day scholars, now or lately attending 'The Elms,' shall, if desirous of attending the High School, be admitted without passing the usual entrance examination. Further particulars may be obtained of the head mistress. Bathurst, 3rd October, 1888"?

(3.) Will he state what authority exists for dispensing with the Regulations of the 25th July, 1883, so far as the Bathurst High School for ladies is concerned?

(4.) What was the reason for dispensing with those Regulations?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; but the head mistress was not authorized to insert the words "or lately attending."

(3.) The arrangements with respect to "The Elms" provided for the transfer of the school with its scholars to the Department. It was considered that, in the special circumstances, the Regulations referred to did not apply.

(4.) Answered in 3.

- (8.) Use of Timber Waggons and Trolleys on Public Roads:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Seaver, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any law by which timber waggons and trolleys can be prevented from being used on public roads with insufficient width of tire; and, if so, why is it not enforced?

Mr. Burns answered,—There is no special law, but persons so offending can, it is considered, be prosecuted under the clause of the Police Act providing against injury to public works, or under the Common Law as a nuisance.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act.
 - (2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in the town of Yass for proposed Extension of the Gaol.
 - (3.) Statement showing Area of Crown Land sold annually, and Amount received for same, from 1st January, 1884, to 30th September, 1888.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (4.) Comparative Statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, during the months of October, 1887 and 1888, showing increase or decrease under each head.
Mr. Burns moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. J. P. Abbott, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report, with the Standing Orders prepared by that Committee, pursuant to the reference of the 25th October last.
Ordered to be printed.
5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Frank J. Smith, as Chairman of Meeting assembled at Balmain, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass with as little delay as possible the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
 - (2.) Additional By-laws of the University of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the National Park, for year ended 31st December, 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Further Return to an Order made on the 14th March, 1888—"Removal of Timber from Crown Lands near Clarence Town."
Mr. Bruncker moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 27th October, 1887—"Lighting Parliamentary Buildings with Electric Light."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting certain remarks alleged to have been made in Parliament by Mr. R. H. Levien, M.P., respecting His Honor Mr. District Court Judge Docker.
Ordered to be printed.
7. HARGRAVES AND AVISFORD COMMONS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, petitions, reports, applications, and other documents received by the Lands and the Mines Departments, in connection with the sale or lease of portions of the Hargraves and the Avisford Commons.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Garvan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of calling attention to the practice of selling large areas of public land by auction."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Gould, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Day, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Day, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

12. **TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Trade Marks Act of 1865," and to make more effective provision for the prevention of frauds with respect to trade marks. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Trade Marks Act of 1865," and to make more effective provision for the prevention of frauds with respect to trade marks.

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

13. **POSTPONEMENT**.—The Order of the Day relative to the Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill postponed until to-morrow.

14. **SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL**.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—discharged, on motion of Mr. Melville. Ordered that the Bill be withdrawn.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Accident to Fetter Thompson at Towrang:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that, according to the instructions issued to railway employes, not less than three men must attempt to run a trolley on the line?
 (2.) Is it a fact that a fetter named Thompson was recently killed at Towrang, near Goulburn; was he ordered to run a trolley for miles on a foggy morning with only one assistant?
 (3.) Under such circumstances, will he consider the advisability of awarding a larger sum than £250 to the family of the deceased?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Rules of the Department provide that three men shall be attached to a trolley when working on the line, two of them practically for the purpose of protecting the trolley from trains coming in either direction. On this occasion, two men only were using the trolley for the purpose of going to their work. They were aware of the direction in which the next train was due, and one of them should, in accordance with the Rules, have preceded the trolley; and, by failing to do so, the accident occurred. The compensation awarded is in accordance with the usual practice, and in addition a son of the deceased was taken on in his father's place.

- (2.) Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) Is it in accordance with the practice of his Department for papers printed outside the Colony to go through the post free?
 (2.) Is it a fact that a number of newspaper proprietors are in the habit of issuing with their journals, and transmitting unstamped through the post, supplements that have not been printed in the Colony?
 (3.) Is the free transmission of such supplements through the post in accordance with the practice of his Department?
 (4.) Has it been decided by the Crown Law Officers that publications which have been printed from stereotypes of types set outside the Colony are liable to postal charges?
 (5.) Have any steps been taken to prevent the free transmission through the post of such publications, since attention was last directed to the matter?
 (6.) Will he take such steps?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) It is believed that such is the case; but it is obviously difficult for the sorters to detect what supplements are printed outside and what within the Colony.
 (3.) Not if the sorters are aware that newspapers contain supplements printed out of the Colony.
 (4.) No.
 (5 and 6.) Yes; whenever it is reported, or the officials have reason to suppose that a newspaper or any part of it is printed outside the Colony, the proprietor is called on for explanation, and, in some cases where it has been found that the newspapers or portions of them were printed outside the Colony, the Department refused to forward them.

- (3.) Rate charged for Water, Borough of Newcastle:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has he received two letters from the Clerk of the Borough of Newcastle since the 25th of September, of which he has not acknowledged the receipt?
 (2.) Did these letters urge the necessity of his fulfilling the promise to a deputation which interviewed him on the 25th September, *re* the reduction of the rate charged for water?
 (3.) When does he intend to take any steps in this matter?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The receipt of both letters was duly acknowledged—one on the 15th, and the other on the 25th ultimo.

(2 and 3.) I find that my honorable colleague the Minister for Works dealt with the matter on the 5th instant, and a letter, in terms of his decision, will be sent to the Town Clerk, Newcastle, by this day's post.

(4.) Road from Bungendore to Captain's Flat:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the owner of Foxlow Station threatens to close a main road leading from Bungendore to Captain's Flat, which runs for 4 miles across his property?

(2.) Is he aware that this portion of the road has recently been surveyed, and that it is frequently used by public conveyances and teams going to Captain's Flat?

(3.) Will he take steps at once to have the road proclaimed, in order to prevent inconvenience arising to the mine-owners and travelling public?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The manager of Foxlow Station complains that persons now using the track from Bungendore to Captain's Flat, *via* Molonglo, leave open or throw down the gates erected at the intersecting fences, and he has applied for permission to erect public gates as a protection.

(2.) Latterly, this track, upon which traffic has been permitted by the landowners, appears to have been travelled more than usual, in consequence of there being at present considerable business activity at Captain's Flat. The road has, therefore, been recently surveyed, with the intention to establish it under 4 Wm. 4 No. XI, should the circumstances justify such a course.

(3.) Action towards this object will be taken when the plan of survey shall have been received.

(5.) Railway Porters:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of railway porters under twenty-one years of age are in receipt of 6s. per day, while other porters who have had shorter experience are paid 7s. 6d.?

(2.) Will he explain the reason for this?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that there is a reduced rate of pay for junior porters under the age of twenty-one. Porters who have not attained that age are not eligible for the rate of 7s. 6d. per day.

(6.) Manufactories in New South Wales and Victoria respectively:—*Mr. See* asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of manufactories and persons employed therein in New South Wales and Victoria respectively for the past ten years?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If a Return is moved for, I shall be very glad to furnish the information desired.

(7.) The Melbourne Exhibition:—*Mr. See* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money has been paid by the Government up to the present date in connection with the Melbourne Exhibition?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—£18,185 3s. 10d.

(8.) Paragraph in the *Australian Star*:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in the *Australian Star*, headed "The Great Unpaid—A Ridiculous Circular"?

(2.) Is it his intention to take any steps in this matter?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes; my attention was called to the paragraph by the Honorable Member when he read it in the Assembly yesterday.

(2.) I can come to no conclusion upon statements contained in a newspaper paragraph; but, after inquiry, will consider whether it is advisable to take any steps in the matter.

(9.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to answer given to Question No. 1, of 24th October last, will he state,—

(1.) What surveys are still in progress?

(2.) When the plans are likely to be completed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The survey from Inverell to Guyra is not quite completed, as certain deviations have to be made.

(2.) The Engineer-in-Chief states that it is not possible at present to say when the plans will be completed.

(10.) Survey of Railway Line to Inverell:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that another survey of a railway line to Inverell has recently been commenced between Uralla and Bundarra?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague that a survey for a railway line to Inverell has been commenced between Uralla and Bundarra.

(11.) Opening of portion of Hunter River for Fishing Purposes:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Bowes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received a petition from fishermen on the Hunter River to open, for fishing purposes, that portion of the Hunter River between Hexham and Morpeth?

(2.) Will he cause the wishes of the petitioners to be complied with?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter is under the consideration of the Commissioners of Fisheries, but a decision has not yet been arrived at.

(12.) Construction and Supervision of Tanks and Wells:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Commission appointed to inquire into the disputes between the Works and Mines Departments, with reference to the construction and supervision of tanks and wells, sent in their report?

(2.) If so, will it be laid upon the Table of this House, and when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Commission have not yet sent in their report, but when furnished a copy will be laid before Parliament.

2. **TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Trade Marks Act of 1865,' and to make more effective provision for the prevention of frauds with respect to Trade Marks,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.
3. **PAPERS**:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on the 24th October, 1888—"Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works."
(2.) Return to an Order made on the 25th October, 1888—"Commission of Inquiry into the Civil Service."
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1888.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Meat Supply of Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—
Harbour Improvements at Newcastle (Formal Motion):—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, referred to the Committee for inquiry, be carried out, at a total estimated cost of £112,000.
Question put and passed.
5. **POLICEMEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES AT BURWOOD (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of papers relating to the case of the man who was fired at by four policemen in plain clothes at Burwood.
Question put and passed.
6. **SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**:—on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, for electric lighting, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, for electric lighting, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1888.
7. **WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**:—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase Land and erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase Land and erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1888.
8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) **Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the administration of the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1888.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Thompson, read a first time.
Mr. Thompson then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Church of England Property Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of properties held on Trusts for the benefit of the Church of England, and to grant powers of dealing with the same, discharged from trust or consecration, in certain events,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 18th December.*

(2.) Special Grants to Municipalities ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers ;—*until Tuesday, 20th November.*

(3.) Goulburn and Tuena Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ; *until Tuesday, 11th December.*

10. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—Mr. Street presented a Petition from W. McMillan, as Chairman of Meeting assembled in St. Peter's School-room, Forbes-street, Sydney, in the Electorate of East Sydney, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors ; and praying the House to pass with as little delay as possible the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.

Petition received.

11. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the proposed Standing Orders, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee and ordered to be printed on 6th November, 1888, be considered in Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, the 28th November. Question put and passed.

12. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEE REMUNERATION) BILL :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the remuneration of the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Drainage Works, North Shore* :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that drainage works at North Shore, referred to the Committee for inquiry, be carried out as recommended by the Committee, by which recommendation the complete scheme proposed in relation to this work will be adopted, and the total estimated cost be £107,000. Question put and passed.

(2.) *Drainage Works, Manly* :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that drainage works at Manly, referred to the Committee for inquiry, be carried out as recommended by the Committee, by which recommendation a modified plan will be adopted, and the total estimated cost will not exceed £22,000. Question put and passed.

(3.) *New Central Police Court* :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that a new Central Police Court, referred to the Committee for inquiry, be erected on the site named in the Committee's Report, and at a total estimated cost of £48,000. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Improvements to the Circular Quay* :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that certain improvements to the Circular Quay, referred to the Committee for inquiry, be carried out, with an alteration, as recommended by the Committee, of the design of the wharf for the Messageries Maritimes Company, on the eastern side of the Quay, at a cost not exceeding £5,000, and as shown on the amended plan, the total estimated cost of the works, including the alteration, being £125,000. Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Carruthers submitted that this motion, which involved the expenditure of public money, should be introduced in a Committee of the Whole.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he considered the motion in order as an expression of the opinion of the House on an abstract question, which in itself would not commit the country to expenditure.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Storage Reservoir at Potts' Hill* :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient to construct a storage reservoir at Potts' Hill, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, referred to the Committee for inquiry, at a total estimated cost of £120,000.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(6.)

(6.) *Second Pipe between Potts' Hill and Crown-street*:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in accordance with the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient to lay a second line of pipes between Potts' Hill and Crown-street, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, referred to the Committee for inquiry, at a total estimated cost of £165,000.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—*Alban Joseph Riley*, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trucks of Goods left at Boggabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he bring under the notice of the Railway Commissioners the inconvenience and loss the Narrabri and north-western public are sustaining by trucks of goods being left at Boggabri?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there is not sufficient power to get these trucks up the steep gradient at the "Rock"?
 - (3.) What is the liability the Commissioners sustain for non-delivery of goods?
 - (4.) In view of the extension of the north-western lines, would he represent to the Commissioners the necessity of cutting away the obstruction at the Rock, so as to lessen expense and loss of time in the future?

Mr. Burns answered,—I will bring the matter of the alleged inconvenience and loss which the Narrabri and north-western people are said to sustain by goods being left at Boggabri under the notice of the Railway Commissioners, as also the question of the alleged necessity of cutting away the obstruction at the "Rock." I am informed that the Commissioners would be liable for the non-delivery of goods entrusted to them for conveyance.

- (2.) Conservation of Water at Little Bumble:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it intended to conserve water at Little Bumble, on the Narrabri-Morice Road, by the construction of tank, dam, or otherwise; and if so, when?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that at the present time teamsters and travelling stock have to travel about 30 miles without water, and that this work has been promised for years?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; provision will be made in the Draft Loan Estimate for 1889, and will be carried out when the money is available.
- (2.) The following has been supplied by the Department of Public Works, viz.:—The well was deepened to 150 feet in 1884, salt water, which improved with baling, being struck at 114 feet. A contract was let in April, 1886, for boring and tubing from bottom of shaft. The bore was carried down about 40 feet, when rods became jammed and the work stopped. The Department has not since been able to let resumption of work, but a foreman will at once be sent up to set the matter right.

- (3.) Book called "The Aldine Centennial History of New South Wales":—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government have ordered 250 copies of a book called "The Aldine Centennial History of New South Wales," for free distribution among the libraries of Europe?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that one of the agents who obtained the names of subscribers to this book, did so by making the statement mentioned in the first question, and by showing an order, signed by Sir Henry Parkes, in proof of his assertion?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have made inquiry, and I am quite unable to understand to what this question alludes. I know nothing whatever about it.

(4.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have there been any other roads constructed through the portion of land owned by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer and Messrs. R. B. Smith and Withers, Ms.P., besides those giving access to Crown lands?
- (2.) Have there been several roads constructed parallel to the boundary road, and leading from and to private property, at the expense of the Government, and by the labours of the unemployed?
- (3.) Are these parallel roads better metalled than the boundary road?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.

(5.) The Police Force—Gratuities on Retirement :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, that by a poll taken in the Police Force, by permission of the Colonial Secretary, it was decided by 901 votes to 512 that legislation should be introduced, making it legal for a policeman to retire with a gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service, without producing a medical certificate, after he had served fifteen years?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to introduce such legislation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that a vote of this kind was taken; but, so far as I can learn, no step has been taken. Of course any initiatory step would have to be taken in the Police Force, but I do not find that any step of the kind has been taken.

(6.) Rabbit Destruction Act :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What were the receipts for each year from the passing of the Rabbit Act up to the 30th September last under that Act?
- (2.) What was the amount paid in each year under the Rabbit Act, from the passing of the same up to 30th September last, by the Government (1) for clerical and inspectorial services, (2) for subsidies, and (3) for other purposes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Honorable Member's questions involve a large amount of trouble; and although it is possible that the answers I am able to give may not be absolutely accurate, still they are approximately correct. The answers supplied to me are as follows :—

- (1.) Receipts for each year, from the passing of the Rabbit Act to the 30th September last :—1883, £35,899 14s. 9d.; 1884, £84,757 8s.; 1885, £125,535 10s. 10d.; 1886, £40,023 17s. 9d.; 1887, £41,173 4s. 3d.; to 30th September, 1888, £46,357 6s. 8d.
- (2.) Amounts paid each year under the Rabbit Act to 30th September, 1888 :—(1) Clerical and inspectorial services, and various contingencies—1883, £10,457 8s. 11d.; 1884, £30,321 1s. 7d.; 1885, £34,988 2s. 9d.; 1886, £43,873 3s. 11d.; 1887, £28,270 8s. 7d.; to 30th September, 1888, £29,255 3s. (2) Subsidies :—1883, £30,206 8s. 10d.; 1884, £96,708 1s. 2d.; 1885, £49,090 2s. 8d.; 1886, £96,190 3s. 3d.; 1887, *£279,716 13s. 8d.; to 30th September, 1888, *£3,149 9s. 4d.
- (3.) Other purposes :—Answer included in amounts specified in No. 1 part of question No. 2.

* These amounts represent sums for which notices have been issued by this Department, but £58,606 of which has not yet been paid.

(7.) Fish River Railway Accident :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the verdict returned by the jury who inquired into the cause of the death of Henry Wisby, one of the victims of the Fish River railway accident?
- (2.) Did the jury find that there was a defective working of the signals?
- (3.) If so, will the Railway Department grant compensation to the wife and family of the deceased Henry Wisby?

Mr. Burns answered,—My attention has been drawn to the finding of the jury who inquired into the death of Henry Wisby. The question of compensation to the family of the deceased will have consideration.

(8.) The Free Public Library :—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that on all public holidays the people are excluded from the Free Public Library, though such is not the practice with respect to the Art Gallery or Museum?
- (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to give the public the use of their Library on future holidays?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that, in accordance with the published Regulations, the Library is kept open every day from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., except on New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday, and Boxing Day. I am further informed that, on the public holidays on which it has been open, the attendance has invariably been very small.
- (2.) If the public express a desire to have the Library kept open on public holidays, I have no doubt that arrangements could be made to meet any widely-expressed public wish.

(9.) New Law Courts :—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has the Colonial Architect ever prepared a sketch or any other designs for the contemplated Law Courts?
- (2.) Are there any sketch designs, partially or wholly prepared, in the Colonial Architect's office for the contemplated Law Courts?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; about the year 1864.
- (2.) No.

(10.) Applications by Mr. J. B. North for Land in Parish of Megalong :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—What quantity of land has been applied for under the 28th section by J. B. North, in the parish of Megalong and the adjoining parishes?

Mr. Abigail answered,—2,071 acres, situated in the parishes of Megalong and Mouin, county of Cook.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr Burns laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1889, showing total remuneration received by all Public Officers who hold more than one Office, or who receive any fees, special allowances, quarters, fuel or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the year 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 25th October, 1888—
“Case of Michael Kelly against Thomas Ryan.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Creer, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st November, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Creer then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.

Question put and passed.

4. THE LOCAL OPTION VOTE :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from certain members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and others, stating that the Local Option Vote is taken at the same time as that for Aldermen, and in many instances at public-houses; and praying that a separate day be set apart for recording the Local Option Vote, and also that it be taken at the Town Hall or other Voting-place in each Municipality.

Petition received.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Hugh Taylor, as Chairman of Meeting assembled at Parramatta, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.

Petition received.

6. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEE REMUNERATION) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st November, 1888.

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

7. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences.

Question put and passed.

BILLS OF SALE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the registration of bills of sale and other documents.

Question put and passed.

9. CUSTOMS DUTIES AT BREWARRINA—DISMISSAL OF LATE CUSTOMS OFFICER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers referring to alleged evasion of the payment of Customs duties at Brewarrina, and the dismissal of the late Custom-house officer, Mr. Swift.

Question put and passed.

10. CHARGES AGAINST EZRA PAUL MARGOSCHIS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of times one Ezra Paul Margoschis was brought up at the Cooma Police Court, the nature of the offence, and the number of convictions.

Question put and passed.

11. CITY OF SYDNEY MAYORAL ELECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. O'Connor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the election of the Mayor by the citizens of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Walker rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to the way the unemployed have been authorized to labour for the benefit of individual citizens and Members of this House.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Walker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Melville moved, as a matter of *Privilege*,—That the Colonial Treasurer, having read and quoted from a public document, should at once lay the same upon the Table of the House, in accordance with Parliamentary practice.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Walker, by leave, withdrew the motion for the adjournment of the House.

13. **PAPER**:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Documents respecting Road at Hornsby.
Ordered to be printed.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The total sum spent upon the unemployed to date?
- (2.) The sum realized upon land cleared by the unemployed?
- (3.) The approximate value of land yet available for sale?
- (4.) How many men are there at present employed upon relief works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, in the course of the afternoon, lay upon the Table a Return giving the required information.

(2.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the number of forfeited conditional purchases since the 1st of January, 1884, within the leasehold areas of the Eastern and Central Divisions?
- (2.) The same with regard to conditional leases?
- (3.) The total area of same?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The answers to the above questions will be given in the form of a Return, which is now in course of preparation, and will be placed upon the Table of the House next Tuesday.

(3.) Dismissal of Conductor Hannam, Tramway Service:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was Conductor Hannam dismissed from the Tramway Service; and, if so, on what grounds?
- (2.) What evidence was adduced to support the grounds of dismissal?
- (3.) Was Hannam afforded any opportunity of answering any charges made against him, or was it intimated to him that any charges had been made?
- (4.) Has he any objection to causing the charges and evidence to be forwarded to Hannam, so that he may answer and rebut the same?
- (5.) Will he have any objection to reinstating Hannam in case he succeeds in proving his innocence from any charges made against him?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the tramway frauds reported, after exhaustive inquiry, that Hannam was not a desirable man to retain in the position of tramway conductor, and his services were accordingly dispensed with.

(4.) Superintendent, Fitzroy Dock:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) For what reason is the item, Docking Superintendent at Fitzroy Dock, £390, omitted from the Estimates for 1889?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, according to the Regulations of Her Majesty's Naval Service, no person is allowed to dock a British ship of war unless he is a duly qualified shipwright?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the vessels of Her Majesty's Navy are repaired in Fitzroy Dock?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the General Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock is not a duly qualified shipwright?
- (5.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Samuel Hayes*, the Docking Superintendent at Fitzroy Dock, has held the position for seventeen years, is under 60 years of age, is in good health, and that no complaint has ever been laid against him?

(6.)

- (6.) Why should not the services of Mr. Samuel Hayes be retained?
 (7.) What is the title of the position held at Fitzroy Dock by Mr. James Hoey?
 (8.) Is he the same Mr. James Hoey who was a Superintendent at Fitzroy Dock, and did a boiler explosion take place there during the time he was Superintendent?
 (9.) What was the cost of that boiler explosion to the country?
 (10.) Is Mr. Hoey to have charge of the docking of Her Majesty's vessels of war at Fitzroy Dock?

Mr. Burns answered,—These questions will be more fully and satisfactorily answered by placing upon the Table of the House a copy of a report made by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the subject, and the minute of the Secretary for Public Works thereon. This I will presently do.

- (5.) Police Magistrate at Coonabarabran :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Does he intend to abolish the office of Police Magistrate at Coonabarabran, and remove that officer from that place?
 (2.) Has not this office been in existence for many years, and given satisfaction?
 (3.) Will he have any objection to state the arrangements that have been made for the future performance of these duties, and if it is intended that they are to be performed by the Clerk of Petty Sessions at a reduced salary?
 (4.) What provision does he intend making for the present Police Magistrate at Coonabarabran, who has been many years in the Service?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) It is intended to merge the office of Police Magistrate, Coonabarabran, in that of Police Magistrate, Coonamble, and, in the completion of arrangements, the services of the present Police Magistrate, Coonabarabran, will be fully considered.
 (2.) Yes; until the necessity for improved arrangements became apparent.
 (3.) These matters are under consideration.
 (4.) This question is answered by reply to No. 1.

- (6.) Michael Brett's Application for Conditional Purchase :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Michael Brett make application to conditionally purchase 600 acres of land, county of Mitchell, parish of Ashcroft, at the Lands Office, Wagga Wagga, on 14th June, 1888?
 (2.) Was a ballot taken, and was Brett successful?
 (3.) Was the land open for selection, or had the land been withdrawn from sale by a notice in the *Government Gazette*?
 (4.) Has Brett's application been dealt with by the Local Land Board?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but the Land Agent warned him at the time that the land was not available.
 (2.) Yes; and Brett was successful. The ballot, however, was insisted upon by the applicants present, and it was conducted by the Land Agent under protest, as he has not the power to absolutely refuse applications tendered to him.
 (3.) No; it having been withdrawn from sale by Ministerial authority on the 11th June last, in order to enable the Department to more effectually deal with it.
 (4.) No; but it will come before the Local Land Board on the 28th instant.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of Revenue and Expenditure, under the Rabbit Act, since 1883.
 (2.) Correspondence respecting omission from Estimates-in-Chief for 1889 of the sum of £390, the Salary of Docking Superintendent, Fitzroy Dock.
 (3.) Return respecting Arrears of Rents on Crown Lands.
 Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting the Unemployed.
 (2.) Further Correspondence, &c., respecting Roads at Hornsby.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Regulations respecting Agistment of Stock under the Public Watering Places Act 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations Nos. 78 and 79, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DISTRICT COURTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Gould presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858 and to amend the District Courts Act Further Amendment Act of 1884*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL :—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of First Offences*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.

5. MANUFACTORIES (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of manufactories and persons employed therein in New South Wales and Victoria respectively for the past five years.
 Question put and passed.

6. **CONVICTION UNDER THE VAGRANT ACT (*Formal Motion*)** :—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all warrants, depositions, recognizances, correspondence, reports, and papers relating to the case of a person named Green, who was convicted under the Vagrant Act, and whose conviction was quashed by Mr. District Court Judge Docker, at the Sydney Quarter Sessions.
Question put and passed.
7. **PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*)** :—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday, 28th November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Patents.
Question put and passed.
8. **TELEGRAPH LINE TO MILPARINKA (*Formal Motion*)** :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and reports made in reference to the establishment of a telegraph line to Milparinka since the Order of this House, made on the 27th day of September, 1887.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next :—
(1.) Sale of Colonial Wines; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, with respect to the sale of Colonial Wines.
(2.) Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of factories and workshops, and for the supervision of females, young persons, and children employed therein.
10. **ENDOWMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, there is urgent need for special legislation, pending the passing of a Local Government Bill, in order to provide a more liberal endowment towards municipalities in proportion to their rates and contributions for municipal purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Garvan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Gale,	

Noes, 30.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. See,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Teese,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** :—William Hillier Holborow, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
12. **PAPERS** :—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of men who have applied for work to the Casual Labour Board, where they came from, and how dealt with, from 2nd May, 1887, to 30th June, 1888.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th November, 1888—"Customs Duties at Brewarrina—Dismissal of late Customs Officer."
Ordered to be printed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Rabbit Account:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the balance at credit or at debit of the Rabbit Account on the 30th June last?
- (2.) What was the balance at credit or debit of the same account on the 31st October last?
- (3.) What was the total sum paid by the Colonial Treasurer on account of the Rabbit Act from the 30th June last to 31st October last?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) On the 30th June last there was a balance of £403,134 8s. 7d. at debit of the Rabbit Account.
- (2.) On the 31st October last there was a balance of £409,056 10s. 9d. at debit of the Rabbit Account.
- (3.) The total sum paid by the Colonial Treasurer on account of the Rabbit Act, from 30th June last to 31st October last, was £16,762 8s. 4d.

(2.) Rabbit Subsidy:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What sum was due to owners for rabbit subsidy on the 31st October, 1888?
- (2.) Were vouchers issued from the Department of Lands for rabbit subsidy during the present year?
- (3.) What was the total amount of those vouchers?
- (4.) What amount of those vouchers was paid up to the 31st October last?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) £58,780 2s. 2d., exclusive of claims to the value of about £18,000, final action on which has not yet been taken.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) £155,115 9s. 8d.
- (4.) £96,335 7s. 6d.

(3.) Public Instruction:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
How many children in New South Wales are receiving education at the State Schools without payment of the usual fees?

Mr. Inglis answered,—7,390 out of a gross enrolment of 162,560; percentage, 4.5. This includes hundreds of cases of evasion as well as pure inability.

(4.) Public School, Berrima:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Wilshire, Police Magistrate at Berrima and Chairman of the Local School Board, send a communication to the Department of Public Instruction, representing that, on account of scarlet fever being prevalent, the Public School should be closed?
- (2.) Is it a fact no notice was taken of, or answer sent to, this communication?
- (3.) Did the schoolmaster receive a communication to close the school for a fortnight from a date which had expired at time of receipt of such communication?
- (4.) Have any complaints been made of late that children have contracted scarlet fever through attending this school?
- (5.) Is it the practice of the Department to ignore recommendations from Local School Boards and to subject such recommendations to reports from School Inspectors?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Yes, by telegram.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No such complaints have been made to this Department.
- (5.) The recommendations of Local Boards are not ignored, but, ordinarily, these recommendations are forwarded for the reports of the local Inspectors. (5.)

(5.) Fitzroy Waterfalls:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands;—

- (1.) Has any portion of the Vote for public parks been allotted this year to the Fitzroy Waterfalls reserve, near Moss Vale; if not, for what reason?
- (2.) What amount of money has been spent up to date in improvements at Wentworth Water Falls, on the Western line?
- (3.) The amount to date spent in improvements at Fitzroy Waterfalls?
- (4.) What parks have received a share of the Vote for this year, and the amount allotted to each?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) No; the Vote was distributed as equitably as possible, and with a view to the requirements of the population. The Vote for 1888 was smaller than previous years, viz., £5,000, and applications were made for over £30,000.
- (2.) It cannot be said what amount has been spent by the trustees, but £800 have been granted at various times from Votes of this Department.
- (3.) As stated in answer to previous question, it cannot be said what has been spent, but £700 have been granted from the Votes.
- (4.) I will presently lay a Return upon the Table of the House giving the information desired.

(6.) Penny Postage System:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—With reference to the following question and answer on the 12th July, 1887, has any decision been arrived at by the Government; if not, will they decide this question during the present Session:—

“Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—Have the Government considered the advisableness of extending the penny postage system throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by railway, the late Postmaster-General having promised, in June, 1886, that this matter should be considered and decided on an early date; if not, is it the intention of the present Government to consider it during the recess?”

“Mr. Roberts answered,—This question has not yet received the consideration of the present Government, but it will probably be considered during the recess.”

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Government has not yet come to a decision upon the question of the extension of the penny postage system throughout the Colony, but the subject will shortly be again considered.

(7.) Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Hawkesbury River, for a distance of about 5 miles from the public wharf at Windsor, is filling up, and that a large population settled upon the banks of that river is prevented from using that portion of the river?
- (2.) Will he cause a survey to be made and a report sent in as early as possible of the probable cost of clearing and deepening the above, and place the amount upon the Estimates for carrying out such work in a manner which would enable the agriculturalists to take their produce to market?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague understands that the portion of the river referred to is very shallow; but he is not in a position to say whether it is worse now than it has been for years past.
- (2.) He will call for a report, and, when that is before him, will decide what course to pursue in reference to the subject.

(8.) Mr. J. C. Woore, Police Magistrate, at Queanbeyan:—Mr. Gale asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. J. C. Woore, Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan, been for many months past engaged on the Tauks and Wells Commission?
- (2.) Has he been consequently withdrawn from Bench duty?
- (3.) Is he receiving, or to receive, remuneration, other than expenses out of pocket, for his services as such Commissioner, in addition to his stipend as Police Magistrate?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) I am informed by the Commissioner for Roads that Mr. Woore receives the usual allowance paid to officers absent on duty from their district, viz., 30s. a day.

(9.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, on the expiration of the present lease of the Railway Refreshment Rooms throughout the Colony, invite tenders from persons willing to enter upon new leases for each refreshment room separately?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question of letting the Railway Refreshment Rooms will be considered after consultation with the Commissioners, with the disposition on my part to make a new arrangement.

(10.) Lease of Oddfellow's Hall as Central Police Court:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. O'Mara, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What rent is being paid for the Oddfellow's Hall, now used as the Central Police Court?
- (2.) What is the length of the lease?
- (3.) Was rent paid for the premises before they were occupied; and, if so, for how long?
- (4.) Are the proprietors of the said hall registered; and, if so, who are they?
- (5.) To whom and on whose behalf is the rent paid?
- (6.) Is the accommodation for the public considered satisfactory?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) £500 per annum.

(2.) For two years, from 1st March, 1888.

(3.) Yes; for a period of seven months.

(4.) I am not aware of the registration or names of the proprietors; but the lease was prepared by the Crown Solicitor, as between the Crown and trustees of the premises.

(5.) The rent is paid to Messrs. P. I. Newland and G. F. Gough as such trustees.

(6.) Not altogether satisfactory. The arrangement was the best that could be made as a temporary expedient, and the matter of further accommodation is now under consideration.

- (11.) Public School, Hornsby :—Mr. Copeland asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it true that a Public School has been promised to be erected at Hornsby ; if so, what is the proposed cost of such building ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—No ; a school is already in existence at Hornsby. It is proposed to erect school buildings on the Department's site at Hornsby Junction, which is beyond the statutory distance from Hornsby, at a cost of £1,198 10s., to supersede the Temporary School at Peat's Ferry Road, which is about three-quarters of a mile from the Junction.

- (12.) Police Station, &c., Hornsby :—Mr. Copeland asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it true that a Police Station and Court-house are to be erected at Hornsby ?
 (2.) If so, what is the estimated cost of such buildings ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am not aware that any proposal of the kind has been brought under the notice of the Government.

- (13.) Field of Mars Common ; Beecroft ; Harbord ; and Heathcote :—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the number of allotments and total area sold, also the number of allotments and total area still unsold, of the 1886 sub-division of Field of Mars ?

(2.) The like information with respect to Beecroft, Harbord, and Heathcote ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

Locality.	No. of Lot.	Sold.			No. of Lot.	Unsold.		
		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
1. Field of Mars ...	288	165	3	3	161	133	1	38
2. Beecroft ...	295	364	2	4	109	228	1	0
3. Harbord ...	170	260	3	26	429	278	2	34
4. Heathcote ...	184	202	2	5	88	86	3	22

- (14.) Mineral Conditional Purchases, Parish of Metz :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any license or deed been issued, or any other action been taken, in the case of "Mineral Conditional Purchases, Parish of Metz," upon which a Select Committee sat during last Session ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Lands Department report that the deed of grant was issued on the 16th August, 1888. A permit, under section 7 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, was granted to Messrs. Moore, Speare, and McBear to remove gold, 27th August, 1887.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1887.
 (2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land for Public School Purposes at Casino South (2), Cowlong, and Mosquito Island.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence, &c., respecting Roads at Hornsby.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. HOSPITAL ELECTIONS BILL :—Mr. Lee presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Election of Trustees and Treasurers of Hospitals*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.
4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from John Nobbs, Chairman of Meeting assembled at Granville, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors ; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
 Petition received.
5. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.
 Question put and passed.
6. PASTORAL RENTS AND OCCUPATION LICENSE FEES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The amounts of pastoral rents and occupation license fees in arrear and unpaid on the 31st December, 1886.
 (2.) The amount of such arrears received during each subsequent quarter.
 (3.) The amount of pastoral rent and occupation license fees refunded, and to be refunded, on account of reductions on appeal.
 (4.) A statement showing the amounts, as above, actually received, and the amounts of same apportioned to deferred payments, giving the periods over which such deferred payments extend.
 Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Levien rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to the administration of justice by Judge Docker."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Levien moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.

8. CITY OF SYDNEY MAYORAL ELECTION BILL:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Election of the Mayor of the City of Sydney by the Citizens*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.
9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.
10. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed until to-morrow.
12. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE:—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and to visit the ground, to inquire into and report upon the work of the unemployed in clearing, forming, and making roads through the property near Hornsby owned by Messrs. Burns, Withers, and R. B. Smith, and also those made through the Holt-Sutherland estate and other private properties, with power to sit during any adjournment.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Street, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. William Clarke, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th November, 1888.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rabbit Destruction:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was a Royal Commission issued to any persons to inquire into and report upon the efficacy of proposals for the destruction or extermination of rabbits, including the proposals of M. Pasteur?
 - (2.) What are the names of the persons appointed to that Commission?
 - (3.) What is the date of the Commission, and within what time had the report to be made?
 - (4.) Has the time for reporting been extended; if so, when, and for what period?
 - (5.) Is it the intention of the Commission to furnish a report; and, if so, when?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) New South Wales: Henry Norman Maclaurin, Esq., M.D.; William Camac Wilkinson, Esq., M.D., M.P.; Edward Quin, Esq. Victoria: Harry Brooks Allen, Esq., M.D.; Alfred Naylor Pearson, Esq.; Edward Harewood Lascelles, Esq. South Australia: Edward Charles Stirling, Esq., M.D.; Alexander Stuart Paterson, Esq., M.D. New Zealand: Alfred Dillon Bell, Esq. Queensland: Joseph Bancroft, Esq., M.D.; Henry Tryon, Esq. Tasmania: Thomas Alfred Tabart, Esq. Dr. Maclaurin has since resigned.
 - (3.) 16th April, 1888. Within one month from date of Commission, "or as soon as same could be done."
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) Yes; a progress report is in course of preparation, and will be ready shortly.

- (2.) Rabbit Destruction:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- What sum of money has been advanced to the Commission appointed to inquire into the question of rabbit destruction, and to whom has the same been paid?

Mr. Brunker answered,—£500 has been advanced to the Royal Commission, and it was paid to the credit of the President. Other amounts have, however, been paid for expenses in connection with the establishment at Rodd Island, where experiments are being conducted under the direction of the Commission. The amount so paid totals £4,222,

(3.)

- (3.) Rabbit Subsidy:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the total amount of rabbit subsidy now overdue, and the amount of such subsidies paid since the present Government came into office?

Mr. Brunker answered,—£58,780 2s. 2d., exclusive of claims to the value of about £18,000, final action on which has not yet been taken. Since the present Government came into office, the sum of £298,872 12s. 10d. has been paid as subsidy under the provisions of the Rabbit Act.

- (4.) Roads, Beecroft, Field of Mars, Harbord, Heathcote, and Hornsby:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many chains of road have been formed, and how many metalled, at the expense of the Government, on each of the following township subdivisions:—Beecroft, Field of Mars 1886 subdivision, Harbord, Heathcote, and Hornsby?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Beecroft, 312 chains formed, none metalled; Harbord, none formed or metalled; Heathcote, none formed or metalled; Hornsby, 270 chains formed, none metalled.

- (5.) Public-houses used as Polling-places:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in some electorates licensed public-houses are used as polling-places at Parliamentary elections?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary give instructions to the Returning Officers not to appoint polling-places in or at public-houses?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I know from personal observation that the poll is sometimes taken in country places in public-houses. With regard to Question 2, it is a delicate matter for the Colonial Secretary to give instructions to the Returning Officer in any case. The practice is no doubt an objectionable one; but it ought to be provided against in an amendment of the law.

- (6.) Benevolent Asylum:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What sum of money has the New South Wales Benevolent Asylum now to its credit?

(2.) What sums of money has it at the present time invested?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Honorary Secretary to the Benevolent Society:—

(1.) There is nothing to the credit of the Society's current account, but there is a bank overdraft against the Institution amounting to £7,810 3s. 4d.

(2.) £36,462 13s. 2d.; but a legal opinion has been obtained that this money cannot be touched excepting for building purposes.

- (7.) Country Rifle Clubs:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Rifle Clubs at present being formed in the country have to pay for targets, ammunition, and uniforms?

(2.) If so, will he see that in future these articles are supplied?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think I have any information supplied to me on this question; but I can state from my own personal knowledge that the members of the Rifle Clubs pay at a reduced price for their ammunition; and, considering that the volunteer spirit is to a large extent supposed to be developed in these Rifle Clubs, I think it is an expenditure of which they ought not to complain.

- (8.) Centenary Celebration Act:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention, before the next Session of Parliament, to sell building sites, under the provisions of section 3 of the Centenary Celebration Act?

(2.) Will he take the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to whether, in the event of such sales, the Government will be bound by the terms of said Act to carry out the building of the State House; and, if so, will he consent to repeal the State House portion of said Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I feel that I cannot answer this question in any manner conformable to the manner in which it is asked, and I think it would be in direct conflict with the rule laid down in May's practice to do so; but I think, however, that I can answer it in a way that will satisfy the Honorable Member—that is, that no step whatever will be taken with respect to the Centennial Park without Parliament being first fully informed.

- (9.) Torpedo Corps:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the reorganization of the Torpedo Corps yet completed?

(2.) If not, in what particulars is the reorganization still incomplete?

(3.) What is the reason of the delay, and who is responsible for it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think I shall be able to answer that question in conformity with the manner in which it is asked, for the same reason as I gave in the case of the question asked by the Honorable Member for New England; but if the Honorable Member will ask this question on the next sitting day, I will give him what I think will be a satisfactory answer.

- (10.) Post and Telegraph Office, Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the post and telegraph office at Cudal, and is there any cause for delay in proceeding with the work?

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders for this work will be invited in to-morrow's issue of the *Government Gazette*.

- (11.) Case of John Roche Ardill:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any decision yet been arrived at in reference to the application made by one John Roche Ardill for compensation for the survey of several runs in the Western District?

(2.) Will he state what that decision is, or when it is likely to be finally settled or referred for report to the late Surveyor-General, viz., Mr. Fitzgerald?

(3.) Has the Government made use of and adopted Mr. Ardill's survey and plans?

(4.) Did the Government receive a high premium for the sale of the respective surveyed runs?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) It has repeatedly been decided that Mr. Ardill has no claim to compensation.
- (2.) I know of no reason why the matter should be referred to the late Surveyor-General or Mr. Fitzgerald.
- (3.) There is nothing to show that Mr. Ardill's surveys have been used in connection with the work of the Department; but, on the contrary, they were declared to be unreliable.
- (4.) I cannot say.

(12.) Interest and Instalments due by Selectors :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for ameliorating, if possible, the present condition of selectors who have suffered by the drought, by foregoing, or otherwise, the interest and instalment on all *bona fide* selections for the ensuing year?
- (2.) In the event of selectors not being able, from the severity of the season, to comply with the law in regard to the usual annual payments of interest and instalment, would the Government, under the circumstances, see that steps are taken with the view of preventing such selections becoming forfeited for non-payment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No such concessions as those referred to are permissible under the existing law.

(13.) Overhead Bridge, Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to Mr. Hugh Taylor's applications to the Department of Public Works for the removal of the overhead bridge at the Parramatta railway station, will he bring this matter, together with all papers on the subject, under the early consideration of the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question of the railway overbridge at Parramatta will be brought under the early notice of the Railway Commissioners.

(14.) Changing Stations at Wellington and Dubbo :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he cause inquiry to be made in reference to the working of the changing stations at Wellington and Dubbo?
- (2.) In the event of only one changing station being required, will he bring the matter under the notice of the Railway Commissioners, with a view to the abolition of one or other of the same?
- (3.) Is this a matter for the Railway Commissioners or the Government to decide?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question of the working of the changing stations at Dubbo and Wellington will be considered and determined by the Railway Commissioners.

(15.) Losses sustained by Persons through Fire at Potts' Hill :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he been supplied with a list of the persons who were recently burnt out at Potts' Hill, with the account of the losses they have sustained?
- (2.) Has his attention been particularly directed to the case of a widow named Sheeran, who has been left penniless through the conflagration at Potts' Hill?
- (3.) Is it his intention to grant these sufferers the same aid that was recently accorded by him to the Chinese who were burnt out on the Botany Road?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think that my attention has been directed to this case in the manner implied by this question. As the widow Sheeran is particularly alluded to, I will promise to institute an inquiry into her case; but I am inclined to dispute the wisdom of giving money from the public Treasury in such a case as this, merely because a small sum was distributed amongst the Chinese, who were helpless foreigners, in a marked manner distinct from the rest of the population, and in a state of destitution such as Englishmen, I trust, are never in. In this case, what ought to be done is to establish a private subscription; and, although I am a very poor man myself, I have offered to give my subscription; and if fifty gentlemen are willing to give a similar amount, all the assistance that will be required will be forthcoming at once.

(16.) Artesian Wells :—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Lockhead had any communication with his Department with reference to putting down artesian wells in this Colony?
- (2.) Will he take steps at once to make arrangements for putting down artesian wells?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Tenders have been invited for boring for water on several of the principal stock routes, tenders to be in by the 15th proximo. Several bores have been put down by this Department under the Superintendent of Drills, and a copious supply of artesian water has been obtained at seven sites, and a good supply of sub-artesian water has been obtained at twenty-one sites.

(17.) S. H. Keene, Confinee on Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Dibbs asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers, letters, &c., having reference to S. H. Keene, a confinee on board the Training Ship "Vernon"?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Yes; in the course of a few days.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Charles Dickens Baron, as Chairman of the Life-boat Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, George-street North, Sydney, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.

4. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE :—Mr. Walker (*bu consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Returns respecting "Roads at Hornsby," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 8th, 13th, and 14th November, 1888, respectively, be referred to the Select Committee on "Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate."

Question put and passed.

5. **TEREMIAH RESERVE, COUNTY DENISON**:—Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from certain Selectors, intending Selectors, and others interested in the progress and settlement of the people on the lands, representing that Petitioners were induced, by the advertisement declaring the reserves on the Teremiah Reserve open for selection, to travel long distances to select, but that the land was cut up into special area reserves, and a minimum price placed thereon of from £2 to £4 per acre, which, Petitioners allege, is inimical to *bona fide* settlement; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made into the matter, with a view to relief.
At the request of Mr. Lyne, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
6. **INLAND WATERS CONSERVATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the conservation and storage of water in river channels.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Lakeman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Conservation and Storage of Water in River Channels*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.
7. **DISPOSAL OF CROWN LANDS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That, prior to the disposition of any Crown lands by conditional purchase, auction purchase, or in any other manner, the Minister for Lands shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in some newspaper published and circulating in the district within which such lands may be situated.
Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.
On motion of Mr. Clarke, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. **PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION) BILL**:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Supply of Water to certain Country Towns:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When were the works for the supply of water to Albury, Bathurst, Bourke, Deniliquin, Goulburn, Hunter River, Wagga Wagga, and Wentworth completed?
 (2.) What is the total amount of indebtedness to the Government on account of these works?
 (3.) What amount has been repaid, under the terms of the law, on account of each work?
 (4.) What amount is now due for interest and instalments?

Mr. Burns answered,—A Return, giving the information desired by the Honorable Member, will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Claims of William Tom, junior, and J. H. A. Lister:—*Mr. Dalton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers, ordered on the 16th December, 1887, in connection with any claims for compensation made by William Tom, junior, and J. H. A. Lister, as first discoverers of gold in this Colony, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There has been some difficulty in tracing all the papers, and I fear it will be impossible to complete them; but I will lay upon the Table the Return as far as completed in the course of a day or two.

- (3.) Rent for Stores at Circular Quay:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What rent is being paid by Messrs. Flood & Co. for the stores at Circular Quay, lately owned by the Australian Steam Navigation Company?
 (2.) What is the length of lease?
 (3.) Have special arrangements been made with lessees regarding inward and outward wharriages at Circular Quay?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) Messrs. Flood & Co. are the lessees, until the expiry of three years from the 1st September last, of a portion of the shed at the Circular Quay. The portion in their occupancy is limited to 264 feet in length, and they rent that space for six months in each of the years referred to, for the sum of £100 for each six months occupancy. During the other six months the shed reverts to the Government.

(3.) No special arrangements have been made with the lessees respecting inward and outward wharriages at Circular Quay.

- (4.) Reserves, Narrabri:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has travelling stock reserve 1,758, of 8th May, 1882, in lieu of 384, cancelled (papers Mis. 82-1,781), been withdrawn from lease, or the greater portion thereof, and was the residue since withdrawn from license and lease?

(2.) Is this reserve within the population boundary of the town of Narrabri?

(3.) Is it a fact that fencing has been erected, depriving the public of free access to it, and to the river water frontage?

(4.) Has the Mines Department requested action to be taken to remove these obstructions, and has or will the Crown Lands Bailiff at Narrabri be directed to cause all fencing and obstructions to be removed forthwith?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The greater part of the reserve is within the population boundary of [the town of Narrabri, and therefore not open to lease, and the residue of the reserve was withdrawn from license and lease by notification in the *Government Gazette* of 3rd instant.

(2.) The greater part of the reserve is within the population boundary of the town of Narrabri, but the residue is outside that boundary.

(3.) The fencing was erected before the notification of the reserve 1,758.

(4.) Yes; by memo. of 4th April, 1888. The whole case had to be referred to the Local Land Board. Instructions have not issued to cause the fencing to be removed. The subject will receive early attention.

- (5.) Police Force at Wee Waa:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause inquiry to be made into the strength of the Police Force at Wee Waa, with the view of directing the Inspector-General to place additional men there should the Force be inadequate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Acting Inspector-General of Police that several applications for additional police at Wee Waa have been made during the last two years; but after inquiry a second constable was considered unnecessary at that station. The officer in charge of the district has now been instructed to institute careful inquiry, and report again on the subject.

- (6.) Rifle Range and Butts, Parramatta:—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps have been taken (if any) towards acquiring a rifle range and erecting rifle butts at Parramatta for the use of the Parramatta Reserve Corps, in accordance with a promise made to the said corps at the time they were compelled to discontinue using the old rifle butts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (7.) Teralba:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place Teralba in the Wollombi Electorate?

(2.) If so, at whose suggestion?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No representations have been made to the Government regarding this matter.

- (8.) Roads through Holt-Sutherland Estate:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that roads were cleared at Government expense through the private estate known as the Holt-Sutherland?

(2.) What length of roads were so cleared?

(3.) What length of roads were metalled?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Chairman of the Casual Labour Board:—

(1.) Several public roads have been cleared and formed through a portion of the Holt-Sutherland Estate. The Great Illawarra Road, from the railway station at Sutherland to Government steam punt at "Tom Ugly's Point"; Woronora and Yowie Roads, from the Sutherland Station to "Government reserves"; also several minor roads have been cleared which lead from these roads to deep water at Port Hacking; and the Cornulla Road has been formed from the end of Woronora Road, this being the direct road to the "Noxious Trades Site," and passes through Government reserve for "Fortifications," at the north head of Port Hacking.

(2.) Between 5 and 6 miles.

(3.) None. No roads have been metalled, but some, where the traffic is very heavy, have been gravelled.

- (9.) Torpedo Corps:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the reorganization of the Torpedo Corps yet completed?

(2.) If not, in what particulars is the reorganization still incomplete?

(3.) What is the reason of the delay, and who is responsible for it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1 and 2.) Yes; with the exception of carrying out the reduction of the establishment of officers.

(3.) The case requires mature consideration to enable officers concerned to be equitably dealt with.

- (10.) Road past "Leumeah":—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the unemployed have made, or are making, a road leading past "Leumeah," the residence of the Honorable John Davies, M.L.C., the head of the Casual Labour Board?

(2.) Who gave the instructions for the construction of the said road?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No. I am informed that the Leumeah Road, leading from the Sydney Road to railway station, was made by the Roads Department two and a half years ago.

- (11.) Catalogue of Mining Department's Exhibits, Melbourne Exhibition:—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Gale, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the descriptive catalogue of the Mining Department's exhibits at the Melbourne Exhibition was ready by 29th of June?

(2.) Is it a fact that they were in type before the opening of the Melbourne Exhibition?

(3.) If so, why were they not printed and issued to the public?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners for the Exhibition had no similar catalogue of their own?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Executive Commissioner has refused to allow the Mining Department's catalogue to be issued in the Melbourne Exhibition?

(6.) Has the Executive Commissioner power to refuse this permission?

(7.) What steps does he intend to take to have the catalogue distributed at the Melbourne Exhibition?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Some differences have existed between the Executive Commissioner for the Melbourne Exhibition and the Mines Department, which have caused delay; but the catalogue will now very shortly be issued.

- (12.) The Police Force—Gratuities on Retirement:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a two-thirds majority of the members of the Police Force are anxious to have legislation carried out, to give effect to the vote they arrived at with regard to the right to retire after fifteen years service, with the usual gratuity?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the police are now subscribing 3 per cent. of their pay to a fund to allow of the carrying out of the proposal?
 - (3.) Now that the police have taken the initiatory steps in the matter, will the Colonial Secretary consider the desirability of passing such legislation as will give effect to their wishes with regard to the retirement after fifteen years' service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Acting Inspector-General of Police reports that the number of members of the Police Force who at present desire such legislation is probably about the same as when the vote was taken in 1885.
- (2.) I am informed that the 3 per cent. subscription is not for the purpose of carrying out the proposal, but to provide superannuation and gratuity allowances under the existing law.
- (3.) I cannot at this moment say what course the Government will take.

- (13.) Monument of Aboriginal "Yuranich":—Mr. Hutchison, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the fence that surrounded the grave and monument of "Yuranich," an aboriginal who accompanied the first exploring party into the interior, and originally erected by the Government, near the town of Mølong, is now completely destroyed?
- (2.) Will he see that early steps are taken to have the grave of so worthy and plucky a darkey refenced, so that the tombstone that was erected to his memory by the Governor may not be destroyed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Acting Inspector-General of Police reports that the fence that surrounds the grave and monument is not completely destroyed, more than half of it still being in fairly good condition. All the posts are standing, and many of the rails are lying about. The quantity of land originally enclosed was about a quarter of an acre. The monument is in a good state of preservation.

- (14.) Letters addressed to Drs. Germont and Loir:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the statement true which has been made by Dr. Germont to Mr. Lyne, viz., that certain confidential letters addressed to Drs. Germont and Loir, through the Colonial Secretary's Office, were opened?
- (2.) If so, were they opened inadvertently, and by whom?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The letters were inadvertently cut open with a great number of others addressed to the Department by the Clerk of Records, who usually opens the letters in the absence of the Principal Under Secretary. As soon as the mistake was discovered the letters were immediately sealed, and a certificate given to the effect that the contents had not been read or translated.

- (15.) Roads at Hornsby:—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many chains of road have been formed, and how many chains metalled, at the expense of the Government on the private property of Messrs. Burns, Withers, and R. B. Smith, M's.P., at Hornsby, and the total amount expended by the Government on said work?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—499 chains formed and 326 ballasted. I am not in a position to state the cost of the work; but no doubt the Colonial Secretary will be able to obtain the information from the Casual Labour Board.

[Since the foregoing answer was prepared, I have been informed that it refers to all the roads at Hornsby. Mr. O'Donnell reports to-day that the quantity of road formed and ballasted through Burns', Withers', and Smith's property at Hornsby by Casual Labour Board is approximately:—24 chains road forming, cost £18; 53 chains formed and ballasted, £106; total, £124. Clearing, at an average rate of £7 per acre, or £56 per mile, is not included in the above.]

2. RAILWAY FROM INVERELL TO GLEN INNES:—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from certain Residents of the District of Inverell, stating that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the line of Railway from Inverell to Glen Innes, already adopted on two different occasions by this House, is the only line that can serve the interests of the District of Inverell; and praying the House to take their statements into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from James Ross, Mayor of Ryde, as Chairman of Public Meeting assembled in Ryde, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.
4. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, praying the House, for the reasons set forth in the Petitions, to withhold its assent from the Divorce Extension Bill:—
 - (1.) By Mr. Street—From certain Ministers of Religion of various Religious Denominations in the Colony.
 - (2.) By Mr. Martin—From John S. Macpherson, Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia in New South Wales.
 Petitions received.

5. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Walker, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on the "Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate," and the Committee being desirous of examining the Honorable John Davies, C.M.G., a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

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6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Total Value of Goods imported from South Australia by way of Cockburn, for the periods ending June, 1886, June, 1887, and June, 1888, respectively.
- (2.) Return showing amount of Customs Revenue received on Imports from South Australia for years ending June, 1886, June, 1887, June, 1888, respectively.
- (3.) Return showing Total Value of all Exports from New South Wales to South Australia, by way of Cockburn, for periods ending June, 1886, June, 1887, June, 1888, respectively.
- (4.) Return showing details of Specific Duties for years ending 30th June, 1887 and 1888, respectively.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Forfeited Purchases and Conditional Leases in Eastern and Central Divisions since 1st January, 1884.
- (2.) Return showing Parks which have received a share of the Vote for this year, and the amount allotted to each.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 7th November, 1888—"Policemen in Plain Clothes at Burwood."
- (2.) Sewerage By-laws of the Borough of Redfern.

Ordered to be printed.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Garland, moved pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to Charles E. Jeamcrot, one of the Members for Carcoar, who has been compelled to visit England on urgent private business.
Question put and passed.

9. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours a legal day's labour, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 4th December :—

- (1.) Divorce Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- (2.) Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- (3.) Electorates of The Gwydir and Inverell Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.

11. LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nobbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Nobbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

12. PROSECUTIONS FOR PERJURY AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. BULLI COLLIERY DISASTER FUND BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be referred for report to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Creer, Mr. Woodward, and the Mover."

Question

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. William Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Riley,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Dangar.	

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Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Moore.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Main Question,—

(1.) That the Bill be referred for report to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Brunner, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Creer, Mr. Woodward, and the Mover,—
put and passed.

14. SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1889 a sufficient sum to provide for a special endowment of £1 for every £1 raised in municipalities by way of rates or contributions towards any municipal purposes,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Davis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Crouch.
Mr. Seaver,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Haynes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Hawken,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Turner,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker—stating that he acted on the principle of leaving the subject open for further discussion—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

15. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTION:—

- (1.) Colo Valley Railway:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total cost of the Colo Valley railway survey?
 - (2.) What was the object of the Department in authorizing it?
 - (3.) What object had the Department in view in authorizing a portion of the survey to be made and not carrying it to completion?
 - (4.) Did he promise a deputation that he would authorize the completion of the survey immediately Mr. Townsend's report was in his hands?
 - (5.) Have any representations been made to him regarding the impracticability of the line which have induced him to refuse to fulfil his promise?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) £8,090 1s. 11d.
 - (2.) With the view of obtaining a line with better gradients than the existing line over the mountains.
 - (3.) The survey from Emu Plains to Rylstone, *via* Colo Valley, as originally undertaken, has been completed.
 - (4 and 5.) It appears my honorable colleague, the Minister for Works, did contemplate the completion of this survey; but, in view of the many urgent demands made upon the Department for Trial Surveys which cannot all be undertaken at once, this particular one, with many others, has been allowed perforce to remain in abeyance.
- (2.) Nyngan-Cobar Line of Railway:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Have the Government decided to include the Nyngan-Cobar line in the next batch of railway proposals?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The Schedule of railway proposals has yet to be dealt with by the Cabinet.
- (3.) Trial Surveys between Bairnsdale and Bendock, and Bombala and Bendock:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Victorian Government have decided upon a trial survey between Bairnsdale and Bendock, on the New South Wales Border?
 - (2.) If so, will he take steps to have a trial survey made between Bombala and Bendock, a distance of about 25 miles, with a view to the establishment of an alternative line between Victoria and New South Wales?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) I have been informed that such is the case.
 - (2.) The question will be considered by the Cabinet.
- (4.) Railway Trucks for Cattle and Sheep:—*Mr. F. Jago Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the whole of the cattle and sheep trucks at the disposal of the Railway Department have been engaged for some months ahead at various times during the last six months?
 - (2.) What are the names of the persons or firms who have, during the last six months, secured cattle or sheep trucks for any date more than one week ahead of the date when the payment for such trucks was made?
 - (3.) On what dates were such trucks engaged, what number were so secured on each occasion, and for what dates were they so secured?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered, —I am informed that during the last six months orders to the full extent of the stock trucks have not been received for more than six weeks in advance. I may add that the question of the pre-engagement of stock trucks has had the consideration of the Commissioners, and it has been decided that in future, in order to prevent any one section of the public monopolising the supply of stock trucks, orders for the whole of them will not be received in advance, a proportion of the vehicles being set apart to meet the occasional traffic. I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving information in reply to questions 2 and 3.

- (5.) Road from Collarenebri to Pilliga:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands.—Has the District Surveyor been or will he be requested to mark a road from Collarenebri on the Barwon River, *via* Bugilbone, to Pilliga, through the various intermediate selections?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is not intended to cause a road to be surveyed from Collarenebri, *via* Bugilbone, to Pilliga, as it is considered that the public interest does not at present warrant such a course being taken.

- (6.) Books distributed to Members of Parliament from Government Printing Office:—*Mr. F. Jago Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What publications, in a book form, have been distributed among Members of Parliament from the Government Printing Office, since the 1st of January last, other than *Hansard* and Votes and Proceedings?

Mr. Burns answered,—“New South Wales: Her Commerce and Resources,” by G. W. Griffin; “Wealth and Progress of New South Wales,” by T. A. Coghlan; “The Vital Statistics of Sydney and Suburbs for 1887.”

- (7.) Appointments in Railway Service:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are any appointments being made in the Railway Service since the gazetting of the Commissioners?

(2.) What course is intended to be pursued in regard to vacancies occurring, and in regard to employment of additional men when required?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a few appointments of a temporary character only are being made in the Railway Service at present.

(2.) Instructions have been given that when vacancies occur they are as far as possible to be filled up within the Department by transfer. All appointments will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

- (8.) Mooring Piles and Shed, Tweed Heads:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are mooring piles and shed, concerning which instructions were sent to the local officer some eighteen months ago, yet erected at Tweed Heads?

Mr. Burns answered,—Inquiries will be made at once respecting the matter referred to by the Honorable Member.

- (9.) Tram-line between Berrigan and Jerilderie:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received a petition from residents of Berrigan, near Jerilderie, praying for the construction of a tram-line between Berrigan and Jerilderie, a distance of about 20 miles?

(2.) Has a survey yet been ordered?

(3.) If not, when will the survey be made?

Mr. Burns answered,—The petition in question has been received and referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways for report, and when this is furnished a decision will be arrived at in the matter.

- (10.) Public School Teacher, Marrickville:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has any inquiry been recently held into subject matter of certain complaints against the Public School Teacher at Marrickville?

(2.) What was the nature of the complaints?

(3.) What is the nature of the report (if any) made upon the inquiry?

(4.) What action has been taken in the matter on the reports of the officer's inquiry?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) That on several occasions, while giving lessons on English history, he made certain denunciatory remarks concerning Luther and reformers generally, and that he has spoken of the infallibility of the Pope.

(3.) The report does not sustain the complaints made, but nevertheless shows that the teacher has been guilty of serious indiscretion.

(4.) The teacher has been cautioned.

- (11.) Water Supply at Broken Hill:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Wilson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will Mr. Price's report on water supply at Broken Hill be ready?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This report will be laid upon the Table (say) next Wednesday.

2. BULLI COLLIERY DISASTER FUND BILL:—*Mr. Melville* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Committee to whom the Bulli Relief Fund Bill has been referred be allowed to sit during any adjournment.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations respecting Abattoirs, Glebe Island.
 - (2.) Report of Board appointed to inquire into Railway Collision at Fish River Tanks.
 - (3.) Return showing number of Stock Vehicles ordered to load more than a week ahead from date of order, for six months ending 30th November, 1888.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Application for discharge of boy Stephen Henry Keene from Nautical School Ship "Vernon."

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 10th February, 1888—"Electric Light Apparatus purchased by Government."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. BILLS OF SALE ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Day then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Sale*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Nobbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Nobbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as Trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of Saint Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as Trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of Saint Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with certified copies of the original grant referred to in the Preamble, and deed of consent vesting the land in the Church of England Property Trust; also, an attested copy of the will of the late Thomas Moore.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st November, 1888.*

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Sale of Colonial Wines; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, with respect to the sale of Colonial wines;—*until Wednesday, 28th November.*
- (2.) Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of factories and workshops, and for the supervision of females, young persons, and children employed therein;—*until Tuesday, 4th December.*
- (3.) Hunter-street Newcastle Extension Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until to-morrow.*

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 20th November, 1888, requesting leave for the Honorable John Davies, C.M.G., a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the "Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st November, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.
(2.)

(2.) West Maitland Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st November, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st November, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *After "such" insert "buildings, yards, and"*

Page 2, clause 4, line 28. *Add "s" to "purpose"*

Page 2, clause 4, line 32. *After "penalty" insert "or forfeiture"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) "That" the following Address to Her Majesty the Queen be adopted by this House:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to renew the expression of our devoted attachment to your Majesty's throne and person, and to respectfully represent that circumstances occurring in a neighbouring Colony have given rise to certain grave considerations in relation to appointments to the office of Governor.

"1. We gratefully acknowledge the wisdom of the selection of the present Representative of your Majesty in New South Wales, who, in the performance of his high duties, has secured the respect and confidence of all classes of the inhabitants.

"2. In view of the great and growing interests of this Colony in connection with the Empire, we desire dutifully to convey to your Majesty the expression of our opinion that no person in the future should be appointed to the office of Governor who has not had experience in the conduct of public affairs, in high political office, or in the Imperial Parliament.

"3. Though not desirous of interfering with the functions of your Majesty's Imperial Advisers, we humbly submit that it is desirable and reasonable, and in strict accord with the privileges constitutionally conferred upon your Majesty's Australian subjects, that in future the Government of the Colony should be informed of any intended appointment to the high office of Governor, before such appointment is finally made."

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be authorized to sign the Address, and transmit it, both by telegraph and post, through His Excellency the Governor, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Dibbs having addressed the House in support of the Motion,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "in the opinion of this House, the political connection of this Colony of New South Wales with England, tends seriously to obstruct and injure the free and independent government of this country by its own people.

"(2.) That, in consequence of events which have happened of late in neighbouring Colonies, that cardinal principle of democracy, that all free people should have the right to select and appoint their own rulers, has been disputed by the English Government, and denied to the Colonies. This House is, therefore, of opinion that a political connection so subversive of our most valued rights should no longer exist.

"(3.) That the above Resolutions be transmitted by Address to the Governor, to be despatched by telegraph and letter to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to the Queen."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1888, A.M.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Black,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Howe,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Abigail.
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m.
This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Siding at Eveleigh:—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government decided what course they will adopt with reference to securing a site for a railway siding at Eveleigh?

(2.) If not, will they take steps to secure a site for the purpose without any unnecessary delay?

(3.) Have the Government considered the great advantages to be derived by the residents of Redfern, Waterloo, Alexandria, and Botany, and the public generally, by the construction of the abovenamed siding?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Railway Commissioners have inspected the locality, and are in favour of providing siding accommodation for the convenience of the residents of the district, although not in the form originally proposed. A new scheme is being worked out to meet the necessities of the case.

(2.) Draftsmen in the Registrar-General's Office:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a communication received by him from the Registrar-General, with a letter from the draftsmen in the Registrar-General's Office, in November of last year?

(2.) Has any reply, up to the present time, been sent to the letter of the draftsmen?

(3.) If not, for what reason?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; and their claims duly considered when the Estimates were under consideration.

(3.) Applications for shares of Prospecting Vote:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Board under the Prospecting Vote be likely to visit Molong, in order to deal with several applications that are now waiting inquiry?

Mr. Abigail answered,—There are five applications for aid in the Molong district, and they will be dealt with as soon as the Board completes the work it has now in hand.

(4.) Reserve at the Shades, near Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the reserve at the Shades, near Molong, parish of Bell, in the county of Wellington, be likely to be thrown open for selection?

(2.) Is it a fact that this reserve is now being surveyed, with the view of having the land offered for sale at public auction; if so, when, and at what price?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The locality specified cannot be identified from the particulars furnished by the Honorable Member. There is no parish of Bell in the county of Wellington. In the parish of Bell, county of Ashburnham, there are four reserves, neither of which is known in the Lands Department as the "Shades."

(5.) Disease known as Phylloxera Vastatrix:—*Mr. Day* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the disease known as phylloxera vastatrix is rapidly spreading in the Colony?

(2.) How many vineyards did the Board condemn as being diseased, and what is the area of the whole?

(3.) Did the Board recommend that these diseased vineyards should be destroyed at once?

(4.)

- (4.) Did the Board make arrangements with the owners of the diseased vineyards in each case as to the amount of compensation to be paid by the Government?
 (5.) What would be the total compensation to be paid for the destruction of all the vineyards found by the Board to be diseased up to the present time?
 (6.) Were the recommendations of the Board carried out according to law; if not, for what reason?
 (7.) What steps have the Government taken, or what steps do they intend to take, for the eradication of the disease, and when will the work be commenced?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Chairman of the Vine Diseases Board:—

- (1.) Beyond the vineyards ascertained to be infected, nothing more is known by the Board of the spread of the disease.
 (2.) Fourteen vineyards; the exact area is not yet ascertained.
 (3.) Yes, as soon as possible.
 (4.) Yes.
 (5.) The total compensation cannot yet be determined in the absence of exact measurements of infected areas.
 (6.) The recommendations were not carried out, as the compensation in some cases was considered too high.
 (7.) The action to be taken has not yet been determined upon.

- (6.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What Vote or Votes of money have been authorized this year for the unemployed?
 (2.) How much has been paid this year on account of the unemployed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £80,000.
 (2.) £119,446 11s. 3d.*

* £80,000 from Vote; £39,446 11s. 3d. from "Advance Account," pending Vote on Supplementary Estimates, 1888.

- (7.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is there any money to the credit of the Unemployed Vote?
 (2.) If so, how much?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Vote on the Supplementary Estimates for this year on account of the unemployed is in excess of the expenditure up to the present time by £7,553 8s. 9d. Pending the passing of the Vote, payments are made from the Advance Account.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 14th June, 1888—"Railway from Bowral or Moss Vale to Robertson."
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 1st November, 1888—"Prisoner Holt."
 Ordered to be printed.

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

4. SENIOR-SERGEANT POWELL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports by Inspector Lawless, Inspector Atwell, and other police officers upon Senior-Sergeant Powell.
 Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—*Mr. Penzer* presented a Petition from John H. Hume, as Chairman of the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 118, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Coonamble, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
 Petition received.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

8. PAPER:—*Mr. Burns* laid upon the Table,—Statement of Expenditure, showing Rate per Head of Population from 1885 to 1888.
 Ordered to be printed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill postponed until Thursday next.

10. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. William Clarke* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Bowes,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Joseph Abbott.
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Mitchell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—

- (1.) The remaining Order of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.
- (2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until Tuesday next.
- (3.) Order No. 1 of General Business postponed until Tuesday next.

12. HUNTER-STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Reserves near Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has reserve 3,525, near Narrabri town, on Killarney run, notified 11th May, 1887—identical with reserve 463, cancelled 12th March, 1887; reserve 2,429 from lease for camping, notified 25th September, 1886, and included within reserve 3,525—been obstructed by fences, and the public debarred from free access thereto?

(2.) Have repeated representations of the constant trespass by lessee's stock been made to the Mines Department, and any request to remove and prevent such?

(3.) Has any Crown Lands Bailiff or other officer (and, if so, whom) been directed to cause these obstructions to be removed and the stock impounded; if not, will such instructions be at once issued?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The fences appear to have been erected while the land was under lease to the runholder, and prior to the notification of the reserve.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Crown Lands Bailiff was instructed to call upon the lessee to cause the fences to be removed, but the lessee claims compensation for them. The lessee has been informed that there is no provision in the law for compensation in such cases, and that unless he is prepared to accept the offer to be allowed to remove and keep the material, it will have to be removed by the Government.

- (2.) Riley Hill Reserve, Richmond River :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state the clause or Regulation of the Land Act of 1884 under which the Governor was advised to revoke, in the *Gazette* of the 27th October, the special area proclaimed on the 1st September in connection with the Riley Hill Reserve, Richmond River?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There is no particular clause or Regulation relating to the revoking of special areas; but the proclamation in question was superseded by that published in the *Gazette* of 27th October last, wherein the land was declared a special area at £15 per acre, and the cancellation of the first proclamation was therefore necessary in order to avoid confusion.

- (3.) Case *Thomas v. Millar* :—Mr. Lee, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to recoup Mr. Millar the expenses he incurred in defending a suit, in the Supreme Court, that was brought against him lately by Mr. Thomas, a Public School teacher at Meranburn, and which was dismissed?

Mr. Inglis answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to take any steps to recoup Mr. Millar any expenses incurred in defending the suit referred to, seeing that the Government have incurred no responsibility whatever in connection with the said action, and cannot be held in any way responsible for its initiation.

- (4.) Fire Brigades Act :—Mr. Cortis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the present Fire Brigades Act a failure?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to introduce an Amending Act, which will compel Fire Insurance Companies to contribute to the cost of Fire Brigades in country municipalities?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot say that the Fire Brigades Act has been a failure; but it certainly has failed to compel the insurance offices to contribute, as was intended by the Act; and in that respect it requires amendment, to which the Government is giving attention.

(5.)

- (5.) Charge against Hayes and Harwin, Railway Employés:—*Mr. Hurley*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Railway Department to refund the expenses incurred by Hayes and Harwin, Railway employés, in defending themselves against a charge of criminal neglect, for which they were acquitted, the presiding Judge stating that they left the Court without a stain on their characters?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that it is not proposed by the Railway Department to refund the expenses in question.

- (6.) *Mr. W. W. Armstrong*, J.P., Rylstone:—*Mr. Hurley*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that *W. W. Armstrong*, J.P., at Rylstone, was ordered to discontinue his adjudication on the Bench; and, if so, what was the reason?

(2.) Is it a fact that a man was locked up at Rylstone on the 31st October for assault, and the Court had to be postponed twice before a Bench could be got to sit on the case?

(3.) Were three witnesses, including a doctor, compelled to attend three different times in consequence of *Mr. Armstrong* not being allowed to sit?

(4.) Is it a fact that a man was summoned for using bad language in the street, and was put to the trouble and inconvenience of a postponement to get a Bench to sit on his case?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Rylstone, who is also a magistrate, has been, in common with other Clerks of Petty Sessions, relieved of the duty of sitting on the Bench, as it is considered such officers have enough to do properly to perform the clerical duties of the offices held by them.

(2.) I am informed that a man was locked up at Rylstone on the 31st October for assault. The first hearing was a preliminary one; the second postponement was caused by the non-attendance of magistrates to form a Bench; and the third time the case was dealt with.

(3.) Yes; in consequence of the non-attendance of magistrates.

(4.) Yes. It appears to me that there are a sufficient number of magistrates at Rylstone for the conduct of magisterial duties at that place.

- (7.) *Rev. J. T. Evans*, M.A., Military Department:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the *Rev. J. T. Evans*, M.A., appointed to a position in the Military Department; if so, on what date?

(2.) Did *Mr. Evans* discover and report, verbally or otherwise, to the Officer Commanding the Forces, that the Military Pay Staff was incompetent for the work assigned to it, and that the accounts were in a state of hopeless confusion?

(3.) Was *Mr. Evans* subsequently confirmed in this by any of the Audit or Treasury Inspectors?

(4.) Did *Mr. Evans*, in addition to his duties as Corresponding Clerk, under the instructions of the Chief Paymaster, introduce a new set of account books, and initiate a new system of working the Department, which prevented previous errors and irregularities from recurring?

(5.) Was *Mr. Evans* called upon, through the Chief Paymaster, to perform the following special duties:—(a) To prepare a cash record of expenditure from 1st January, 1885, to 23rd February, 1886; (b) to satisfy the claims of the Auditor-General, re the deficiencies and irregularities in the Military Accounts, from 1st January, 1885, to 23rd February, 1886, and to adjust the audit balance statement referring to that period; (c) to draw up a statistical record of the New South Wales Contingent; (d) to compile an analysis of the Sudan expenditure and accounts?

(6.) In carrying out these duties did *Mr. Evans* secure outstanding vouchers for the Audit Department covering £3,468, and recover from officers and others public moneys amounting to over £2,400, and perform any other public service?

(7.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the Chief Paymaster has already officially testified that the special duties above referred to were performed entirely by *Mr. Evans*, and for the most part after office hours?

(8.) Have the Accountant and Pay Clerks of the Military Pay Office received payment for overtime, allowance for meals, &c., between 1st January, 1885, and 30th June, 1888?

(9.) Did the Audit Inspectors who examined the Military Accounts for 1885 receive any bonus or monetary recognition?

(10.) Were the services of *Mr. Evans* dispensed with at a few hours notice, as being no longer necessary, by the advice and with the approval of the Colonial Secretary?

(11.) Has *Mr. Evans* received any money allowance in lieu of three months' notice, as granted in similar cases in other Departments, together with one month's pay for each year of service, or any monetary remuneration for overtime and special work?

(12.) If not, will he lay upon the Table of this House any letter or letters written by *Mr. Evans* to him, subsequent to 5th February, 1888, referring to the above, and urging his claims to a speedy recognition of his services?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is hardly possible to give categorical answers to these questions. The case is one considerably confused, and especially in relation to its importance. All I can say is that if the Honorable Member desires to understand the case I shall be very glad to afford him every opportunity to read the papers; but it would be a useless expense to print them.

- (8.) *Mr. Edward Dixon*, J.P., of Greta:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the date of the appointment of *Mr. Edward Dixon*, J.P., of Greta, a trustee for the Greta Park?

(2.) Who recommended his appointment as such?

(3.) Is he aware of a reason why *Mr. Dixon* should not hold such a position?

(4.) If not, will he make inquiries upon the matter?

Mr. Brunker, answered,—

(1.) 25th September, 1888.

(2.) The Honorable *J. F. Burns*, M.P., upon the recommendation of the Greta Improvement Committee.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes.

(9.)

- (9.) Mr. Edward Dixon, J.P., of Greta:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was Mr. Edward Dixon, of Greta, appointed a Justice of the Peace; if so, when?
 - (2.) Is he aware of any reason why Mr. Dixon should no longer hold the position of a magistrate of the territory?
 - (3.) Has Mr. Dixon tendered his resignation as a Justice of the Peace?
 - (4.) If not, will he take steps to at once remove Mr. Dixon from the Commission of the Peace?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; on the 9th September, 1887.

(2.) No.

(3 and 4.) Mr. Dixon has resigned his appointment, and a writ of *supersedeas* has been issued for the removal of his name from the Commission of the Peace.

2. **BULLI COLLIERY DISASTER FUND BILL**:—Mr. McMillan presented a Petition from Alban Joseph Riley, Chairman of the "Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund" Executive Committee, representing that the interest of the Petitioner and other subscribers to the said Fund, as well as the interests of the beneficiaries of the Fund, are involved in the matters referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill; and praying for leave to appear before the said Committee, on behalf of the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Executive Committee, in person or by Solicitor or Counsel, and if necessary to adduce evidence, and send for persons and papers, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Select Committee.
At the request of Mr. McMillan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
3. **BILLS OF SALE LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Wall presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Bills of Sale and other Documents*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.
4. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all liquor licenses.
Question put and passed.
5. **SENIOR-CONSTABLE BERRY (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all reports and correspondence *re* the reduction of Senior-Constable Berry to 1st-class Constable in June, 1885.
 - (2.) Copies of all reports and correspondence *re* discharge of 1st-class Constable Berry in November, 1887, together with his Defaulters' Sheet.
- Question put and passed.
6. **PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th November, 1888.*
7. **SELECTIONS BY JOHN HARRISON OF LISMORE**:—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by John Harrison in Lismore district, declared forfeited.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Day, Mr. Henson, Mr. Kethel, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
8. **PROTECTIVE IMPORT DUTIES**:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, with a view to encouraging our agricultural and manufacturing pursuits, it is desirable that Customs duties be levied on all imported articles which enter into competition with our own industries.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Davis,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Levicn,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Colls,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. O'Connor then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 15th January.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tolls on Ferries:—Mr. Bowes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Government yet arrived at any determination respecting tolls on ferries?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government have been too much occupied to consider the question, which the Honorable Member has brought forward several times. I promise him that at the next meeting of the Cabinet it shall be considered.

- (2.) Railway Line from St. Leonards to Pearce's Corner:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return for all papers in connection with the claims for compensation for lands, &c., on railway line to Pearce's Corner, ordered by this House on 22nd November, 1887, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is considered by my honorable colleague the publication of the information at the present time would be undesirable. There are two arbitration cases pending, and the Return should not be furnished in an incomplete state. As soon, however, as the outstanding cases are settled, no time shall be lost in placing the Return upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Borough Council, Narrandera:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Borough Council, Narrandera, applied for permission to borrow a sum of money for the purpose of constructing works within the borough?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Council has been put to considerable inconvenience through the application not having been dealt with within a reasonable time?

(3.) Has the Council yet received a final answer in reference to the application?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In this case, some particulars were asked for from the Council, and these particulars were not supplied until this morning. Therefore, it has been impossible for the Government to act. The question will now be dealt with.

- (4.) Public Works Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Public Works Amending Bill, giving authority to a sub-committee to visit the country districts with a view to reporting on works proposed, be submitted to this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This Bill will be introduced as soon as certain other business is disposed of.

- (5.) Sheriff's Officer, Lismore:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to put the matter of the payment of fees due to Sheriff's officers by Sydney attorneys on a proper footing; and, if so, what?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Sheriff's officer at Lismore has been sued in the District Court there for the sum of £36, being ninety days' possession fees in the case of the Mercantile Bank v. Jackson?

(3.) Was a verdict given against the officer for the amount, and was his furniture taken possession of under execution to be sold if the amount is not paid?

(4.) Will he instruct the Sheriff to at once forward the amount to Lismore, and have the sale of Mr. Meares' goods stopped?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) This matter has not yet been considered by me.

(2.) Yes; the Sheriff has brought the case referred to under my notice by letter received yesterday.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) I am in communication with the Sheriff on the subject.

(6.)

- (6.) Rabbit Subsidy:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Referring to answer to question No. 3 on 15th November, 1888, will he state if the sum of £298,872 12s. 10d., paid since this Government came into office for rabbit subsidy, has been paid out of the Consolidated Revenue of 1887 and 1888?
 - (2.) Has any portion of the above sum of £298,872 12s. 10d., paid since this Government came into office, been charged against the Consolidated Revenue of 1886; and, if so, what amount was so paid?
 - (3.) Will he give the appropriations covering the above payments?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) Out of sum mentioned by the Honorable Member, £259,682 6s. 5d. has been paid from the Consolidated Revenue.
 - (2.) Of the above sum, £69,801 4s. 3d. has been charged to appropriations for services of the year 1886.
 - (3.) 1886—Subsidies, £52,000; part of item No. 607 of Act 50 Victoria No. 27. 1886—Subsidies, £68,000; Act 51 Victoria No. 14. 1887—Subsidies, £70,000; part of item No. 652 of Act 51 Victoria No. 14. 1887—Rabbit-proof fence and subsidies, £108,000; Act 52 Victoria No. 15.
- (7.) Pollution of George's River at Liverpool:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Have any steps been taken by the Government in regard to the pollution of George's River at Liverpool; if so, what is the result?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I am informed that the proprietors of the establishments which are causing the pollution of the river are taking active steps to abate the nuisance, and it is expected that the whole of the arrangements they are making will be completed in about two months' time.
- (8.) Proposed Lines of Railway:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When is it likely that the proposed lines of railway will be submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that by the end of this year all contracts will have been finished, and not a mile of railway will be under construction?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) These proposed lines of railway will be submitted as early as possible.
 - (2.) The Engineer-in-Chief reports as follows:—"The line to Cooma will not be finished before March of next year; the Homebush and Waratah line—the bridge over the Hawkesbury—will not be finished before March or April, and the North Shore line about February next. With these exceptions, I think all the lines will be finished by the end of this year."
- (9.) Tramways—Druitt Town to Ashfield, Marrickville to Dulwich Hill:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a survey been made for a tramway to be laid between Druitt Town and Ashfield?
 - (2.) Has an estimate of the cost been prepared; if so, what is the amount?
 - (3.) Has an estimate been prepared for the proposed extension of the Marrickville tramway to Dulwich Hill; if so, what is the amount?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; the estimated cost is £20,000.
 - (3.) Yes; the estimated cost is £5,050.
- (10.) Trial Survey between Blacktown and Blayney:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a trial survey to be made between Blacktown and Blayney, with a view of seeing as to the practicability of a line of railway being constructed to junction at the two places mentioned, and thus relieve the mountain traffic?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief has reported that he cannot advise a trial survey of this line, as the works would be of a very costly character, and the gradients extremely objectionable. I may mention that the matter has not yet been finally dealt with by the Government.
- (11.) The Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many compositors have been promoted from the Permanent Piece Staff to the Permanent Salaried Staff in the Government Printing Office since 1st January, 1888?
 - (2.) How long have they been continuously employed in the Department, and yearly average rate of wages, deducting all holidays therefrom, prior to promotion; also, present salaries?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that a Departmental Regulation will not permit of casual employes, who have for years been continuously employed in the office, being promoted to the Permanent Salaried Staff or enjoying the privileges of the Department?
 - (4.) If so, is he aware of any similar Regulation in other Departments of the Government Service?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The information asked for by No. 2 will take some time to prepare. The whole of the information asked for will be supplied as soon as possible.
- (12.) The Fisheries Commission:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the names of the gentlemen who compose the Fisheries Commission, and what remuneration do they receive for their services?
 - (2.) How many Inspectors are there employed, giving their names and addresses?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) The names of the gentlemen are:—*James C. Cox, M.D. (President)*, *Dr. Edward Pierson Ramsay*, *The Hon. Richard Hill, M.L.C.*, *Alexander Oliver, M.A.*, and *Solomon Herbert Hyam*, and they do not receive any remuneration for their services.
 - (2.) Fifteen, viz., *James Temperley, Ballina*; *Geo. G. Benson, Bateman's Bay*; *Thos. Mulhall, 10, Stephen-street, Woolloomooloo*; *Alexander Gyler, Cioki, Manning River*; *Henry Curan, Newcastle*; *Peter Smith, Peat's Ferry*; *Charles Gordon, Greenwell Point*; *Fredk. W. Smithers, Glebe*

Glebe Point, Sydney; William Boyd, Swansca, Lake Macquarie; John O. Grant, Woniora, George's River; C. H. Otway, Aliceton, Port Stephens; W. N. Cain, Gosford, Brisbane Water; David W. Benson, Wollongong; Osborne Wilshire, Deniliquin; and Richard Seymour, Sydney. Besides these there are certain pilots who, in their respective districts, perform duty as Acting Assistant Inspectors of Fisheries, at the nominal salary of £20 per annum.

- (13.) Fishermen's Grievances—Fisheries Act:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he made any inquiries into the matter of the grievances of the fishermen, brought under his notice a few days ago; if so, will he state whether he will suspend the operation of the proclamation closing the waters of the Hawkesbury River, pending the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the working of the Fisheries Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has been referred to the Commissioners, and as yet no report has been furnished. We have asked for one to-day.

- (14.) Field of Mars Tramway:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any route been adopted for the proposed Field of Mars tramway?
(2.) If so, will he state when it is likely tenders will be called for the completion of the work?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter has not yet been finally decided by the Government.

- (15.) Water Supply to certain Suburbs:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to *Mr. Davis*'s questions of the 16th July last, respecting the supply of water to the higher levels of Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood, and to the Colonial Secretary's answer thereto, namely, "that a small scheme for the supply of these isolated localities is under consideration,"—will he state if, after the lapse of four months, any determination has resulted from such consideration?

- (2.) Is it intended to withhold the water from these localities?
(3.) If not, when is it probable that it will be supplied?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Secretary for Public Works has furnished me with the following answers, which have been submitted to him by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage:—

(1 and 2.) The Engineer of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board has prepared a scheme which will be considered by the Board next Tuesday.

(3.) It is expected that if the Board are able to obtain a site on the ground of the Training College for tanks, &c., the work will be finished before Christmas.

2. CITY RAILWAY EXTENSION:—*Mr. Reid* presented a Petition from certain Residents of the City of Sydney and Suburban Towns and Boroughs, as well as of the Country Districts of New South Wales, representing that urgent need exists for the extension of the main line of railway to the deep waters of Port Jackson at Circular Quay; and praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that precedence over all other new lines be given to this most necessary work, and that it be commenced and completed forthwith.
Petition received.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—*Alexander Rylie*, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Formal Motion*):—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Friday be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at Four o'clock p.m., and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Question put and passed.
5. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.
Question put and passed.
6. BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)'* to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th November, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 7. Omit "said"
Page 2, clause 1, line 34. After "Municipality" insert "of Broken Hill"
Page 2, clause 1, lines 36 and 37. Omit "Municipalities or either of them" insert "Municipality"
Page 3, clause 2, line 29. After "the" insert "said"
Page 7, clause 23, line 50. Omit "Municipal District" insert "Municipality"
Page 7, clause 23, line 52. Before "Gas-works" omit "said"

- Page 8, clause 24, line 1. *After* " of " *insert* " a Police Magistrate or "
- Page 8, clause 25, line 8. *Omit* " of any Court of Petty Sessions "
- Page 8, clause 26, lines 14 to 19. *Omit* " that is to say,—words importing the singular number
" only shall include the plural number, and words importing the plural number only shall
" include also the singular number ; words importing the masculine gender shall include
" females ; the word ' person ' shall include corporation, whether aggregate or sole ; the
" word ' month ' shall mean calendar month ; the corporation "
- Page 8, clause 26, line 27. *Omit* " this Act " *insert* " Broken Hill and its suburbs "
- Page 8, clause 26, line 28. *Omit* " within which the town "
- Page 8, clause 26, line 29. *After* " Hill " *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* " Broken Hill and its
" suburbs shall comprise all the area included within a radius of five miles from the post-
" office of the said town "
- Page 8. *After* clause 26 *insert* the following new clause :—
27. " Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the said gas-works being brought under
" the provisions of any general Act which may be passed by the Parliament of New South Wales
" applying equally to companies engaged in the manufacture of gas in the said Colony, with
" reference to the manufacture and sale of gas, nor entitle the said company to compensation from
" the public revenue by reason of the provisions of such general Act for the purpose aforesaid
" being made applicable to, and binding upon, the said company."
- Page 8, Schedule, line 44. *Omit* " an " *insert* " a known and "
- Page 8, Schedule, line 44. *Omit* " known "

" Gas-works may
" be brought
" under general
" Act."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

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

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Hunter-street Newcastle Extension Bill ; third reading ;—*until to-morrow*.
 - (2.) Proposed Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 6th November, 1888 ;—*until Wednesday, 12th December*.
8. **PAPERS** :—
- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report on Broken Hill Water Supply, &c.
 - (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 16th December, 1887—" Claims of William Tom, junior, and J. H. A. Lister, as the first Discoverers of Gold in this Colony."
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on the 13th November, 1888—" Manufactories."
 - (4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Kogarah.
 - (5.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Borough of Queanbeyan.
 - (6.) By-laws of the Borough of East Orange.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Orange.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 31st October, 1888—" Industrial School, Parramatta."
- Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 23rd July, 1888—" Mineral License taken up by Michael Charles Renham, Parish of Picton."
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 16th July, 1888—" Mineral Conditional Purchase of James Kennedy Broughm, Parish of Picton."
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulations for Reformatory Treatment of Male Offenders from the age of sixteen to twenty-five years under sentences up to six months.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again as soon as the decision of the House had been given thereon.

Point of Order :—The Chairman stated that the Committee had under consideration a Resolution—" That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1889, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £2,144 for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1889 ; upon which an amendment was proposed, to omit all the words thereof after the first word, " That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, " this Committee, while desirous that provision may be made for the Public Service and the financial business, which is urgent, may be dealt with before the end of the year, and while anxious and willing to grant the necessary supply for the ensuing year,"

“ year, is of opinion that the Statement of Ways and Means submitted on the 31st October, should be referred back to the Treasurer, in order that a correct statement of the financial position of the country may be laid before Parliament as the basis alone upon which supply should be asked for or granted.” That exception was taken to the proposed amendment, on the ground that it was not relevant to the Resolution, and that he had given his opinion in favour of the objection taken.

Debate ensued.

And certain remarks made by the Honorable Member for Monaro, Mr. O'Mara, being ruled by Mr. Speaker to be out of order, and Mr. O'Mara refusing to withdraw them when requested by the Chair to do so; Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. O'Mara by name,—

And that Honorable Member was heard in his place, withdrew the words, and apologised to the House.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker said that he had carefully considered the Point of Order submitted, and he must rule that the proposed amendment, not being strictly relevant to the Resolution before the Committee of Ways and Means, was inadmissible.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

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

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

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reclamation of Mud Flats, Botany Bay:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have the Government decided upon what course they will adopt in reference to reclaiming the mud flats on the northern shore of Botany Bay?
 (2.) If they have not already decided to deal with this work, will the Government cause a survey to be made, with the object of showing (1) the quantity of land which can be reclaimed, (2) the probable cost of such reclamation, (3) the estimated value of the land which can be reclaimed, and (4) the advantages to be derived by the public in consequence of such reclamation from a sanitary point of view?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with this question during the year 1889?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Department for some time, and a large amount of information has been obtained on the subject. A decision on the whole question will be arrived at some time during the coming year, as suggested by the Honorable Member.

- (2.) Stock Road from Merriwa to Breeza:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Did the Australian Agricultural Company consent to give the Government sufficient land to widen the stock road from Merriwa to Breeza, on condition they fenced it?
 (2.) Is it fact that the boggy state of this lane renders it impossible for stock to travel through it to market without great injury?
 (3.) Was a sum promised to be placed on the Estimates to widen such, and is it intended to make provision accordingly?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No recent report has been made to the Lands Department relative to the state of the road in question.
 (3.) A sum of £1,300 has been placed on the Estimates to defray the cost of fencing the road when it has been widened.

- (3.) Drainage of Darling Point:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Municipal Council of Woollahra is making a drain from the heights of Darling Point down Break-neck, to connect with the drain in Ocean-street, and that such drain is intended to carry and deposit sewage matter and filth into Double Bay?
 (2.) Is it not provided in the present Sewerage Act that all sewage matter and drainage of all land in the district over 17 feet above high-water mark shall be carried into the Bondi sewer?
 (3.) In reference to questions asked the Secretary for Works by *Mr. S. Burdekin, M.L.A.*, on 20th November, 1884, and by *Mr. Withers*, 8th November, 1887, and to the former of which a reply was given that the drain in Ocean-street was made to carry off storm water only, and in 1887 *Mr. Sutherland* replied he was not aware that the Woollahra Council were going to carry a portion of the drainage of Darling Point into Double Bay, and it was intended that the drainage referred to should be taken into the Bondi sewer, to prevent pollution of the harbour,—will he take steps to prevent the sewage being run into the harbour?
 (4.) If the Woollahra Council is now making a drain to carry Darling Point sewage into Double Bay, will he at once cause notice to be sent to the Council to prevent its being done, to protect the health of the people, and save the Government possible expense in defending actions at law which might be brought against them to prevent and stop the nuisance?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Secretary for Public Works informs me that he has only just received a report upon the subject referred to in these questions, and he would be obliged if the Honorable Member would postpone them for a week to enable him to investigate the matter before furnishing the answers.

(4.)

(4.) Wages of Workmen at Potts' Hill Reservoir:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that a Mr. Wilson has employed several men at Potts' Hill reservoir at 7s. 6d. per day, and that, after they engaged in the work, Mr. Wilson told them, when paying them, that 20 per cent. would be deducted from their wages, which was done?

(2.) Will he state the exact position of those men employed, and what authority Mr. Wilson has to deduct 20 per cent. from the wages agreed on?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, informs me that he is having a thorough investigation made into this matter, the result of which shall be communicated to the Honorable Member.

2. HUNTER-STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Creer, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Creer then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore, and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with plans showing proposed extension of Hunter-street, Newcastle.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th November, 1888.

3. DRAINAGE WORKS, NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, "to-morrow," resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "to-morrow," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "this day month."

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

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put and passed.

4. DRAINAGE WORKS, MANLY:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Burns, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.

Question put and passed.

5. NEW CENTRAL POLICE COURT:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court in the city of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

6. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.

Question put and passed.

7. STORAGE RESERVOIR AT POTTS' HILL:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.

Question put and passed.

8. SECOND PIPE BETWEEN POTTS' HILL AND CROWN-STREET:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.

Question put and passed.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to adapt and assimilate the Trusts of Wesleyan Methodist Church Properties in New South Wales to the present constitution of such Church in the said Colony, and for other collateral purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 29th November, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

(2.)

(2.) Birds Protection Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Birds Protection Act of 1881,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 29th November, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

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

(3.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, for electric lighting, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 29th November, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th November, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* "Mayor, Alderman, Councillors, and citizens of the city" *insert* "Municipal Council"

Page 2, clause 2, lines 38 to 42. *Omit* "the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of any other city, the Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of any town or borough, or the President, Councillors, and ratepayers of any shire, or all or any of such bodies, as the case may be" *insert* "and the Municipal Council of any borough or municipality"

Page 2, clause 2, lines 46 to 48. *Omit* "or for the bailiwick, wherein the matter requiring the cognizance of any such Justice shall arise"

Page 2, clause 3, line 50. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 50 and 51. *Omit* "suburb thereof" *insert* "borough or municipal district within the suburbs thereof"

Page 3, clause 4, line 9. *After* "time to time" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "by other By-laws, to alter or repeal any such By-laws."

Page 3. *After* clause 4 *insert* the following new clauses:—

5. "All or any such By-laws, being consistent with the provisions of this Act, and not repugnant to any other Act or Law in force within the Colony of New South Wales, shall have the force of law when confirmed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette*, but not sooner or otherwise. The production of the *Government Gazette*, with any such By-laws so published as aforesaid, shall in any suit or proceeding whatsoever be sufficient evidence that such By-laws have been confirmed and published as is herein required."

6. "Any By-laws made under this Act may state some minimum and maximum penalty for any neglect or breach thereof respectively, provided that no such maximum penalty shall exceed ten pounds."

Page 3, clause 6, line 24. *Omit* "directors" *insert* "promoters"

Page 3, clause 6, lines 25 and 26. *Omit* "Company" *insert* "promoters"

Page 3, clause 6, line 28. *Omit* "Company" *insert* "promoters"

Page 3, clause 6, line 28. *Omit* "directors" *insert* "promoters"

Page 3, clauses 7, 8, and 9. *Omit* clauses 7, 8, and 9.

Page 4, clause 11, line 23. *After* "be" *insert* "and in the case of sewers or water mains, then to the Water and Sewerage Board"

Page 5, clause 16, line 31. *Omit* "or" *insert* "of"

Page 6, clause 19, line 7. *Omit* "five" *insert* "ten"

Page 6, clause 19, line 10. *Add* "d" to "cause"

Page 6, clause 20, line 21. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 6, clause 20, line 22. *Omit* "the Justice" *insert* "such Magistrate"

Page 6, clause 20, line 22. *Omit* "five" *insert* "ten"

Page 6, clause 20, line 22. *Omit* "the Justice" *insert* "such Magistrate"

Page 7, clause 23, line 3. *Omit* "five" *insert* "ten"

Page 7, clause 26, lines 30 to 32. *Omit* "Justices of the Peace, in the manner prescribed by the 'Justices of the Peace Act of 1843,' or any Act amending the same," *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 7, clause 27, line 42. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 7, clause 28, line 43. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 7, clause 28, line 47. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 7, clause 29, line 49. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 7, clause 29, line 57. *After* "188" *insert* "8 [here state penalty imposed]"

Page 8, clause 30, line 1. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 8, clause 30, line 3. *Omit* "Justice" *insert* "such Magistrate"

Page 9, clause 37, line 9. *Omit* "two years" *insert* "eighteen months"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions postponed :—
- (1.) Ways and Means ; reception of Resolution ;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (2.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee ;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (3.) Supply ; resumption of the Committee ;—*until to-morrow.*
 - (4.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill ; second reading ;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (5.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland ;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (6.) Notices of General Business Nos. 1, 2, and 3 ;—*until to-morrow.*
11. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF EVAN MCINTOSH, CURRABUBULA**:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase, situate at Currabubula, of one Evan McIntosh, which was afterwards transferred to Daniel Regan, taken at Tamworth Land Office.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Howe, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Day, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. J. P. Abbott, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committees appointed in Sessions 1885-6 and 1887-8 be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
12. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF JAMES CONNELLY, TAMWORTH**:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by James Connelly at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases, Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of James Connelly against John Brogan, the elder, Patrick Brogan, John Brogan, the younger, and James Brogan.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Wall, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Day, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at Twelve minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1888.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 18th December.*

(2.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 7;—*until Wednesday next.*

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to David Alexander Ferguson, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Wellington, for the remainder of the Session, owing to family bereavement.
Question put and passed.

3. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House, while desirous that provision may be made for the Public Service, and the financial business, which is urgent, may be dealt with before the end of the year, and while anxious and willing to grant the necessary Supply for the ensuing year, is of opinion that the Statement of Ways and Means, submitted on the 31st October, should be referred back to the Treasurer, in order that a just statement of the financial position of the country may be laid before Parliament, as the basis alone upon which Supply should be asked for or granted.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be submitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 42.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Street,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Turner,	Tellers,
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conductor Hannam, Tramway Service:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was Conductor Hannam dismissed from the Tramway Service; and, if so, on what grounds?
- (2.) What evidence was adduced to support the grounds of dismissal?
- (3.) Was Hannam afforded any opportunity of answering any charges made against him, or was it intimated to him that any charges had been made?
- (4.) Has he any objection to causing the charges and evidence to be forwarded to Hannam, so that he may answer and rebut the same?
- (5.) Will he have any objection to reinstating Hannam in case he succeeds in proving his innocence from any charges made against him?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the tramway frauds reported, after exhaustive inquiry, that Hannam was not a desirable man to retain in the position of tramway conductor, and his services were accordingly dispensed with.

(2.) Selection by J. or G. Shearer at Moree:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did J. or G. Shearer take up a selection at Moree on 2nd June, 1887, of 640 acres, county Benaba, parish of Dangar, on the Oreel holding, a lapsed conditional purchase of W. Woods, heard by the Board 11th August, 1887?
- (2.) Did such application include an improvement block No. 16, of 40 acres?
- (3.) Did Shearer, on the 12th August, 1887, on the recommendation of the Board, amend his application, omitting this 40-acre improvement block, and was such amended application confirmed by the Board at Moree, after which was Shearer served with notice of appeal, and, on the 2nd July, 1888, his application disallowed by the Minister?
- (4.) Is it a fact that, between the time of Shearer's original and amended application, and the case coming on for appeal, the land applied for was made a reserve, and on such ground was refused to Shearer?
- (5.) Is Shearer's money still in the Treasury?
- (6.) Is it intended to cancel this reserve, and allow Shearer's application, or to validate his selection?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The application included improved land, subsequently measured as portion 16 of 40 acres.
- (3.) On 11th August, 1887, G. Shearer, through his agent, applied to the Chairman of the Local Land Board for permission to amend his application by omitting the 40-acre block referred to, and lodged an amended application. The amended application was confirmed by the Board on 23rd April last. Messrs. Walsh and Elliott appealed against such confirmation. The appeal was heard on 2nd July last, and sustained, as Shearer's original application was bad. Being in contravention of section 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1881, it could not be made good by the Land Board under the provisions of Regulation 41.
- (4.) The land was reserved for water supply and approach to bridge on 30th August, 1887, but such reservation did not operate as a bar to the conditional purchase.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) There is no present intention of cancelling the reserve, nor is there any apparent reason for the validation of Shearer's application.

(3.)

(3.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many tickets has a person got to pay for to entitle him to a compartment in a carriage from Albury to Sydney?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that six tickets must be taken to entitle them to a compartment?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that a Dr. and Mrs. Scale were allowed to occupy a compartment in a first-class carriage from Albury to Sydney on Wednesday night last, 21st November?
- (4.) Is it a fact, as stated to Mr. McElhone by the station-master at Albury, that Mr. Read, Traffic Manager, allowed Dr. and Mrs. Scale to occupy this compartment by paying £1 5s. more than the price of their two tickets?
- (5.) Has the station-master, Traffic Manager, or other railway official got the power to grant such a privilege as that which is referred to; if not, will this practice be put a stop to, and the party who did it on this occasion be made to pay the difference between £1 5s. paid and the cost of four tickets from Albury to Sydney?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that it is the practice to reserve a compartment in a railway carriage on six tickets being taken. Dr. and Mrs. Scale were allowed to occupy a compartment on the date stated, as on this occasion all the sleeping-berths were let; and as there was room in the train for ordinary passengers, Dr. and Mrs. Scale were allowed a compartment in lieu of sleeping-berths, on payment of the rate for two sleeping-berths, viz., 25s. in addition to the ordinary fare.

(4.) Court-house at Redfern :—Mr. Stephen asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the accommodation in the building known as the Court-house at Redfern is not sufficient for the requirements of the administration of justice?
- (2.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken towards providing proper accommodation for the administration of justice in Redfern?
- (3.) In view of the constantly increasing business transacted at the Court-house in Redfern, is it the intention of the Government to make provision in the expenditure for 1889 for the purpose of providing suitable and commodious accommodation for the administration of justice there?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) It has been represented that the accommodation is inadequate.
- (2 and 3.) This matter is now under consideration, and the Colonial Architect has been asked for report.

(5.) Charge against Messrs. Harwin and Hayes :—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Railway Department communicate with Harwin and Hayes, asking them to furnish an account of their expenses, incurred in defending themselves against the charge of criminal neglect instituted against them at the instance of the Attorney-General?
- (2.) Was it with the intention of recouping them that the accounts were asked to be furnished?
- (3.) If so, what is the reason that that intention has not been carried out?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the inquiry as to the expenses incurred by Mr. Harwin and Mr. Hayes was made in connection with a letter, dated 8th June last, from the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Wall, asking that the matter might have consideration. The Honorable Member has already been informed that it is not the intention of the Department to refund the expenses.

(6.) Relaying Tramway Lines :—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Camcron, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost so far of the work now being carried out in relaying and wood-blocking the tramway lines from Bridge-street to Oxford-street?
- (2.) If cable trams are substituted for the present ones, will it be necessary to lift the present lines and provide new ones?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the cost of the work to 30th November is £15,099.
- (2.) If cable trams have to be substituted for the existing lines, a considerable additional expense will of course have to be incurred; but the rails, materials, &c, in the road could be utilized for the cable line. The way, however, in which the existing road could be utilized, at the minimum cost, would have to be the subject of careful consideration.

(7.) Rifle Club at Cobar :—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Major-General Richardson has reported against the formation of a Rifle Club at Cobar?
- (2.) If so, on what grounds are his objections based?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) On the score of large expense, consequent on the distance from Sydney and from the line of railway.

(8.) The Quarantine Station :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Gale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What steps have been taken, in fulfilment of previous promises, towards the removal of the Quarantine Station?
- (2.) When will the removal of the Quarantine Station be effected?
- (3.) The name of the locality to which the Quarantine Station is to be transferred?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is simply impossible to give definite answers to these questions. The removal of the Quarantine Station is a very large matter indeed, involving very important and conflicting interests. The Government, in considering the matter, have two important objects in view, and it is not likely that it can be settled in the interests of the public without a great deal of examination, which will take some time—probably some months; but the Government are desirous of removing the Quarantine Station.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—
- (1.) By Mr. McMillan—From George Crane, as Chairman of the “Good Intent” Division of the Sons of Temperance, Pitt-street.
 - (2.) By Mr. McMillan—From Claude John Eldridge, as Chairman of the “Florence Nightingale” Division, Daughters of Temperance, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street.
 - (3.) By Mr. McMillan—From Mahalah Phillips, as Secretary of the “Star of the South” Division, Daughters of Temperance, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street.
 - (4.) By Mr. Hutchison—From W. F. Stanton, as Chairman of the “We Strive to Save” Lodge, 164, Presbyterian Schoolroom, Hay-street, Sydney.
 - (5.) By Mr. Hutchison—From Thomas Dean, Mayor of Ashfield, as Chairman of Meeting assembled at Ashfield.
 - (6.) By Mr. Hutchison—From Charles Moyes, as Chairman of Meeting assembled at Marrickville.
 - (7.) By Mr. Hutchison—From Patrick Flynn, as Chairman of the “Multum in Parvo” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Hinton.
 - (8.) By Mr. Hutchison—From B. Ezzy, as Chairman of the “Pride of the West” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Bathurst.
 - (9.) By Mr. Hutchison—From the Members of the “Light of the Valley” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Dungowan.
 - (10.) By Mr. Hutchison—From John Train, as Chairman of the “Nil Desperandum” Lodge, 483, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Borambil.
 - (11.) By Mr. Hutchison—From C. Cousins, as Chairman of the “Oak Leaf” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Kiama.
 - (12.) By Mr. Hutchison—From William Abbott, as Chairman of the “Nil Desperandum” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, North Willoughby.
 - (13.) By Mr. Hutchison—From W. W. Monaghan, as Chairman of the “Hero” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Numba.
 - (14.) By Mr. Hutchison—From Oscar Alfred Raward, as Chairman of the “Hope of Mittagong” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Mittagong.
 - (15.) By Mr. Hutchison—From H. J. Huggins, as Chairman of the “Hope of Enfield” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Enfield.
 - (16.) By Mr. Hutchison—From W. S. Murphy, as Chairman of the “Hope Ahead” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Mudgee.
 - (17.) By Mr. Hutchison—From Francis Thornley, as Chairman of the “Evening Star” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Parading Ground.
 - (18.) By Mr. Hutchison—From John A. Gow, as Chairman, and certain Members of the “Rosebud” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Lambton.
 - (19.) By Mr. Hutchison—From George Metcalfe, as Chairman, and certain Members of the “Pride of Jesmond” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Jesmond.
 - (20.) By Mr. Hutchison—From F. B. Boyce, as President of St. Pauls’ Redfern Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.
 - (21.) By Mr. Hawthorne—From Sydney Smith, as Chairman of the Public Meeting assembled in the Town Hall, Leichhardt.
- Petitions received.
3. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bowman presented a Petition from David Scotland, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company. And Mr. Bowman having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Australian*, *Windsor*, *Richmond*, and *Hawkesbury Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day relative to Special Grants to Municipalities, postponed until Tuesday, 18th December.
5. GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Day moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. See moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the Bill be recommitted, for the reconsideration of the Preamble and clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put, That this Bill be now read a third time

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. See,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Want,	Tellers,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Turner,	

Noes, 5

Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Henson.

Tellers,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See (after Debate), *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the city of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the city of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th December, 1888.

6. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Woodward.

Tellers,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 41.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Reid,	Tellers,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Fitzgerald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

7. TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

8. YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Creer, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

On motion of Mr. Creer, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Creer (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Hospital Elections Bill postponed until Tuesday, 18th December.
10. **CITY OF SYDNEY MAYORAL ELECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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Question put.

The House divided,

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Street,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Teccer,	
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. See,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Bowman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 18th December:—
- (1.) Divorce Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (2.) Oakley Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 - (3.) Electorates of the Gwydir and Inverell Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. **FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS REGULATION BILL**:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Street, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of factories and workshops, and for the supervision of females, young persons, and children employed therein. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received. The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of factories and workshops, and for the supervision of females, young persons, and children employed therein. On motion of Mr. Street, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 - (2.) Mr. Street presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the regulation of Factories and Workshops, and for the supervision of Females, Young Persons, and Children employed therein*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.
13. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL**:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all liquor licenses. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received. The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all liquor licenses. On motion of Mr. Hutchison, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 - (2.) Mr. Hutchison presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all Liquor Licenses*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.

14. **BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Day moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 6.
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Day,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Cameron.	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wall.	
Mr. Melville,		
Mr. Reid,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1888, a.m.*

15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Thursday next:—
(1.) Birds Protection Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
(2.) Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
16. **SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Garrard, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, in other buildings, for electric lighting, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1888, a.m.*

17. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 18th December:—
(1.) Patents Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Patents.
(2.) Sale of Colonial Wines; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act with respect to the sale of Colonial Wines.
(3.) Eight-hours Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours a legal day's labour, and for other purposes connected therewith.
(4.) Bills of Sale Act Amending Bill; second reading.

18. **WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Day, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1888, a.m.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Traffic at Lewisham Platform:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the actual revenue received by the Railway Department from all sources of inward and outward traffic at Lewisham platform for last month?
- (2.) The total number of passengers who purchased daily or season tickets during the same time?
- (3.) The cost of working the platform?
- (4.) What is the revenue received from Stanmore, Macdonaldtown, Tempe, Rockdale, Hurstville, Kogarah, and Marrickville stations, for the same period, and the like information in regard to each as is contained in Nos. 2 and 3 of this question?
- (5.) If it is shown that the returns from Lewisham platform exceed those of the stations mentioned, will he recommend that it be raised to the class of a station?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) I will presently lay the information upon the Table, in the shape of a Return, in reply to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

(5.) The question of the classification of Lewisham can be dealt with by the Railway Commissioners. If the Honorable Member will state in what way the interests of the public are affected by the present classification, I am sure the Commissioners will give the subject careful consideration.

- (2.) Relaying Tramway Lines:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the estimated cost of relaying the tramway line with the heavier permanent-way materials from the railway station to Bridge-street terminus?
- (2.) How far is it intended to relay on the eastern branch from Liverpool-street Junction?
- (3.) What amount has already been expended on the work of relaying?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague is informed the cost of this work was estimated at £30,500, including wood-paving.

(2.) It is intended to relay the line eastwards up Liverpool-street to the intersection of Oxford and College Streets.

(3.) The expenditure to 31st October, was £21,973.

- (3.) Railway Drivers and Firemen, Picton District:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The names of the drivers and firemen in the Picton District who have worked ten hours and over per day, from 1st September to 31st October, 1888?
- (2.) Have any drivers or firemen, during same period, been called upon to resume work after having left off work only eight hours or under?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I will lay the information, in reply to this question, upon the Table of the House.

(2.) I am informed that cases have occurred in which, through the exigencies of the traffic, the locomotive men have been called upon to resume work after having been off duty for eight hours or less. The whole question of overtime working is, I may add, having the consideration of the Commissioners.

- (4.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Manilla:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money that the Government has paid for rental of post and telegraph offices in the town of Manilla?

(2.) Is it a fact that the premises in which the business of the Post and Telegraph Department is transacted at Manilla are unsuitable and inadequate for the public requirements?

(3.)

(3.) Having in view the importance of the town of Manila and surrounding district, will he cause a report to be made as to the state of the existing post and telegraph offices in the said town, and also as to the advisability and necessity of erecting new post and telegraph offices on land belonging to the Crown in the township?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Since 1st July, 1881, £276 8s. 7d.

(2 and 3.) Representations were made that present premises were unsuitable, and an offer to build suitable premises and rent the same to the Government has been accepted.

(5.) Tamworth Land Board District:—Mr. Turner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is any alteration contemplated in the boundaries of the Tamworth Land Board District; and, if so, what alteration?

(2.) Is the combination of the Tamworth and Moree Land Board Districts contemplated?

(3.) Will the offices of the Local Land Board be established at Gunnedah?

(4.) When will the proposed alteration (if any) be carried out?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The whole question of Local Land Administration in the Tamworth Land Board District, and other adjoining Districts, is now under consideration; but as no determination has yet been arrived at, I am not in a position to furnish the Honorable Member with the information desired.

(6.) Currugundi Run, District of Gwydir:—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers connected with the division of the Currugundi run, situate in the district of Gwydir?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes; the Honorable Member will be furnished with a Return in the usual way.

(7.) Torpedo Corps:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the reorganization of the Torpedo Corps, which, in the answer given by the Colonial Secretary on 20th November, was said to be complete, except in the appointment of officers, yet been completed?

(2.) If not, when is it expected that these appointments will be decided?

(3.) Is the delay in this matter consequent on the inaction of the Major-General Commanding; or, if not, what other officer is responsible for it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; with one exception.

(2.) In reference to the case just referred to—namely, the exception—no decision has yet been arrived at.

(3.) The delay has been unavoidable.

(8.) Adamstown Public School—Positions of certain Teachers in Public Schools:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Robert McCredie, son of Metropolitan District Inspector McCredie, is Head Master of Adamstown Public School?

(2.) Does his classification render him ineligible for such position?

(3.) Does Mr. Ryan, of Minni, possess the necessary certificate for the school he holds?

(4.) Are men allowed to hold such positions, if, according to the Regulations, they are both ineligible and unqualified?

(5.) Has Mr. Charles Blumer, brother of Inspector Blumer, and ex-student of Training School, been recently appointed to a school of £216 per annum, while other ex-students, who have the same classification, and been longer in the Service, are only receiving £132 per annum?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes. He was appointed in July, 1877, on the opening of the school; and in May, 1880, when the system of classifying schools was brought into operation, he was fully eligible for his position.

(2.) Yes; at present, inasmuch as the school has increased in numbers since his appointment. He, however, does not receive the increased salary attached to the school, but only that corresponding with his classification.

(3.) Not now, but when appointed in January, 1885, he was fully eligible.

(4.) A teacher may be ineligible by classification and yet manage a school successfully. There is no hard and fast rule as to the removal of such teachers; but, in general, they are allowed reasonable time to obtain the prescribed certificates, if their work in the schools be satisfactory. Those of them who are under forty years of age do not receive the salaries attached to their schools, but are paid at the rates corresponding with their classifications. To old teachers, of long and useful service, the Regulations are not applied with rigid strictness, provided the schools do not suffer by their retaining charge of them.

(5.) Mr. Charles Blumer has been appointed to the charge of a school carrying a salary of £216 per annum. Ex-students are selected for appointment in the order of merit, as shown by their examinations when leaving the Training School. Mr. Blumer was at the head of the list of married ex-students when he was appointed, and no other ex-student had therefore a prior claim. Two married ex-students of somewhat longer service than Mr. Blumer are receiving £132 a year, but they were below Mr. Blumer in the final examinations which regulate their positions.

(9.) Conveyance of Mails from Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Barbour asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What are the names of the tenderers for carrying the mail from Narrabri to Walgett, and the amount of each tender?

(2.) The name of the successful tenderer, and the amount of the tender?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) 1. Geo. A. Nowland & Edwd. Paul Nowland, £899 per annum; 2. Michael Charters, £1,100 per annum; 3. Cobb & Co., £1,340 per annum.

(2.) Michael Charters, £1,100 per annum.

(10.)

- (10.) Barratta Population Area:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Were the annual leases of Barratta population area, advertised for auction sale in August last, withdrawn from such sale to enable an application to be considered regarding improvements?
 - (2.) Was this application sent to the Local Land Board for report, and what did they report?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that this land was never under lease to the pastoral lessee, and therefore cannot be sold under the improvement clause?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the land in question was reserved from lease and from sale previous to the passing of the Land Act of 1861; and, if so, will he, under such circumstances, allow any part of the land to be sold as an improvement purchase?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) In the absence of the papers (now with the District Surveyor for report), I cannot say whether the claim in respect of improvements was referred to the Board; but I will ascertain, and inform the Honorable Member at the earliest opportunity.
 - (3.) It is said to have at one time formed part of Barratta, but not during the tenancy of the present lessee; so that any improvement purchase application he may have made will be of no effect.
 - (4.) The land was reserved from lease in the year 1852, and is still a reserve from lease; so, therefore, a sale by virtue of improvements would be contrary to law.
- (11.) Conditional Purchases upon Barratta:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause an examination to be made of all the papers connected with the conditional purchases effected within the pastoral holding of Barratta, in the Deniliquin District, from 1872 to 1882, with a view to ascertain—
- (1.) How many of such purchases were reported upon by the Conditional Purchase Inspectors and were found to be fully improved, and how many such were subsequently lapsed or forfeited?
 - (2.) What became of the improvements on such selections; how many of them were converted into improvement purchases; how many of them still remain on the land; how many of them were removed, and by whom?
 - (3.) Out of the forfeitures on this run has the Crown received any benefit from the forfeited improvements; and will he cause a thorough search to be made for such property?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The investigation required to obtain the information desired by the Honorable Member will occupy some time, and involves considerable expense. Inquiries will, however, be made, with a view to ascertaining the facts.

- (12.) The City of Sydney Improvement Board:—Mr. McMillan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to alter the present constitution of the City Improvement Board?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am well aware that this Act requires amendment; but I do not think I can undertake to introduce any Bill for its amendment during the present Session.

- (13.) The Prospect Dam:—Mr. McMillan asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of even the slightest possibility of any accident to the Prospect Dam, have the Government considered the advisability of removing all workmen's residences situated in dangerous proximity to the works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to the Prospect Dam, the Government is giving the fullest attention to the matter, and they have had resort to all means of inquiry available to them. All the reports which we have received satisfy us that there is no danger. We, however, intend to obtain a report from one of the most skilful officers in one of the neighbouring Colonies as soon as he can be spared by the Government there; but so far as examination has gone by our own officers—including Mr. Whitton, who, it will be remembered, has nothing to do with the Department in charge of the construction of the dam—as far as we can form an opinion on the examination and reports of our own officers, there is no danger whatever.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Traffic, Revenue, and Expenditure at Lowisham Platform and certain other Railway Stations, for October, 1888.
 - (2.) Return respecting Drivers and Fireman on the Railway in the Picton District.
 - (3.) Minute by the Under Secretary for Lands respecting Rabbit Subsidies, 1887 and 1888.
- Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Sewerage By-laws of the Borough of Redfern.
Ordered to be printed.

3. DEFINITION OF WATER RIGHTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the definition of water rights, and the use and enjoyment thereof.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Definition of Water Rights and the use and enjoyment thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

4. INLAND WATERS FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Gale, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Inland Waters Fisheries Act of 1887," in order to give protection to fish and ova in, or introduced into, such waters, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

5. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the "Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)" to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company.
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Bowman having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the 'Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)' to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company,"—read a first time.
6. FURNITURE MANUFACTURED BY CHINESE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for imposing an excise duty on all furniture manufactured or partially manufactured by Chinese, and for causing to be placed in a prominent and conspicuous place a distinguishing mark on all furniture whether partially or wholly manufactured or French-polished by Chinese.
 Question put and passed.
7. YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Creer, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Creer then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to enable the 'Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway."
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,—
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the 'Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Asssembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1888.
8. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the "Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)" to establish a system of water supply within the police districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities.
 And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Australian Star* and *The Broken Hill Argus*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of a certain Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.
 Question put and passed.
 The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—
 (1.) *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1889, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,144, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1889.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dredge for the Tweed River:—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the present state of the Tweed River, causing almost a cessation of trade, could not, by purchase or otherwise, arrangements be made so that a dredge should immediately be sent to that place?

Mr. Burns answered,—Arrangements have been made for the immediate despatch of a dredge to the Tweed River.

- (2.) Drainage of Darling Point:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. McElhonn*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Municipal Council of Woollahra is making a drain from the heights of Darling Point down Break-neck, to connect with the drain in Ocean-street, and that such drain is intended to carry and deposit sewage matter and filth into Double Bay?

(2.) Is it not provided in the present Sewerage Act that all sewage matter and drainage of all land in the district over 17 feet above high-water mark shall be carried into the Bondi sewer?

(3.) In reference to questions asked the Secretary for Works by *Mr. S. Burdekin*, M.L.A., on 20th November, 1884, and by *Mr. Withers*, 8th November, 1887, and to the former of which a reply was given that the drain in Ocean-street was made to carry off storm water only, and in 1887 *Mr. Sutherland* replied he was not aware that the Woollahra Council were going to carry a portion of the drainage of Darling Point into Double Bay, and it was intended that the drainage referred to should be taken into the Bondi sewer, to prevent pollution of the harbour,—will he take steps to prevent the sewage being run into the harbour?

(4.) If the Woollahra Council is now making a drain to carry Darling Point sewage into Double Bay, will he at once cause notice to be sent to the Council to prevent its being done, to protect the health of the people, and save the Government possible expense in defending actions at law which might be brought against them to prevent and stop the nuisance?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Woollahra Council are prolonging the existing drain down Break-neck by 100 feet of pipe into the Ocean-street storm-water overflow to prevent the defilement of the creek through which the drainage at present passes. The greater part of the offensive discharge from the higher levels will be intercepted and brought into the Bondi Sewer on completion of the sewerage work, for which money is voted and plans are being prepared.

(2.) No provision of the kind is embodied in the Act; but the details of the scheme being carried out make provision for this so far as it is possible.

(3.) The plans are being prepared, and tenders will shortly be invited for all the drainage of Woollahra.

(4.) It is not considered desirable to take this course, as the work being done at this place is an improvement, being calculated to protect the health of the residents. It is not intended to convey any drainage to the bay which is not already taken there in a more offensive manner by way of an open creek. The whole nuisance will be obviated when the main sewerage works are completed.

- (3.) Road, Big Jack's Mountain—Bridge over Eucumbene River:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £2,000 voted for Big Jack's Mountain, between Cathcart and Eden, has been withdrawn from the Estimates?

(2.) What amounts have been placed on the Estimates for bridge over the Eucumbene River, at Russell's, and bridge over Strike-a-light Creek (road Cooma to Braidwood)?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Schedule will be laid upon the Table to-night or to-morrow.

(4.)

- (4.) Members of Licensing Benches :—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
Is it his intention to gazette as Justices of the Peace members of Licensing Benches?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This matter has not been considered by me. I would, however, call the Honorable Member's attention to subsection 2 of section 6 of the Principal Licensing Act, from which it will be seen that every person appointed a member of a Licensing Court shall be, by virtue of his office, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, and shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of such appointment.

- (5.) Woorooloolgen Run, Richmond River :—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land now being returned to the Crown in exchange on Woorooloolgen Run, Richmond River, be open for selection?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No date can be fixed at present. The matter is now in abeyance, pending the consideration of a recent communication received from the pastoral lessees.

- (6.) The Penny Postage and Parcels Post :—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it intended to apply the penny postage to country post offices, situated within a radius of ten miles?

(2.) Is the parcels post in operation between the metropolis and country towns?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The Government does not contemplate making any further extension of the penny postage system until it has been decided to adopt it throughout the Colony, and the desirableness of so doing is under consideration.

(2.) A packet post for the transmission of articles not exceeding 1 lb. in weight, and subject to certain Regulations, has been in operation since the month of July of last year.

- (7.) Removal of Gunpowder and other Explosives :—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the stringency of the Regulations, quantities of gunpowder and other explosives are surreptitiously forwarded by coasting vessels and otherwise to the country districts?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view of modifying or altering the Regulations to meet the convenience of vendors, if such can be done compatible with public safety?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Ordnance Storekeeper has supplied the following answers, viz. :—

(1.) I am not aware that quantities of gunpowder are surreptitiously forwarded by coasting vessels and otherwise to the country districts.

(2.) The Regulations framed under the Gunpowder Act, 40 Vic., No. 1, are only a reprint, in a modified form, of the Imperial Government Regulations, and are only compatible with the interest of public safety.

- (8.) Crown Lands Act—Rentals of Leases :—*Mr. Turner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the arrangements provided by the Land Act of 1884 for the purpose of determining the rentals of leases, the results present great anomalies?

(2.) Will any steps be taken by his Department to amend the present system, or rather to provide some Regulations calculated to insure uniformity of practice, by fixing rentals proportionate to the values of the land in each case?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of the class of leases the Honorable Member has in view, nor that the Crown Lands Act of 1884 provides arrangements to avoid possible anomalies in the determination of rentals; but many leaseholders complain that the rents fixed in their cases are excessive.

(2.) The statute requires rental values to be first ascertained by appraisalment by the Local Land Boards; and I am not aware of any power to frame Regulations defining the basis upon which such valuations shall be arrived at.

- (9.) Payment of Railway and Tramway Employés for Holiday :—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the 9th and 10th November last were proclaimed as public holidays?

(2.) Were the Government Railway employés in the Locomotive Department paid for the two holidays?

(3.) Have the Tramway employés been paid for the holiday on the 9th only and refused for the holiday of the 10th November?

(4.) If so, for what reason is the distinction made?

Mr. Burns answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners :—“The 9th November was proclaimed as a general holiday; the holiday on the 10th had only local application. The question whether the Locomotive Staff should be allowed to make public holiday on the 10th was raised, but the Railway Commissioners decided that, as it was only a local holiday, the works should not be closed. Through some misunderstanding the works were closed, and the Commissioners have decided the day's pay cannot be allowed.”

- (10.) Survey of Hick's Bay Road, Longueville :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of the House the following documents :—

(1.) Correspondence between the Lands Department and the North Willoughby Council, relating to the survey of Hick's Bay Road, Longueville, from Lane Cove Road southwards?

(2.) Plans of such survey by Licensed-Surveyor Wilson?

(3.) Instructions to *Mr. Wilson* relative to such survey?

(4.) Plan of *Mr. Surveyor Maskand's* survey, showing correct position of old grants in that locality?

(5.) All other plans, correspondence, and reports relative thereto?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes; if the Honorable Member will move for them in the usual way.

(11.)

(11.) The Bogan Electorate :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many miles (approximately) of roads are there in the Bogan Electorate, and how much public money has been spent upon keeping these roads in repair during the past two years?
- (2.) Has any money been put upon the present Estimates for the above purpose?
- (3.) Has any (and, if so, how much) public money been expended during the past two years in the Bogan Electorate on the construction of bridges?
- (4.) Is there any sum asked for on the Estimates now before Parliament for the above purpose?
- (5.) What is the approximate value of the commodities produced annually within the Bogan Electorate?
- (6.) How much revenue (approximately) does the Government derive annually from the Bogan Electorate?
- (7.) Like information with respect to the Electorates of Argyll, Albury, Eden, Grafton, Kiama, Monaro, Inverell, Orange, or any other Electorate represented by a member of the Opposition?

Mr. Burns answered,—It will take some time to compile the information asked for by the Honorable Member; but my honorable colleague will have it prepared at the earliest possible date, and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(12.) Gilgandra Bridge, Castlereagh River :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Gilgandra Bridge over the Castlereagh River, in the Bogan Electorate, is unapproachable by loaded teams in wet weather, and of no use in dry weather?
- (2.) Does the Government intend to render this bridge of service to the public by finishing the approaches to it, and by also bridging the Gullahgambone and Curban Creeks?

Mr. Burns answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Roads Department; but my honorable colleague is not satisfied with it, and has ordered a further report to be obtained. When this is to hand he will deal with the matter, and inform the Honorable Member of his decision:—"So far as the Department is aware, the approaches to this bridge are complete. There is some heavy sand road, which will be dealt with as far as funds will admit. The bridge was built on the understanding that the other bridges were not to be asked for. They were reported against by every officer who had inspected them."

(13.) The Centennial Park :—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions to have the inscriptions on the Centennial Park gates inscribed in English?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not exactly understand to what the question relates, but I will make inquiry and see.

(14.) Instalments due by Conditional Purchasers :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, taking into consideration the depressed circumstances of conditional purchasers, consequent upon the failure of crops and pasturage, allow all instalments due upon this year's occupation of their several holdings to be postponed until such conditional purchasers are in a better position to make such payments.

Mr. Bruncker answered,—There is no provision in the law empowering me to grant extension of time for these payments.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Comparative Statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, during the months of November, 1887 and 1888, respectively, showing increase or decrease under each head thereof.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting certain Remarks alleged to have been made in Parliament by Mr. B. H. Levien, M.P., respecting His Honor Mr. District Court Judge Docker.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Reports and Minutes respecting the Condition of the Prospect Dam.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Wilson*, presented a Petition from the Broken Hill District Water Supply Company (Limited), of Sydney, in opposition to the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill now before this House, and praying for leave to appear before any Select Committee to which the Bill may be referred, by counsel or solicitor, and, if necessary, to adduce evidence and send for persons and papers, and examine and cross-examine witnesses called before such Committee.

Petition received.

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

(1.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th November, 1888.

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

(2.)

(2.) Manly Drainage Works Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1888.*

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

(3.) Circular Quay Improvements Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1888.*

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

(4.) Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1888.*

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

(5.) Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1888.*

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

(6.) North Shore Drainage Works Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the north shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1888.*

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

(7.) Sydney Central Police Court Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a New Central Police Court in the city of Sydney.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1888.*

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

5. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Teece, Mr. Levien, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited) to establish a system of water supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Day having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the 'Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)' to establish a system of Water Supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,*"—read a first time.
7. **NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—**Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface parts of the land, and to authorize the alienation thereof.
 Question put and passed.
8. **NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—**
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Harbour Improvements at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—**
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the County of Cumberland,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—**
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works at Manly, in the County of Cumberland,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. SYDNEY CENTRAL POLICE COURT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Burns moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court in the city of Sydney.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. CIRCULAR QUAY IMPROVEMENTS BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. POTTS’ HILL STORAGE RESERVOIR BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts’ Hill, in the county of Cumberland.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts’ Hill, in the county of Cumberland.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the completion of a Storage Reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts’ Hill, in the county of Cumberland,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time to-morrow.
14. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts’ Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts’ Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts’ Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the House had decided the matter.
Point of Order :—The Chairman reported that having ruled that it was not competent—on the whole vote of £24,740, under the heading of Treasury, or on any motion to reduce the same—to refer to the labours of the Public Service Inquiry Commission with reference to that Branch of the Public Service ; and exception being taken to his decision, the matter was referred by the Committee to the House.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker ruled, that an ordinary reference to the labours of the Public Service Inquiry Commission, so far as those labours referred to the Colonial Treasurer's Estimate, would not be out of order.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1888, A.M.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Barratta:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the lessee of the pastoral holding of Barratta, county Townsend, has fenced the travelling stock off from travelling stock reserve 1,032, near the junction with Morago holding?

(2.) Has the fencing been erected since it was made a travelling stock reserve?

(3.) Will he cause the fencing to be removed, in order that the travelling stock may get the benefit of the reserve?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Yes; the land referred to was notified on the 14th June, 1880, as an extension to travelling stock reserve No. 1,032.

(2.) The fencing was erected during 1876.

(3.) Yes; if upon inquiry that course appear to be necessary, in the public interest.

(2.) Reserve from Lease, Parish of Banangalite:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that reserve 317 from lease, notified 26th March, 1878, parish of Banangalite, county Townsend, is a fenced-in paddock, with permanent water; and has it been exclusively enjoyed by the pastoral lessee for the last ten years without paying any rent whatever?

(2.) Will some steps be taken to obtain compensation for the past ten years' exclusive occupation?

(3.) Will he cause this reserve to be gazetted for auction annual lease in the next batch offered?

Mr. Brütcher answered,—The papers having reference to this reserve are not available; but I will cause inquiry to be made in the direction indicated by the Honorable Member's question.

(3.) Reserve from Lease, County of Townsend:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that reserve 516 from lease, notified 14th June, 1880, county Townsend, 320 acres, has been exclusively enjoyed by the pastoral lessee for the last eight years without paying any rent whatever; and, if so, will any steps be taken to obtain compensation for such eight years' exclusive occupation?

(2.) Will he cause this land to be gazetted for auction annual lease in the next batch offered?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) I think the Honorable Member's knowledge of the Department will enable him to see that the Department cannot say whether this reserve has been exclusively enjoyed by the pastoral lessee. My answer is short—I do not know.

(2.) Yes; the sale has already been authorized.

(4.) Road through Barratta:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he instruct his officers to cause the public road, applied for several months ago, between the Edwards River and the Billabong Creek, through the Barratta pastoral holding, to be gazetted as soon as possible?

(2.) Is it not a fact that this road is required for access to the resumed area and for travelling stock?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) The survey of this road was determined upon in October last. Instructions have been issued to the local surveyor, and when the plan of the survey shall have been received, action will be taken towards the proclamation of the road.

(2.) It is not understood that the proposed road is the only one to afford the required access, but that it is superior in some respects to those which have been provided. (5.)

- (5.) Boats let out for Hire:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Has the Marine Board any supervision over boats let out for hire?
 (2.) If not, will he see that some supervision is exercised by the Board in the interest of the public?
 Mr. Burns answered,—
 (1.) The supervision of the Marine Board is confined to watermen's boats.
 (2.) There is no authority under the Navigation Acts to justify the Marine Board in exercising supervision over boats let out for hire.
2. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 19th April, 1888—"Tramway Employés."
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Notification of Further Amendment of Regulation No. 41, under the Crown Lands Act, 1884.
 (2.) Regulations and Forms in connection with Authorities to Search for Minerals in Land under Lease or License, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the City of Sydney.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the City of Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. CROWN LANDS AT HORNSBY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, plans, &c., respecting,—
 (1.) An application for special purchase of about 10 acres of Crown lands at Hornsby, by Messrs. Burns, Withers, and Smith.
 (2.) The dedication of 2 acres of Crown lands for Public School Purposes at Hornsby.
 (3.) The dedication of a site for a Court-house and Police Station at Hornsby.
 (4.) The reservation from sale for future public requirements of a portion of reserve No. 47, parish of South Colah, county of Cumberland.
 Question put and passed.
5. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Neild, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bowman, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 6th December, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Bowman then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
 Question put and passed.
7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of the Broken Hill District Water Supply Company (Limited), be granted, and that leave be given to the Petitioners to adduce such evidence and send for such persons and papers as they may be advised, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the Committee.
 Question put and passed.
8. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface parts of the land, and to authorize the alienation thereof.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.
 On motion of Mr. Brunker, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Brunker presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1888, A.M.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wharf used by the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the water frontage at present used as a wharf by the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle at any time been given to that company?

(2.) What were the terms, conditions, and boundary of such deed of gift or grant?

(3.) Is it a fact that the said company have reclaimed a very large portion of the foreshores of the harbour in this locality?

(4.) Would the Government cause inquiries to be made as to whether or not it would be a public benefit if the foreshores in that locality were resumed for public purposes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The natural water frontage, at present used in conjunction with reclaimed land for wharfage purposes by the Australian Agricultural Company, was granted to that company in 1847. Excepting that an area was reserved, apparently for the extension of the town of Newcastle, there are no special conditions attaching to the grant. The frontage conveyed is about 23 chains in a direct line. The company have purchased, under the 9th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, reclaimed land adjoining this frontage, containing in all 2 acres and 25 perches. There would be no objection to inquiries being made as to whether it would be a public benefit to resume the foreshores in the locality.

- (2.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his reply to Question 9 (Votes No. 63 of the 7th March last), will he say whether the actuarial investigation, under the 54th section of the Civil Service Act, has been completed; and, if so, what is the result thereof?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Civil Service Board that the preliminary work has now been nearly completed, the details required being very voluminous, and often difficult to obtain. It is expected that the report of the Actuary will be ready early next year.

- (3.) Decree *re Stephen v. Erwin*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was the decree *re Stephen v. Erwin*, pronounced 11th May, 1887, perfected, in accordance with the signed judgment of that day?

(2.) Did the respondent appeal?

(3.) Are the minutes a *fac simile* of the judgment, as fixed by the Master in Equity four months after the above, and signed by the Judge?

(4.) Were the deeds of the 5th and 16th August, 1876, and 24th April, 1885, cancelled?

(5.) Did the Master compare his fixing of minutes with the original decree; if not, who did?

(6.) Will he name the deeds included in the minutes fixed by the Master in Equity not mentioned in the pleadings or the judgment given?

(7.) Was the Master's inquiry warranted by the decree as above?

(8.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House all reports and correspondence *re* the alteration of decree therein?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The answers given on 14th March and 13th June last to the Honorable Member, in reply to questions respecting the same case, are applicable to the questions now asked, viz.:—“As this case is still pending before the Court, and these questions affect private interests only, as distinguished from public interests, and as the information, I am informed, can be obtained by the parties concerned, I do not think it would establish a desirable precedent for me to furnish replies to the Honorable Member's questions.”

(4.)

(4.) Railway Locomotive Branch:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the timekeepers of the Locomotive Branch have been transferred from the country depôts, and are now centralized in Sydney?
- (2.) By whom is the time taken in the districts where the timekeepers have been removed?
- (3.) By whose authority and on whose recommendation was the project introduced?
- (4.) Are the Commissioners for Railways aware of the innovation; if so, do they approve of it?
- (5.) Have any of the Inspectors reported unfavourably of the system?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the timetakers of the Locomotive Branches have not been removed from country depôts, but simply the clerks who have been engaged in preparing the wages sheets.
- (2.) The time worked by the men is taken and certified to by the Inspectors and Foremen, as was formerly done.
- (3.) The late Commissioner approved of the present system, upon the recommendation of the Locomotive Engineer.
- (4.) The Commissioners are aware of the innovation, and the whole system of timekeeping in the Locomotive Department will receive their consideration.
- (5.) The Inspectors have not reported unfavourably regarding the new system, but some of the subordinate Inspectors have complained of alleged extra duty.

(5.) Swamp-street, Double Bay:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Crown land embraced within the area of the so-called "Swamp-street, Double Bay," has never been proclaimed or in any way used as a public road or street?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Borough of Woollahra (although applied to by the Government) declined to take over the same; and, if so, was any reason given?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Board of Health sent in a report in writing to the Government, recommending them, on sanitary grounds, not to proclaim the said street?
- (4.) Is it a fact that on or about the 8th of March last, letters were (in accordance with a previous minute of the then Minister) written and sent from the Lands Department to the several owners of the adjoining properties to the so-called Swamp-street, intimating that applications to purchase the land embraced therein would, if made under section 66 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of that section.
- (5.) Is it a fact that, in response to the letters referred to in the preceding question, several persons made application to purchase portions of the land in question, and also paid the usual deposit required by law?
- (6.) What action has been taken with respect to the said several applications?
- (7.) Will he be so good as to state whether he intends to carry out the decision of his predecessor with respect to the land embraced within the area of the so-called "Swamp-street," namely, to alienate same under section 66 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 to the various owners of the adjoining properties?
- (8.) If he does not intend to carry out the decision of his predecessor, will he be so good as to state what course of action he intends to pursue with respect to the land in question, having a due regard to all the facts relating to the same?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Swamp-street is a street by dedication of the Crown, and is described as a street in the deeds of allotments of land alienated by the Crown adjoining it. The street probably has not been used as a thoroughfare, the land having been enclosed by fences.
- (2.) No request was made by the Crown to the Borough Council of Woollahra to take over Swamp-street, such a request being unnecessary, as, by the Municipalities Act, the care, construction, and management of public streets is vested in the Municipal Council.
- (3.) Yes; the Board of Health desired that no action should be taken that would lead to the opening of Swamp-street, as such opening might encourage the erection of buildings fronting it on a site said to be insanitary.
- (4.) Yes; but the intimations conveyed no assurance of sale.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6, 7, and 8.) After the applications to purchase had been lodged, objections to the proposed alienation were made, when, upon further consideration being given to the subject and to the opinions of the Crown Law Officers, which had been previously expressed, to the effect that Swamp-street is a street in law and should be dealt with as such, it was determined to comply with the request for alignment made by the Borough Council of Woollahra in 1886. Preliminary steps to effect this object have been taken.

(6.) Botany and Balmain Corps of Volunteers:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Frank Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Botany Corps of Volunteers are carried to and from the Paddington Barracks on parade and other duty at the expense of the Government, while the Balmain Volunteer Corps are denied that privilege?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, so that the Balmain Volunteers may be treated similarly in this respect to the Botany Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Botany Corps being in the country, the tram to it really represents the railway, on which free passes are given to all volunteers attending parades. No corps, with this exception, gets tram passes.

2. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Bowes presented a Petition from Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.
And Mr. Bowes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. PUBLIC GAMBLING UPON RACECOURSES PROHIBITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit public gambling upon racecourses.
Question put and passed.
4. THE ENTRANCE TO PORT HACKING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1889 the sum of £500 to obtain surveys and reports on the best means of improving the entrance to Port Hacking.
Question put and passed.
5. CITY OF SYDNEY MAYORAL ELECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, for Mr. O'Connor, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to make provision for the Election of the Mayor of the City of Sydney by the Citizens*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Election of the Mayor of the City of Sydney by the Citizens*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th December, 1888.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—
(1.) Essex-street Alignment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(3.) Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Want rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider the appointment of Mr. Fehon."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Want moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH RATES:—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the charges made for conveying letters and transmitting telegrams throughout the Colony be reduced, and that, on and after the 1st January, 1889, the rates charged shall be as follows:—On all letters for delivery within the Colony, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce in weight, a charge of 1d. to be imposed; that telegrams transmitted between all stations in New South Wales shall be charged 6d. for the first ten words, and each additional word, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Press messages of twenty words and under to be charged 6d., and for every additional word up to fifty words, $\frac{1}{4}$ d., every additional fifty words or portion thereof, 6d.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Fletcher,	Tellers,
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Leven,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Dalton.	

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dowel.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Tooc,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Holbovow,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. McMillan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Riley.
Mr. Wise,	Tellers,
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Wilson,	

Mr. Martin,
Mr. H. H. Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. GOVERNMENT WHARFAGE—HARBOUR BOARDS :—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the whole system of Government wharfage on the shores of "Port Jackson" should be placed "under" a properly constituted Harbour Board.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fletcher moved, That the Question be amended, by the insertion, after the words "Port Jackson," of the words, "Newcastle and other principal ports of the Colony."

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

Debate continued.

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

Mr. Brunner moved, That the Question be further amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "under," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "properly constituted Harbour Boards."

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

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

Question then,—That, in the opinion of this House, the whole system of Government wharfage on the shores of Port Jackson, Newcastle, and other principal ports of the Colony should be placed under properly constituted Harbour Boards,—put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Interest Payable on Capital Expended on Railway Lines:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the exact amount of the interest payable annually on £26,532,122, the total amount of the capital expended on the railway lines opened at the end of 1887, allowing for redemption of the debentures at par at due date?

(2.) Will the Government hereafter furnish in the Annual Railway Report the yearly cost of the capital expended?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable friend must be aware that a Return such as he seeks for will involve long and complicated calculations. I have given directions that the Return be prepared as early as may be practicable.

- (2.) City Railway Extension:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government arrived at any determination with reference to the extension of the railway into Sydney; and, if so, has he any objection to give the House some information on the subject?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Plans and estimates of two routes are in course of preparation, viz., one from Redfern to King-street, and the other from Redfern to the Circular Quay, being a continuation of the main line through the grounds of the Benevolent Asylum, Pitt and George Streets, then taking a course between Kent-street and Sussex-street to near Dawes Point, and terminating at the Circular Quay, with a station at the present Naval Depot. I may here add to this that another route is in contemplation, with the intention, if finally adopted, to have a station where the present markets are in George-street for passengers only, the route to be a transverse line across Campbell-street and Goulburn-street to the terminus named.

- (3.) Supply of Water:—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the constant demands made by small centres of population to have water supplied to them by the Government, and the promises made in that direction by the Government, will the Government be willing to so far extend their action as to supply water to individuals, in urgent cases, where such individuals have failed to supply themselves?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not very well able to quite comprehend what is intended by this question, and any answer that I have been able to obtain seems so indefinite that I must ask the Honorable Member to defer it for a day to see if I can get any more definite information.

- (4.) Hares in Gundaroo District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any petition been lodged with the Stock Department with regard to the plague of hares in the Gundaroo district?

(2.) If so, when is action to be taken on the petition?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No; although the attention of the Queanbeyan and other Pasture Boards throughout the Colony has been called to the necessity for declaring hares noxious animals, and dealing with them under the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (5.) Appointment of Potts' Hill as a Polling Place:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of men now working at Potts' Hill are electors of Central Cumberland, and have no means of recording their votes in the event of an election unless a polling place is provided?

(2.) Will the Government appoint Potts' Hill a polling place for that Electorate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter will be referred to the Returning Officer for report.

(6.)

- (6.) Mr. Poulton, Confinee of Gladesville Asylum :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Poulton is still a confinee of the Gladesville Asylum, and will he see that steps are taken to have him liberated and returned to his friends ?
 - (2.) Has he been informed that his friends are quite ready and willing to take charge of him ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of the Insane :—
- (1.) Mr. Poulton is still a patient at Gladesville, and is insane and unfit to be at large.
 - (2.) No applications have been recently made by Mr. Poulton's friends for his discharge.

- (7.) Interest and Instalments due by Squatters and Selectors :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In answer to a question by Dr. Ross, on the 15th of November last (No. 12, Votes and Proceedings, Question 12), *re* the remission of interest and instalment on all *bona fide* selections for the ensuing year, owing to the failure of crops, arising from a protracted drought, the Minister replied that "no such concessions as those referred to are permissible under the existing law";—will he state under what law the Government is empowered to allow squatters, or the lessees of Crown lands, to fall into arrears with their rents, and why such a concession is allowed to squatters and withheld from selectors ?
- (2.) Will he also state the approximate amount of arrears of rent owing by the squatters or Crown tenants during the years 1885-6, 1886-7, and 1887-8, respectively, and under what law these arrears are allowed to exist ?
- (3.) The same information with regard to selectors or conditional purchasers ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Under the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1887, pastoral tenants are entitled to an extension of time for the payment of arrears of rental in certain cases; but the Act of 1884 does not permit the Government to grant to pastoral tenants, or to conditional purchasers, any concession of the character referred to by the Honorable Member.
- (2 and 3.) It is impossible at such short notice to supply the information desired. I may add that if the Honorable Member will ask for a Return I shall be glad to have it furnished.

- (8.) Mr. Nisbett, late Police Magistrate, Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he state how long Mr. Nisbett occupied the position of Police Magistrate at Molong and the reason why he was withdrawn from Molong and removed to Nowra ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Mr. Nisbett occupied the position of Police Magistrate at Molong from the 1st August, 1887. He left Molong in compliance with a request that he should be transferred to another district, and was sent to Nowra for departmental reasons.

- (9.) Appointments by Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the persons who have been appointed as Inspectors of Railways by the present Commissioners ?
- (2.) Is one of such persons coming from America ?
- (3.) Is one of such persons coming from England ?
- (4.) Who recommended such persons to the Commissioners ?
- (5.) Were they selected upon the recommendation of either of the Commissioners; if so, which Commissioner recommended them or either of them ?
- (6.) What salary are they to receive ?
- (7.) Are their travelling expenses to this country being paid ?
- (8.) On what lines have they been previously engaged, and in what position ?
- (9.) Was the position of Inspector offered to any of the present Railway employés; if so, to whom ?
- (10.) How many employés in the Railway Service have received notice, by instruction from the Commissioners, that their services will be dispensed with; and what are their names and the positions they filled ?
- (11.) How many employés have received notice, by instruction from the Commissioners, that their salaries were to be reduced; and what are their names and the positions they hold ?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Railway Commissioners left town last evening on business connected with some of the proposed new railway lines which have been referred to them for their report, and are not likely to return before Wednesday next. I am unable, in their absence, to give the detailed information asked for by the Honorable Member for Northumberland, or a copy of the Commissioners' minute respecting the appointment of the two Inspectors, but I have received papers from the Commissioners in relation to the qualifications of the Inspectors and their salaries, copies of which I shall presently lay upon the Table for the information of the House.

- (10.) Railway Carriages and Trucks :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any live stock or other trucks been ordered within the last six months from any place outside the Colony of New South Wales ?
- (2.) If so, will he please say—(1) How many, (2) of what description, (3) when ordered, (4) of whom ordered, (5) who is responsible for such order, (6) the reason why such trucks were not procured in the Colony ?
- (3.) Have any railway carriages been ordered within a period of six months past from any place outside the Colony of New South Wales ?
- (4.) If so, will he please give the like information in regard to them as is asked in Question 2 concerning trucks ?

Mr. Burns answered,—In the absence of the Railway Commissioners, who are at present in the country districts, I am unable to reply to these questions; but, as far as I am informed or know, no orders have been sent out of the Colony for trucks or carriages.

(11.) Mrs. Cunynghame, late Matron of Parramatta Asylum:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Commission appointed by the late Government to inquire into and report upon the management of the Destitute and Infirm Institutions endorsed charges of cruelty, neglect, and untruthfulness against the dispenser and Mrs. Cunynghame, matron of the Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta, sufficient, on the face of them, to justify the removal of these officials from the Public Service.

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, all papers having reference to the removal of Mrs. Cunynghame from the Public Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not know hardly how to answer this question. The facts asked about are precisely of the character of facts that have been disclosed recently, and which have led to the removal of Mrs. Cunynghame. With regard to the papers being laid upon the Table, it would be more in the interests of Mrs. Cunynghame that they should not be produced. As far as we are concerned, we are quite prepared to lay them upon the Table.

(12.) Centennial Park:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What provision has been or will be made for access to the Centennial Park from Randwick?

(2.) Is it intended to comply with the prayer of the petition presented to this House last Session by Mr. Neild, and place a gate for admitting foot-passengers into the Centennial Park at the end of Moncur-street, Woollahra?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter is still under consideration, and it must be admitted that it is not pressing. We will make this accommodation if we can.

(13.) The Public Debt:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the reply given by him to Mr. Neild on the 20th June last, *i.e.*, it was the intention of the Government to issue short-dated debentures to the value of half a million sterling, to meet the short-dated Treasury Bills, falling due on the 1st July last,—has the stated intention of the Government been carried into effect?

(2.) From what source was half a million sterling obtained to meet said short-dated Treasury Bills?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The securities which fell due on the 1st July last were debentures of thirty years' currency, and provision was made for their retirement by inscribed stock, under the Act 52 Vic. No. 16.

(2.) The £500,000 was obtained from the General Loan Fund, under the Act 42 Vic. No. 16.

(14.) Rabbit Nuisance Act:—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Secretary for Mines,—Having in view the fact that the Government have discontinued the payment of subsidies under the "Rabbit Nuisance Act," do the Government intend to enforce the payment of contributions from owners for the coming year?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The following answer has been supplied by the Lands Department:—Yes; as the public funds have been advanced for necessary payments in connection with the administration of the Rabbit Act, and it is only just that such advance should be repaid.

(15.) Conveyance of Mails from Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Barbour asked the Postmaster General,—Referring to the answer given in reply to Mr. Barbour's questions regarding conveyance of mails from Narrabri to Walgett, will he say why the tender of the Nowlands, showing a saving of over £200, was not accepted?

Mr. Roberts answered,—One of the tenderers is a minor, the son and brother of the Messrs. Nowland, who have for some time past carried out their contracts in a most unsatisfactory manner, and the partner (E. P. Nowland) already has six contracts, the proper performance of which will give him quite enough to do. For these reasons it was thought undesirable, in the public interest, to entrust such an important line as the one in question to persons who proposed to do it at £300 a year less than is now being paid, and £200 a year less than the person who now has the contract was willing to renew it for.

2. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Cortis presented a Petition from Charles Edward Hogg, of Broken Hill, representing that the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill now before the House should not become law, for the reasons submitted in the Petition; and praying for leave to appear before the Select Committee to which the said Bill has been referred, in person, by Counsel or Solicitor, and, if necessary, to adduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses called before such Committee.

Petition received.

Mr. Cortis (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of Charles E. Hogg, to be heard before the Select Committee on the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill, either personally, by Solicitor, or by Counsel, be granted; and that leave be given to the Petitioner to adduce such evidence and send for such persons and papers as he may be advised, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the Committee.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulations of the Tamworth Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

(2.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Further Reports and Minutes respecting the Condition of the Prospect Dam.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, Minutes, &c., respecting Appointment of Railway Inspectors.

Mr. Burns moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of *Gazette Notices*, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 22nd June, 1887—"Appraisements of Conditional Leases at Moree."
- (4.) Return to an Order made on the 17th May, 1887—"Booramugga, Wilga, and Sussex Runs."
- (5.) Return to an Order made on the 27th June, 1888—"Conditional Purchase made by Mary Maloney at Burrowa."
- (6.) Return to an Order made on the 23rd June, 1887—"Rent on Marra Run."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Opinion of the Attorney-General on the Case—Alleged Assault on Robert Adams at Parramatta.

Mr. Clarke moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. INLAND WATERS FISHERIES FURTHER PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Gale presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Inland Waters Fisheries Act of 1887,' in order to give protection to Fish and Ova in, or introduced into, such Waters, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. THE TRAMWAYS:—Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from Sydney Smith, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Leichhardt, submitting certain Resolutions which were agreed to by the Meeting, in opposition to the leasing of the Trams; and praying the House to take such Resolutions into its favourable consideration.
Petition received.
6. PURCHASE OF LAND ADJOINING HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, GLADESVILLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers connected with the purchase of 22 acres of land at Gladesville, adjoining the Hospital for the Insane.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the District Courts Act Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday, 19th December.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as Trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of St. Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL.
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th December, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 2, lines 8 and 9. Omit "as may become payable to the said trustees"
Page 3, clause 2, line 10. Omit "Church of England Grammar"
Page 3, clause 2, line 19. Omit "Grammar"
Page 3, clause 3, line 26. Omit "Grammar"
Page 3, clause 3, line 26. After "school" insert "house"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

- (2.) North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the Northern terminus of the North Shore Cable tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour, together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head, and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village, and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater, Broken Bay, and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour, at the Spit aforesaid,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th December, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head"
- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "and the erection of a bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit
"aforesaid"
- Page 1, preamble, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point
"and Middle Head"
- Page 1, preamble, lines 9 to 11. *Omit* "and for the purposes of such tramway, and also for the
"public general traffic and convenience to construct a bridge over the waters of Middle
"Harbour at the Spit aforesaid"
- Page 1, preamble, line 11. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 1, preamble, line 14. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 1, preamble, line 16. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and light"
- Page 1, preamble, line 16. *Omit* "s" from "runs"
- Page 2, preamble, line 1. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, preamble, line 1. *Omit* "and the said bridge"
- Page 2, preamble, line 4. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 16. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 16. *After* "Schedule" *insert* "A and B"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 18 to 22. *Omit* "and also to make and construct branch lines from the said
"tramway or railway at the points named in the Schedules to this Act, and thence by the
"lines described in such Schedules, in accordance with section ninety-nine of the
"Government Railways Act of 1858";"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 23. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 24. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 27 to 38. *Omit* "and also to construct and build a bridge for the purposes
"of such tramway or light railway and for the public general traffic over the waters of
"Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid, connecting the lines of the said tramway or
"railway at the places where such lines terminate on the waters of the said Middle
"Harbour, as shown in the Schedules hereto; and to dig and make proper foundations
"in or under the said waters, and to cut, remove, take, and carry away all trees, beds of
"sand and rocks, and any other impediments whatsoever which may in anywise hinder
"the erecting and completing the said bridge; and generally to do and execute all and
"every other acts, matters, and things requisite and necessary for erecting buildings,
"repairing and maintaining the said bridge"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 38. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 39. *Omit* "(subject to clause two of this Bill)"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 41 to 43. *Omit* "and the said bridge shall be completely erected, in
"accordance with the provisions in Schedule D to this Act, within the space of five years"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "and the said bridge"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 45. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 48. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 51. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 51 and 52. *Omit* "(with the exception of the said bridge over the waters
"of Middle Harbour)"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 53. *After* "completed" *insert* "And in the event of the works provided by
"this Act or any of them not being commenced and carried out to the satisfaction of the
"Engineer-in-Chief for Railways or other officer charged by the Government with the
"construction of railways within the times in this Act prescribed, all the works and
"property of the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors,
"administrators, or assigns, in connection with the said tramway or light railway shall go
"and belong to the Government, to be disposed of as the Governor, with the advice of the
"Executive Council, may direct, and as regards lands resumed or obtained in connection
"with the said tramway or light railway works the same shall revert to the former
"owners thereof as of their former estate"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 53. *After* "that" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "the authorities, powers,
"and privileges given by this Act shall not extend beyond thirty years from the passing
"thereof"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 58. *Omit* "or light railway"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 58 and 59. *Omit* "until the completion of the said bridge"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 59. *After* "tolls" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "to be approved by the
"Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in the event of a bridge being
"constructed across Middle Harbour the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie
"Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall have no claim for
"compensation by reason of their being deprived of the use and enjoyment of the said
"steam-punt and their right to charge tolls in connection therewith."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 5. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 8. *After* "tramway" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3. *After* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause:—
4. "The said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, adminis-
"trators, and assigns, shall not be at liberty to enter upon, break up, or erect works upon any Reinstatement
of streets, &c.
"streets within any municipality without ten days previous notice in writing to such municipality;
"and when the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators,
"and assigns, shall open or break up the road or pavement of any street, or any sewer, drain, or
"tunnel,

"tunnel, they shall with all convenient speed complete the work for which the same shall be broken up, and fill in the ground, and reinstate and make good the said road or pavement, sewer, drain, or tunnel so opened or broken up, and carry away the rubbish occasioned thereby. And the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, whilst any such road, pavement, sewer, drain, or tunnel shall be so open or broken up, shall cause the same to be fenced and guarded, and shall cause lights sufficient for the warning of passengers to be set up and maintained against or near such road, pavement, sewer, drain, or tunnel, where the same shall be so opened or broken up, for every night during which the same shall continue open or broken up. If the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, open or break up any road, pavement, sewer, drain, or tunnel, without giving such notice as aforesaid, or if they make any delay in completing any such work, or in filling in the ground, or reinstating and making good the road or pavement, sewer, drain, or tunnel so opened or broken up, or in carrying away the rubbish occasioned by the work, or if the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, neglect to cause the place where such road or pavement, sewer, drain, or tunnel has been broken up to be fenced, guarded, and lighted, the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every such offence, and the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall incur an additional penalty of five pounds for each day during which any such delay as aforesaid shall continue."

Page 3, clause 4, line 13. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 3, clause 4, line 14. Omit "three feet six inches" insert "four feet eight and a half inches"

Page 3, clause 5, line 15. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 3, clause 5, line 17. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 3, clause 5. At the end of clause add "or the Railway Commissioners"

Page 3, clause 6, lines 37 and 38. Omit "Secretary for Public Works or Commissioner for Railways" insert "Railway Commissioners"

Page 3, clause 6, line 40. After "the" insert "said"

Page 3, clause 7. Omit clause 7.

Page 4, clause 10, line 42. Before "railway" insert "light"

Page 4, clause 10, line 43. Omit "or" insert "and light"

Page 4, clause 10, lines 43 and 44. Omit "where crossing any roads"

Page 4, clause 11, line 49. After "tramway" omit "or" insert "and"

Page 4, clause 11, line 51. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 4, clause 11. After clause 11 insert the following new clause:—

11. "The Railway Commissioners shall, at all times hereafter, upon twelve hours' notice in writing to the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, have the right to run locomotives, carriages, and trucks, whether loaded or otherwise, on and along the said tramway and light railway, and for such period or periods, or at such time or times as the said Railway Commissioners shall in the said notice specify. Provided that the said Railway Commissioners shall pay to the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, such rates or tolls for the exercise of such rights as aforesaid as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall from time to time determine."

Page 4, clause 12, line 58. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 4, clause 12, line 60. Omit "above specified" insert "hereinafter provided"

Page 5, clause 12, line 5. After "tramway" omit "or" insert "and"

Page 5, clauses 13 and 14. Omit clauses 13 and 14 insert the following new clauses:—

13. "The said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the negligent or improper construction, maintenance, or working of the said tramway and light railway, and all claims in respect of such negligence and improper conduct may be enforced against the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns. Provided that the damages which may be recovered against the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns in respect of any such claim shall in addition to all other remedies for their recovery be a first charge upon the tolls, fares, or charges charged for the carriage of passengers on the said tramway and light railway and upon all property used in and upon and necessary for the working of the said tramway and light railway."

14. "It shall be lawful for the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to charge fares for the carriage of all passengers and goods to and fro and upon the said tramway and light railway by and with the sanction of the Railway Commissioners and at rates to be approved of by them."

Page 5, clause 15, line 25. Omit "Commissioner for Railways" insert "Railway Commissioners"

Page 5, clause 15, line 34. Omit "issuing" insert "using"

Page 5, clause 15, line 35. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 5, clause 15, line 38. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 5, clause 15, line 42. Before "railway" insert "tramway and light"

Page 5, clause 15, line 45. After "tramway" omit "or" insert "and"

Page 5, clause 15, line 51. Before "railway" insert "tramway and light"

Page 5, clause 15, line 55. Omit "Attorney-General of the Colony for the time being" insert "Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council"

Page 5, clause 15, line 59. Before "railway" insert "tramway and light"

Page 6, clause 16, line 2. Omit "Government"

Page 6, clause 17, line 5. Before "light" omit "or" insert "and"

Page 6, clause 17, line 8. Omit "so described" insert "taken for such purposes"

Page 6, clause 19, line 24. Omit "or" insert "and"

Page 7, clause 27, line 58. Omit "7" insert "8"

Page 9, clause 35, line 36. Omit "to the said owners or occupiers"

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- Page 9, clause 35, line 37. *After* "non-performance" *insert* "or wrongful or negligent performance"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 47. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 47. *Omit* "and bridge"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 49. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 49. *Omit* "and bridge"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 51. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 51. *Omit* "and bridge"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 54. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"
- Page 9, clause 36, line 54. *Omit* "and bridge"
- Page 9, clause 36, lines 56 to 59. *Omit* "twenty-seventh and other sections subsequent thereto of the 'Government Railways Act of 1858,' twenty-two Victoria number nineteen, for settling cases of disputed compensation, and subject to the terms and conditions therein contained," *insert* "Arbitration Act, thirty-one Victoria number fifteen"
- Page 10, clause 36, line 1. *After* "tram" *insert* "way"
- Page 10, clause 36, line 2. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"
- Page 10, clause 36, line 3. *Omit* "Commissioner of Railways" *insert* "Railway Commissioners"
- Page 10, clause 36, line 6. *After* "said" *insert* "tramway and light"
- Page 10, clause 37, line 9. *After* "before" *insert* "a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate or"
- Page 10, clause 38, line 11. *Omit* "7" *insert* "8"
- Page 10, Schedule A, line 17. *Omit* "s" from "allotments"
- Page 10, Schedule A, line 17. *Omit* "one, two, three, and"
- Page 10, Schedule A, line 20. *Omit* "proposed bridge over" *insert* "waters of"
- Page 10, Schedule A. *Omit* "paragraphs 2 and 3"
- Page 10, Schedule A, line 28. *Omit* "bridge" *insert* "said waters"
- Page 10, Schedule A, line 29. *Omit* "from the end of the bridge" *insert* "therefrom"
- Page 10, Schedule A. At end of Schedule *add* "Subject to power for the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to deviate to the extent of fifty feet from either side of the above lines, subject to the approval of the Railway Commissioners"
- Page 11, Schedule B. At end of Schedule *add* "Subject to power for the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to deviate to the extent of fifty feet from either side of the above line, subject to the approval of the Railway Commissioners"
- Page 11, Schedules C and D. *Omit* Schedules C and D.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOBS,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Seaver rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to the necessity of the mining industries of the Colony receiving immediate consideration and assistance at the hands of the Government."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Seaver moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee, in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 6th November, 1888,—postponed until Friday, 21st December.
11. THE TRAMWAYS:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That this "House," without committing itself to details, approves of the Government withdrawing from the business of carrying passengers in the streets of Sydney and the metropolitan suburbs, either by tram-lines or other means of conveyance, excepting any extension or extensions into the city of the existing railways.
(2.) That before any new proposal, either for continuing the present tram system or substituting for it other means of conveyance, is concluded by the Government, this House ought to have an opportunity of expressing its approval or disapproval of any such proposal.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "House," in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "disapproves of the conditions under which tenders have been called by the Government for leasing the city and suburban tramways, rolling-stock, &c."
(2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question again stated.
Debate continued.
Mr. Want moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Willis, lately Acting Traffic Manager on the Northern Line:—*Mr. F. Jago Smith*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What position does Mr. Willis, lately Acting Traffic Manager on the Northern line, now occupy?

(2.) What were his supposed qualifications for that office?

(3.) What was his record as to service before his appointment as Acting Traffic Manager?

(4.) Were there several other persons on the Staff who had greater experience, greater length of service, and greater claims than Mr. Willis, to the position of Acting Traffic Manager?

(5.) On whose recommendation was he so appointed?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that Mr. Willis is still acting as Traffic Inspector on the Northern line. He was not at any time Acting Traffic Manager. Mr. Willis has been in the Railway Department since the 19th September, 1879. He was considered by the late Commissioner to be a competent officer, and was by him appointed as Acting Traffic Inspector.

(2.) Wages due to Railway Porter William Clarke:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state what steps (if any) have been taken to hand over to the widow and family the wages that were due to Porter William Clarke, at Redfern station, at the time of his death?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the widow of the late Porter Clarke has been paid the wages due to Porter Clarke at the time of his death.

(3.) Reserve at The Shades near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the reserve at The Shades, near Molong, in the parish of Copper Hill, in the county of Wellington, been leased to any person; if so, to whom, for what period, and at what rental?

(2.) Has the said reserve recently been surveyed into blocks, with the view of having the same sent up for sale by public auction?

(3.) If so, will he state when the sale is likely to take place?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Reserve No. 27, in the parish of Copper Hill, is supposed to be that referred to by the Honorable Member. The land is apparently not under lease to any person. The papers have been transmitted to the District Surveyor at Orange for subdivision of the reserve. Upon completion of the survey, it is intended to offer the land at auction sale; but I am not in a position to state when the sale will take place.

(4.) Customs Bond, Richmond River:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause a Customs Bond to be opened either at Lismore, Coraki, or Ballina, if it can be shown that the traffic in spirits and other dutiable goods on the Richmond River warrants it?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matter of the establishment of a Customs Bond at Lismore, Coraki, or Ballina, has been referred for the consideration and report of the Collector of Customs.

(5.)

(5.) The Prospect Dam:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an engineer was imported from England to superintend the construction of the Prospect Dam?
- (2.) Was this course taken because there was no competent person in New South Wales to carry out the work?
- (3.) Does the present report of the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, in reference to the state of the Prospect Dam, show that the interests of the Colony have been served by this importation?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—These questions will be more fully answered by placing copies of the papers on the subject upon the Table of the House; and this I shall presently do.

(6.) Sale of Land, North Casino:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has portion 134, parish North Casino, advertised for sale on the 28th, been withdrawn from sale?
- (2.) If so, for what reason, and at whose request?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in consequence of it being found that the land was included in the leasehold area of the Runnymede pastoral holding.
- (2.) No one requested the withdrawal of the land from sale.

(7.) The Telegraph Department:—Mr. Neild asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Referring to the answer given by him to Mr. Neild last Session, has the question of the yearly increments to the telegraph operators been considered during the recess, as promised?
- (2.) Is it a fact that three years have elapsed since any such increase has been given to the telegraph operators?
- (3.) Will the said increments be paid this year?

Mr. Roberts answered,—This matter has been considered. The operators, in common with all public officers, lost their increments on the passing of the Amended Civil Service Act. The only ground on which it appeared to me that the case—not only of the operators, but of the whole of those coming under the 7th section Regulations—might fairly have been reconsidered was that the increments to Railway employees, after being withdrawn for one year, were restored; but on inquiry I found that the Railway Regulations, under which certain increments were provided, had been in force long before the Civil Service Act (which created for the first time the increment system in other Departments) was passed—indeed, I believe for over ten years. Moreover, on the repeal of the increment system, the old practice was resumed, and has since been followed, of filling up vacancies at the same salaries as received by the predecessors. Under such former custom, on a vacancy (say) at £300 a year occurring, an officer (say) at £275 would succeed to the £300, one at £250 to the £275, and so on; but after the introduction of the Rules, under section 7 of the Civil Service Act, providing annual increment and classification, when a similar vacancy occurred, promotion was regulated as follows (being according to the principle of the Civil Service Act), viz., the £300 would absolutely lapse; there would simply be a vacancy on the 2nd Class, which would be filled by the promotion of the senior on the maximum of the 3rd Class (£240) to the minimum of the 2nd Class (£250), and so on. When the increment and classification system was repealed in 1887, the former practice was reverted to; so that what has been lost in increments has to some extent been made up by more substantial promotion when vacancies have occurred.

(8.) Rent for Public Offices, Tamworth:—Mr. Turner asked the Secretary for Lands,—What rent is the Government paying per annum for buildings and offices of every kind for the use of the District Surveyor and Land Board officers at Tamworth?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The rent paid for these offices is £350 per annum.

(9.) Restoration of Road across Molonglo Plains:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at a decision with regard to the application for the restoration of a road across Molonglo Plains, from Bungendore to Hoskingtown?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No. In September last the papers in the case were sent to the District Surveyor, with an instruction to give the matter his personal and special attention and to report. The report has not yet been received, but the District Surveyor will be requested to expedite it.

(10.) Business Sites on Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that fully ten months ago the holders of the business sites on Captain's Flat applied to have their holdings submitted to public auction with improvements added?
- (2.) Has he arrived at a decision on the matter?
- (3.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have directed early attention to be given to this matter, but no decision has yet been given as to the auction sale.
- (3.) The Mines Department has been asked whether any objection exists (in view of Mining interests) to the sale of the land. Immediately upon receipt of a report on this point the question of auction sale will be dealt with.

(11.) The Equity Court:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been officially drawn to the alleged insanitary and seriously inconvenient condition of the Equity Court?
- (2.) Is it intended to take steps to remove the evils complained of?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I remitted the matter to the Colonial Architect, in order that he might remove the evils complained of. I have not had his report.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence, Minutes, &c., respecting Appointment of a Resident Engineer at Prospect Reservoir.

(2.) Further Correspondence respecting Condition of the Prospect Dam. (*To be appended to papers laid upon Table, 12 December, 1888.*)

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Roads through Holt-Sutherland Estate.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the leasing of a Shed at the late A.S.N. Co.'s Wharf to Messrs. Flood & Company.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Report of the Anthrax Board on the efficacy of Pasteur's Vaccine of Anthrax as a preventive against Cumberland Disease in Sheep and Cattle.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report of Mr. E. B. Price on the Water Supply at Broken Hill, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 28th November, 1888, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill.

Question put and passed.

4. FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Fire Brigades Act of 1884," to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigade Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.

Question put and passed.

5. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Bowes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Bowes having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—read a first time.

6. POLICE MAGISTRATE, NOWRA—CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS, MOLONG (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters, papers, reports, minutes, and other documents relating to the appointment of John Hyde Nisbett to the office of Police Magistrate at Molong.

(2.) Also, copies of all letters, papers, reports, minutes, &c., relating to the removal of Mr. Nisbett from Molong, and his subsequent appointment to the position of Police Magistrate at Nowra.

(3.) Also, copies of all applications, letters, papers, reports, minutes, &c., relating to the removal of Mr. Chippendale from Newcastle district, and his subsequent appointment to the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Molong, in room of Mr. Nisbett, removed to Nowra.

Question put and passed.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Young Wallsend Coal Company's Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Commercial Building and Investment Company Sales Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Commercial Building and Investment Company (Limited) to sell, assign, and convey the property belonging to them, and of validating past sales made by the said Company,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. THE TRAMWAYS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

“(1.) That this House, without committing itself to details, approves of the Government with-
drawing from the business of carrying passengers in the streets of Sydney and the metropolitan
suburbs, either by tram-lines or other means of conveyance, excepting any extension or extensions
into the city of the existing railways.

“(2.) That before any new proposal, either for continuing the present tram system or substituting
for it other means of conveyance, is concluded by the Government, this House ought to have an
opportunity of expressing its approval or disapproval of any such proposal.”

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Alfred Allen moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put,—

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be
had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Privilege:—The Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Haynes, having stated that he had been
offered a bribe of one thousand sovereigns and fifteen hundred paid-up shares in a certain Company
if he would support this proposal to lease the tramways,—

Mr. McElhone requested the ruling of the Chair as to whether Mr. Haynes should not give the
name of the person who had offered the bribe.

And a discussion arising thereon,—

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Honorable Member for Mudgee (Mr. Haynes) having stated to
the House that he had been offered a bribe for his vote of one thousand sovereigns and fifteen
hundred paid-up shares in a Company, this House now calls upon Mr. Haynes, on his honour, as
a Member of this House, to disclose the name of the person so offending against its independence.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Haynes stated that the offer was made by Mr. Huntley.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now proceed to inquire into the statement
affecting its privileges which has been made by the Member for Mudgee, Mr. Haynes, and that
Mr. T. S. Huntley be summoned to give evidence at the Bar.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, issued a summons for Mr. Huntley's attendance forthwith.
And the Sergeant-at-Arms having reported that he had served the summons, and that Mr. Huntley
was in attendance,—Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct him to the Bar.

Mr. Huntley being at the Bar, Mr. Speaker informed him of the circumstances under which he was
summoned, and the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, administered the oath.

Exception being taken by Mr. Levien to the course of proceedings,—

Mr. Huntley was requested by Mr. Speaker to withdraw,—

And having withdrawn,—

Debate ensued upon the objection taken by Mr. Levien.

And Mr. Speaker having stated his opinion as to the proper course to be pursued,—Mr. Huntley
recalled,—

Mr. Speaker requested the Honorable Member, Mr. Haynes, to repeat, in Mr. Huntley's presence,
the statement concerning the alleged offer of a bribe.

And a Debate arising thereon,—

Mr. Huntley again withdrew, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Levien then addressed the House, and refusing to resume his seat when requested to do so
by the Chair,—was “named” by Mr. Speaker as interfering with the orderly conduct of the
business of the House.

Mr. Levien then explained that he had no desire to differ from Mr. Speaker's ruling, and would
bow to the authority of the Chair.

And Mr. Huntley being recalled,—

Mr. Haynes, in his place, repeated his statement concerning the alleged offer of a bribe.

Mr. Speaker informed the witness that if he wished for more time, or desired to be represented by
Counsel, the House would doubtless accede to his wishes; Mr. Speaker also cautioned him that he
was not obliged to make any statement which would criminate himself.

Mr. Huntley then stated in evidence—which was taken down by the short-hand writer—that Mr.
Haynes was almost a stranger to him, and that the statement itself was a fabrication from beginning
to end—not a word of truth in it.

And Mr. Huntley having withdrawn,—

Debate on Main Question resumed.

Mr. Wise moved the Previous Question.

Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question by leave withdrawn.

Debate on Main Question continued.

Main Question put,—

(1.) That this House, without committing itself to details, approves of the Government withdrawing from the business of carrying passengers in the streets of Sydney and the metropolitan suburbs, either by tram-lines or other means of conveyance, excepting any extension or extensions into the city of the existing railways.

(2.) That before any new proposal, either for continuing the present tram system or substituting for it other means of conveyance, is concluded by the Government, this House ought to have an opportunity of expressing its approval or disapproval of any such proposal.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Tecce,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hutchison.

Tellers,

Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wilson.

Noes, 56.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. See,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. McIvillie,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Frank Farnoll.
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Black,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-six minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, for electric lighting, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Assembly, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 13th December, 1888.*

- (2.) Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited), to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and now transmits it to the Legislative Assembly, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 13th December, 1888.*

- (3.) West Maitland Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and now transmits it to the Legislative Assembly, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 13th December, 1888.*

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes, referring to the recent action of the House respecting the proposal to lease the Tramways, stated that the Government, after mature consideration, had considered it to be their duty to proceed with the transaction of the public business.

3. PRIVILEGE—CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. Levien, *as privilege*, moved, "That," in the opinion of this House, the charges made by the Honorable Member for Tamworth, Mr. Levien, against the Honorable J. Inglis, the Minister of Public Instruction, and the Honorable William Clarke, Minister of Justice, during the Debate on the proposed leasing of the Tramways, demands a searching and immediate inquiry.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House requires a strict and immediate inquiry into all charges made implicating any Members of Parliament in any corrupt or improper action in regard to the Tramways, and that the Honorable Member for The Murrumbidgee and other Members should forthwith formulate and substantiate the charges made by him or them in the matter."

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

Debate continued.

And Mr. Speaker calling the Honorable Member, Mr. McElhone, to order for frequent interruptions, and that Honorable Member refusing to desist,—was "named" by Mr. Speaker as interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of the House.

Mr. McElhone then apologised.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1888, A.M.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Company of Volunteers, Uralla:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he come to any decision yet with respect to continuing the Volunteer Company at Uralla; if so, will he say what decision he has arrived at?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Commandant reports that, in order to carry out the increase to the Partially Paid Infantry Regiments, as voted by Parliament, viz., by two companies per Regiment, it is necessary that the Glen Innes and Armidale Reserve Companies should be selected for the Northern Regiment, on the ground of their showing a slightly better state of efficiency and greater power of mobilization than the Uralla Corps; also, that Glen Innes and Armidale are the larger centres of population, and therefore in a better position to maintain full and efficient corps than Uralla. He does not recommend that Uralla be transferred to the Partially Paid Corps. As soon as I have an opportunity of seeing Major-General Richardson I will consult with him about the Uralla Corps.

- (2.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men employed in the Locomotive Department of the Great Northern Railway at Newcastle were paid for the holiday of the 10th of November, whilst the Permanent-way men were deprived of a day's wages for said holiday?

(2.) Will he give instructions for the Permanent-way men to be paid the same as those in other Departments?

(3.) Is it not a fact that it has long been a standing rule in the Railway Department that men are to be paid for all proclaimed holidays?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Locomotive men at Newcastle were in error allowed the holiday on the 10th November, and it has been decided that pay shall not be deducted. The men in the Permanent-way shops were informed the Permanent-way shops would not be closed, and work would be carried on as usual. Their position, therefore, is not the same as the Locomotive employés. The employés are paid for proclaimed holidays generally, but not for holidays which have merely local application.

- (3.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the officers of the Railway Department be allowed to take advantage of the holidays on the 24th, 25th, and 26th instant, the same as in the case of all other Civil Servants?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the officers of the Railway Department will be allowed to take advantage of the holidays on the 24th, 25th, and 26th, so far as they can be spared.

- (4.) Muswellbrook-Cassilis Railway:—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to refer the Muswellbrook-Cassilis railway to the Railway Commissioners for their report.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The proposal to carry a railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis is not yet in a position where it could be referred to the Commissioners, nor do I think it is likely to be in a position to be considered by Parliament during the present Session.

(5.)

(5.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the employés in the Locomotive Branch at Eveleigh and Redfern attended their work on the morning of the 10th November last, and were then notified that the workshops would be closed for that day?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the employés were paid for the day in question, but have since received intimation that they are to be debited with the amount of their wages for that day?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men only work $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours on Saturday against $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours for the other week days?
- (4.) Will he cause an inquiry, to ascertain who was responsible for closing the shops on that day?
- (5.) Is it his intention to pay the men for the 10th November, the day in question?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that it has long been a standing rule in the Railway Department that men are to be paid for all proclaimed holidays?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that it is not a fact that the Locomotive employés attended their work on the morning of the 10th November, and were notified the workshops would be closed. They were informed in error that the Locomotive workshops would be closed, and it has been decided that as they acted under instructions their pay will not be deducted.

(6.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the employés in the Permanent-way Branch at Eveleigh and Redfern were paid for the 10th of November last, but have since received intimation that they are to be debited with the amount of their wages for that day?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the men only work $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours on Saturday against $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours for the other week days?
- (3.) Will he cause an inquiry, to ascertain who was responsible for closing the shops on that day?
- (4.) Is it his intention to pay the men for the 10th November, the day in question?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Permanent-way men were not paid for the 10th November. The men only work $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours on Saturday. The Permanent-way shops were not closed. The men were informed that work would be carried on as usual, but they did not attend. The men who were not permitted to work by reason of the shops being closed will be paid.

(7.) Supply of Furniture, Department of Public Instruction:—Mr. Howe asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Why have not the tenders for the supply of furniture in connection with his Department been called for the year 1889, in accordance with the custom hitherto observed?

Mr. Inglis, answered,—The matter is now under consideration.

(8.) Postal Inspectors:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What are the names of the postmasters and postal inspectors who have retired from the Postal Service during the last three years?
- (2.) What was the cause of their retirement; if on account of age, state their ages?
- (3.) The names of the officers appointed to succeed them, their respective positions in the Service, and their ages?
- (4.) Amount lost to the Postal Department by fraud or otherwise of postmasters during the years 1885 and 1886; also, like information for 1887 and 1888?
- (5.) Amount received from Assurance Societies?
- (6.) Is it a fact that, on account of the staff of inspectors of post-offices being insufficient, officers receiving smaller salaries have been deputed to examine the cash of officers superior in rank and salaries to themselves?
- (7.) How many post-offices have not been inspected during the last ten years, five years, and two years?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It has been found impossible to prepare the information asked for since notice of these questions was given. To furnish the precise particulars required would involve the preparation of a very voluminous Return, which I think should be moved for in the usual way; and I might suggest to the Honorable Member to insert the word "official" before the word "Postmasters" in question 1, as although such question refers to all Postmasters (amongst whom there were no less than 184 changes last year alone) the particulars are probably only needed with regard to official postmasters—that is, those who are public officers and not allowed to combine private business with their postal duties.

(9.) Appointments by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the persons who have been appointed as Inspectors of Railways by the present Commissioners?
- (2.) Is one of such persons coming from America?
- (3.) Is one of such persons coming from England?
- (4.) Who recommended such persons to the Commissioners?
- (5.) Were they selected upon the recommendation of either of the Commissioners; if so, which Commissioner recommended them or either of them?
- (6.) What salary are they to receive?
- (7.) Are their travelling expenses to this country being paid?
- (8.) On what lines have they been previously engaged, and in what position?
- (9.) Was the position of Inspector offered to any of the present Railway employés; if so, to whom?
- (10.) How many employés in the Railway Service have received notice, by instruction from the Commissioners, that their services will be dispensed with; and what are their names and the positions they filled?
- (11.) How many employés have received notice, by instruction from the Commissioners, that their salaries were to be reduced; and what are their names and the positions they hold?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—Messrs. J. Angus and D. H. Neild have been appointed as Railway Inspectors. Mr. Neild has lately been employed in America; Mr. Angus in England. They were selected by the Commissioners, Mr. Angus being well known to the Chief Commissioner, and Mr. Neild highly recommended. Particulars, as regards both these gentlemen, have already been laid upon the Table of the House. Mr. Angus is to be paid £600 and Mr. Neild £550. The expense of the former in coming to the Colony is to be paid. The positions were not offered to any of the present Railway employes. No employes have received notice from the Commissioners that their salaries are to be reduced, nor has notice been given to any employes that their services are to be dispensed with through retrenchment.

(10.) Proposed Line of Railway from Blacktown to Blayney :—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any report been received from the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways upon the proposed line of railway from Blacktown to Blayney?
- (2.) Has the Cabinet dealt with such report; and, if not, will they take an early opportunity of doing so?
- (3.) If the Cabinet has dealt with such report, what is their decision?
- (4.) Will he, at as early a date as possible, lay upon the Table of this House, copies of Mr. Whitton's and Mr. Cumming's reports upon this proposed line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2. and 3.) The Cabinet has not yet had an opportunity of dealing with the report.
 - (4.) There is no objection to the placing of the reports upon the Table of the House, after they have been considered by the Cabinet, if the Honorable Member will move for them in the usual way.
- (11.) Grafton-Tweed Railway :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. See, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to refer the Grafton-Tweed Railway to the Railway Commissioners for their report thereon?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I desire to point out that the reference to the Railway Commissioners for their report in the case of proposed railways is in no way limited by the operation of the Session—that is, reference can be made at any time; and, in the case of the railway from the Clarence to the Tweed, as soon as the papers are ready, no time will be lost in calling upon the Commissioners for a report.

(12.) Tolls on Ferries :—*Mr. Lakeman*, for Mr. Bowes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any decision been arrived at yet by the Government with regard to the abolition of tolls on ferries?
- (2.) If so, will he inform the House the result of such decision?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government has decided that the tolls and ferry dues shall be abolished from the 1st July next, which is subject to some arrangements being made which will prevent inconvenience or loss to the revenue.

(13.) Railway Employes :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the employes in the Locomotive Branch at Newcastle attended their work on the morning of the 10th November last, and were then notified that the workshops would be closed for that day?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the employes were paid for the day in question, but have since received intimation that they are to be debited with the amount of their wages for that day?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men only work 5½ hours on Saturday against 8½ hours for the other week days?
- (4.) Will he cause an inquiry, to ascertain who was responsible for closing the shops on that day?
- (5.) Is it his intention to pay the men for the 10th November, the day in question?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that, in consequence of some defective organization (which has since been remedied), the Locomotive shops at Newcastle were closed as described.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The hours are regulated in the way mentioned, making a total of forty-eight hours per week.
- (4 and 5.) Inquiry has been made, and it having been found that the men acted under instructions, given in error, they will be paid.

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

- (1.) Have tenders been called for the erection of the proposed bridge at Narrandera; if not, when will tenders be called for?
- (2.) Was an answer given to a question in this House on 31st October, that tenders would be invited for the performance of this work in about one month from that date?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Fresh drawings have had to be prepared for this bridge, which has caused some little delay; but it is expected they will be completed in two months, when tenders will be at once invited.

(15.) Inspector of Stock, Corowa :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that applicants for the office of Inspector of Stock are required to pass an examination, and obtain a certificate from the Board of Examiners, before they are qualified to apply for the position?
- (2.) Have the Sheep Directors at Corowa nominated any person to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Robert Lowes, late Stock Inspector for that district; and, if so, who?
- (3.) How many applicants were there for the appointment, and what are their names?
- (4.) Were all the applicants qualified to apply; and, if not, who?
- (5.) Will the appointment of any person be recommended who has not passed the requisite examination.
- (6.) Is it permitted that an unqualified person should be nominated for appointment, with a view to his presenting himself afterwards for examination?

Mr.

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; unless they have previously held the appointment of Inspector of Stock.
- (2.) Yes; Mr. J. T. Lee, late Rabbit Inspector at Corowa, and was appointed Inspector of Stock for the Sydney and Windsor districts, chiefly to enforce the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act.
- (3.) Eleven applicants. Their names are as follows:—R. J. Everett, Sydney T. Cox, Joseph Wilks, Theodore Watson, H. A. Getlings, George Day, Charles Lyne, A. H. Farrand, H. L. Mater, J. T. Lee, and Joseph Weir.
- (4.) Yes; with the exception of Messrs. Everett and Day. Mr. Mater does not hold a certificate, but as he has held the appointment of Inspector of Stock at Braidwood for five years, with satisfaction to the Department, he was allowed to apply. With respect to Mr. Lee, as he has been a Rabbit Inspector for five years, and was appointed Stock Inspector, and did duty as such, it was considered only right that he should be permitted to apply, on condition that he obtained a certificate at the examination to be held next month.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) It has previously occurred that Boards have nominated gentlemen subject to their passing the examination.

(16.) Rabbit Nuisance Act:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Does the Government continue to pay a bonus, or any portion of one, for the scalps of rabbits now being destroyed under the Act?
- (2.) Are assessments still being levied on all stock-owners in the Colony liable under the Act?
- (3.) Is it the purpose of the Government to prolong the imposition of a tax on stock-owners in the Eastern Division of the Colony; and, if so, how long do the Government intend to continue the imposition?
- (4.) In view of the disastrous results which have followed legislation on the subject, is it the purpose of the Government to propose the repeal of the Act forthwith?

Mr. Abigail answered:—The following information has been supplied by the Lands Department:—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; as the public funds have been advanced for necessary payments in connection with the administration of the Rabbit Act, and it is only just that such advance should be repaid.
- (4.) A Bill for the repeal of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883 has already been submitted to Parliament, and the subject will be dealt with as soon as the state of public business will permit.

(17.) The Tramways:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the third clause of the conditions of purchase and right of construction of new system of tramways,—

- (1.) Has any tenderer deposited in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of £50,000 as therein provided?
- (2.) What amount has been received by the Treasurer as aforesaid?

Mr. Burns answered,—Bank deposit receipts in favour of the Colonial Treasurer for a total sum of £150,000, which, I am informed, had been attached to the tenders, were received by me at the Treasury on Monday; and, under my directions, the receipts were returned to the banks by which they had been issued, with a request that the money be made available to the depositors.

(18.) Defences of the City:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to prepare positions for the guns recommended by Major-General Schaw to be placed on the coast near the city for its protection from bombardment?
- (2.) Are the guns recommended by the same authority to be so placed now in the possession of the Government?
- (3.) If not, have they been ordered; and, if so, upon what date?
- (4.) When are they expected to arrive and to be placed in position?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question is in substance—I think in letter—precisely the same as one which has already been answered by the Government in the other House of Parliament. The only answer I can give now is that the Government, as has been repeatedly announced to the House, is doing all it can to put the defences of the Colony into a state of efficiency.

(19.) Free Passes to Railway Employés:—Mr. Gale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that fettlers on the railway lines have free railway passes for themselves and members of their families to enable them to visit the nearest market towns for procuring their supplies?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this privilege is abused, by the holders of these passes visiting and purchasing in markets beyond the nearest, and remote from their residences, to the prejudice of local shopkeepers and others?
- (3.) Is it a fact that fettlers and members of their families in some cases abuse their privilege by purchasing and conveying over the railways merchandise for persons not in the employ of the railway, to the prejudice of the public revenue?
- (4.) Will he take prompt and effectual measures to check these abuses, by limiting fettlers free passes to a weekly trip for one member of each family, and that only to the nearest market town?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that it is the practice to grant the railway fettlers or members of their families free railway passes once a month to the nearest market town, so as to enable them to procure necessary supplies. Discretionary power, however, is given to district officers to allow the market pass to be used to other than the nearest station, but in an opposite direction, if the train service renders that course the more convenient.

(3 and 4.) No case of this kind has come under the notice of the Commissioners, and if any abuse of the privilege is found, those at fault will be dealt with in a proper way.

2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House of the steps which the Government had taken in the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into charges against Members of Parliament and others regarding the disposal of the Tramways.
3. **PAPERS** :—
 Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Minute recommending the Appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into Charges against Members of Parliament and others regarding disposal of the Tramways.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the document be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Letter from Consul-General for Germany respecting Address of Condolence to Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Victoria of Germany.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Schedule showing Proposed Distribution of the Expenditure on the Railway Vote for 1889.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in the parish of Botany, county of Cumberland, required for Sewerage Purposes.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report of the Department of Lands for 1887.
 (2.) Return respecting Grant of Land to the Australian Agricultural Company.
 (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (6.) Return to an Address adopted on the 30th May, 1888—"Sale of certain Land, parish of Molong, county of Ashburnham."
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land for Public School Purposes, at Aramagong, Kempsey West.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 25th October, 1888—"Visiting Magistrate and Warden at Emmaville."
 Ordered to be printed.
4. **INSTALMENTS DUE BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS** :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers in and around the District of Temora, and of certain Residents of the Town of Temora, representing that Petitioners have sustained serious losses, and are now suffering great hardships in consequence of the failure of their crops and loss of their stock; and praying the House to pass such legislation as will empower the Minister for Lands to defer payment of the instalments about to fall due on their Conditional Purchases, or to empower him to make such other concession as will give the Petitioners material relief.
 Petition received.
5. **NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Manly, protesting against the passing of the North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill as at present framed; and praying the House to amend the said Bill in such a manner as will leave the control of the roads of the Municipality in the hands of the Petitioners.
 Petition received.
6. **MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL** :—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Manly, praying the House to amend the Manly Drainage Works Bill so that the Municipality of Manly shall be enabled to carry out the sewerage scheme to Bluefish, and to have sixty years within which to repay the loan proposed to be authorized under the said Bill.
 Petition received.
7. **WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE** :—Mr. Walker (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return respecting roads through Holt-Sutherland Estate, laid upon the Table on the 13th December, instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate."
 Question put and passed.
8. **REPORTING PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence that has passed between the *Hansard* Staff and the President and Speaker in reference to the reporting of the Public Works Committee proceedings.
 Question put and passed.
9. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Bowes, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Davis, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Melville, Mr. Wall, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Moore, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

10. HICKS' BAY ROAD, LONGUEVILLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Correspondence between the Lands Department and the North Willoughby Council, relating to the survey of Hicks' Bay Road, Longueville, from Lane Cove Road southwards.
 - (2.) Plans of such survey by Licensed-Surveyor Wilson.
 - (3.) Instructions to Mr. Wilson relative to such survey.
 - (4.) Plan of Mr. Surveyor Maskand's survey, showing correct position of old grants in that locality.
 - (5.) All other plans, correspondence, and reports relative thereto.
- Question put and passed.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Practitioners Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd January.
12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th December, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "sell or"

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Page 2, Preamble, lines 3 to 5. *Omit* "either to sell the said lands and to apply the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of another site and the erection of new buildings or"

Page 2, Preamble, line 8. *Omit* "sale and"

Page 2, clauses 1, 2, and 3. *Omit* clauses 1, 2, and 3.

Page 2, clause 4, line 50. *Omit* "trustees or trustee" *insert* "Thomas Fisher, Alfred Lardner, and Thomas Bawden, or the survivors or survivor of them, or the trustees or trustee for the time being of the said lands, hereinafter called the trustees"

Page 2, clause 4, line 57. *After* "covenants" *insert* "Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, that the power of mortgage hereinbefore conferred shall not be exercised unless authority be given by a resolution passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members of the said institution present and entitled to vote at a special meeting of which at least fourteen days' notice shall have been given by advertisement in two separate issues of at least one local newspaper; and provided further that such resolution shall have been confirmed by a like majority of the members present at a subsequent special general meeting, of which a similar notice as aforesaid shall have been duly given, and held at an interval of not less than fourteen days nor more than one month from the date of the meeting at which such resolution shall have been first passed"

Page 3, clause 5, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "according to plans to be approved of in manner directed by the third section of this Act"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Hunter-street Newcastle Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore, and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

HUNTER-STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th December, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "construct a street continuing" *insert* "extend"

Page 1, Preamble, lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "pass through or near the lands described in the Schedule hereto and will"

Page 1, Preamble, line 7. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"

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- Page 1, Preamble, lines 8 to 10. *Omit* "and also to resume the lands in the said Schedule and to re-sell such portion thereof as are not necessary for the construction of the said street"
- Page 1, Preamble, line 12. *Omit* "new street" *insert* "extension"
- Page 1, Preamble, line 16. *Omit* "extended street" *insert* "extension"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "a public street" *insert* "an extension of Hunter-street aforesaid"
- Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "and for that purpose to resume, enter upon, and take possession of all lands necessary for the purpose, which lands shall, by virtue of this Act, without the necessity of any conveyance, be vested in the said Council and their successors in office in fee simple from the passing of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *After* "maius" *insert* "within twelve months after such taking up and removal or immediately"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 18. *Omit* "new street" *insert* "extension, if such construction shall be completed within a less period than twelve months after such taking up and removal"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *Omit* "The lands described in the Schedule hereto with" *insert* "The said Council shall have"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 21. *After* "said" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "extension"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 27. *Omit* "street" *insert* "extension"
- Page 2, clause 5, lines 30 to 32. *Omit* "If within twenty-eight days after notice of resumption to the persons whose lands are described in the Schedule hereto or any of them, the Council shall not agree with them or any of them" *insert* "Notice of resumption of any lands required by the said Council for the said extension shall be given to the owner or owners thereof within three months after the passing of this Act, and if within twenty-eight days after such notice the said Council shall not agree with the persons whose lands are resumed or any of them"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 33. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 35. *After* "reason" *insert* "of severance or"
- Page 2, clause 5. At end of clause *add* "And the provisions of the Arbitration Act thirty-one Victoria number fifteen, shall, when not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, be deemed to be incorporated in this Act: Provided that if after giving such notice it becomes unnecessary in the opinion of the said Council to resume the lands comprised in such notice, such notice shall impose no obligation on the said Council beyond the obligation of paying to the owner or owners of such lands such reasonable costs and expenses as he or they may have incurred in order to comply with the provisions of this Act"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 7. *Omit* "same"
- Page 4, clause 15, line 5. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 4, clause 15, line 7. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 4, clause 16, line 14. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 4, clause 20, line 39. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 4, clause 20. At end of clause *add* "And shall account to the said owners or occupiers for any rents and profits received by the said Council in respect of lands taken under this Act up to the day when payment of compensation money for the taking of the same is made to the said owners or occupiers. And no occupier or tenant of any house or land resumed under this Act shall have any right of action or claim against his landlord for any disturbance of his possession of the said house or land in consequence of the exercise by the said Council of the powers conferred by this Act, notwithstanding any existing covenant or agreement to the contrary"
- Page 4, clause 21, line 47. *Before* "enter" *insert* "resume"
- Page 4, clause 21, line 59. *Omit* "party" *insert* "person"
- Page 5, clause 21, line 1. *Omit* "party or"
- Page 5, clause 21, line 4. *After* "Justice" *insert* "of the Peace"
- Page 5, clause 22, line 5. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 5, clause 22, line 6. *After* "lands" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "resumed under this Act"
- Page 5, clause 23, line 12. *Omit* "of Newcastle"
- Page 5, clause 23, line 13. *Omit* "new street" *insert* "Extension"
- Page 5, clause 24, line 16. *Omit* "And"
- Page 5, clause 25, lines 25 and 26. *Omit* "new street" *insert* "extension"
- Page 5, clause 27, line 33. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Page 5, clause 27, line 35. *Omit* "new street" *insert* "extension"
- Page 5, clause 28, line 40. *After* "Act" *insert* "and which they do not need for the said extension"
- Page 5, clause 30. *Omit* clause 30.
- Page 6, clause 32, line 3. *Before* "Council" *insert* "said"
- Pages 6, 7, and 8, Schedule. *Omit* the Schedule.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Six o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Unexecuted Warrants in Cases of Levy and Distress:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—
The number of unexecuted warrants, in cases of levy and distress, now lying at the various police stations in the Metropolitan District?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I may inform the Honorable Member that the answer to this question has been confined to the number of unexecuted warrants issued during the last three years. Their number is 1,150.

(2.) Duties of Police Court, Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate at Orange has been instructed to visit the Police Court at Molong once a month, or when required; if so, upon what grounds has this arrangement been made?

(2.) Would such an arrangement incur any unnecessary or extra expenses, in the shape of increased salary, fees, or travelling expenses, on the Department of Justice; and, if so, how much annually?

(3.) At whose instigation or recommendation was such a proposal submitted, and were the local Bench of Magistrates at Molong consulted before the instructions were given?

(4.) Is it a fact that there are sixteen magistrates who attend to the duties of the police office at Molong, and that within the last few weeks a roster of weekly attendance of Magistrates was unanimously agreed upon?

(5.) If this roster has been arranged for, will he withdraw the instructions issued to the Police Magistrate at Orange?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) The Police Magistrate at Orange has been instructed to visit Molong when required by the Magistrates at Molong to do so, on the ground that important cases may arise occasionally, in the hearing of which the local Bench might wish for his assistance.

(2.) The only expense incurred would be the travelling allowance of such Police Magistrate on occasions when his attendance might be required. The annual amount of such allowance would depend upon the number of occasions on which his visits would be necessary.

(3.) This arrangement formed portion of the general scheme for the redistribution of the work of Police Magistrates throughout the Colony. The Magistrates at Molong were not consulted.

(4.) I have not been made aware that these are the facts.

(5.) This matter will be duly considered.

(3.) Interest on Capital expended on Railway Lines:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the exact amount of the interest payable annually on £26,532,122, the total amount of the capital expended on the railway lines opened at the end of 1887, allowing for redemption of the debentures at par at due date?

(2.) Will the Government hereafter furnish in the Annual Railway Report the yearly cost of the capital expended?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Instructions have been given for the preparation of the Return, which will be laid upon the Table as early as possible.

(2.) Yes.

- (4.) Sale of Land, Woodstock:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it his intention to offer by public auction the town lots in the township of Woodstock?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The papers in this case having been recently sent to the District Surveyor at Orange, no reply can be given at present; but inquiry will be made, and the Honorable Member informed by letter.

- (5.) Main Streets, Mount Costigan and Cordillera:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the rapid growth of the important mining centres of Mount Costigan and Cordillera, will he cause the main streets in those townships to be formed and metalled without delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter will receive the consideration of the Government as soon as the Estimates are passed.

- (6.) Water Supply:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he, without delay, give instructions to ascertain whether the water in the Lachlan Swamp, in the event of any break-down of the Prospect water supply for the city, has, or is liable to become polluted by the large deposits of garbage, &c., used as manure in fertilizing the Centennial Park?

(2.) Do the circumstances in connection with the defects in the Prospect Dam render it probable that the citizens will have to be supplied with water from the Lachlan Swamp?

(3.) In view of the amount that has been expended over the original estimate for the construction of the waterworks for this city and suburbs, and the present condition of the works, will he, before any further expenditure of any sum of money for the purpose of either strengthening or rebuilding the Prospect Dam, give this House an opportunity of deciding whether the amount should not be applied in the construction of a high-level reservoir, &c., at Kenny Hill?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I have referred this matter to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for inquiry.

(2.) I am advised there is no such probability.

(3.) I am informed that the state of the Prospect Dam does not indicate there will be any necessity to resort to an alternative water supply for the city and suburbs; but no definite information can be furnished until the reports of Messrs. Gordon and Mestayer shall have been received.

2. SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from certain Residents of St. Leonards, and others interested, representing that the Sewerage Scheme for North Shore, as proposed by Mr. G. H. Stayton and recommended by the Public Works Committee, would be detrimental to the interests of property owners, ratepayers, and residents of North Shore, and (in an indirect manner) of the residents of Sydney also; and praying that the adoption of the said scheme may be deferred, with the view of ascertaining whether another could not be proposed to which such serious objections as those stated by the Petitioners could not be taken.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report of the Government Statistician on Vital Statistics for 1887.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 12th December, 1888—"Purchase of Land adjoining Hospital for Insane, Gladesville."
Ordered to be printed.

4. CURRUGUNDI RUN, DISTRICT OF GWYDIR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers in connection with the division of the Currugundi run, situate in the district of Gwydir.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill postponed until to-morrow.

6. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited) to construct works and use the waters of the Speculation and Menindie Lakes and the Darling River for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill and District with fresh water, and to give power to purchase land*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from James W. Stewart, Chief Ruler of the "Excelsior" Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, Leichhardt, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1888.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Schedule showing the proposed distribution of the expenditure on the Vote for Railways—Working Expenses—for 1889, subject to any alterations as to amount of salaries proposed and number of officers which the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.

Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did he, on the 30th March, 1887, during the consideration of the Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Bill, promise that some provision for an increase of salary to the Clerks of Petty Sessions generally should be made on the Supplementary Estimates?

(2.) Did he make any such provision?

(3.) Have any of the Clerks of Petty Sessions received any compensation for the loss sustained by them during the present year owing to the operation of the Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Act?

(4.) Is it a fact that an increase of £150 has been placed on the Estimates for 1890 for the Clerks at the Sydney Offices, whilst no increase is proposed for the country or suburban Clerks of Petty Sessions?

(5.) What steps (if any) does he intend to take in order to redeem his promise, made to this House, and to compensate the officers referred to for the loss of income they have suffered.

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Bill, which was considered on the 30th March, 1887, enacted that it should commence and take effect on and after the 1st July of that year. An amendment of mine, however, was agreed to, that the operation of the Act should commence in January, 1888, instead of July, 1887, thus giving the officers concerned the benefit of the fees for a further period of six months.

(3.) No further compensation.

(4.) Yes; these increases were recommended in consequence of a rearrangement of the Sydney offices, which was decided to be advisable.

(5.) Any special case of hardship represented to me will be duly considered on its merits.

(2.) Mining Land at Lewis' Ponds:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he considered the matters in dispute relative to certain mining land at Lewis' Ponds, to which Hurley and Party, Payne and Party, and Eades and Party lay claim respectively?

(2.) Has he arrived at a decision in the matter?

(3.) What is that decision?

(4.) Is it a fact that one William Brydon has held portion of the land in dispute since the month of June, 1888, by virtue of his mineral license, and has performed the necessary conditions thereunder?

(5.) In considering the land in dispute, did he take into his consideration the claim of William Brydon to part of the land in dispute?

(6.) If not, will he see that the claim of William Brydon to portion of the disputed land receives due consideration and allowance?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Recommendation to the Executive Council that land be granted to Trickett and Hurley.

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(4.) The Warden reports that Wm. Brydon held the land under mineral license to the 13th November, 1886, and that he applied to lease the land in March, 1888; but the land was the subject of mineral conditional purchases till the 6th June, 1888; consequently, up to that date Brydon's title was defective. On the 7th June, Trickett and others, Hurley and others, and Payne and others, applied for the land, and the Warden says that on the night of the 6th June, Brydon took possession after midnight; but as the application to lease made in March had not then been cleared away, all these applications were refused. After refusal of these applications the land was open, and on the 27th July last the whole of the parties re-applied for the land. Trickett and Hurley's applications were recommended for approval, the others for refusal.

(5.) Yes; I considered the claims of all the applicants.

(6.) Answered by No. 5.

(3.) Official History of New South Wales:—Mr. Gale asked the Colonial Secretary,—With regard to the proposed publication of a new edition of the Official History of New South Wales, will the Colonial Secretary supply the following information:—

(1.) The date of the commencement of the work?

(2.) The probable time of its completion?

(3.) The number of persons temporarily employed in editing and compiling the work?

(4.) The number of persons on the Permanent Staff of the Government Printing Office employed in compiling and proof-reading in connection with the work?

(5.) The probable cost of the work?

(6.) The estimated returns from its sale?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) October, 1887.

(2.) The first volume will be issued early next month.

(3.) Two persons.

(4.) Three persons are occasionally engaged in compiling and proof-reading.

(5 and 6.) Mr. Potter, the Government Printer, reports that, in his opinion, the receipts from the sale of the work will more than cover the cost of its production. I should like to add that I have had an opportunity of looking at an advance copy of the first volume of this book, and I give it as my opinion that the work has been done exceedingly well, and it will be a work of great value to the country.

(4.) Department of Public Instruction:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The names of all teachers in the service of the Education Department who hold 1A certificates, giving (a) date of passing examination, (b) number of marks gained in each subject at examination, (c) date of issue of certificate, (d) position and salary occupied when passing examination, (e) position and salary now held?

(2.) The names of all teachers in the service of the Department who have been informed that they have passed for 1A, but who have not yet received their certificates, giving (a) date of passing examination, (b) number of marks gained in each subject at examination, (c) reason, in each case, why the 1A certificate has not been issued, (d) position and salary held when passing examination, (e) position and salary now held?

(3.) The names of all teachers who, since passing for 1A, have had their skill tested and failed to satisfy the Chief Inspector?

(4.) The names of all teachers who, since passing for 1A, have had their skill tested and satisfied the Chief Inspector?

(5.) The names of all teachers who have not been tested as to their skill by the Chief Inspector since passing for 1A?

(6.) The name of the officer who furnished the information contained on page 41. of the Minister's Report that "there is a deficiency of first-class teachers"?

(7.) The names of all teachers under heading 2 who have officially protested against the delay in the issue of their certificates, and copies of the official replies to such protests?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I regret that I have not been able to get the whole of the particulars, but the Return is being prepared.

(5.) Railway Carriages and Trucks:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Mr. Schey's questions of 12th instant, in reference to railway carriages and trucks, and in view of the fact that the Railway Commissioners have now returned to town, will he now give definite and categorical answers to the questions then asked?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that no orders for trucks or carriages for this Government have been given within the last six months from any place outside the Colony.

(6.) Fatal Accidents to Railway Employés:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he consider the advisability of putting a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of compensating the widow and family of the late James Curtin, fettler, killed at Scone lately while endeavouring to save Government property from damage?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of similar action in regard to the widow and family of the late Edward Bowerman, lately killed near St. Peters while in the execution of his duty?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of taking similar action with regard to the widow and family of the late F. Edwards, killed lately near Junee Junction while in the execution of his duty?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that it has been decided to grant compensation to the widow of the late fettler Bowerman. The question of allowances to the widows and families of the late F. Edwards and J. Curtin is under the consideration of the Commissioners.

- (7.) Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Was he interviewed some months ago by a deputation of operators of the Electric Telegraph Department, relative to various grievances, more especially as regards their ineligibility to clerical appointments in the head office and combined appointments in the country?
 - (2.) Were several letters, following on the same subject, duly received?
 - (3.) Was a promise made by him that the grievances laid before him by the deputation would be fully considered by him during the last recess, and that his decision would be made known to the deputation?
 - (4.) If so, has any decision been come to, what is the nature of such decision, and when will it be made known to the deputation?
- Mr. Roberts* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) There were some letters on the subject.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) On considering the operators' case, and the grievances they laid before me, I found that there were difficulties which would prevent as early a settlement as was desired. For instance, with regard to the question of inferior pay, in order to meet the wishes of the operators it would be necessary to very largely increase the Estimates of the Department. The eligibility of operators for appointment to combined offices is also one which presents some difficulty. It may be stated, however, that in the absence of any rule upon the subject, operators are duly considered in making these appointments in all cases where seniority is accompanied by the requisite qualifications. Again, as to leave of absence, it is found that to enable operators to have the Regulation leave, it will be necessary to appoint a very large staff of relieving officers; and as this would mean a very considerable increase in the expenditure, I have hesitated before arriving at a determination. Meanwhile, every facility will be afforded for granting leave whenever practicable. Lastly, it is a fact that the operators are not eligible for vacancies in the clerical staff; but this is in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act, and it is therefore impracticable to make any alteration at present.
- (8.) Auburn Park Road:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that from 1883 until recently, the Auburn Park Road, from Upper Bankstown to the Main Southern Road, has been vested in trustees, and that the sum of £75 has been voted annually for the maintenance of the same?
 - (2.) Has the said sum been withheld from the road referred to and spent on another one; if so, on whose representations and upon what grounds?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The sum has not been withheld; and I am informed by the Commissioner for Roads that all amounts voted have been expended on the road from Upper Bankstown to the Main Southern Road.
- (9.) Government Roads through Municipalities:—*Mr. Ewing*, for *Mr. Crouch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Additional Estimates for the Mileage Vote of Main or other Government Roads passing through or terminating in country municipalities to be expended by the various municipal bodies, in terms of the Resolution of this House adopted last Session?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The subsidies for main roads, as provided for on the Estimates, are handed over to the municipalities for expenditure. All other roads within municipalities are omitted from the Estimates.
- (10.) Culvert between Ashfield and Croydon:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, in the locality of the culvert between Ashfield and Croydon, very serious flooding occurred during the recent heavy storms?
 - (2.) Will he at once instruct the Railway Commissioners to cause the culvert to be lowered sufficiently to avoid further similar occurrences?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—I am informed that the locality in question was flooded during the recent heavy rain storm, and the question of the steps to be taken in the matter is now under the consideration of the Commissioners.
- (11.) Lismore Fire Brigade Board:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has there been any correspondence between the Lismore Fire Brigade Board and the Colonial Secretary which discloses any imperfections in the present Fire Brigades Act and the want of system in country Fire Boards?
 - (2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of such correspondence, together with any minutes and reports made thereon or relating thereto?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—There can be no doubt whatever about the imperfections in the Fire Brigades' Act, and the proof of that is the motion standing in my name at the present time to introduce a Bill to remedy those imperfections; so that I do not think it matters much about the correspondence, because it can hardly help us in the case. If the correspondence is wanted for any particular purpose, it can be forthcoming; but as the whole case is admitted, and steps have been taken to remedy it, I do not see that the correspondence is necessary.
- (12.) Endowments to Municipalities:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the recent heavy rainstorms have caused great damage in regard to roads, culverts, and bridges in many of the municipalities of the Colony, in many cases amounting to over £1,000 in extent?
 - (2.) If so, is he prepared in any way to increase his estimates of endowment?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—The Commissioner for Roads informs me that he is not aware of any special damage, and that none has been reported to him.

(13.) Postmaster at Glen Innes :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Postmaster General,—What action has he taken in reference to the postmaster at Glen Innes ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Some time ago it was decided to remove the postmaster at Glen Innes, but difficulty has been experienced in finding a suitable office for him. This matter, however, is still under consideration.

(14.) Payment of Members of Legislative Assembly :—Mr. Slattery, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps do the Government propose to take in reference to the repeatedly expressed opinion of this House that the Members of this House should be paid ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not easy, on reflection, to see what the Government can do in a case of this sort. So far as the Government are concerned, their position has been explained several times, and it is right that I should explain it again. When the present Administration was formed, two questions, I think, were left in the state of open questions. One of them, as it all events, was this question of Payment of Members, and the other was the Law of Divorce. As far as this Government are concerned, they have stood by the arrangement which was come to with as much fidelity as could be expected from any body of men. Those Ministers who have been opposed to payment of Members have voted against the motion for payment of Members, and Ministers who have been in favour of it have supported the question, and one of them, as it was necessary that a Minister should introduce the Bill, has been allowed to introduce it. I do not see how Ministers could possibly have acted with greater fidelity to the original understanding. This Bill has been introduced no fewer than three times, and it will be recollected that the Ministers who have been opposed to the principle have laid themselves open to accusations by not strongly opposing the motion. They thought that they did their duty by declaring their opinions time after time. In the case of myself, I did not occupy more than two minutes of the time of the House on the last occasion, in order not to consume unnecessarily the public time. The Bill then has gone to the Upper Chamber with the support of a large majority in this House, and, as is their undoubted right, the other Chamber, time after time, have negatived the second reading of the Bill. That is how the matter stands. What can Ministers do more ? I do not understand how it is possible for the Government to interfere, and it is the more awkward for them to interfere as five of the eight who sit in this House are opposed to the principle, and three are in favour of it. If it is asked whether we will be any parties to tacking this provision to the Appropriation Bill, I say we will not. The only way, in justice to everything that is dear to us, is that this matter, if established at all, shall be established by law, by the concurrence of both Houses in the principle. There is one very easy way out of the difficulty. As there must be an appeal to the country before very long, let the question be fairly submitted to the constituencies, and let the electors have a fair opportunity of deciding. If, by putting this question to the Government, it is supposed that we who constitute the Government for the time being will take any rash and unjustifiable course to carry this principle, I say we will do nothing of the sort. Unless the two Houses can agree in passing a law to effect it, we will be no parties to endeavour to arrive at it by any improper and unconstitutional means.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY :—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Broken Hill and District, representing that, in consequence of the rapidly increasing population of Broken Hill and the surrounding district, and the absence of any water supply commensurate with the growth of the population, a great amount of sickness and mortality have been occasioned ; and praying the House to consider, and, at the earliest opportunity, pass a Bill to enable the "Broken Hill Water Supply Company" to carry out their proposed scheme.
Petition received.

4. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE :—Mr. Walker, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 15th November, 1888, a.m., together with Appendix.

Mr. Walker then moved, "That" the documents be printed.

Mr. McMillan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Report, with Evidence "be referred back to the Select Committee for further consideration."

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

Debate ensued.

Privilege:—Sir Henry Parkes, as a matter of *Privilege*, moved, That William Fitzwilliam Terry, 78, King-street, Sydney, whose name appears on the imprint of the *Australian Star*, be summoned to the Bar of this House to account for his possession of the Report of the Select Committee on the "Work of the Unemployed on the Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate," which appears in the issue of that paper of this day.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question,—That the documents be printed,—put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

(1.) Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 15th January.*

(2.) The Entrance to Port Hacking ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1889 the sum of £500 to obtain surveys and reports on the best means of improving the entrance to Port Hacking ;—*until Tuesday, 15th January.*

(3.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—*until Tuesday, 8th January.*

(4.) Birds Protection Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 8th January.*

6. PAPER:—Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Cancellation of Gold Leases, Nos. 650 and 661, Hunter and M^r Leay; also Applications for same Land by J. Abigail and another, and T. A. Paulson and others.
Ordered to be printed.
7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn “until” Thursday, the 27th instant.
Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “until,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “Tuesday, the 8th January.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question (*as amended by consent*),—That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 8th January proximo,—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day relative to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the proposed Standing Orders, postponed until Wednesday, 9th January.
9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

10. FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the “Fire Brigades Act of 1884,” to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigade Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the “Fire Brigades Act of 1884,” to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigade Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Fire Brigades Act 1884,’ to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigade Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 9th January.
11. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Bruncker (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 8th January.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday, 9th January next:—
(1.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill; second reading.
(2.) North Shore Drainage Works Bill; second reading.
(3.) Manly Drainage Works Bill; second reading.
13. SYDNEY CENTRAL POLICE COURT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.
Question put and passed.
The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court in the City of Sydney.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court in the City of Sydney,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 9th January.

14. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday, 9th January :—

- (1.) Circular Quay Improvements Bill ; second reading.
- (2.) Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir Bill ; second reading.
- (3.) Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill ; second reading.
- (4.) Definition of Water Rights Bill ; second reading.
- (5.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
- (6.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill ; second reading.

(2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until Tuesday, 8th January.

(3.) The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday, 8th January :—

- (1.) Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
- (2.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.

15. GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Melville, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the city of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1888, a.m.*

16. HUNTER-STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore, and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1888, a.m.*

17. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday, 8th January :—

- (1.) District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
- (2.) Church of England Property Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
- (3.) Offenders Probation Bill ; second reading.
- (4.) Inland Waters Conservation Bill ; second reading.
- (5.) Bills of Sale Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
- (6.) Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
- (7.) Special Grants to Municipalities ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1889 a sufficient sum to provide for a special endowment of £1 for every £1 raised in municipalities by way of rates or contributions towards any municipal purposes.
- (8.) Hospital Elections Bill ; second reading.
- (9.) Divorce Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
- (10.) Electorates of The Gwydir and Inverell Boundaries Amendment Bill ; second reading.
- (11.) Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill ; second reading.
- (12.) Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill ; second reading.
- (13.) Patents Law Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Patents.
- (14.) Sale of Colonial Wines ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, with respect to the Sale of Colonial Wines.
- (15.) Eight Hours Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours a legal day's labour, and for other purposes connected therewith.
- (16.) Bills of Sale Act Amending Bill ; second reading.
- (17.) Inland Waters Fisheries Further Protection Bill ; second reading.
- (18.) Commercial Building and Investment Company Sales Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.

18. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITFATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour, together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head, and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village, and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater, Broken Bay, and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1888, a.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday, 8th January next*, at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Reserve Corps:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did Major-General Richardson, some months ago, recommend that certain Reserve Corps be turned into partially paid Corps; and if so has the recommendation been adopted; and if not what is causing the delay?

(2.) Does he intend to approve of the Major-General's recommendation, and when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter is under consideration, and will probably be decided in a week's time.

(2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Henry Clarke, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has the opinion of the late or of the present Attorney-General been given as to the construction of the Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Act, 50 Vic. No. 32, with respect to fees received by District Registrars of Births, Marriages, and Deaths and Commissioners for Affidavits who happen to be also Clerks of Petty Sessions?

(2.) If such opinion has been given, what is the purport thereof?

(3.) Does the Act, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, include fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions by virtue of other and separate appointments, such as District Registrars of Births, Marriages, and Deaths and Commissioners for Affidavits?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes; the present Attorney-General has given an opinion thereon.

(2 and 3.) The Attorney-General has stated his opinion as follows:—“All fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions, or officers performing the duties of a Clerk of Petty Sessions, whatever other positions they may hold in the Public Service, must be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer, although the fees may be received by them under Acts of Parliament, the provisions of which are foreign to the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions.”

2. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE:—Mr. Walker (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee appointed during the present Session to inquire into the work of unemployed on roads at Hornsby and the Holt-Sutherland Estate and other private properties be *revived*, for the examination and re-examination of witnesses in respect to roads made at Hornsby, and for the completion of the inquiry into the whole subject referred; and that the Committee have leave to report its opinion or observations, accompanied with minutes of evidence, from time to time.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence, &c., respecting Cancellation of Gold Leases Nos. 650 and 661, Hunter and Macleay District.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting Charges made in the Legislative Assembly against Mr. W. M. Fehon, Railway Commissioner.

(2.) Return showing Work carried out under control of Casual Labour Board.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in Parish of Ballina, County of Ross, required for extension of Public Cemetery, Ballina.

Ordered to be printed.

4. FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Fire Brigades Act of 1884," to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigade Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th December, 1888.

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

5. RAILWAY SURVEYS, RICHMOND TO WALLERAWANG, AND RICHMOND TO ESKBANK (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, papers, and other documents relating to the railway trial survey, Richmond to Wallerawang.

(2.) Copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, papers, and other documents relating to the railway survey, Richmond to Eskbank, as carried out by Mr. Surveyor Sharkey.

Question put and passed.

6. FUEL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.

Question put and passed.

7. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th January, 1889.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Tuesday, 15th January.*

(2.) Birds Protection Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 15th January.*

(3.) Inland Waters Conservation Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 29th January.*

(4.) Bills of Sale Law Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 29th January.*

(5.) Divorce Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday, 15th January.*

(6.) Bills of Sale Act Amending Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 15th January.*

9. CROWN LANDS—SPECIAL AREAS:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the system of making so many special areas by the Lands Department is contrary to the spirit and intention of our Land Laws, and against the best interests of the Colony.

(2.) That, when the Imperial Parliament handed over the Crown Lands to New South Wales, it was to enable the people to be settled thereon, for the benefit of the many, and not for monopoly by a few.

(3.) That the making of so many cancelled reserves into special areas, and selling the land by auction immediately thereafter, has the effect of alienating it for ever from the people, and swelling the already too large freehold estates.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE:—Mr. Roberts presented a Petition from The Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, referring to the Select Committee now sitting on "Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate," and representing that he is deeply interested in the inquiry relating to the roads at Hornsby, and is anxious to place before such Committee all the facts within his knowledge relating to the same, as also all the evidence which he can in any way offer upon the subject of the inquiry; and praying for leave to appear before the said Committee, either personally or by counsel or attorney.

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

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

Question put and passed.

11. CROWN LANDS—RESERVES ON RESUMED AREAS:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, reserves on the resumed portion of pastoral holdings, not required for public purposes, should be withdrawn from reserve, and thereby made available for conditional purchase.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

12. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS:—Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House is of opinion that payment for Members should be provided for in the Appropriation Act.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House is of opinion that the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Bill, three times passed by this House and rejected on each occasion by the Legislative Council, should be attached to the Appropriation Act for this year."

Point of Order:—Mr. Burns requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker as to whether the proposed amendment was in order, the Bill referred to having been disposed of for the present Session. Mr. Speaker sustained the objection, and decided that the proposed amendment could not be put.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Construction of Locomotives:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many locomotives have the Government ordered to be made in Sydney?
 (2.) The names of the manufacturers who have undertaken the construction of those locomotives, and how many have been entrusted to each, and the price?
 (3.) Is the work now going on, and when will all of those locomotives be finished?

Mr. Burns answered,—The following information has been supplied to me:—

- (1.) Fifty.
 (2.) *Mr. Thomas Wearne* has undertaken to construct twenty-five goods engines at £3,000 each, and the "Atlas" Company twenty-five passenger engines at £2,989 each.
 (3.) I am informed that the work is now going on, as far as *Mr. Wearne* is concerned. Some difficulty has occurred with regard to the Atlas Company's contract, but it is believed that it will be overcome. The contracts provide for the last locomotives being completed in about four and a half years from date.

- (2.) Prisoner Bertrand:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the Executive Minute dealing with the case of the prisoner Bertrand during the time of office of the Stuart Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I see no objection to laying a copy of this report or minute upon the Table; but I must confess that I see no good that will arise from it. I looked at it this morning. It is a recommendation by *Mr. Cohen*, who was at that time Minister of Justice—not a report from *Sir Alexander Stuart*. I think it is dated July, 1885, and the minute recommends that the case of this prisoner be resubmitted in twelve months. Since that time three years have elapsed, and nothing has been done. I do not think any recommendation has been made yet. That is the substance of the report.

- (3.) Line of Railway from Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, towards Cassilis:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did he promise a deputation introduced to him by *Mr. Gould*, M.P., in October, 1887, that a trial survey should be made for a line of railway from Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, towards Cassilis?
 (2.) Has this promise been brought under his notice by *Mr. Gould* and the carrying out of the survey urged upon him?
 (3.) Is it a fact that no steps have yet been taken with regard to the survey?
 (4.) Is it intended to proceed with the survey without delay, and in accordance with the promise made to the deputation fifteen months ago?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I find, on looking through the papers, that I informed the deputation which waited upon me that I would think the matter over, and very likely would be able to have a trial survey made, in the interests of the country, if it did not cost too much. The matter was accordingly referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, who reported that the survey would involve a large outlay, and he could not advise that it be made. It is true that the Honorable Member has brought the matter under my attention; but, in view of the report received, the Government would not be justified in incurring the expense.

(4.)

(4.) Overhead Bridge on Railway between Belford and Whittingham :—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the height from level of rails of the overhead bridge on the Great Northern Railway between Belford and Whittingham?

(2.) What space does this allow above the roof of the carriages and the top of the funnel of the locomotives?

(3.) Is it a fact that a fatal accident occurred to Fireman Plunkett while on the tender of the engine attached to the goods train travelling to Singleton on the afternoon of the 15th December last, and was such accident due to Plunkett's head striking against this overhead bridge?

(4.) Is it fact that a similar fatal accident occurred at the same place and under the same circumstances to one of the Railway employes some few years since?

(5.) Was a communication on the last accident addressed to the Railway Commissioners by Mr. Gould, M.P., with a request that steps should be taken to have the bridge raised to such a height as would prevent the recurrence of a similar accident, and have the Commissioners replied that they "are not prepared to incur the expense of altering the bridge"?

(6.) Will he cause inquiries to be made into the matter, with the view of protecting Railway employes from the risk of death or injury at this bridge, even if it be necessary to incur the expense of altering the bridge?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) 14 feet 3 inches.

(2.) Space from roof of carriage to girder of bridge, 10½ inches; from top of funnel of locomotive, 9 inches.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) I will refer the matter for the consideration of the Railway Commissioners.

(5.) Mr. Dawson, late Crown Lands Agent at Brewarrina :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Dawson, late Crown Lands Agent at Brewarrina, was recently subjected to very harsh treatment by the police, after being arrested on a charge of issuing a valueless cheque?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Dawson had an account in the Bank of New South Wales at Brewarrina, upon which the cheque was drawn, and that he was afterwards acquitted of the charge levelled against him?

(3.) Will he make an inquiry into the conduct of the police who are alleged to have maltreated Mr. Dawson?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge whatever on this subject. I have not been able to learn anything. I will make inquiry.

(6.) Chinese Merchant, Way Lee :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it is illegal for any Chinaman who is not a British subject, an official of the Chinese Empire, or authorized to visit New South Wales by the Imperial Government, to land in this Colony?

(2.) Is it a fact that, on Tuesday last, a Chinese merchant named Way Lee did land at Albury, and on the demand of the Customs Officer for the £100 penalty, Sir Henry Parkes took the Chinese merchant under his protection, and allowed him to enter New South Wales without paying the penalty referred to?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This case can be pretty easily explained. There is a Chinese gentleman, who has been a long time resident in Adelaide, named Way Lee. This gentleman has desired to come to New South Wales lately to transact some business relating to a property in which a relative of his resident in this Colony is concerned. The Government of South Australia applied to us to allow him to come for this purpose, and their application was backed up by an application to the Government of Victoria, who had granted the man permission to travel through that Colony. I have here a guarantee of the South Australian Government that they would be answerable for his return to South Australia. A number of people have applied to this Government respecting granting permission to this gentleman to cross the Border. Among others, the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Dibbs, whom I see in his place, wrote me a long letter urging that this should be done. When in Melbourne, Mr. Way Lee, who had reached that city on his way to Sydney, waited upon me. I requested him to remain in Melbourne, and said that I would consult the authorities in Sydney; but he, like a wise Chinaman, said, "I would rather go in the same train as you." As I had the guarantee of the Government of South Australia that they would be answerable for this gentleman returning to his own Colony—I think within ten days—I thought that, as it was a case of great hardship, I would permit him to come. No doubt I have violated the law; but I daresay gentlemen opposite will say it is not the first time I have done so. I could not meet Mr. Way Lee's case by introducing a special Bill at the present time; but what has been done is simply an innocent breaking of the law. I use the term advisedly. The spirit of the law has been in no way infringed. A great hardship has been prevented, every security has been taken for the protection of the public interest, and no harm can possibly result. The case cannot be drawn into a precedent, unless some other Chinese can get a Government to be answerable for his return into his own country; but whatever the offence is, I have done it.

(7.) Issue of Mineral License No. 148 :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Mines,—To whom was mineral license No. 148 issued, at what office, and on what date?

Mr. Abigail answered,—No. 148 mineral license, at Sydney, was issued to John Carter, on the 26th April, 1888.

2. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-law of the Borough of Waverley.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
 - (3.) Report from Immigration Agent for 1888.
 - (4.) Further Return to an Order made on the 22nd March, 1887—"Premises Rented by the Government."
 - (5.) Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into Construction of Public Tanks and Wells.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish capital punishment.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th January.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Want rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to bring under notice the question of the appointment of Mr. Felton as one of the "Commissioners for Railways."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Want moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Croer,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Gornly,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Want,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Wall,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Street.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hutchison.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1889.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Hunter-Street Newcastle Extension Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Newcastle to extend Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore, and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th January, 1889.

(2.) North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the Northern Terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour, and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village, and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater, Broken Bay*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th January, 1889.

(3.) Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the city of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th January, 1889.

(4.)

(4.) Young Wallsend Coal Company's Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th January, 1889.

2. CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE CUP:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Frank J. Smith, M.P., who, at the request of the National Regatta Committee, desired to bring under the notice of Parliament the fact that the "Challenge Cup," given in pursuance of the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated 2nd November, 1887, was competed for last year under the Committee's regulations and conditions; but that objection had been taken that the Committee, in framing the conditions, had not devoted the Cup to the purpose required by the Resolution, and that the Committee were desirous of obtaining the opinion of the donors of the Cup.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that, in consequence of the vote arrived at last night, he had waited upon the Governor to-day, and, on behalf of his colleagues and for himself, placed the resignation of their Offices in the hands of His Excellency.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1889.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatches respecting Foreign Deserters Act of 1852.
- (2.) Minute respecting Crown Lands Auction Sales for 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—A Statement in reply, tendered in evidence but refused by the Royal Commission of Inquiry on the Construction of Public Tanks and Wells.

Mr. Abigail moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Hume, county of Murray, for extension of Gaol Premises, Yass.
- (2.) Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, of the loan of eight thousand pounds to the Municipal Council of Forbes.
- (3.) Reports, Minutes, &c., respecting the Manufacture of Locomotives within the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880 to 1889, showing the past operation of the Expansive Clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the "Electoral Act of 1880."
- (2.) Correspondence respecting discontinuance of Services of the Unemployed.

Ordered to be printed.

2. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:**—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 7th December, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor a letter, informing him that the Honorable Member for The Murrumbidgee, Mr. Dibbs, had undertaken the Commission to form a new Administration. He had received another letter, conveying to him the wish of Mr. Dibbs, through His Excellency, that he would move the adjournment of the House until Tuesday next.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Creer, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Neild, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Stokes,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eleven minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY, 1889.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment : Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
PAPER :—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Further Reports, Minutes, and Correspondence, respecting the Prospect Dam.
Ordered to be printed.
2. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Bowes, 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 December, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Bowes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had this morning received a letter from His Excellency the Governor, stating that Mr. Dibbs had succeeded in the formation of a new Ministry, and giving the names of the Members of it, and stating also that the new Ministry were prepared to be sworn in as soon as the House had voted the necessary Supplies. Sir Henry Parkes added that, in response to other information which he had received through His Excellency, from Mr. Dibbs, the outgoing Ministers had undertaken to ask Parliament to grant the necessary Supplies for January and February, together with £100,000 for the Treasurer's Advance Fund, which they and Mr. Dibbs considered would be sufficient on the present occasion.
4. POSTPONEMENTS :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the whole of the Business standing on the Paper before the Order of the Day No. 10, for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, be postponed to follow Order No. 12 of Government Business.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 19.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January and February, or following month, of the year 1889, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer.
Government House,
Sydney, 15th January, 1889.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1889.

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

PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting Purchase of Site for Public Buildings, Parramatta.
- (2.) Correspondence respecting a Bill to confer on the Colony of New South Wales the name of Australia.
- (3.) Amended Forms of, and Regulations respecting, Theatrical Licenses.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting Outbreak of Typhoid Fever at Newtown.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Copeland, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Reports, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on—
 - (1.) Proposed Bridge at the Spit, Middle Harbour.
 - (2.) Wharfage Accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE:—Mr. Walker, as Chairman, brought up a Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 15th November, 1888, a.m.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. SELECTIONS BY JOHN HARRISON, OF LISMORE:—Mr. Ewing, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 27th November, 1888.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 6th November, 1888, postponed until Wednesday, 13th February.

6. PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1889," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Mr. McMillan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the following respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

"The Legislative Assembly of New South Wales desire to represent to your Excellency the many inconveniences and dangers to the public interest arising in the present state of public affairs, from the exercise of Ministerial authority by a Ministry which does not possess the confidence of this House.

"That the Legislative Assembly is anxious and willing to grant Your Excellency supply by the regular and constitutional method of an annual Appropriation Act; but view with great alarm the prospect of again entering upon the demoralising practice of passing monthly Supply Bills, and are most anxious to continue the consideration of the Estimates of Public Expenditure upon which they have already entered.

"That any delay in bringing the finances of the Colony into order, or in passing those measures for the construction of public works which have already received the sanction of the Public Works Committee, is likely to cause great unsettlement in commercial matters and great distress among the working classes.

"That, in view of the foregoing considerations, it is desirable that the business of the country should be forthwith carried on by a Ministry which has the confidence of this House and of the electors; and that there is no reason to believe that Your Excellency will experience any serious difficulty in obtaining such a Ministry from among the Free-trade Members of the House.

"That the foregoing Address be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor."

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

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1889, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Day,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. O'Mara,	

Noes, 41.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Penzer,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Ellie,	
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Nobbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Seaver,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Cortis,	
Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ellie,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Frank Smith.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gormly,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. McElhone,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Wall,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main

Main Question then,—

That the following respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

The Legislative Assembly of New South Wales desire to represent to Your Excellency the many inconveniences and dangers to the public interest arising in the present state of public affairs, from the exercise of Ministerial authority by a Ministry which does not possess the confidence of this House.

That the Legislative Assembly is anxious and willing to grant Your Excellency Supply by the regular and constitutional method of an annual Appropriation Act; but view with great alarm the prospect of again entering upon the demoralising practice of passing monthly Supply Bills, and are most anxious to continue the consideration of the Estimates of Public Expenditure upon which they have already entered.

That any delay in bringing the finances of the Colony into order, or in passing those measures for the construction of public works which have already received the sanction of the Public Works Committee, is likely to cause great unsettlement in commercial matters, and great distress among the working classes.

That, in view of the foregoing considerations, it is desirable that the business of the country should be forthwith carried on by a Ministry, which has the confidence of this House and of the electors; and that there is no reason to believe that your Excellency will experience any serious difficulty in obtaining such a Ministry from among the Free-trade Members of the House.

That the foregoing Address be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—
put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. Barbour, Mr. De Courey Browne, Mr. Creer, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Gale, Mr. Howe, Mr. Leas, Mr. Matheson, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Melville, Mr. Moore, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Wall,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON
 to wit. } CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council,
 (L.S.) } Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
 CARRINGTON, } Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South
 Governor. } Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of January instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 GEORGE R. DIBBS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 GEORGE R. DIBBS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1888-9.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 17 JANUARY, 1889.)

QUESTIONS :—

1. MR. HAYNES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the Government Domain has been alienated ; if so, when, and by whom, and to whom ?
 - (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the whole of the papers in regard thereto ?
2. MR. CHANTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has the Colony of Victoria any legal right to use the River Murray, as far as its boundary line extends, as a water-way for traffic without the consent of the Colony of New South Wales ?
 - (2.) If not, has the consent of this Colony been obtained, empowering it to trade upon the said river ?
 - (3.) Does this consent, if given, empower the Marine Board at Echuca, in the Colony of Victoria, to issue licenses, levy fees, issue certificates, and act as a tribunal in all cases affecting the owners and captains trading with their vessels upon the said river ?
 - (4.) Has this Colony the sole right, if it chooses to exercise it, of absolutely controlling and regulating all traffic upon the said river ?
 - (5.) If not, will the Colonial Secretary state fully what are its rights in respect to the said river ?
 - (6.) Has the Marine Board at Echuca power to call upon any captain trading upon the Murrumbidgee River to appear before it and give evidence in respect to any accident happening upon the said river 200 miles from the Victorian boundary line, and wholly within the Colony of New South Wales ?
 - (7.) Has the Marine Board at Echuca asserted that it has jurisdiction, not only in their own Colony, but also in the Colonies of New South Wales and South Australia ; if so, is that assertion a correct one ?
 - (8.) Do the interests of this Colony demand that a Marine Board should be appointed at Moama to regulate and control the traffic upon the River Murray and such of its tributaries as are situated within the boundaries of New South Wales ?
 - (9.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary take immediate steps to have such a Board appointed ?
3. MR. HENSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Where railways pass through municipalities, have the Councils of the said municipalities power or authority to interfere with such lines, as, for instance, to carry out works such as the enlarging or lowering of existing culverts ?
4. MR. WADDELL *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) Have particulars for the competitive designs of the new Law Courts yet been published ; if not, what is the reason ?
 - (2.) Is the cause of delay in the Colonial Architect's Department ?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Judge's report (made for the guidance of competing architects) has been made nearly three months ?
5. MR. HENSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps (if any) have been taken to give increased police protection to the western suburbs ?
6. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the Court, police, and lock-up quarters at Mogil Mogil, on the Barwon River, are inadequate, and has this state of things been brought under the notice of the Minister of Justice ?
 - (2.) Will a sum be devoted from the Vote for public buildings to erect new buildings at this place, affording the requisite accommodation ?
7. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—What are the names of all teachers who received railway passes during the Christmas vacation, together with the amounts of salaries of such teachers ?

8. **MR. McELHONE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**
 (1.) Has the present Government, since they have been in office, bought any statuary or works of art from a Mr. Malcomson or any other person?
 (2.) If so, from whom, and what price was paid for it?
9. **MR. McELHONE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**Have the Government promised to pay Mr. Goodchap for any services he may render the Government, or any information he may acquire for the Government in reference to the management of railways, during his absence from the Colony?
10. **MR. NEILD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**Referring to his answer to the deputation that waited on him some time since with reference to the widening of St. James' Road, on the eastern boundary of the Centennial Park, will he say whether the request of the deputation will be complied with?
11. **MR. WADDELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—**
 (1.) Has an application been made by the trustees of the Collarendabri General Cemetery for a sum of money to fence the cemetery in with?
 (2.) If so, what was the amount applied for, and has it been granted?
12. **MR. WADDELL to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—**
 (1.) Has an application been made to the Works Department to have the new post and telegraph offices at Louth fenced in; if so, has it been referred to him for approval?
 (2.) If so, what is the cause of delay in dealing with the matter?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the building is being injured for want of being enclosed with a fence?
13. **MR. WADDELL to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—**Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to who was to blame for the bungling which took place in carrying out the execution of Louisa Collins?
14. **MR. WADDELL to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—**
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect new police quarters at Brewarrina?
 (2.) If so, when will the work probably be commenced?
15. **MR. KELLY to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—**Are the Crown Law Officers aware of the existence of a minute or memorandum in the Railway Department, which, in a sense, sanctioned the carrying of wool by the "averaging system," or method of calculating weight?
16. **MR. KELLY to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
 (1.) How many applications were made during the past two years to the Railway Department to dispose of patent rights, inventions, and contrivances to the Government?
 (2.) The names, addresses, and occupations of each applicant?
 (3.) How many such patent rights, inventions, and contrivances of all kinds were purchased by the Government during the above period, from whom, of what nature were these inventions, and the amount paid or promised to be paid for each?
17. **MR. KELLY to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
 (1.) How many extra men were put on to work at Eveleigh immediately before the arrival of Mr. Eddy?
 (2.) Is it a fact that several locomotive engines requiring repairs were brought up from Newcastle to Eveleigh, at considerable cost, at or about the time the men referred to were put on?
 (3.) Is there a Government locomotive engine repairing establishment in Newcastle at which the engines referred to might have been put in order?
18. **MR. McFARLANE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**When will the proposed harbour improvements at the Clarence River Heads, as recommended by Sir John Coode, be submitted for the consideration of the Public Works Committee?
19. **MR. GOULD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Government of the day in 1882 intimated their intention to recommend the construction of a tramway from Singleton to Jerry's Plains?
 (2.) Have any circumstances arisen since that date to render the construction of a rail or tram line between Singleton and Jerry's Plains undesirable?
20. **MR. GOULD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 (1.) Referring to replies given by him to Mr. Gould, M.P., on 9th January, relative to the promised, but now denied, trial survey of railway from Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, towards Cassilis, will he state what would be the probable amount of the "large outlay" such survey would involve?
 (2.) Have any inquiries been made by the Department as to the desirableness or otherwise of the construction of such a line?
 (3.) If so, what have been the nature of such inquiries?
21. **MR. MOORE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**What decision has the Government arrived at in regard to the proposed railway from Glen Innes to Inverell?
22. **MR. HAWTHORNE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
 (1.) What quantity of coal was used on the Great Northern and North-western Railways during each of the months of August, September, October, November, and December of last year?
 (2.) Who supplied the coal, and at what price?
 (3.) In what quantities, and where, in each of the foregoing months?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proposed Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 6th November, 1888.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill ; second reading.
4. Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill ; second reading.
5. North Shore Drainage Works Bill ; second reading.
6. Manly Drainage Works Bill ; second reading.
7. Sydney Central Police Court Bill ; second reading.
8. Circular Quay Improvements Bill ; second reading.
9. Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir Bill ; second reading.
10. Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill ; second reading.
11. Definition of Water Rights Bill ; second reading.
12. Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. McELHONE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Inspector-General of Police, or any other Police Officer, and Constable Wright, in reference to a charge of rape by Constable Wright on one Mary Byrnes, or Harriet Palmer, in the cells at the lock-up at Stannmore or any other place.
 - (2.) Copies of all correspondence (if any) between the Colonial Secretary and the Inspector-General of Police, or any other Police Officer, on the same subject.
 - (3.) Copy of Constable Wright's resignation, and of all correspondence, minutes, &c., in reference to his reinstatement in the Police Force, between the Inspector-General of Police and any other Police Officer or person.
 - (4.) Copies of Senior-Sergeants McNamara and Larkin's reports.
2. **MR. McELHONE** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all the evidence taken in a charge of attempt to commit a rape or an indecent assault by Sergeant Taylor on one Ada Mary Marshall.
 - (2.) Copies of all minutes, correspondence, papers, &c., between the Inspector-General of Police and any other Police Officer or person in the above case.
3. **MR. WALKER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the receipts and expenses of the Parliamentary Refreshment Room.
4. **MR. TONKIN** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the present Rabbit Act, by repealing the 43rd section of the said Act.
5. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim (if any) of Mr. E. K. Crace to a piece of Crown land adjoining the Gungahleen Estate, Gungahlerra, near Queanbeyan.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Walker, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Gale, Mr. Melville, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kelly, and the Mover.
6. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fisheries of New South Wales should be developed.
 - (2.) That a sum of £20,000 be included in the Estimates for 1888, and placed in the hands of the Fisheries Commission, for the accomplishment of this object.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to visit the locality, and to inquire into and report upon the recent purchase by the Government of a piece of land at Parramatta as a site for cottage homes for aged or infirm persons.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Wall, Mr. Lees, Mr. Walker, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. Henson, Mr. Dowel, and the Mover.
8. **MR. WALKER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing the names of all classified teachers at present employed by the Department of Public Instruction, with the following particulars regarding each:—
 - (1.) The name and classification by examination, also classification gained by subjects, but deferred on account of skill not yet being tested.
 - (2.) Date of appointment, with name of school.
 - (3.) Class of school, with salary attached.
 - (4.) Date of each removal, with name of school removed to.
 - (5.) Class of school, with salary attached.
 - (6.) Classification, by examination or by work, of teacher at date of each removal.
9. **MR. BARBOUR** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Schedule of all lands gazetted as special areas since the passing of the Land Act of 1884, tabulated so as to show—
 - (1.) The dates of the several *Gazette* notices, the land districts where situated, the parish and county, the area, the number of the reserve (if a reserve), and the price at which it could be conditionally purchased.
 - (2.) The quantity that had been conditionally purchased, the quantity that had been sold at auction, and whether it brought any increase on the upset price.

10. **MR. WOODWARD** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, correspondence, petitions, reports, and all other papers relating to the retirement or dismissal of the late District Court Bailiff at Wollongong, and to the appointment of the present Sheriff's Bailiff to such office, and District Court Bailiff at Wollongong.
11. **MR. LYNE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all plans, surveys, and papers, &c., of, and in connection with, the Hawkesbury River at Windsor.
12. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all depositions and other documents relative to the arrest of Mr. John Charles Dawson, late Crown Lands Agent at Brewarrina and Brewarrina East, Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar at Brewarrina, Registrar Small Debts Court at Brewarrina, and District Registrar at Brewarrina, on a charge of obtaining goods and money to the amount of £1 sterling, by means of a valueless cheque, from one Jimmy Duck, a Chinese hawkker.
13. **MR. O'CONNOR** to move,—
- (1.) That this House, as directly representing the constituencies, deems it to be a serious ground of dissatisfaction and grievance, that Bills which, in substance, have been repeatedly passed by this House, and which concern the dearest rights of the people, have been, time after time, rejected by the Legislative Council.
 - (2.) That the experience of past years shows that the Legislative Council ought to be reconstructed on the elective basis.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
14. **MR. O'CONNOR** to move,—
- (1.) That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council, with relation to any proceeding upon the City of Sydney Mayoral Election Bill, and to make report thereof to this House.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Reid, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Moore, and the Mover.
15. **MR. WALKER** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate," brought up on 21st December, 1888, be now adopted.
16. **MR. NEILD** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the recent Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the Divorce Extension Bill, demands the gravest consideration of Parliament and of the country.
 - (2.) That, in the Session of 1886, a Bill, substantially the same as that to which Her Majesty's Government declines to advise Assent, was passed by the Legislative Council of this Colony and (as to its second reading) by this House, supported by petitions (among others, from 4,800 citizens of Sydney and its suburbs), and, it is believed, with the approval of a large majority of their fellow colonists.
 - (3.) That, in the Session of 1887, the previous measure having lapsed by prorogation of the Parliament, and a General Election having in the interval taken place, the Bill was submitted to the newly elected Assembly, by which it was passed by large majorities, and finally it passed the Legislative Council, notwithstanding strenuous efforts in each House to defeat it.
 - (4.) That, from the time of its first introduction to Parliament, the measure received from the public press throughout the Colony ample and reiterated discussion; so that not Parliament alone, but the community at large, had full information as to its character, with time and opportunity for its consideration.
 - (5.) This House protests, therefore, against any assumption or suggestion, by whomsoever made, that the Bill was not the result of deliberate resolve by the community which Parliament represented; and protests against the decision, founded apparently on that assumption, not to advise Her Majesty's Assent to any like measure, unless passed by a future Parliament. In the opinion of this House, nothing justified such an assumption, if entertained; and, if not entertained or not warranted by the facts, no Government had a right to require, as a condition of approval, the subjecting of this measure to a third ordeal.
 - (6.) This House protests equally against the doctrine implied, if not expressed, in the Despatch—that a great measure of this character may, constitutionally, and without doing violence to the independent action of each Australian Colony, be suspended, or defeated in its action, because of its being at the time unsupported by some other or others of the group. Such a doctrine, if acted on with respect to the existing Divorce Acts passed in Australia, would have defeated or indefinitely postponed them, even when in unison with the English Statute. Each of these, although alike in general resemblance, originated necessarily in some one Colony. Those which followed, more or less differing in detail, were passed at various intervals. Concerted action was impracticable.
 - (7.) That this House, recognizing the principle referred to in the Despatch respecting legislative jurisdiction in divorce cases, is of opinion that it was not violated by the Bill; and that the substitution of domicile for actual residence, sought to be imposed as the condition of Assent to the measure, would, in many cases (by reason of the technicality of the term, and of its application), operate simply as a delusion and a snare. By law, the wife's domicile is that of her husband; and, although the latter may have occupied their matrimonial home in the Colony for several years previous to desertion, his legal domicile may always have been elsewhere. The difficulties which would then arise are not inappropriately illustrated by the case cited in the Despatch.
 - (8.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he will be good enough to forward them to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.

17. **MR. WISE** to move,—
- (1.) That, in view of the increase of public business, and the consequent difficulty of introducing and satisfactorily discussing pressing measures of legal reform, it is desirable to establish a more effective and speedier method than that which is provided by the present Legislative machinery for making the laws of this Colony an adequate expression of existing civil relations, and of the requirements of a growing community.
 - (2.) That, to effect this end, it is desirable that a Royal Commission should be at once appointed, of not more than twenty-five members, who shall be the following:—The Judges of the Supreme Court; three members of the Bar, to be nominated by the Attorney-General; three attorneys, to be nominated by the Incorporated Law Society; five persons, to be nominated by the Chamber of Commerce; and seven persons, to be nominated by the Executive Council.
 - (3.) That it shall be the duty of such Commission to draft Bills upon such subjects as may be from time to time submitted to them by a Resolution of either House of Parliament.
 - (4.) That every such Bill shall, when drafted by the Commission, be forthwith laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament, and thirty days thereafter the Government of the day shall introduce into either House a Bill declaring that the measure so drafted and laid before Parliament shall become law without amendment.
 - (5.) That the following subjects be referred to the Commission without further Resolution immediately upon its appointment, viz.:—The codification and amendment of the laws relating to—(1) The Transfer of and Titles to Land; (2) Trustees; (3) Probate and Administration; (4) Procedure and Evidence in the Superior and Inferior Courts; (5) The powers and jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, including the jurisdiction under the Police and Small Debts Act; (6) Agents and Factors; (7) Bills of Lading and Charter-Parties; (8) Bills of Sale; (9) Trade Marks and Copyright.
 - (6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
18. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the children attending Public Schools in the country districts should be educated to a knowledge of the culture of sub-tropical and other horticultural productions suitable to the climate of New South Wales.
 - (2.) That, for the purpose of imparting this education, vines, and orange, fig, citron, olive, walnut, prune, and other suitable trees shall be cultivated in the school grounds, so that they may serve as object lessons to the children.
19. **MR. HASSALL** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the "Combination Trucks," brought up on 20th July, 1888, be now adopted.
20. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Fisheries Act.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Stephen, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Schey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
21. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the stability of the Prospect Dam.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Melville, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.
22. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing special trams and trains for the convenience of Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly, after the ordinary trams and trains have ceased running, should be discontinued.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
23. **MR. J. P. ABBOTT** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the condition of that portion of the Colony known as the Western Division, with a view to ascertaining what would be the best form of land legislation for the same, having regard to the physical characteristics of that portion of the Colony; and that such Commission should be empowered to visit the western portion of the Colony, and, if deemed advisable, to take evidence and make inquiries in such Division.
24. **MR. O'MARA** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway from Goulburn to Cooma, now on the eve of completion, should be continued to Bombala with all possible expedition, in order to secure to this Colony the important trade of Southern Monaro.
25. **MR. HURLEY** to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the "Claims of Captain Rossi," brought up on the 9th February, 1888, be now adopted.
26. **MR. MARTIN** to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Isaac Barclay," brought up on 17th July, 1888, be now adopted.
27. **MR. HAWKEN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when, in the interest of the general defence of the country, some scheme should be devised by the Government for the special elementary training of officers (with the view of issuing dormant Commissions, under the hand of the Governor, to efficient persons) in connection with our Public School system of education.
28. **MR. DAWSON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of Nicholas Price Carver against the Railway Department for salary due and compensation for wrongful dismissal.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. See, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
29. **MR. HOWE** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Borough of Redfern to the City of Redfern.

30. MR. CARRUTHERS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to an inquiry recently made into certain charges preferred against Mr. Boston, a Public School Teacher at Marrickville.
31. MR. TONKIN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1888 a sum not exceeding £10,000, for the purpose of purchasing seed wheat, to be distributed amongst the destitute farmers, whose ruin has been caused by the disastrous and unprecedented failure in wheat crops, caused by the extraordinary drought from which the Colony has just suffered; such assistance to be returned by the recipients after the next harvest, or in twelve months.
32. MR. WALKER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The relatives of persons employed in the Government Printing Office appointed to positions in that Department.
 (2.) Their names, and date of appointment in each case.
 (3.) Salary received when entering the Department.
 (4.) Subsequent increases.
33. MR. CHANTER to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the prelease taken up by Wm. Skene at Conargo, near Deniliquin, in the year 1878.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Gale, Mr. Kelly, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Wall, and the Mover.
34. MR. MELVILLE to move,—
 (1.) That the South Burwood Coal-mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Creer, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.
35. MR. McMILLAN to move, That the prayer of the Petition of A. J. Riley, Chairman of the "Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund" Executive Committee, to be heard before the Select Committee on the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill, either personally, by solicitor, or by Counsel, be granted; and that leave be given to the Petitioner to adduce such evidence and send for such persons and papers as the Petitioner may be advised, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the Committee.
36. MR. DAY to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no time should be lost by the Government in taking vigorous action to eradicate the disease known as phylloxera vastatrix in vineyards.
 (2.) That a large amount of money has been expended in the vine industry, and that thousands of the industrial classes are depending upon it for a living, and that any delay in stamping out the disease is fraught with impending ruin to one of the best industries in the Colony.
37. MR. DAVIS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the 175th clause of the Municipalities Act of 1867, to provide for appeals from assessments and rates, and to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases.
38. MR. McMILLAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and to sit during any adjournment, to inquire into and report upon the claim for compensation of Patrick Brown, in respect of certain mineral conditional purchases in the parish of Dunleary, county of Bathurst.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Chapman, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Melville, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.
39. MR. WALL to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Joseph Richardson against the Roads Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Gale, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Black, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the evidence taken before the Select Committee during the Session 1887-8 in connection with this claim, be laid upon the Table of the House, with a view of its being referred to the Committee.
40. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of Miss Brenning against the Education Department for compensation for wrongful dismissal.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Inglis, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gale, Mr. Lees, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.
41. MR. CROUCH to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase of Zachary Benn, in the district of the Richmond River, recommended for forfeiture by the Casino Land Board.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. See, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Moore, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.
42. MR. TONKIN to move, That, in view of the great commercial depression likely to ensue from the present drought, causing ruin to both pastoralists and agriculturalists, it would be advisable for the Government to at once start some reproductive works, such as the construction of railways or irrigation works, thus, in a degree, counteracting the ruinous effects of the present season.

43. **DR. ROSS** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchases made by one Robert Munford, in the district of Molong, on the 14th September, 1882—82-274, of 320 acres, parish of Barton, in the county of Ashburnham; and also an additional conditional purchase, 82-287, of the 27th September, 1882, of 320 acres, same parish and county.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Teece, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Wall, Mr. Ball, Mr. Melville, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1887-8, be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to being referred to the Committee.
44. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and to sit during any adjournment, to inquire into and report upon the condition of hospitals, pastoral and agricultural associations, free libraries, schools of art, and all other institutions receiving aid from the State, as well as to the claims of these institutions to the amount of aid they are now receiving.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Howe, Mr. Gale, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Walker, Mr. Melville, Mr. Lees, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Hawken, and the Mover.
45. **MR. CARRUTHERS** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the necessity for the establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration to settle trade and labour disputes.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Woodward, Mr. Creer, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Melville, Mr. Henson, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Schey, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Trades Conciliation Bill during the Session 1887-8 be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to its being referred to the Committee.
46. **MR. STOKES** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of John F. Connolly's application to mine upon portion 423, parish of Currajong, county of Ashburnham, Billybong Gold-field, and the withdrawal of permit held by him to mine upon the portion referred to.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Colls, Mr. Day, Mr. Jones, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover.
47. **MR. VAUGHN** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Robert Mackrell's Conditional Purchase at Forbes," brought up on 20th March, 1888, be now adopted.
48. **MR. CARRUTHERS** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Main Roads or old Trust Roads within municipalities should be placed upon the Schedule of the Main Roads Act for each year, and be properly classified; and that, thereupon, the annual subsidy payable in respect thereof shall be paid to the municipalities, or, at their option, expended by the local officers of the Government in maintenance of such roads.
49. **MR. GORMLY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, holders of conditional leases under section 52 of the Land Act should be allowed the preferent right to purchase a part of such leases, or the whole, where the lease does not exceed the maximum area allowed to be held by a conditional leaseholder under section 48.
50. **MR. LAKEMAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, Hay and Deniliquin ought to be connected by rail or tram.
51. **MR. CAMERON** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Electoral Law should be so amended that no person who is in the receipt of any pension or retiring allowance from the State should be eligible for election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.
 (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, no such pensioner should be nominated to a seat in the Legislative Council of this Colony.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
52. **MR. GORMLY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made for improving Lake Albert, near Wagga Wagga, in order that an additional quantity of water may be stored in that lake.
53. **MR. WALL** to move, That, in view of the disastrous effects of the drought now prevailing throughout the agricultural districts of the Colony, it is desirable that an inquiry be instituted, with a view of considering the expediency of the Government supplying seed to those farmers who are unable to purchase the same in consequence of the failure of their crops.
54. **MR. STEPHEN** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no appointments in the Railway Service should be made outside the Service, unless by the express approval of the Minister for Railways.
 (2.) That the Railway Act should be forthwith amended so as to give effect to such Resolution.
 (3.) That no dismissals of Railway servants should be allowed for the purpose of retrenchment only, without notice being given at least three months beforehand, and such dismissed men should be recognized as having a first claim for appointment to any vacancies in the Civil or Railway Service for which they may apply, and for which they may be qualified.
55. **MR. EWING** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Selections by John Harrison, of Lismore," brought up on the 16th January, 1889, be now adopted.
56. **MR. HASSALL** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Parry's Conditional Purchases on Curragundi and Warren South Runs," brought up on the 31st May, 1888, be now adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY—

1. Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Protective Import Duties; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Copeland,—
“ (1.) That, with a view to encourage our agricultural and manufacturing pursuits, it is desirable
“ that Customs duties be levied on all imported articles which enter into competition with our own
“ industries.
“ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Entrance to Port Hacking; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1889 the sum of £500 to obtain surveys and reports on the best means of improving the entrance to Port Hacking.
5. Fuel Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
6. Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
7. Birds Protection Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
8. Divorce Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Bills of Sale Act Amending Bill; second reading.
10. Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
11. Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
12. Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
13. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Church of England Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
15. Offenders Probation Bill; second reading.
16. Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
17. Special Grants to Municipalities; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1889 a sufficient sum to provide for a special endowment of £1 for every £1 raised in municipalities by way of rates or contributions towards any municipal purposes.
18. Hospital Elections Bill; second reading.
19. Electorates of The Gwydir and Inverell Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
20. Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill; second reading.
21. Patents Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Patents.
22. Sale of Colonial Wines; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, with respect to the sale of Colonial wines.
23. Eight Hours Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours a legal day's labour, and for other purposes connected therewith.
24. Inland Waters Fisheries Further Protection Bill; second reading.
25. Commercial Building and Investment Company Sales Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
26. Essex-street Alignment Bill; second reading.
27. Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
28. Goulburn and Tucua Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
29. Furniture Manufactured by Chinese; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for imposing an excise duty on all furniture manufactured or partially manufactured by Chinese, and for causing to be placed in a prominent and conspicuous place a distinguishing mark on all furniture whether partially or wholly manufactured or French-polished by Chinese.
30. Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
31. Legal Practitioners' Bill; second reading.
32. Inland Waters Conservation Bill; second reading.
33. Bills of Sale Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
34. Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill; second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1888-9.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	10	2	.....	12
Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq.	8	2	2	12
Abigail, The Hon. Francis, Esq.	15	6	.....	21
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	6	2	.....	8
Allen, William Johnston, Esq.	15	4	2	21
Ball, Edward Joseph, Esq.	11	4	3	18
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	14	2	.....	16
Black, Reginald James, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	4	1	1	6
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	11	2	.....	13
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	11	1	.....	12
Browne, Thomas Frederic DeCourcy, Esq.	9	4	1	14
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	19	6	2	27
Buchanan, David, Esq.	4	1	.....	5
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	9	1	.....	10
Burns, The Hon. John Fitzgerald, Esq.	22	4	.....	26
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	19	.....	.....	19
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	16	3	1	20
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	6	4	.....	10
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	7	2	.....	9
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	8	1	.....	9
Clarke, The Hon. William, Esq.	19	5	2	26
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	6	2	.....	8
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq.	8	5	.....	13
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	10	2	.....	12
Cortis, William Richard, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Creer, Joseph, Esq.	15	.....	3	18
Crouch, Frederick George, Esq.	12	2	.....	14
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	6	2	.....	8
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	12	2	.....	14
Davis, William Lovel, Esq.	9	4	1	14
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	17	3	2	22
Day, George, Esq.	12	.....	.....	12
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	13	3	.....	16
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	16	.....	.....	16
Ellis, James Cole, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	7	1	.....	8
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	12	.....	3	15
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Fletcher, James, Esq.	7	4	.....	11
Gale, John, Esq.	4	1	1	6
Garland, Charles Launcelot, Esq.	8	3	.....	11
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	12	.....	.....	12
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.	8	1	.....	9
Garran, James Patrick, Esq.	11	1	1	13
Gordon, James, Esq.	3	.....	1	4
Gormly, James, Esq.	14	6	1	21
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	7	1	.....	8
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	11	.....	.....	11
Hawken, Nicholas, Esq.	16	4	2	22
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	11	3	1	15
Hayes, James, Esq.	3	1	.....	4
Haynes, John, Esq.	20	4	.....	24
Henson, William, Esq.	11	6	.....	17
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	9	1	.....	10
Howe, James Peter, Esq.	17	.....	.....	17
Hurley, John, Esq.	1	1	.....	2
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq.	16	3	.....	19
Inglis, The Hon. James, Esq.	16	6	1	23
Ives, Isaac Ellis, Esq.	5	2	1	8
Jeanneret, Charles Edward, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Jones, Travers, Esq.	7	3	1	11
Kelly, John Edward, Esq.* ...	17	3	2	22
Ketihel, Alexander, Esq.	3	1	.....	4
Lakeman, Allen, Esq.	3	2	1	6
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	9	2	.....	11
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	10	1	1	12
Levick, Robert Henry, Esq.	6	1	.....	7
Lyne, William John, Esq.	7	1	.....	8
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Martin, William Fraser, Esq.	3	2	.....	5
Matheson, George McLeod, Esq.	6	.....	1	7
McCourt, William, Esq.	6	2	.....	8
McElhone, John, Esq.	2	.....	1	3
McFarlane, John, Esq.	10	1	1	12
McMillan William, Esq.	13	2	.....	15
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	18	3	2	23
Merriman, George, Esq.	4	1	.....	5
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq.	4	1	.....	5
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	15	3	1	19
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	8	2	2	12
Nobbs, John, Esq.	11	1	1	13
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	9	.....	1	10
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	15	5	2	22
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	20	5	2	27
Parkes, The Hon. Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	15	4	1	20
Penzer, Joseph, Esq.	7	4	.....	11
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq.	4	.....	1	5
Riley, Alban Joseph, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Roberts, The Hon. Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	22	6	2	30
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	8	3	.....	11
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	10	2	.....	12
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockeraga, Esq.	12	1	.....	13
See, John, Esq.	8	1	.....	9
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	8	1	.....	9
Smith, Fergus Jago, Esq.	4	1	.....	5
Smith, Frank James, Esq.	8	3	1	12
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	8	3	1	12
Stephen, William, Esq.	11	1	3	15
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	21	4	2	27
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	8	2	2	12
Street, John Rendell, Esq.	11	1	.....	12
Sutherland, The Hon. John, Esq.	9	4	.....	13
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Tecco, William, junr., Esq.	16	6	2	24
Thompson, Richard Windeyer, Esq.	4	4	1	9
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq.	12	1	.....	13
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Turner, Edwin Woodward, Esq.	18	5	.....	23
Vaughan, Robert Matteson, Esq.	4	3	1	8
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	6	.....	1	7
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	19	6	2	27
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	5	4	1	10
Want, John Henry, Esq.	3	2	.....	5
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	2	3	.....	5
Wilkinson, William Camac, Esq., M.D.	7	.....	.....	7
Wilson, Alexander, Esq.	4	2	.....	6
Wise, The Hon. Bernhard Ringrose, Esq.	7	2	.....	9
Withers, George, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Woodward, Francis, Esq.	10	3	.....	13
Young, The Hon. James Henry, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ....	.....	.....	.....	.....

1888-9.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1888-9.

1. New Writs issued	3								
2. Select Committees :—									
On Public Matters	5								
On Private Bills	4								
On Public Bills	1								
3. Standing Committees									10
4. Public Bills :—									4
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent	0								
Otherwise disposed of	36								
		36							
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent	0								
Otherwise disposed of	1								
			1						37
5. Private Bills :—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent	7								
Otherwise disposed of	11								
			18						
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent	0								
Otherwise disposed of	5								
				5					23
6. Petitions received :—									
Printed	48								
Not Printed	18								
									66
7. Divisions :—									
In the House	22								
In Committee of the Whole	9								
									31
8. Sittings :—									
Days of Meeting									36
Hours of Sitting								292 h. 38 m.	
Hours of Sitting after Midnight								86 h. 47 m.	
Daily Average								8 h. 7 m.	
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—									
Before commencement of Business	0								
After commencement of Business	4								
									4
9. Votes and Proceedings									36
Entrics in Votes and Proceedings—									
Of Business done	424								
Of Notices of Motion	1,328								
Of Orders of the Day	705								
Of Questions	501								
Of Contingent Notices	4								
									2,962
Daily Average									82
10. Contingent Notice Papers									2
11. Orders for Papers									23
12. Addresses for Papers									5
13. Other Addresses									3
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—									
By Message	15								
By Command	150								
In Return to Orders	26								
In Return to Addresses	3								
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	18								
									212
Ordered to be Printed	212								
Not ordered to be Printed	3								
									215

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 17 January, 1889.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

