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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1920.

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 seventh day of July, 1920.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

" NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight
" TO WIT. } Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint
" (L.S.) } George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies
" W. E. DAVIDSON, } in the Commonwealth of Australia.
" Governor.

" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of July, instant: Now I, Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the tenth day of August next: And I do further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid tenth day of August next, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

" Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this seventh day of July, in the year of
" Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the eleventh year of
" His Majesty's Reign.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" JOHN STOREY.

" GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. 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,—

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

" By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

" To all to whom these presents shall come,—

" Greeting :

" IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable Daniel Levy, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to

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“administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Legislative Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State of New South Wales, at Sydney, in the State aforesaid, this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the tenth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

“W. E. DAVIDSON,
“Governor.

“By His Excellency's Command,
JOHN STOREY.”

4. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker reported that yesterday he had received a letter from George Stephenson Beby, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Murray.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. John Storey, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock, p.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

6. MEMBER SWORN:—Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow 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 Eastern Suburbs.
7. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, nominated,—
Thomas Rainsford Bavin, Esquire,
Albert Bruntnell, Esquire,
Simon Hickey, Esquire,
Carlisle Johnston, Esquire; and
Reginald Walter Darcy Weaver, Esq.,
to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, I do hereby appoint—

“William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire,
“The Hon. Walter Bennett,
“Ernest Shoobridge Carr, Esquire,
“Mark Gosling, Esquire,
“Carlisle Johnston, Esquire,

William Kearsley, Esquire,
Thomas John Ley, Esquire,
Edward James Loxton, Esquire, K.C., and
Robert James Stuart-Robertson, 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 tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.”

“DANIEL LEVY,
“Speaker.”

And intimated that if not disapproved by the Assembly upon motion in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, it shall take effect as an appointment of such Committee.

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1912 in reference to the steps required to be taken for the election of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Under section 9, paragraph (1), the Speaker has, within fourteen days after the commencement of each session of Parliament, to appoint a date up to and including which he would receive nominations of Members of the Assembly for election and appointment as members of the Committee—subsequent proceedings are also provided for under the Act. On the 28th April, 1920, he had appointed Wednesday, the 5th day of May, 1920, as the date up to which nominations would be received—and certain nominations were received—but the prorogation intervened before that date, which, of course, quashed all proceedings taken. There seemed to be no provision for an election of the Committee in any other than the first session of each Parliament.

(2.) *Ministerial Statement*:—Mr. John Storey said it was the intention of the Government to re-establish the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the lines that governed its movements during the years of its existence. He would take the opportunity to pass the necessary legislation to enable that to be done.

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10. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—a letter from the Auditor-General transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of service to supplement a Vote for another service, viz. :—(a) £800 from Vote, "Item No. 177," to Vote, "Item No. 180," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice; (b) £3,000 from Vote, "Item No. 83," to Vote, "Item No. 99," Department of the Minister of Public Health; (c) £1,000 from Vote, "Item No. 29," to Vote, "Item No. 11," Department of the Premier; (d) £750 from Vote, "Item No. 36," to Vote, "Item No. 45," Department of the Chief Secretary; (e) £10 from Vote, "Item No. 68," to Vote, "Item No. 66," Department of the Minister of Public Health; (f) £600 from Vote, "Item No. 155," to Vote, "Item No. 166"; £150 from Vote, "Item No. 163," to Vote, "Item No. 166"; £250 from Vote, "Item No. 164," to Vote, "Item No. 166," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
11. ELECTION PETITION (BALMAIN):—Mr. Dooley, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Helen Craig, 8 Cove-street, Balmain; Ethel Gertrude Hopkins, 517 Darling-street, Rozelle; Gideon Charles Gillespie, 192 St. John's road, Camperdown; Harold Victor Tanner, 16 White-street, Balmain; and Thomas Hopkins, 517 Darling-street, Rozelle. Persons who voted, or had a right to vote, at the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Balmain, at the election held on the twentieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty—and Robert Stopford, of 7 York-street, Sydney, a person alleging himself to have been a candidate at such election, representing that on the twentieth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, a writ was duly issued by His Excellency the Governor of the State of New South Wales for the election of five members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said State, directed to the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Balmain; that in the said writ the twenty-eighth day of February last was named as the day of nomination, the twentieth day of March last was named as polling-day in the event of the election being contested, and the twenty-first day of April last as the day when the said writ should be returned; that Petitioner, Robert Stopford, and eighteen other persons, were duly nominated as candidates for election as Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Balmain; that a poll was duly held on the date named for the purpose in the said writ, and that the Returning Officer made return to the said writ that the following persons had been elected to serve in the said Assembly for the said district, viz. :—John William Doyle, John Quirk, Albert Frank Smith, John Storey, Robert James Stuart-Robertson; that Petitioners are aggrieved at the conduct of the Returning Officer of the said election, and complain that the said election was not duly conducted according to law, and that the said John William Doyle, John Quirk, Albert Frank Smith, John Storey, and Robert James Stuart-Robertson have been unduly returned by the Returning Officer as elected; that the Returning Officer did not, in the presence of the scrutineers, or at all, examine the declarations on the envelopes containing the ballot-papers of absent voters for the Electoral District of Balmain, and did not ascertain whether persons of the same names as those whose names were signed to the declarations were enrolled for the district, in accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; that the said Returning Officer improperly permitted ballot-papers of certain absent voters to be accepted for further scrutiny, and improperly permitted ballot-papers of other absent voters to be rejected; that the Returning Officer did not open and proceed with the scrutiny of the absent voters' ballot-papers which had been accepted for further scrutiny, in accordance with section 118 of the said Act, but, contrary to the Act, permitted other persons to open and scrutinise the absent voters' ballot-papers, and to allow and count such of the said ballot-papers as they deemed to be formal, and to disallow and reject such of the said ballot-papers as they deemed to be informal; that the Returning Officer did not, as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, in the presence of such of the scrutineers as chose to be present, or at all, proceed to count all ballot-papers (not rejected as informal), including postal and absent voters' ballot-papers used in connection with the poll for his district, in accordance with the provisions of section 126 of the said Act, but, contrary to the Act, allowed other persons to count such ballot-papers, and did not exercise proper supervision over them; that section 123 of the said Act was not complied with, but, contrary thereto, ballot-papers were handled, scrutinised, and counted by unauthorised persons at various polling-booths in the said electorate, and ballot-papers were declared informal and rejected by such persons; that ballot-papers were allowed and counted which were informal, and should have been treated as informal and rejected; that ballot-papers were treated as informal and rejected which should have been allowed and counted; that there were committed other acts, and other omissions were made, contrary to the said Act; that Petitioners have paid the sum of £50 to the credit of the Speaker in the matter of this their petition with the London Bank of Australia, Limited, Moore and Pitt streets, Sydney, which is a bank regulated by law within the State of New South Wales, and the bank deposit receipt for the said sum of £50 so deposited is to the Petition annexed; and humbly petitioning that the Returning Officer's return to the said writ be set aside as invalid; that the whole of the ballot-papers be ordered to be recounted under the supervision of the Elections and Qualifications Committee, and in the presence of such scrutineers of the said candidates as chose to be present, and that any candidates found by such recount not to have been duly elected be declared not to be duly elected, and the candidates so found to be entitled to be elected be declared to be duly elected; that such other orders, directions, and declarations be made or given in the premises as the case may require.
Ordered to lie upon the Table.
12. PAPERS:—
Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
(1.) Amended and additional Forms under the Pastures Protection Act, 1912.
(2.) Regulations under the Irrigation Acts, 1912–1918. (3.)

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- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation for six months of Mr. R. G. May, as manager, Bathurst Experiment Farm, Department of Agriculture.
 (4.) By-laws of the Hollywood Bore Water Trust under the Water Act, 1912.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 31st March, 1920.
 (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for Quarter ended 31st March, 1920.
 (3.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. O. C. Krutli as Mining Surveyor, Department of Mines.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer.
 (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer.
 (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for State Workshops, Wentworth Park, Glebe.
 (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a road of access from West Bargo Railway Station to Sydney Water Supply Catchment Area.
 (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Murwillumbah Water Supply.
 (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Burrinjuck Dam.
 (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Lithgow Water Supply.
 (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Extension of Balmmain Cottage Hospital.
 (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Tighe's Creek and Houghton-le-Spring Stormwater Channels.
 (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Muswellbrook to Merriwa Railway.
 (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sydney Water Supply.
 (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Johnstone's Bay Stormwater Channel.
 (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala Railway.
 (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba Railway.
 (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Extension of Royal South Sydney Hospital.
 (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Extension of West Maitland Hospital.
 (17.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, and the Housing Act, 1912, for Housing Purposes at Wollongong.
 (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic between Sydney and Nowra, by New Approaches to Wollongong Railway Station.
 (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for provision of Water Supply at Tumbarumba, for Railway Humula to Tumbarumba.
 (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway—Clyde to Carlingford—by access to Dundas Station.
 (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Tamworth and Barraba by platform attendant's residence at Appleby.
 (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Sydney and Albury by footbridge at Canley Vale.
 (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Sydney and Albury by access near Galong.
 (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Muswellbrook and Merriwa by additional accommodation near Denman.
 (25.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Wyalong and Lake Cudgellico by road diversion at Ungarie.
 (26.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Juncce Junction and Hay by additional accommodation at Old Junece.
 (27.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Goulburn and Nimitabel by trucking yards at Cooma.
 (28.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on Railway between Wagga Wagga and Tumbarumba by deviation of the line at Tumbarumba.
 (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for extension of the Maryville to Steel Works Tramway to Port Waratah.

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- (30.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on existing line of railway between Wauchope and Kempsey by water supply at Telegraph Point.
- (31.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on railway between Sydney and Albury by new trucking yards at Henty.
- (32.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for public watering place at Binya Siding.
- (33.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for establishment of a quarry for Bland Shire Council.
- (34.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (35.) Amended By-laws of Warren Water Supply under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (36.) Amended By-laws of Bourke Water Supply under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (37.) Amended By-laws of Dubbo Water Supply, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (38.) Amended By-laws of Goulburn Sewerage, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (39.) Amended By-laws of Orange Sewerage, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (40.) Amended By-laws of Wilcannia Water Supply, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (41.) Regulations for the Conduct of Elections for members of Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Public Service Board for year ended 30th June, 1919.
 - (2.) Regulation under the Necessary Commodities Act, 1919.
 - (3.) Repeal of Regulations, Substituted Regulations, New and Amended Regulations, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (4.) Return of Transactions for years 1918-1919 under Statutes administered by the Registrar-General.
 - (5.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892—"Convictions under the Liquor Acts."
 - (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. C. E. Weigall, B.A., as Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman.
 - (7.) New and Amended Regulations under the Liquor Act, 1912.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Supreme Court Rules made under the authority of the Charter of Justice.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Conveyancing Act, 1919.
 - (3.) Regulations under the Justices (Fees) Act, 1904.
 - (4.) Supreme Court Rules under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901.
 - (2.) Order-in-Council regarding appointment of Public Magazines under the Explosives Act, 1905.
 - (3.) Order-in-Council regarding appointment of Precincts of Public Magazines under the Explosives Act, 1905.
 - (4.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (5.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (6.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. A. C. Butcher as Assistant Engineer Surveyor, Department of Navigation.
 - (8.) Report of the Public Trustee for year ended 30th June, 1920, together with receipts and disbursements and profit and loss accounts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1912.
- (2.) By-laws under the Meat Industry Act, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Amended Regulations, Nos. 14 and 325A, Additional Regulation 196G, Additional Form 144, Amended Forms 125 and 129A, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913; Amended Regulations Nos. 20, 33, 35, and 19c; Amended Forms Nos. 20 and 31, and Additional Form No. 19c, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (4.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts from 22nd November, 1919, to 5th August, 1920.
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(5.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase, No. 1919-55, Land District of Grafton, being portion 144, Parish of Clarenza, County of Clarence, shall cease to be voidable.

(6.) Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Lease No. 1906-59, Land District of Tamworth, being portion 60 of 357 acres 1 rood, Parish of Gill, County of Inglis, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Fifth Sectional Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the Public Service of New South Wales, covering the administration of the Acts relating to State Children.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Report of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain matters concerning the administration of the State Wheat Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

13. *Pro Forma* BILL.—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. John Storey presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—and moved *pro forma*,—That this Bill be now read a first time. Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. It is with pleasure that I call you together for the opening of the second session of the twenty-fifth Parliament of New South Wales.

2. During the past twelve months the Parliaments of the principal countries throughout the world have devoted considerable thought and energy to the task of repairing the dislocation of trade and commerce caused by the great war. To a not inconsiderable extent this object has been achieved, and the early fulfilment by our late adversaries of the terms of peace should hasten the return to normal conditions.

3. The Commonwealth of Australia has been recently honored by a visit from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and it is with great gratification that I record the fact that His Royal Highness has expressed his appreciation of the arrangements made for his reception and entertainment in this State, and of the provision made to enable him to meet the people of New South Wales. My Advisers feel that the citizens who assisted in the reception and entertainment of His Royal Highness are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts, and that the people of New South Wales generally are to be specially commended for their enthusiastic, and, at the same time, perfectly well-ordered demonstrations of loyalty and affection to the heir of His Majesty the King.

4. The country districts had experienced a serious drought, which retarded primary production and adversely affected rural pursuits. Happily, however, the State has been visited with copious rainfall, which has relieved the general anxiety and will promote the general welfare of the community. Unfortunately, the rainfall has in some districts occasioned disastrous floods, the effect of which the Government is earnestly endeavouring to repair.

5. The New South Wales Government has recently collaborated with the Governments of other Australian States at a Conference which dealt with matters of public policy possessing mutual interest. It is also, in conjunction with other States, engaged in conference with the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth in regard to such important questions as the control of immigration, the continuance of "per capita" payments by the Commonwealth to the States, the more advantageous use of the Murray River waters, the adoption of a Uniform Railway Gauge throughout the Commonwealth, the Constitution of the Commonwealth as the sole Borrowing Authority in Australia, and the collection of taxes by one Authority for both Commonwealth and State purposes. The importance of these matters prompts my Advisers to express the hope that some concrete and satisfactory agreement in connection with some or all of them will be reached shortly.

6. A Royal Commission has been set up to inquire into the administration of the Railway Department, especially in regard to freight, fares, and carriage of fodder and stock, and to report to the Government as to the steps to be taken to restore the men who suffered as a consequence of the 1917 strike to the status and rights they originally enjoyed.

7. For the first time in the history of the State the Government recently placed on the local market a loan for £2,000,000 for the purpose of aiding necessitous farmers and expediting the completion of silos being constructed for wheat storage. The fact that this loan was considerably over-subscribed may be taken as evidence of the confidence of the people in the prosperity and stability of their country.

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8. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current financial year, which have been framed with the utmost regard for both economy and efficiency, will be laid before you at an early date.

9. Financial difficulties beset the Public Works policy of the State, but the matter is being kept constantly under consideration with a view to carrying out a vigorous programme of developmental works.

10. The Office of Minister for Public Health has been extended to that of Minister for Public Health and Motherhood in order to set up an authority to safeguard and promote the health and development of child life.

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HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND
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11. Proposals will be submitted to you for the amendment of existing legislation governing the election of Members to the Legislative Assembly.

12. You will be asked to consider a Profiteering Prevention Bill, designed to eliminate undue profit-taking, and to provide for the control of necessary commodities.

13. The Government proposes to ask you to consider a Bill to provide for the endowment of mothers.

14. In view of the abandonment by the Federal Government of the wheat-pooling scheme for the 1920-21 season, legislation will be introduced to enable this State to co-operate with the other wheat-growing States of the Commonwealth in the establishment of a compulsory pool in order to safeguard the interests of wheat-growers.

15. Bills will be submitted for your consideration authorising the election of a Public Accounts Committee and a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

16. It is the intention of my Advisers to ask you to approve of a measure to group all State Industrial Undertakings under the control of one Ministerial head.

17. Your consideration of a Bill to amend the existing law with regard to Landlord and Tenants will be sought.

18. A proposal will be submitted to you for the establishment of a Rural Bank.

19. The views of my Advisers in regard to Closer Settlement will be presented to you in the form of an originating measure. It is also proposed to introduce a Bill having for its object the reduction and simplification of land tenures.

20. You will be asked to consider a Bill to regulate the hours of labour, and to amend the Industrial Arbitration, the Early Closing, and the Factories and Shops Acts. The scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act will be extended to persons suffering from silicosis arising out of their employment.

21. It is the intention of my Advisers to place the construction and control of metropolitan main roads under a specially-constituted Board; a measure to secure this object will be brought forward. Certain amendments of the Local Government Act will also be submitted.

22. Legislative provision for the registration of Estate Agents and Architects will also be submitted for your consideration.

23. It is proposed to introduce amendments of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and to seek authority to enforce the installation of bathing and change houses at coal-mines.

24. Amending legislation will be submitted designed to more effectively prevent the careless use of firearms.

25. It is proposed to submit to you a Bill to make provision for the establishment of an Insurance Office to carry on general business of Insurance.

26. You will be asked to consider legislation to deal with the conditions of employees of the Public Service, including an amendment of the Superannuation Act.

27. Certain measures of Law Reform have been prepared and will be laid before you, including an amendment of the Public Trustee Act, the Real Property Act, and the Testator's Family Maintenance Act.

28. I now leave you, Gentlemen, to the discharge of your important duties, with the earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, your labours may conduce to the welfare and happiness of all.

Mr. Greig then moved, and Mr. Flannery seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Flannery, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Michael Burke, Mr. Cleary, Mr. Swiney, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Greig 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 Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Greig moved, and Mr. Flannery 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.

Sir

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Sir George Fuller moved, That the the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report is deserving of the censure of this House,—instead thereof.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

W S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1920.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that as one of the Members appointed by him to serve on the Committee of Elections and Qualifications was a Member against whose return an Election Petition had been presented to the House he withdrew his warrant, dated yesterday.

(2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, laid upon the Table his Warrant (in lieu of the Warrant laid upon the Table yesterday) appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

“ By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, I do hereby appoint—

“ William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire,

“ The Hon. Walter Bennett,

“ John Edward Birt, Esquire,

“ Ernest Shoobridge Carr, Esquire,

“ Mark Gosling, 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 eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred
“ and twenty.

“ DANIEL LEVY,
“ Speaker.”

And intimated that if not disapproved by the Assembly upon motion in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, it shall take effect as an appointment of such Committee.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Ministerial direction respecting Returns under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference held in Melbourne, May, 1920, together with Appendices.

(2.) Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry (The Honorable Mr. Justice Ewing); into the matter of the trial and conviction, and sentences imposed on Charles Reeve and others (I.W.W. Inquiry).
Ordered to be printed.

3. DEATH OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, P.C., G.C.M.G., LL.D.:—Mr. Storey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Lady Griffith the profound sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales at the death of her distinguished husband.

And the motion having been seconded by Sir George Fuller, and supported by Mr. Bavin and Mr. Wearne,—

Question put and carried unanimously, Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

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4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

" To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—“That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,”—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1920.

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

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter from Reginald Walter Darcy Weaver, Esquire, resigning his position as a Temporary Chairman of Committees.
 (2.) Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, nominated Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, to act as a Temporary Chairman of Committees during the present Session.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper,—Report by Mr. E. B. Harkness, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, on the System of Proportional Representation, used in accordance with the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1918, together with a Synopsis of Voting at the Election held on 20th March, 1920.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia."

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—"That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,"—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1920.

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

VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MURRAY :—

- (1) Mr. Speaker made the following statement :—I desire to bring under the attention of Honorable Members the position which has been created by the resignation of Mr. G. S. Beeby, lately serving as a Member for the Electoral District of Murray. Mr. Beeby's resignation was dated 9th instant, "Monday," and reached me at 4.15 o'clock p.m. on that day. Section 70 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act No. 41, 1912, provides—

"When and so often as a vacancy occurs in the Assembly the Speaker shall, upon a resolution by the Assembly declaring such vacancy, and the reason thereof, cause a writ to be issued for filling such vacancy; and on the death or resignation of any Member, the Speaker shall, in like manner, upon a resolution of the Assembly, issue such writ, and in case the Assembly be not in session, or when such vacancy occurs during any adjournment for a longer period than seven days, he shall also issue the writ."

It will be seen that Mr. Beeby's resignation was received by me at a time when it was too late in the day to take any official action in regard to the issue of a new writ on that particular day, and as Parliament was called upon to meet upon the following day (Tuesday), pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, dated 7th July, 1920, it became a question for consideration whether a writ should be issued at once, or, alternatively, whether I should report the resignation to the House at the earliest opportunity after its assembling. This latter course I subsequently adopted.

Upon the announcement of a resignation of a Member by the Speaker it is usual for the Premier or some Minister of the Crown then in charge of the House to move the following resolution :—

"That the seat of..... a Member for the Electoral District of..... hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said....."

This course has been pursued, notwithstanding objection raised—(a) On the 21st January, 1887, upon the acceptance of office by a member of this House, as Minister of the Crown, when a motion was proposed declaring the seat vacant. It was submitted by Mr. A. G. Taylor, who was a recognised constitutionalist, that the motion was out of order, as unnecessary, as the 3rd section of the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884 declared that if any Member shall accept any office of profit his election shall be declared void, and required that a writ shall forthwith issue for a new election. Mr. Speaker Barton ruled that the motion was quite in order, being the proper authority for the issue of the writ under 17th section of the Electoral Act.

(b) On the 7th September, 1898, the resignation of a member having been announced, and a similar motion being moved declaring the seat vacant, Mr. Crick—also regarded as a constitutional authority—submitted that the motion was unnecessary as well as opposed to law, section 25 of the Constitution Act showing that upon the receipt of the resignation by the Speaker the seat of the Member became vacant.

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

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It will be seen from a perusal of section 70 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act that there are three distinct occasions which may arise upon which the Speaker shall issue or cause to be issued a writ for the filling of a vacancy—

- (a) Upon the passing of a resolution declaring a vacancy (clearly presupposing that the Assembly is in session).
- (b) In case the Assembly is not in session ;
- (c) When the Assembly is in session, but standing adjourned for a longer period than seven days.

It is important to note at this stage that there are three forms of writ for use on each of the occasions just referred to. In the *first* instance the Speaker states that the Legislative Assembly being then in Session did on a certain day pass a resolution declaring a seat in the Assembly vacant for the reason of the occurrence of such vacancy. In the *second* he sets forth that the Assembly is not now in session, and that it has been established to his satisfaction that a seat had become vacant for a reason stated ; and in the *third* that the Assembly stands adjourned for a longer period than seven days, and it has been established to his satisfaction that a seat in the Assembly hath become vacant for a reason stated.

Upon the issue of a writ by the Speaker it is the practice to submit such writ, under cover, to the Colonial Secretary, asking him to invite His Excellency the Governor to cause the Public Seal of the State to be affixed thereto.

It will be noted that no provision has been made in the Constitution Act or the Electoral Acts prescribing the form of writs. On the 19th May, 1856, the then Clerk of the Legislative Assembly forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, for the purpose of having them laid before the Law Officers of the Crown, two forms of writs for issue by the Speaker in the event of vacancies,—one being to meet the case when the Assembly may be in session, and the other in recess. These writs were subsequently returned with verbal amendments of a minor nature, and these forms are in use at the present day.

The forms of these writs came under review of Mr. Speaker Abbott, and on 30th November, 1891, he addressed a B.C. communication to the then Colonial Secretary, in which he pointed out that although the provisions of the 27th section of the Constitution Act had been repealed the form of writ originally approved of by the Crown Law Officers was still in force. Further, that it would be seen that the writs were really issued by the Governor, and not by the Speaker, which latter course the Act required to be taken. The Act was specific that the Speaker should issue the writ, and if his action was to be dependent on the fixing of the Seal of the Colony to the writ by the Governor then the Speaker was not independent in the matter, which the law intended he should be.

To this B.C. communication two replies were received :—

- (1) On 14th July, 1892, from Mr. Ernest A. Smith, Crown Solicitor, in which he summarises his opinion as follows :—

“ It would, therefore, seem that though the Speaker is empowered to issue or to cause to issue a writ for the election of Members in certain cases, that writ is not to be *his* writ, but to be ‘ in Her Majesty’s name under the Great Seal of the Colony.’ ”

- (2) On 11th April, 1893, from the Attorney-General (Mr. Edmund Barton), dated 24th March, 1893, in which he states, amongst other things, that a third form of writ, to meet the third of the occasions to which I have previously referred, was prepared since the passage of the Electoral Act of 1880 to meet the case of the vacancy occurring during a longer period than seven days, and that it is clear from the forms of writs that they are issued by the Governor, and not by the Speaker, notwithstanding the words of the successive Statutes, and concludes his opinion with the following paragraph :—

“ The question remains whether, notwithstanding that the Crown issues the writ, it should be ‘ tested ’ by the Speaker, and not, as hitherto, by the Governor, in the cases included in section 17. I think, after much doubt and hesitation, that the form hitherto adopted is the proper one. If the Speaker only *causes* the writ to be issued, and does not issue it in fact himself—and this I think the true construction on the whole—then he is not placed by the Statutes in the position which makes it necessary for the Chief Justice to ‘ test ’ writs issued from the Supreme Court. He ‘ causes ’ the writ to issue by ‘ making it to appear ’ to the Governor that the facts recited in each form of writ have occurred ; and, having done that, he has fulfilled his duty under the Statute, just as the Speaker of the House of Commons does what is necessary by issuing his Warrant under which the Writ for an Election is taken out, and I think the intention has been to so far assimilate the practice.”

I may here mention that it is the Departmental practice to consult the Electoral Office as to the state of the roll immediately before the issue of a Speaker’s Writ, and, further, it is obvious that the fixing of dates in the writ for the nomination and election is a matter for very grave consideration. By section 68 of the Act the Governor is bound by certain dates in the issue and return of writs in the case of a General Election, but it will be noted that no such direction is made to the Speaker in issuing writs for by-elections, beyond the inference which may be drawn from that portion of section 70 which prescribes that when a vacancy occurs in case the Assembly be not in session, or during any adjournment for a longer period than seven days, he shall also issue the writ, the inference being that there should be no undue delay. The provision that the Speaker is not bound by time in the issue and return of writs is, in my opinion, a well-considered one, as in the case of a General Election the Electoral Office must be assumed to be ready for an immediate appeal to the people, whereas in the latter contingency the contrary may be the case.

I have now to turn to the condition of the existing law. By the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1918, the provisions of the then existing Act prescribing the method of voting and counting the votes were repealed, and it was enacted that a new method of voting and counting the

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the votes should be prescribed by regulations which the Governor was authorised to make, such regulations to be laid before the Legislative Assembly within a given period and to have the force of law upon the carrying of a resolution by the Assembly and publication in the *Gazette*.

Upon a perusal of the regulations so adopted by the Assembly it will be seen that paragraphs 5 and 6 prescribe the method of voting for a *General Election* only, and no method exists for voting at a by-election.

To summarise the position, therefore, it will be seen that the following alternatives presented themselves to me :—

1. To issue a writ intimating to His Excellency the Governor that a vacancy has occurred during recess with Parliament summoned to meet within a few hours; or
2. To await the meeting of Parliament and report the resignation at the earliest possible moment, in which case a resolution declaring the seat vacant would be necessary.

As I have already expressed to the House my opinion that provision does not exist in the law at present for the holding of a by-election, I deemed it my duty to withhold the issue of a writ pending a resolution of the Assembly, as provided in section 70 of the Act previously referred to, and in the meantime I have written, under date Thursday, 12th instant, to the Premier, recommending that he should move a resolution declaring the seat vacant, and at the same time obtain an advising on the whole matter from the Law Officers of the Crown.

At the same time I desire to intimate to the House that on the carrying of a resolution declaring one of the seats for Murray vacant it is my intention to issue a writ under section 70 in the usual form. I will then have discharged the duty imposed on me by the law, as I consider that the passing of such a resolution is tantamount to an authority to me to issue a writ. I am clearly not responsible for any constitutional *impasse* that may be created by the omission of the Legislature to provide machinery for the holding of a by-election.

- (2.) Mr John Storey moved, That the seat of George Stephenson Beeby, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Murray, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said George Stephenson Beeby.

Question put and passed.

2. SYSTEM OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Dcoley (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report by Mr. E. B. Harkness, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, on the System of Proportional Representation, used in accordance with the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1918, together with a Synopsis of Voting at the Election held on 20th March, 1920, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 12th August, be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for Quarter ended 30th June, 1920.
- (2.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (a) £700 from Vote, "Item No. 36," Colonial Secretary's Department, and £300 from Vote, "Item No. 68," to Vote, "Item No. 99," Department of the Minister of Public Health.
- (b) £500 from Vote, "Item No. 110," £500 from Vote, "Item No. 104," and £830 from Vote, "Item No. 94," to Vote, "Item No. 99," Department of the Minister of Public Health.
- (c) £2,000 from Vote, "Item No. 83," to Vote, "Item No. 99," Department of the Minister of Public Health.
- (d) £200 from Vote, "Item No. 109," to Vote, "Item No. 55," Colonial Secretary's Department.
- (e) £1,500 from Vote, "Item No. 68," and £900 from Vote, "Item No. 109," to Vote, "Item No. 45," Colonial Secretary's Department.
- (f) £350 from Vote, "Item No. 109," to Vote, "Item No. 46," Colonial Secretary's Department.
- (g) £95 from Vote, "Item No. 167," being £20 to Vote, "Item No. 171," and £75 to Vote, "Item No. 173," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (h) £100 from Vote, "Item No. 157," and £100 from Vote, "Item No. 158," to Vote "Item No. 161"; and £300 from Vote, "Item No. 167," to Vote, "Item No. 165," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (i) £65 from Vote, "Item No. 161," and £40 from Vote, "Item No. 179," to Vote, "Item No. 167"; and £100 from Vote, "Item No. 173," to Vote, "Item No. 178," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (j) £150 from Vote, "Item No. 156," to Vote, "Item No. 184," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (k) £50 from Vote, "Item No. 155," and £150 from Vote, "Item No. 157," to Vote, "Item No. 184," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (l) £50 from Vote, "Item No. 158"; £300 from Vote "Item No. 164," and £150 from Vote, "Item No. 172," to Vote, "Item No. 177," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (m) £825 from Vote "Item No. 156," being £325 to Vote "Item No. 165" and £500 to Vote, "Item No. 177," Department of the Attorney General and of Justice.
- (n) £325 from Vote, "Item No. 154"; £50 from Vote, "Item No. 155"; £75 from Vote, "Item No. 157," and £300 from Vote, "Item No. 166" to Vote, "Item No. 156," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (o) £200 from Vote, "Item No. 166" to Vote, "Item No. 184," Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.

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(p) £1,500 from Vote, "Item No. 30" to Vote, "Item No. 11," Premier's Department—Contingencies."

(q) £200 from Vote, "Item No. 31," to Vote "Item No. 8," Parliamentary Library.

(r) £500 from Vote, "Item No. 31" to Vote, "Item No. 11," Premier's Department—Contingencies.

(s) £500 from Vote, "Agriculture, Salaries," to Vote, "Commercial Agents, Contingencies."

(t) £350 from Vote, "Stock and Brands, Salaries," "Item No. 307," to Vote, "Item No. 313, Commercial Agents, Contingencies."

(u) £350 from Vote, "Stock and Brands, Salaries, Item No. 307," to Vote, "Item No. 313, Commercial Agents, Contingencies."

(v) £350 from Vote, "Stock and Brands, Salaries, Item No. 307," being £200 to Vote, "Item No. 308"; £50 to Vote, "Item No. 310," and £100 to Vote, "Item No. 311, Botanic Gardens and Domains, etc."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words :—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

"And the Question being again proposed,—"That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,"—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Captain Dunn moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1920.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on railway between Sydney and Nowra by provision of additional accommodation at Mortdale.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining traffic on tramway between Sydney and Coogee by deviation of line near Coogee.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Second and Final Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry (Mr. J. L. Campbell, K.C.) into the Coal-mining Industry and the Coal Trade in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—District Court Rules under the District Courts Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia."

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—“That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,”—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

18th August, 1920.

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

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1920.

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 Wednesday, 11th August, 1920, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was, therefore, open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 159th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912.
- (2.) *Resignation of Member*:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a letter from John Edward Birt, Esquire, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
- (3.) *Warrant Appointing Member to Fill Vacancy*:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, I do hereby appoint Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire, being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,
“this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
“and twenty.”

“DANIEL LEVY,
“Speaker.”

And intimated that if not disapproved by the Assembly, upon motion, in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, it shall take effect as an appointment.

- (4.) *Members Sworn*:—William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire, The Hon. Walter Bennett, Ernest Shoobridge Carr, Esquire, Carlisle Johnston, Esquire, William Kearsley, Esquire, Thomas John Ley, Esquire, and Edward James Loxton, Esquire, K.C., came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Police Department for 1919.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Progress Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry (Mr. W. J. Kessell) into Claims lodged under the provisions of the Influenza Epidemic Relief Act, 1919, together with Schedules.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Repeal of Regulation, Amended and Additional Regulation, and New Form under the Forestry Act, 1916.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

19th August, 1920.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

" To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, *Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—"That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,"—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bruxner moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1920.

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

ADMISSION OF STRANGERS:—Mr. Speaker said he desired to draw the attention of Honorable Members to what he considered a serious occurrence in regard to the admission of strangers to the Galleries and other parts of this House. Standing Order 59 provided:—

“The Speaker only shall have the privilege of admitting strangers to the space at the back of the Speaker’s Chair, the Ladies’ Gallery, or to the Lower Gallery; but every Member shall have the privilege of admitting, by orders—not transferable—two strangers to the Upper Gallery.”

It was the practice each morning after a sitting to examine the cards which had been handed in to the doorkeepers, and on Friday last it was discovered that several persons had obtained admission on cards on which the initials of the Serjeant-at-Arms had been written by some unauthorised person or persons. Steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence of such a reprehensible practice. He desired at the same time to call the attention, particularly of the new Members, to Standing Order No. 61:—

“No Member shall bring any stranger into any part of the buildings appropriated to Members of the House while the House or a Committee of the Whole House is sitting, except to such rooms as may be set apart for strangers.”

Honorable Members would see that unless they were prepared to support this rule how very difficult it would be for the attendants to carry out their instructions, and so safeguard the privileges of Members generally. He had given definite instructions to the Serjeant-at-Arms and the attendants to see that the Standing Orders which he had just quoted were given effect to.

2. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases, issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts, on 6th August, 1920.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishing a Public Cemetery at Faulconbridge.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Repeal of Regulations Nos. 52 to 57 and substituted Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Comptroller General of Prisons for 1919.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minutes of Evidence of the Royal Commission of Inquiry (Mr. J. L. Campbell, K.C.) into the Coal-mining Industry and the Coal Trade in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

24th August, 1920.

3. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. George Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 16th August, 1920.

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

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—*Member Sworn*:—Mark Gosling, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency SIR WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—"That the words proposed to be left out stand part of Question,"—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Oakes moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:—"That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in declining to prosecute Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Sydney, a pronounced political supporter of the Government, for an admitted breach of the Necessary Commodities Act, in selling Kerosene above the proclaimed price, and in declaring its intention to suspend the penal provisions of the Act in the case of all profiteering retailers on the occasion of their first offence."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1920.

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

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17th August, 1920.

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

2. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency SIR WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

To which proposed amendment Mr. Oakes had moved the addition of the following words:—"That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in declining to prosecute Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Sydney, a pronounced political supporter of the Government, for an admitted breach of the Necessary Commodities Act, in selling Kerosene above the proclaimed price, and in declaring its intention to suspend the penal provisions of the Act in the case of all profiteering retailers on the occasion of their first offence."

And

25th August, 1920.

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate,—

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Mr. Bruntnell presented a Petition from certain officials of the Proportional Representation Society of New South Wales and other organisations, representing that the principle of one-vote one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the Electoral System, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Inspector-General of Mental Hospitals for 1919, and for period 1st January to 30th June, 1920.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Director of Botanic Gardens, Government Domains, Centennial Park, and State Nursery, Campbelltown, for 1919, together with illustrations.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1910.

(2.) Regulations under the Weights and Measures Act, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN MEAGHER, M.L.C.:**—Mr. John Storey referred to the death, which took place to-day, of the Honorable John Meagher, M.L.C., and desired to convey to his relatives the sympathy of this House.

Sir George Fuller and Mr. Wearne also addressed the House.

4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. John Storey made a Ministerial Statement as to the Business before the House, and asked Honorable Members to assist the Government in bringing the Debate on the Address in Reply to a conclusion on Tuesday next.

Sir George Fuller, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Brookfield also addressed the House.

5. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia."

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—"

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

26th August, 1920.

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

To which proposed amendment Mr. Oakes had moved the addition of the following words:—

"That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in declining to prosecute Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Sydney, a pronounced political supporter of the Government, for an admitted breach of the Necessary Commodities Act, in selling Kerosene above the proclaimed price, and in declaring its intention to suspend the penal provisions of the Act in the case of all profiteering retailers on the occasion of their first offence."

And the Question being again proposed,— "That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added,"—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST 1920.

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 Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire, as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 19th August, 1920, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment, and intimated that it was therefore open to the Honorable Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 159th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912.
- (2.) *Member Sworn*:—Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
- (3.) *Election Petition*:—Mr. John Storey moved, That the Election Petition from Robert Stopford and others, with reference to the election and return of John William Doyle, John Quirk, Albert Frank Smith, John Storey, and Robert James Stuart-Robertson, as Members for the Electoral District of Balmain, laid upon the Table of this House on Tuesday, 10th August, 1920, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) *First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirements of the 159th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, 1st September, in No. 3 Committee Room.

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

By Mr. Lang,—

- (1.) Sydney Harbour Wharfage and Tonnage Rates (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th August, 1920.*

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

By Mr. George Cann,—

- (2.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; to repeal the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 12th August, 1920.*

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

By

31st August, 1920.

By Mr. Loughlin.—

(3.) Land Surveyors Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise registered surveyors to enter land for purposes relating to surveys; to regulate the practice of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 28th August, 1920.*

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

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

To which proposed amendment Mr. Oakes had moved the addition of the following words:—"That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in declining to prosecute Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Sydney, a pronounced political supporter of the Government, for an admitted breach of the Necessary Commodities Act, in selling Kerosene above the proclaimed price, and in declaring its intention to suspend the penal provisions of the Act in the case of all profiteering retailers on the occasion of their first offence."

And the Question being again proposed,—"That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added,"—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. NOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia."

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words:—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

To which proposed amendment Mr. Oakes had moved the addition of the following words:—"That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in declining to prosecute Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Sydney, a pronounced political supporter of the Government, for an admitted breach of the Necessary Commodities Act, in selling Kerosene above the proclaimed price, and in declaring its intention to suspend the penal provisions of the Act in the case of all profiteering retailers on the occasion of their first offence."

And the Question being again proposed,—*"That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added,"*—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Chaplain-Captain Wilson presented a Petition from certain electors of Ashfield, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential" voting systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

PAPER :—Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greig, "That" the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

"To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia."

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Sir George Fuller had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the following words :—"the conduct of the Government in connection with the issuing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the case of the I.W.W. prisoners, in prescribing the scope and terms of such Commission, in the appointment of the Commissioner, and in the subsequent action in connection with the Commissioner's report, is deserving of the censure of this House,"—instead thereof.

To which proposed amendment Mr. Oakes had moved the addition of the following words :—

"That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in declining to prosecute Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Sydney, a pronounced political supporter of the Government, for an admitted breach of the Necessary Commodities Act, in selling Kerosene above the proclaimed price, and in declaring its intention to suspend the penal provisions of the Act in the case of all profiteering retailers on the occasion of their first offence."

And the Question being again proposed,—"That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added."

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question

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2nd September, 1920.

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

Ayes, 37.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Carr, | Major Shillington, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Drummond, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Henley, | Mr. Perdriau. |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. James, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |

Noes, 40.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin. |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Johnston, | |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Michael Burke, |
| Mr. Lang, | Mr. Gardiner. |

And so it was passed in the negative.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question :—
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

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| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Goshing, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Johnston, | |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Bailey, |
| Mr. Lang, | Mr. Simon Hickey. |

Noes, 37.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Reid, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Drummond, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Sir George Fuller, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Mr. Henley, | Mr. Bagnall, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Major Shillington. |
| Mr. James, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker 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 on Tuesday next, at Four o'clock p.m., at Government House.

4. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. John Storey moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
5. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. John Storey moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. John Storey moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at a quarter before Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at a quarter before Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in Reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session,—
And being returned,—
Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following answer:—

Government House, Sydney.

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

I thank you for your Address expressing your loyalty and unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

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

I join with you in the hope that, under Divine Providence, your labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

7th September, 1920.

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

By Mr. Cann,—

- (1.) Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4th September, 1920.

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

7th September, 1920.

By Mr. Loughlin,—

(2.) Wheat Marketing Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1920.

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

By Mr. McTiernan,—

(3.) Profiteering Prevention Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to prevent undue profit taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain informations as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4th September, 1920.

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

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement of Accounts under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, for the year ended 20th June, 1920.
- (2.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for public school purposes at Ashville, Binalong, Capertee, Crouchdale, Gostwyck, Maynard's Plains, Upper Orara, Rossmore, Sherwyn, Slingsby-road, and Westella.
- (3.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for 1919.
- (4.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (5.) Report of Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (2.) Ninth Annual Report of the Treasury Insurance Board, for year ended 30th June, 1920

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper :— Amendment of Hay Water Supply By-laws, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :— Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays.
- (2.) That General Notices of Motion and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
- (3.) That Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Question put and passed.

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7th September, 1920.

6. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Bavin, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Weaver, Sir George Fuller, and the Mover, with leave to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Greig, Mr. Gosling, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Lee, and the Mover, with authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
8. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Frank Burke, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buttenshaw, and the Mover, with authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
9. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*): Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Oakes, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Brookfield, Major Connell, Mr. Ely, Captain Chaffey, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract, and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed unless the House otherwise order.
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.
10. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Lazzarini moved, pursuant to Notice, That Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, one of the Honorable Members for Bathurst, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart-Robertson made his acknowledgments to the House.

The House adjourned at three minutes before Six o'clock until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of concrete dam across the River Murray.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, and the Housing Act, 1912, at Lidcombe, for purposes of the Housing Act.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of traffic on existing line of Railway between Sydney and Wallangarra by provision of overbridge at Willow-tree.

(5.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the construction of a line of Railway from Morce to Mungindi.

(6.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of traffic on existing line of Railway between Cootamundra and Temora, by provision of additional station accommodation at Cootamundra West.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY 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 William Longworth and Thomas Longworth, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, to construct a Railway from coal lands at Buttai, in the parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, to the Great Northern railway at Thornton, in the parish of Alnwick*,"—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, 8th September, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

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

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from Mr. Price, one of the Honorable Members for Oxley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—
"The urgent necessity for amending the law in regard to evidence submitted to certain Royal Commissions being inadmissible in cases coming before the law courts."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Question put and negatived.

8th September, 1920.

4. STATE ENTERPRISES BILL:—Mr. Dooley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the establishment and carrying on of State Industrial enterprises, and for the regulation of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. McKell, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the present Parliament; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.
- | Ayes, 43. | | Noes, 22. |
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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lang, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, | Mr. Arkins, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Ley, | Dr. Arthur, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Loughlin, | Mr. Bavin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, | Mr. Bruntnell, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McKell, | Mr. Doc, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. McTiernan, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Minahan, | Sir George Fuller, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Molesworth, | Mr. Henley, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. O'Halloran, | Mr. Hoskins, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. O'Hearn, | Mr. James, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Price, | Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Quirk, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Reid, | Mr. Mair, |
| Mr. Drummond, | Mr. Scully, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson. | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | <i>Tellers,</i> | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Flannery, | | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Greig. | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Johnston, | | Major Shillington. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | | |
- And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the present Parliament; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Oakes, *on behalf of Mr. Bennett*, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.
7. SYDNEY HARBOUR WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
9. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
10. MOTHERHOOD ENDOWMENT BILL:—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Gregory McGirr*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the endowment of motherhood by making payments to mothers in certain cases for or towards the maintenance of their children; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
11. WHEAT MARKETING BILL:—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Captain Dunn*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

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8th September, 1920.

12. **REGISTRATION OF STOCK BRANDS BILL:**—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Captain Dunn, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better regulation of the branding of horses, asses, and mules, and the branding and earmarking of cattle and certain other animals; to repeal Part VI of the Stock Act, 1901; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.
Question put and passed.
13. **STALLIONS BILL:**—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Captain Dunn, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that only approved stallions shall be used for stud purposes; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
14. **VETERINARY SURGEONS BILL:**—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Captain Dunn, moved, pursuant to Notice, that this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary science, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
15. **PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Captain Dunn, moved, pursuant to Notice, that this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
16. **STOCK FOOD BILL:**—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Captain Dunn, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
17. **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL:**—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs; or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
18. **COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; to repeal the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
19. **LAND SURVEYORS BILL:**—Mr. Loughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise registered surveyors to enter land for purposes relating to surveys; to regulate the practice of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
20. **METROPOLITAN MAIN ROADS BILL:**—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Mutch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to impose a wheel tax; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
21. **PROFITTEERING PREVENTION BILL:**—Mr. McTiernan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent undue profit taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF GEORGE STUART BRINER, ESQUIRE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS FOR OXLEY :—
Mr. John Storey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of George Stuart Briner, Esquire, one of the Members for Oxley, and that this House do now adjourn.

The motion having been seconded by Sir George Fuller, and supported by Mr. Wearne and Mr. Price,—

And Mr. Speaker having also addressed the House,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE:—
Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 9th day of September, 1920, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

*“ By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
“ Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its
“ Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ Greeting :

“IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales
“aforesaid, this ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine
“hundred and twenty, and in the eleventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King
“George the Fifth.

“ W. E. DAVIDSON,

“ Governor.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ JAMES DOOLEY.”

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

By Captain Dunn,—

- (1.) Stock Food Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1920.*

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

14th September, 1920.

(2.) Veterinary Surgeons Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary science ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1920.

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

(3.) Pastures Protection (Amendment) Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1920.

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

(4.) Stallions Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide that only approved stallions shall be used for stud purposes ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1920.

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

(5.) Registration of Stock Brands Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the better regulation of the branding of horses, asses, and mules, and the branding and earmarking of cattle and certain other animals ; to repeal Part VI of the Stock Act, 1901 ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1920.

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

By Mr. Dooley,—

(6.) State Enterprises Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the establishment and carrying on of State Industrial Enterprises, and for the regulation of the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th September, 1920.

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

By Mr. McTiernan,—

(7.) Crimes (Amendment) Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to declare the law with regard to the sittings of Courts of Quarter Sessions ; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.

State Government House,
Sydney, 10th September, 1920.

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

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3. PAPERS :—

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Sewerage Financial By laws, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (2.) Water Financial By-laws, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (3.) Ballina Water Supply By-laws, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Return showing amount expended under the provisions of Section 13 of the Forestry Act, 1916, during the year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—*Election Petition—Robert Stopford and others v. The Sitting Members—Balmain.* :—

- (1.) Mr. Loxton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on the 31st August, 1920, the Petition of Robert Stopford and others, against the return of John Storey, Esquire, John William Doyle, Esquire, John Quirk, Esquire, Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, and Albert Frank Smith, Esquire, as Members for the Electoral District of Balmain.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 11th August, 1920, to whom was referred, on 31st August, 1920, a Petition from Robert Stopford and others, against the return of John Storey, Esquire, John William Doyle, Esquire, John Quirk, Esquire, Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, and Albert Frank Smith, Esquire, the Sitting Members for the Electoral District of Balmain, have determined and do hereby declare :—

“ (1.) That John Storey, Esquire, John William Doyle, Esquire, John Quirk, Esquire, Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, Albert Frank Smith, Esquire, were duly elected for the Electoral District of Balmain.

“ (2.) That the Petition of Robert Stopford and others is altogether groundless.

“ (3.) That the sum of £17 17s., out of the sum of £50, already lodged by the Petitioners, be awarded as witnesses' expenses.

“ (4.) That the sum of £108 10s. 6d. be awarded to the Honorable John Storey, one of the Sitting Members, in respect of his professional costs and expenses, payable as follows :—£32 3s. out of the deposit of £50 lodged by Petitioners, and the balance, £76 7s. 6d. to be paid by the Petitioners to the Honorable John Storey or his agent.

“ No. 1 Committee Room,

“ Legislative Assembly,

“ Sydney, 9th September, 1920.”

“ EDWARD J. LOXTON,

“ Chairman.

Mr. Loxton moved, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Loxton moved, That the Committee have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from Dr. Arthur, one of the Honorable Members for North Shore, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—

“ The necessity for action to prevent the Board of Trade from continuing their inquiry with a view to a further award in connection with the Basic Wage upon the present basis.”

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

Dr. Arthur moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. John Storey submitted that the Debate was out of order. The Board of Trade were considering the subject of the motion, and if the opinion of the House were obtained at this sitting that might influence the decision of the Board.

Mr. Speaker said he could not be expected to know the issues presented before the Board of Trade as they were not officially before him. If an Honorable Member desired to discuss matters which were directly before the Board of Trade for judicial determination he was precluded from doing so by ordinary rules.

Further Point of Order :—Mr. Johnston submitted that the motion was out of order, as it anticipated discussion on Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 17 on the Notice Paper for the introduction of the Motherhood Endowment Bill and the Profiteering Prevention Bill.

Mr. Speaker said he could not uphold the Point of Order.

Question put and negatived.

6. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Bennett moved, “ That ” this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Hearn moved,—That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “ That ” and inserting the words “ the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and Report.”

(2.)

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"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lang, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Michael Burke, Major Connell, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lang, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Michael Burke, Major Connell, and the Mover,—put and passed.

7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' CHARGES BILL:—Mr. Hickey moved, pursuant to Notice,— That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the taxing of medical practitioners' charges.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. CASE OF WILLIAM MAHER, ATTENDANT AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LIDCOMBE:—Mr. Bruntrell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the inquiry by, and recommendation of, the Public Service Board in the case of William Maher, attendant at the Mental Hospital, Lidcombe.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ely, Chaplain-Captain Wilson, Mr. Greig, Major Shillington, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1920.

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

CASE OF DONALD WALTER CROAL:—Mr. Lazzarini presented a Petition from Donald Walter Croal, representing that he was falsely imprisoned in his home in consequence of his inability to wear a mask in accordance with the Government Proclamation, No. 14, of Thursday, 13th January, 1919; that he was wrongfully dismissed from the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in consequence of his inability to wear a mask; that he brought an action against the Government Savings Bank for wrongful dismissal, and was denied British justice; and praying to be heard at the Bar of the House with a view to a reconsideration of his case and reinstatement, with full status, and also reimbursement of all costs, expenses, losses, and damages incurred.

Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Police Superannuation and Reward Fund—Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (2.) Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Farms—Farm Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (3.) Labour Farms Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (4.) Prisons—Bread Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (5.) Prisons—Live Stock Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (6.) Emu Plains Prison Farm—Farm Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (7.) Gosford Farm Home for Boys—Farm Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (8.) Erskineville Bootmaking School—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (9.) Returned Soldiers' Settlement Branch—Produce and Trading Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (10.) Public Health Farm Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (11.) Mental Hospitals Generally—Farm and Garden Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (12.) Aborigines Protection Board—Produce and Sale Store Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (13.) Special Deposits Account—Tourist Resorts Working Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (14.) Animal Industry Account—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Doley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulation under the Fisheries Acts, 1902-1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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3. CORRECTION OF ERROR IN TELLERS' LIST:—Mr. Clark claiming to have his vote recorded in the Division which took place on 8th September, on the motion for leave to bring in the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Election Enabling Bill, on the ground that he was then present and voted with the *Ayes*.—
And Mr. Speaker having pointed out the course which should be followed under Standing Order 212,—
Mr. Clark moved (*without Notice*), That the *Votes and Proceedings* of 8th September be amended by the inclusion in the Division List of Mr. Clark's name with the *Ayes*.
Question put and passed.
4. BLACKHEATH VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate the reconstitution of the Blue Mountains Shire, and the creation thereby of a Municipality of Blackheath and a new Blue Mountains Shire; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"— presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th September, 1920.
FRED. FLOWERS,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. John Storey, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow
5. STANDING ORDERS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE:—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the whole of the Standing Orders be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report, and that the Committee be empowered to offer suggestions for the improvement and simplification of the procedure of this House.
(2.) That the report from the Standing Orders Committee of Session 1918 be referred to this Committee for its consideration.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Dooley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Parliamentary elections; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, and the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1918; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. QUARTER SESSIONS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. McTiernan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare the law with regard to the sittings of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.
Question put and passed.
8. GOVERNMENT INSURANCE BILL:—Mr. McKell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Government Insurance Office; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. WHEAT MARKETING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour: to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. REGISTRATION OF STOCK BRANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 better regulation of the branding of horses, asses, and mules, and the branding and earmarking of cattle and certain other animals; to repeal Part VI of the Stock Act, 1901; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.
Mr.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better regulation of the branding of horses, asses, and mules, and the branding and earmarking of cattle and certain other animals ; to repeal Part VI of the Stock Act, 1901 ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **STALLIONS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 that only approved stallions shall be used for stud purposes ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide that only approved stallions shall be used for stud purposes ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **VETERINARY SURGEONS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 the practice of veterinary science, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary science, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. **PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.

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

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

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Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.

On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. **STOCK FOOD BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL** :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust ; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust ; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

16. SYDNEY HARBOUR WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

17. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

18. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank, Act, 1906, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

19. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent undue profit-taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prevent undue profit taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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15th September, 1920.

20. LAND SURVEYORS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Loughlin, 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 registration of surveyors; to authorise registered surveyors to enter land for purposes relating to surveys; to regulate the practice of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise registered surveyors to enter land for purposes relating to surveys; to regulate the practice of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Loughlin then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise registered surveyors to enter land for purposes relating to surveys; to regulate the practice of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lang moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for year ended 30th June, 1920, together with Appendices and Plans. Ordered to be printed.

2. WHEAT MARKETING BILL:—Captain Dunn, pursuant to leave granted on 15th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
3. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Captain Dunn, pursuant to leave granted on 15th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
4. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lang, pursuant to leave granted on 15th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; to repeal the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved,*—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; to repeal the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; to repeal the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

16th September, 1920.

6. QUARTER SESSIONS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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 declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.
On motion of Mr. McTiernan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Estell, 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. Estell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) *Electoral District of Oxley*:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Registrar General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on 9th September, 1920, of George Stuart Briner, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Oxley.

Whereupon Mr. John Storey moved, That the seat of George Stuart Briner, Esquire, lately serving in this House as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Oxley, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said George Stuart Briner.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Electoral District of Goulburn*:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had to-day received a letter from Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Goulburn.

Whereupon Mr. John Storey moved, That the seat of Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Goulburn, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Augustus George Frederic James.

Question put and passed.

2. GOVERNMENT INSURANCE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McKell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Government Insurance Office; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17th September, 1920.

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

3. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—The following Petitions, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners,—were presented by the members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Loxton:—From certain electors of Burwood.

(2.) By Major Shillington:—From certain electors of Summer Hill.

Petitions received.

21st September, 1920.

4. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL** :—Mr. Simon Hickey, pursuant to leave granted on 14th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the taxing of medical practitioners' charges ; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **PAPERS** :—
Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following papers :—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
(3.) Amended Regulations Nos. 42 and 46, under the Forestry Act, 1916.
(4.) Report of the Forestry Commission for year ended 30th June, 1920.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
(1.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
(2.) Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1910.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Tighe's Creek Stormwater Channel, Newcastle.
(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Junee Water Supply.
(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Bowral Water Supply.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **QUARTER SESSIONS ENABLING BILL** :—Mr. McTiernan, pursuant to leave granted on 16th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions ; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. **TAXATION OF INCOME OF PRIMARY PRODUCERS** :—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Act relating to State Income Tax should be so amended as to provide that the income of the primary producer shall be based upon the average return covering a period of five (5) years' operations.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **PROFITING PREVENTION BILL** :—Mr. Loughlin, *on behalf of* Mr. McTiernan, pursuant to leave granted on 15th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent undue profit taking ; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services ; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations ; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition ; to promote co-operative enterprise ; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration ; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
9. **FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—Mr. Minahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915, in certain respects.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty seven minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulation under the Gas Act, 1912.

(2.) Rules under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Substituted Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases and Fruit Pests Act, 1912.

(2.) New Regulation No. 10 of the Regulations for the management and control of the Botanic Gardens and Garden Palace Grounds.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

By Mr. Lang,—

- (1.) Supply Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan

State Government House,

Sydney, 21st September, 1920.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

- (2.) Racecourses Admission Tax:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose a tax upon payments for admission to certain racecourses.

State Government House,

Sydney, 22nd September, 1920.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

- (3.) Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920.

State Government House,

Sydney, 22nd September, 1920.

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

22nd September, 1920.

By Mr. Loughlin,—

(4.) Subdivision of Large Holdings Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the subdivision of large holdings and for the appropriation and resummptions of portions thereof for certain purposes; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1920.*

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

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from Mr. Perdriau, one of the Honorable Members for Byron, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—
“To consider the action of the Government in connection with the appointment of Mr. James to the Supreme Court Bench.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. John Storey submitted that in debating this motion it was not in order to discuss the qualifications of a gentleman who had been created a Judge. According to a well-known rule reference should not be made to a Judge or his qualifications except on a special motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said the question was the action of the Government in connection with the appointment of Mr. James to the Supreme Court Bench. Mr. James' qualifications for the position were not under discussion. If Mr. James had been gazetted, he ruled that there could be no mention of Mr. James' qualifications to fill the position except upon a substantive motion.

Debate continued.

Further Point of Order :—Mr. Johnston submitted that as the discussion of the conduct of Mr. James was inseparable from the conduct of the Government, in accordance with the rule as laid down in May's "Parliamentary Practice," 12th edition, page 248, this matter should only be discussed as a substantive motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled the motion in order, but said that he must insist that the qualifications of Mr. James for the position to which he had been appointed be left out of the discussion.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker entered the House and took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that the Motion was not definite as required by the Standing Order. He would, if the Mover asked leave to amend his motion, allow it to be amended by striking out the first two words.

And the Honorable Member having asked leave to amend the motion,—

Mr. Speaker stated the subject for discussion, as follows :—“The action of the Government in connection with the appointment of Mr. James to the Supreme Court Bench.”

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided:

Ayes, 33.

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| Mr. Arkins, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Buntnell, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Doe, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson |
| Mr. Drummond, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Bavin, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Major Shillington. |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Mr. Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Nesbitt, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |

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| Mr. Bailey ¹ | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Ley |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McKell, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Frank Burk |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Clark. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |
| Mr. Lang, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

22nd September, 1920.

5. FAIR RENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Minahan, pursuant to leave granted on 21st September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915, in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. POLICE REGULATION APPEALS BILL:—Mr. Dooley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a Police Appeal Board, and to make provision for the reference to such Board of appeals by members, and persons who have been members, of the Police Force; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
7. TRADE UNIONS RE-REGISTRATION BILL:—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
8. SUBDIVISION OF LARGE HOLDINGS BILL:—Mr. Loughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the subdivision of large holdings and for the appropriation and resumption of portions thereof for certain purposes; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Estell, *passed*.
Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election and appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the present Parliament; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the present Parliament; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1920.*
10. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
Mr. George Cann moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Captain Dunn moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 2"—instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 2,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. WHEAT MARKETING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Captain Dunn moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Captain Dunn, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned at eight minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, (p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly;

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales:

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Accounts for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1920, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Government Stud Horse Farm, North Bangaroo, from date of purchase to 30th June, 1920.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation under the Prisons Act, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. WHEAT MARKETING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude—

(1.) A Bill, intituled "A Bill to impose a tax upon payments for admission to certain racecourses, and for purposes connected therewith," and

(2.) A Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and for purposes connected therewith," being brought in and passed through all their stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

WAYS AND MEANS (TAXATION):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, levied, and paid taxes as follows:—

1. Every person admitted into a racecourse situated

(a) within a radius of forty miles of the General Post Office, Sydney; and

(b) within a radius of forty miles of the principal Post Office, Newcastle,

shall pay on the sum paid by him for admission the following tax or taxes:—

(1) Where a separate charge is made by a racing club for admission through an outside gate or into the flat such person shall pay,—

(a) on the sum paid for admission through the outside gate or into the flat a tax of two pence;

(b)

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- (b) on the sum paid for admission into the leger reserve a tax of tenpence; and
 (c) on the sum paid for admission into the saddling paddock,—
 (i) where such person is a male, a tax of three shillings; and
 (ii) where such person is a female, a tax of one shilling and sevenpence.
- (2) Where no separate charge is made for admission through an outside gate or into the flat, such person shall pay,—
 (a) on the sum paid for admission into the leger reserve a tax of one shilling; and
 (b) on the sum paid for admission into the saddling paddock—
 (i) where such person is a male, the sum of three shillings and twopence; and
 (ii) where such person is a female, the sum of one shilling and ninepence.
2. Where the payment made by any person for admission into such racecourse is made by means of a lump sum paid to a racing club as a subscription or contribution, or for a season ticket, or for the right of admission to a series of meetings, or to meetings during a certain period of time, such person shall pay on the amount of such lump sum a tax equal to forty per centum of such amount:
 Such lump sum shall include any lump sum paid or liable to be paid before the date of the coming into operation of this Act, in respect of any period, season, or series of meetings which has not expired or been held prior to such date.

For the purposes of these resolutions,—

“Admission” means admission to a racecourse as a spectator.

“Racecourse” means land used for race meetings, and to which admission is granted by payment of money, by ticket, or otherwise.

“Race meeting” means meeting for horse-racing or pony-racing or trotting clubs.

“Racing club” means club, association, or body of persons, whether incorporated or not, formed for promoting or controlling horse racing, pony-racing, or trotting contests, or for holding race meetings.

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

5. RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to impose a tax upon payments for admission into certain racecourses; and for purposes connected therewith.

(2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to impose a tax upon payments for admission into certain racecourses; and for purposes connected therewith.*”—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to impose a tax upon payments for admission into certain racecourses; and for purposes connected therewith.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to impose a tax upon payments for admission into certain racecourses; and for purposes connected therewith.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nesbitt, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

7. RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (MANAGEMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(3.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.*”—which was read a first time.

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

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(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1920.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-21, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,756,450; being £444,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the month of October, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1921, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1920, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1920-1921, and

£1,694,250 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services viz. :—

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—

Miscellaneous Services—

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| Adjustment of Salaries of Officers, as approved by the Public Service Board and Departmental Boards; to meet Increments granted under the Public Service Act Regulations, including Minimum Wage to male and female employees in the Service | £ | 30,000 |
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RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—

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| Working Expenses | 1,240,000 |
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MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS—

Public Works and Services—

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| Dredge Service | 11,000 |
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Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—

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| Salaries | 8,000 |
| Contingencies | 37,000 |

Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—

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| Salaries | 1,850 |
| Contingencies | 4,400 |

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—

Public Instruction, Technical Education—

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| Salaries and Contingencies | 204,000 |
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State Children Relief Department—

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| Salaries and Contingencies | 28,000 |
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT—

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| Endowment of Shires | 30,000 |
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| £23,000 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes viz. :— | |
| TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE— | £ |
| Sydney Harbour Trust— | |
| Renewals and Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, Plant, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes | 4,500 |
| MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS— | |
| Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage— | |
| Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., and for Renewal Works generally, also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled | 1,500 |
| PUBLIC INSTRUCTION— | |
| Miscellaneous— | |
| School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Trade Schools, Technical Education, Teachers' Training College, and other Buildings, Erections, Additions, Improvements, Equipment, Renewals and Materials | 22,000 |
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| £590,200 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes viz. :— | |
| TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE— | |
| Sydney Harbour Trust— | |
| Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port ... | 25,000 |
| RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS— | |
| Railways— | |
| Rolling-stock to meet additional traffic requirements, and Equipment of new lines, additions to Railway lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes ; and towards Equipment of Refreshment Rooms | 125,000 |
| Duplication of Lines | 35,000 |
| Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell-road to Glebe Island, and Rozelle Bay to Darling Island Railways, including the remodelling of Darling Harbour Lines... .. | 35,000 |
| State Colliery, Lithgow—Development work | 5,000 |
| Tramways— | |
| Additions to Lines, Workshops, Buildings, Rolling Stock, &c. | 30,000 |
| Railway Construction— | |
| Molong to Dubbo—further sum | 12,000 |
| Canowindra to Engowra—further sum | 8,000 |
| Regent's Park to Cabramatta | 10,000 |
| " Enfield Yards | 10,000 |
| Coonabarabran to Burren Junction—further sum | 10,000 |
| Gilmore—Batlow | 8,000 |
| Humula—Batlow | 5,000 |
| Nimmitabel—Bombala | 12,000 |
| Binnaway—Werris Creek | 15,000 |
| Coff's Harbour—Glenreagh | 15,000 |
| MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS— | |
| Sewerage Construction— | |
| Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum | 9,000 |
| Newcastle Sewerage—further sum | 3,500 |
| Harbours and Rivers— | |
| Port Kembla Improvements, Wharfage and Shipping Appliances—further sum ... | 14,000 |
| Coff's Harbour Improvements and Jetty—further sum... .. | 2,200 |
| Manning River—Improvements—further sum | 400 |
| Miscellaneous— | |
| Government Dockyard, Newcastle—Establishment—further sum | 5,000 |
| Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage— | |
| Water Supply— | |
| General Reticulation, Improvements, &c., including Sydney Water Supply Amplification... .. | 36,000 |
| Sewerage— | |
| Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally | 14,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE— | |
| Miscellaneous— | |
| Grain Terminal Elevators—Construction of and for purposes incidental thereto—further sum | 47,000 |
| Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission— | |
| Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supply for Settlers | 4,000 |
| To provide for Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on Irrigation Farms and to assist them in the development thereof | 90,000 |
| To enable the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission to make Advances to settlers on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas for development purposes, and to provide for deferred rents and water rates—to be subsequently repaid ... | 2,000 |
| Works under Water Act No. 44, 1912 | 600 |
| Extension of Wentworth Irrigation Area, including additional pumping plant ... | 2,500 |

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

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10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1920-1921, the sum of £2,756,450 be granted, viz.:—£2,138,250 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £28,000 out of the Public Works Fund, and £590,200 out of the General Loan Account.

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

11. SUPPLY BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 24th September, 1920, A.M.

12. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. George Cann moved,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Cann then moved,—That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th September, 1920, A.M.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

N. w South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS :—

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. W. H. Ray as Assistant, Botanical Laboratory, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Department of Agriculture.
- (2.) By-laws under the Water Act, 1912.
- (3.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm, No. 729, Yanco, No. 1 Irrigation Area, applied for by L. Brackenbridge, per Hugh Stevenson, shall cease to be voidable.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts, from 13th August to 17th September, 1920.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. **DISSENT FROM MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S RULING—DEBATE ON MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—**
Mr. Bavin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, given on Wednesday, 22nd September, upon a motion for the adjournment of the House, to discuss the action of the Government in connection with the appointment of Mr. James to the Supreme Court Bench, that upon such motion it was not competent for Honorable Members to mention Mr. James' qualifications to fill the position.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Chapl-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Arkins, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Baguall, | |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Major Shillington. |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Henley, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Onkes, | |
| Mr. Perdriau, | |
| Mr. Price, | |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, | |
| Mr. Wearne, | |

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Johnston, | |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Doyle, |
| Mr. Lang, | Mr. Quirk. |

And so it passed in the negative.

3. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL :—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Simon Hickey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Hearn moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. George Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Dr. Arthur, Mr. Ball, Mr. Bavin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Doe, Captain Dunn, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Main, Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Reid, Lieut.-Colonel Rutledge, and Mr. Wearne,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-three minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY.
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 SYDNEY HARBOUR WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Lang, 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. Lang, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Lang, 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. Lang, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
3. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment and an amended Title.
 On motion of Mr. Lang, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
 - (1.) Raccourses Admission Tax Bill:—
 MR. SPEAKER,—
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a tax upon payments for admission into certain raccourses; and for purposes connected therewith,*" —returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
 Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 29th September, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
 President.

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29th September, 1920.

(2.) Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—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 September, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (MANAGEMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th September, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 6. Omit "seven" insert "fourteen"

Page 2, clause 3, line 6. After "meeting" insert "or within such further time as the Commissioner of Taxation may allow"

Page 2, clause 3, line 7. Omit—"of Taxation"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 16 and 17. Omit "males and the number of females respectively" insert "persons"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 26 and 27. Omit "males and the number of females respectively" insert "persons."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th September, 1920.

5. SUBDIVISION OF LARGE HOLDINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Loughlin, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the subdivision of large holdings and for the appropriation and resumption of portions thereof for certain purposes; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the subdivision of large holdings and for the appropriation and resumption of portions thereof for certain purposes; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

6. SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th September, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

7. TRADE UNIONS RE-REGISTRATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith.

Mr.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

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

- (1.) Racecourses Admission Tax Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a tax upon payments for admission into certain racecourses; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.

- (2.) Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.

- (3.) Supply Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920–1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.

30th September, 1920.

(4.) Harbour and Tonnage Rates Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates, and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports ; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from such wharfs ; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 29th September, 1920.

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

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS ELECTION ENABLING BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the present Parliament ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

3. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6.30 p.m., and after that hour Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL :—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates, and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports ; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removal of goods on or from such wharfs ; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY HARBOUR WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.

6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament ; to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament ; to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.

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30th September, 1920.

7. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Saving Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1920.*
8. QUARTER SESSIONS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. John Storey, 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. McTiernan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. TRADE UNIONS RE-REGISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M

Debate continued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

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| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson. |
| Mr. Ely, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Doyle, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Kearsley. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | |
| Mr. Gosling, | |
| Mr. Greig, | |
| Mr. Johnston, | |

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| Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Ball, |
| Mr. Bavin, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, |
| Mr. Doc, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, |
| Sir George Fuller, |
| Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Oakes, |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge. |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, |
| Mr. Nesbitt. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

10. BLACKHEATH VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Mutch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Mutch, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ball, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Mutch, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nesbitt, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

URGENCY—PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Ley moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the law relating to Parliamentary Elections; amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; amend the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1918; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put.
House divided.

Ayes, 26.

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| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Major Shillington, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Cocks, | |
| Mr. Doc, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Heuley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Nesbitt, | |

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. William Davies, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Molesworth. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | |
| Mr. Johnston, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE :—Mr. John Storey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.
Question put and passed.

3. QUARTER SESSIONS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McTiernan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.*"
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1920.*

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4. BLACKHEATH VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to validate the reconstitution of the Blue Mountains Shire, and the creation thereby of a Municipality of Blackheath and a new Blue Mountains Shire; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate the reconstitution of the Blue Mountains Shire, and the creation thereby of a Municipality of Blackheath and a new Blue Mountains Shire; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th October, 1920.

5. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE ON THE BASIS OF ONE LIFE ONE VOTE VALUE:—Mr. Bagnall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Electoral Act should be amended to provide an extension of the franchise on the basis of one life one vote value; where the life is below adult age, in that case the parents or guardians to cast a vote on its behalf.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 19th October.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 30th September, 1920.

6. TRADE UNIONS RE-REGISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jaques moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the first Schedule instead thereof."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. William Davies, |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Quirk. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |

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| Mr. Arkins, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Ball, | Chapl. Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Bavin, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Loxton. |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | |
| Mr. Cocks, | |
| Mr. Doc, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Nesbitt, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Mr. Perdriau, | |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th October, 1920.

7. HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing,

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storing, stacking, and removal of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removal of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

8. **WHEAT MARKETING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

Captain Dunn moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

9. **HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL**:—Mr. Lang, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Bavin presented a Petition from certain electors of Five Dock, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the Electoral System, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day, Medical Practitioners Charges Bill, resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr. Simon Hickey, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—postponed until Tuesday next.

3. **WHEAT MARKETING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Captain Dunn moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Captain Dunn, *passed*.

Captain Dunn then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921 and certain other wheat, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921 and certain other wheat, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th October, 1920.

6th October, 1920.

4. ARCHITECTS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the registration and to regulate the practice of architects ; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building ; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 5th October, 1920.

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

5. METROPOLITAN MAIN ROADS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr Lang, 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 better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area ; to constitute a Main Roads Board ; to impose a wheel tax ; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the Metropolitan area ; to constitute a Main Roads Board ; to impose a wheel tax ; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Carr presented a Petition from certain electors of Cronulla, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS ELECTION ENABLING BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. John Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intitled "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the present Parliament; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th October, 1920.*

3. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report by Dr. H. D. Palmer, Department of Public Health, in regard to an inquiry into the matter of the dismissal of Sister Lowrey, Parkes District Hospital.
- (2.) Report by Auditor-General in regard to the examination of accounts and the investigation into the charges made by Mr. Thomas Peters, Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.
- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Dr. C. G. Allen as Junior Resident Medical Officer, Department of Mental Hospitals, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulations Nos. 20, 32, 49, 77, 164, 192, 205A, 206, 221, 222, 269, 305, 307, 308, 313, 314, 317, 319, 320, 325, 326, 327, and 328, and Amended Forms under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7th October, 1920.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Government Savings Bank (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(2.) Public Accounts Committee Election Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

5. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Nesbitt asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether the Bill was in order. It proposed to amend certain Acts not enumerated in the Order of Leave or the Title of the Bill. In the Title the Bill was taking power to control necessary services, and in taking that power was amending certain Acts without those Acts being enumerated in the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker said: No doubt rulings had been given in this House in the past on the subject of the Titles of Bills which it was very difficult to reconcile. He could not recognise any such rule as that the Title of a Bill must contain a reference to every Act of Parliament which might be even remotely, or by inference, affected or amended by a Bill. There was nothing in the Standing Orders or in any of the well-known books on Parliamentary Practice and Law which would justify such a contention. All that is required was that the Bill should not contain provisions which were not authorised by the Order of Leave. "May," 12th edition, page 351, states the rule as to the preparation of Bills. If the Honorable Member had been able to point out some portion of the contents of the Bill which went beyond the Order of Leave he might have felt disposed to uphold the point. Mr. Speaker Abbott, on the 1st February, 1893, had stated that if an Order of Leave covered a Bill generally he would not enforce the strict rule which had hitherto prevailed here. He had come to the conclusion that there was no rule which he could safely follow to the effect that the Title of a Bill must contain a specific reference to every statute which might be even indirectly or inferentially affected by the passage of the Bill. For those reasons he could not uphold the point of order.

Mr. McTiernan continued his speech.

Sir George Fuller moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Loxton presented a Petition from certain electors of Killara, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential " voting " systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

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

By Mr. Mutch,—

- (1.) Metropolitan Main Roads Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to impose a wheel tax; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 2 th August, 1920.*

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

By Mr. John Storey,—

- (2.) Government Savings Bank (Amendment) Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1920.*

12th October, 1920.

(3.) Blackheath Validation Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate the reconstitution of the Blue Mountains Shire, and the creation thereby of a Municipality of Blackheath and a new Blue Mountains Shire; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th October, 1920.

(4.) Public Accounts Committee Election Enabling Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1920.

3. FAIR RENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Minahan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915, in certain respects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1920.

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

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Stormwater Channels at Willoughby.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Portland Hospital Sewerage.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Housing Purposes at Hamilton.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Balance-Sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account, of the State Clothing Factory for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (2.) Balance-Sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account of the State Drug Depot for year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (3.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (4.) Regulations under the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (2.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Simon Hickey, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th October.

And

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12th October, 1920.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

6. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. McTiernan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tomorrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF JAMES FINGLETON, ESQUIRE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS FOR EASTERN SUBURBS :—Mr. John Storey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of James Fingleton, Esquire, one of the Members for Eastern Suburbs, and that this House do now adjourn.

The motion having been seconded by Sir George Fuller, and supported by Mr. Bavin and Mr. O'Halloran,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

RICHMOND TO KURRAJONG RAILWAY:—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from certain returned soldiers, of Kurrajong, representing that the number of settlers in the district is about 400 landholders; that during the last two years about fifty returned soldiers have settled in the district and are greatly handicapped in marketing the product of their industry; that the holdings have recently been ploughed and planted, and that the Petitioners will be greatly hampered in their work by reason of the delay in extending the railway; that the Federal Government recently advanced £3,500,000 to be used by the State chiefly in providing railway facilities for soldier settlements; and praying that portion of this loan be used in constructing the proposed railway from Richmond to Kurrajong.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1919.
- (2.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1919.
- (3.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations and Schedules under the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Dr. W. F. D. La Touch, as Junior Resident Medical Officer, Department of Mental Hospitals, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—DATE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES:**—Pursuant to the requirement of the 9th section of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Election Enabling Act, 1920, Mr. Speaker appointed Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1920, as the date up to and including which nominations of Members of the Legislative Assembly for election and appointment as members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall be received; such nominations, made and signed by at least five Members, to be delivered to the Clerk, together with the written consent of the Member nominated.

14th October, 1920.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 13th October, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th October, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, lines 4 and 5. *Omit "fibroid phthisis or"*
Title, line 7. *Omit "or other"*
Page 2, clause 2, line 13. *Omit "or other"*
Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *Omit "fibroid phthisis or"*
Page 2, clause 2, line 22. *Omit "or other"*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Sydney Harbour Wharfage and Tonnage Rates (Amendment) Bill :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th October, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from Mr. Ley, one of the Honorable Members for St. George, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—
"The injury to the dignity and authority of Parliament involved in the Government's declared intention of remitting to a judge the power of deciding what Members' Parliamentary allowances should be, and the menace to the public weal by the Premier's attempted intimidation on this and other matters to make the Judiciary subserve the political ends of his Government."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Ley moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was not specific, as required by the Standing Order, as it referred to more than one matter, and was therefore out of order.

6. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. McTiernan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Oakes, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1920.*

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

2. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown lands intended to be dedicated to public purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the table the following Paper:—Second Progress Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry (Mr. W. J. Kessell) into claims lodged under the provisions of the Influenza Epidemic Relief Act, 1919, together with Schedules.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. W. W. Cooke, as orchardist, Experiment Farm, Glen Innes, Department of Agriculture.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amendment of Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

(2.) General Order under the Conveyancing Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:**—Mr. John Storey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to the Standing Orders Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.

4. **LARGE HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION BILL:**—Mr. Loughlin, pursuant to leave granted on 29th September, 1920, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the subdivision of large holdings and for the appropriation and resumption of portions thereof for certain purposes; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

19th October, 1920.

5. COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE OF RUSSIA :—Mr. Bagnall proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a Commission of representative citizens to proceed to Russia at the earliest opportunity and investigate the true condition of the people of Russia under Bolshevik rule, and generally as to the principles and objectives of Bolshevism,—
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 2nd November.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

6. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. McTiernan, " That this Bill be now read a second " time,"—
And the question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Oakes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Mr. Loxton presented a Petition from certain electors of Drummoyne, representing that the principle of one-vote one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Dr. Hugh Chandos Wall as School Medical Officer, Medical Branch, Department of Public Instruction.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CASUAL VACANCIES)* BILL:—Mr. Dooley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
4. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
5. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto
Question put and passed
6. GAS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912.
Question put and passed.
7. TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. John Storey, *on behalf of* Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith,
Question put and passed.

20th October, 1920.

8. ARCHITECTS BILL :—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Mutch*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration and to regulate the practice of architects; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

9. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. McTiernan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order :—Mr. Price asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether the Bill was in order, and pointed out that clause 23 proposed to restrict certain trading operations between the States, which was a breach of the Commonwealth Constitution.

Mr. Speaker said the question whether an Act of Parliament passed by this Legislature was *ultra vires* the Commonwealth Constitution was a legal point which might be raised before the High Court. He could not rule the Bill out of order on the ground put forward.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M.

Mr. Buckley moved, that this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business and Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. McTiernan, until To-morrow.

11. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to admit Richard Denis Meagher to practice as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales; to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1898, and the Charter of Justice; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Debate ensued.

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

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, and stated that there were five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Main, Mr. Bavin, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Buttenshaw, and Captain Chaffey.

- (2.) Mr. Bennett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to admit Richard Denis Meagher to practice as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales; to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1898, and the Charter of Justice; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Mr. Oakes presented a Petition from certain electors of Rose Bay, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

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

By Mr. George Cann,—

- (1.) Mining (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 20th October, 1920.*

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

- (2.) Gas Act (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 21st October, 1920.*

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

21st October, 1920.

(3.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st October, 1920.

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

By Mr. Dooley,—

(4.) Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Bill —

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th October, 1920.

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

3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Wheat Marketing Bill —

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921, and certain other wheat, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st October, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

WHEAT MARKETING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st October, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 22. At end of paragraph, *add* "Such authorised agent shall not be deemed to be a factor within the meaning of the Factors Act, 1899."

Page 3, clause 3, line 33. *Omit* "and the regulations."

Page 4, clause 4, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* "of Western Australia, South Australia, and Victoria"

Page 5, clause 5, line 10. *Omit* "hereinafter"

Page 5, clause 5, line 11. *Omit* "or its authorised agents"

Page 6, clause 8, line 31. *Omit* "State Wheat Board" *insert* "Board."

Page 7, clause 10, line 10. *Omit* "specified" *insert* "so declared"

Page 9. *After* Clause 13 *insert* new Clause to stand as Clause 14, as follows:—

" 14. (1) Where in connection with any transfer of a certificate issued to a grower and the acceptance and allowance by the board of such transfer the board has acted in good faith and without negligence it shall not incur any liability to—

" (a) the grower; or (b) the transferee; or (c) any party claiming through, under, or in trust for either of them—

" for any loss, damage, or prejudice to such grower or transferee or party accrued or accruing by reason of the acceptance and allowance of such transfer.

" (2.) If prior to receiving notice of claim to any certificate or to the chose-in-action or any part thereof the subject matter of a certificate the board has in good faith and without negligence adjusted and settled with the person named in such certificate for the money payable thereunder, the board shall not incur any liability to the true owner of such chose-in-action, or any part thereof, or to any party claiming through, under, or in trust for him: Provided that the board shall not be entitled to the protection of this subsection in respect of any moneys remaining in its hands at the time of receipt by it of notice of such claim, or thereafter coming to its hands in respect of a chose-in-action the subject matter of such claim.

" (3.) This section shall not in any way prejudice or affect any rights *inter se* of any parties claiming adversely to one another to be entitled whether at law or in equity to the chose-in-action the subject-matter or part of the subject-matter of any certificate.

" (4.)

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"(4.) The board may plead this section in absolute bar of any proceeding (whether at law or in equity) by any grower, transferee, or party aforesaid to enforce any claim against the board in respect of such chose-in-action or any part thereof.

"(5) In this section unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter,—

"Transfer" means any instrument in writing made or purporting to be made between the transferor of a certificate named therein and a purchaser from such transferor for valuable consideration, and being or purporting to be an absolute transfer of such certificate (but not a transfer by way of security), and appearing to be regular on its face, and to be duly signed by the transferor; and the verb 'transfer' has a corresponding meaning."

Page 10, clause 19, lines 40 and 41. *Omit* "at such times as the board may direct." *Insert* "by the Auditor-General, who shall have, with respect to such accounts, all the powers conferred upon him by the Audit Acts."

"The Board shall furnish to the Governor a true copy of the accounts so audited as aforesaid, together with a particular statement of the moneys received by the board, and of the expenditure thereof."

"Copies of such accounts and of such statements shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament if then sitting, or if not then sitting at the next ensuing session thereof." "Statements of the position of the affairs under the control of the board as accurately as is practicable shall be furnished by the board once in each month, and shall be published in manner prescribed."

Page 12. *After* clause 21 *insert* new Clause to stand as Clause 23, as follows:—

"23. Nothing in this Act shall affect or prejudice any action or suit commenced before the sixteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty, or any claim in respect of which an application has been made before that date for the appointment of a nominal defendant or for leave to proceed."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Quarter Sessions Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st October, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from Mr. Bagnall, one of the Honorable Members for St. George, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The Government's contemptuous attitude in refusing the request of the Commonwealth War Museum Committee to provide accommodation for the display of New South Wales' share of war trophies."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Brookfield submitted that the subject was not a matter of urgent public importance, and was therefore out of order.

Mr. Speaker said the fact that five Honorable Members, irrespective of the Mover, had risen in their places in support of the motion made the matter one of urgent public importance. He was bound to follow, not only the ruling of a previous Speaker, but the decision of the House itself. He ruled the motion in order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Doyle moved, That Mr. Arkins, one of the Honorable Members for St George, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Simon Hickey, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. John Storey. |
| Mr. Ely, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Flannery, | Major Connell, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Molesworth. |
| Mr. Gosling, | |
| Mr. Greig, | |

Noes, 24.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Ball, | Chaplain-Capt. Wilson |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. Price. |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Pegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Nesbitt, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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21st October, 1920.

Mr. Mutch moved, That the Question be now put.
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.
The House divided?”

Ayes, 32.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Simon Hickey, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey. |
| Mr. Flannery, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Brookfield, |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. O'Brien. |
| Mr. Greig, | |

Noes, 26.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Ball, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. Walker. |
| Mr. Doe, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Drummond, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favor of the Motion, being a major ty, consisted of at least thirty members,—

And Mr. Bagnall having spoken in reply,—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of* Mr. Oakes, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
7. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. McTiernan, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—And the Question being again proposed,—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
Mr. Price moved,—That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.”
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Ball, Mr. Birt, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Loxton, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Cocks, Mr. Bavin, and the Mover,—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Question again proposed,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Johnston, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. John Storey. |
| Mr. Doyle, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Cleary, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Simon Hickey. |
| Mr. Greig, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |

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| Mr. Bavin, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, |
| Mr. Carr, |
| Mr. Fegan, |
| Mr. Grimm, |
| Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. Main, |
| Colonel Onslow. |
| Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Weatne. |

Tellers,

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| Mr. Doe, |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

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21st October, 1920.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Government Business and Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2, of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Dooley, until Tuesday next.
9. **CLAIMS OF MESSRS. WORRALL BROTHERS, OF MANILDRA**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Worrall Brothers, of Manildra, millers, for compensation for loss sustained by them in relation to wheat trucked from Manildra to Sydney, and otherwise supplied to the New South Wales Wheat Board or its agents, or both.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Captain Dunn, Mr. Grimm, Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Ball, Mr. Flannery, Mr. Buttenshaw, Mr. Carr, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
10. **DECLINE IN THE METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRY**:—Mr. Davidson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the serious decline in the metalliferous industry of this State.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. George Cann, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Fegan, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
11. **CASE OF SECOND-CLASS POLICE INSPECTOR McDONALD**:—Mr. Greig moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Second-class Inspector McDonald, of the Police Department, and late of Newtown.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dooley, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Frank Burke, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dooley moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY.
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

CLAIMS OF MESSRS. WORRALL BROTHERS, OF MANILDRA:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from James Rhodes Worrall and Sidney Andrew William Worrall, trading as Worrall Brothers, of Manildra, in the State of New South Wales, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Worrall Brothers, of Manildra, for compensation for loss sustained by them in relation to wheat trucked from Manildra to Sydney and otherwise supplied to the New South Wales Wheat Board or its agents or both; and praying for permission to appear by solicitor or counsel before such Committee, with a right to adduce evidence, and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. John Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
 - (1.) Sydney Harbour Wharfrage and Tonnage Rates (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON, *Message No. 37.*
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Wharfrage and Harbour Rates) Act, 1914, and the Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1920.
 - (2.) Quarter Sessions Enabling Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON, *Message No. 38.*
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 26th October, 1920.
3. VACANT SEAT—*Electoral District of Eastern Suburbs*:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on 13th October, 1920, of James Fingleton, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Eastern Suburbs. Whereupon Mr. John Storey moved, That the seat of James Fingleton, Esquire, lately serving in this House as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Eastern Suburbs, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said James Fingleton. Question put and passed.

26th October, 1920.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Nominations for Election* :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received the following nominations of Candidates for Election as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Election Enabling Act, 1920, viz. :—

Simon Hickey, Esquire, a Member for Botany.
 Walter Bennett, Esquire, a Member for Maitland.
 Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire, a Member for Newcastle
 John Bailey, Esquire, a Member for Goulburn.
 Frank Augustus Chaffey, Esquire, a Member for Namoi.

(2.) *Ballot for the Election of Members of the Committee* :—Pursuant to the requirement of the 9th section of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Election Enabling Act, 1920, Mr. Speaker appointed Thursday, the 28th day of October, 1920, between the hours of 5 o'clock and 6 o'clock p.m., as the date and hour upon and at which a Ballot shall take place for the Election of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

5. PAPER :—Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Final Report of Royal Commission (Mr. Justice Fring) appointed to inquire into certain matters concerning the administration of the State Wheat Office.
 Ordered to be printed.

6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
 Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for services to be hereafter provided for by loan.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Simon Hickey, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 9th November.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Lang moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lang moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—being brought in and passed 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.
 Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,860,200; being £444,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the month of November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1921, to be expended at the

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the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1920, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1920-1921, and £1,496,200 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz. :-

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—

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| Miscellaneous Services— | £ |
| Adjustment of Salaries of Officers, as approved by the Public Service Board and Departmental Boards; to meet Increments granted under the Public Service Act Regulations, including Minimum Wage to male and female employes in the Service | 30,000 |

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—

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| Working Expenses | 1,145,000 |
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MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS—

Public Works and Services—

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| Dredge Service | 11,000 |
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Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—

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| Salaries | 8,000 |
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| Contingencies | 37,000 |
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Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—

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| Salaries | 1,800 |
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| Contingencies | 4,400 |
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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—

Public Instruction, Technical Education—

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| Salaries and Contingencies | 204,000 |
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State Children Relief Department—

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| Salaries and Contingencies | 30,000 |
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT—

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| Endowment of Shires | 25,000 |
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✓ £32,200 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz. :-

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—

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Sydney Harbour Trust—

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| Renewals and Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, Plant, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes | 2,000 |
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RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—

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| Railways and Tramways | 700 |
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MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS—

Works and Services—

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| Bridges | 6,000 |
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Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—

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| Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., and for Renewal Works generally, also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled | 1,500 |
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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—

Miscellaneous—

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| School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Trade Schools, Technical Education, Teachers' Training College, and other Buildings, Erections, Additions, Improvements, Equipment, Renewals and Materials | 22,000 |
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✓ £887,800 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz. :-

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—

Sydney Harbour Trust—

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| Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port ... | 32,000 |
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RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—

Railways—

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| Rolling-stock to meet additional traffic requirements, and Equipment of new lines, additions to Railway lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes; and towards Equipment of Refreshment Rooms | 110,000 |
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| Duplication of Lines | 40,000 |
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| Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell-road to Globe Island, and Rozelle Bay to Darling Island Railways, including the remodelling of Darling Harbour Lines... | 25,000 |
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| State Colliery, Lithgow—Development work | 5,000 |
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Tramways—

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| Additions to Lines, Workshops, Buildings, Rolling Stock, &c. | 20,000 |
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Railway Construction—

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| Molong to Dubbo—further sum | 5,000 |
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| Canowindra to Eugowra—further sum | 15,000 |
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| Regent's Park to Cabramatta | 22,000 |
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| Coonabarabran to Burren Junction—further sum | 15,000 |
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| Gilmore—Batlow | 4,000 |
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| Cooma—Bombala | 12,000 |
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| Dubbo—Werris Creek | 7,000 |
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| North Coast Railway | 30,000 |
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| Wagga—Tumbarumba | 10,000 |
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| Yanco—Griffith | 8,000 |
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| Westmead—Castle Hill | 4,000 |
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| MINISTER FOR LANDS— | | £ |
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| Closer Settlement— | | |
| To provide for the Acquisition of Land for purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses, the whole amount to be carried to the Closer Settlement Account and expended in accordance with the provisions of section 7 (1) of Act No. 9, 1906 | | 250,000 |
| MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS— | | |
| Sewerage Construction— | | |
| Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum | ... | 14,000 |
| Newcastle Sewerage—further sum | ... | 3,500 |
| Harbours and Rivers— | | |
| Port Kembla Improvements, Wharfage and Shipping Appliances—further sum | ... | 9,000 |
| Coff's Harbour Improvements and Jetty—further sum | ... | 3,000 |
| Manning River—Improvements—further sum | ... | 700 |
| Water Supplies— | | |
| Improvements, Sydney Water Supply | ... | 21,000 |
| Miscellaneous— | | |
| Government Dockyard, Newcastle.—Establishment—further sum | ... | 7,000 |
| Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage— | | |
| Water Supply— | | |
| General Reticulation, Improvements, &c., including Sydney Water Supply Amplification | ... | 42,000 |
| Sewerage— | | |
| Construction and Ventilation of Sewerage generally | ... | 13,000 |
| Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board— | | |
| Water Supply— | | |
| Extension of Reticulation, Improvements, and other Works | ... | 2,000 |
| Sewerage— | | |
| Extension and Reticulation, Improvements, and other Works | ... | 1,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE— | | |
| Miscellaneous— | | |
| Grain Terminal Elevators—Construction of and for purposes incidental thereto—further sum | ... | 40,000 |
| Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission— | | |
| Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers | ... | 5,000 |
| To provide for Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on Irrigation Farms and to assist them in the development thereof | ... | 110,000 |
| To enable the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission to make Advances to Settlers on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas for development purposes, and to provide for deferred rents and water rates—to be subsequently repaid | ... | 2,000 |
| Works under Water Act, No. 44, 1912 | ... | 600 |

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

- (3.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1920-1921, the sum of £2,860,200 be granted, viz.:—£1,940,200 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £32,200 out of the Public Works Fund, and £887,800 out of the General Loan Account.

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

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan."

Question put and passed

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence:

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1920.*

12. WHEAT MARKETING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 Captain Dunn, 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 confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921 and certain other wheat, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1920.*

13. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

14. GAS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 Gas Act, 1912.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Oakes presented a Petition from certain electors of Vaucluse, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amendment of Ordinance under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulation under the Pure Food Act, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Substituted Rule under the Police Regulation Act, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulations under the Public Trustee Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Estell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st October, 1920.

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

4. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dooley, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes.

Mr.

27th October, 1920.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Storey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. LARGE HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Loughlin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

6. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith*."—which was read a first time.

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

7. HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after midnight,

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

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| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Davidson; | Mr. Scally, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Flannery, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Michael Burke, |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Major Connell. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |
| Mr. Lang, | |

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| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge. |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. Drummond, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Colonel Onslow. |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Main, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—The following Petitions, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first past the post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Lee—From certain electors of Erskineville.

(2.) By Mr. A. F. Smith—From certain electors of the Glebe.

Petitions received.

2. **THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL-MINES RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. O'Hearn, 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 14th September, 1920, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. O'Hearn then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 9th November.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Regulation under the Irrigation Acts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of portion of Wickham Wharf, Newcastle.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, and Local Government Act, 1919, for Willoughby Stormwater Channels.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of Dam across Avon River, in connection with Sydney Water Supply.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Great Ana Branch, Darling River Water Trust.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of Low-level Pumping Station in Gardener's-road, Alexandria.

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- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Lithgow Water Supply and Sewerage.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, and Local Government Act, 1919, for Canterbury Drainage.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of Traffic on existing line of Railway between Sydney and Parramatta, by widening the line near Ashfield.
- (15.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for authorised line of Railway between Coff's Harbour and Glenreagh, Part I, by provision of Tunnel No. 5, near Coff's Harbour.
- (16.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of authorised line of Railway between Coff's Harbour and Glenreagh.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—
- (1.) *Ballot for Election of Members* :—The Order of the Day having been read,—and the Bells rung,—the House proceeded to the Ballot.
- (2.) *Members Elected* :—The Clerk having delivered to Mr. Speaker the result of the Ballot, Mr. Speaker declared the following to be elected members of the Committee, viz. :—
- Simon Hickey, Esquire,
Walter Bennett, Esquire,
John Bailey, Esquire.
Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire,
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE—Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of Mr. Bennett*, Chairman, brought up the Seventia Report from the Printing Committee.
6. HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lang, *passed*.
- Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates, and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates, and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1920.*
7. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SILICOSIS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read—on motion of Mr. George Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.
- On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th October, 1920, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill,—
- Disagrees to the amendments, including the amendments in the Title,—because, so far as the omission of the words "fibroid phthisis or" is concerned, the measure will depart from the form of the English Act, which is accepted as the most satisfactory authority upon the question, and because the deletion of the words "or other" unnecessarily restricts the operation of the measure, confining it to the disease of silicosis, while there are other "dust diseases" which are known to be injurious, and doubtless others which may be injurious. So far as the first class is concerned, reference is made to the Broken Hill mines in connection with which the recent Technical Commission investigating industrial diseases in those mines, established conclusively that a considerable amount of disease affecting the lungs was caused by lead-sulphide ore dust, and as such would not be covered by the Bill as amended. It is further urged that as the Bill is really only an enabling measure, providing for the establishment of schemes in appropriate cases to secure compensation

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compensation for workmen afflicted with industrial diseases of the lungs, caused by dust, it is an advantage to have the scope of the measure widely extended, so as to avoid the necessity for new legislation when it is desired to cover any disease of this class, the authority of Parliament being sufficiently safeguarded by the fact that any scheme established under the Bill must be laid before Parliament for approval in terms of Clause 3 (iii).

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from the Council's amendments in the Bill, including the amendments in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1920.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

9. GAS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dooley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Loxton pointed out that it was an essential part of the Constitution that there should be a Nominee and an Elective Chamber. This Bill contemplated that it should be within the discretion of the leader of a party in the House to appoint nominees in the case of every seat in the Elective House. He submitted that the Bill was unconstitutional because it was not within the four corners of the Constitution granted to us by the Imperial Parliament, and was *ultra vires* this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was asked to rule this Bill out of order on the ground that it was unconstitutional. The Bill had come before the House in an orderly and proper manner, and conformed *prima facie* to the ordinary rules relating to Bills. The Honorable Member Mr. Loxton had not adduced any arguments why it should be ruled out of order on those principles which ordinarily regulate the rulings with regard to Bills of this kind. The Honorable Member had argued that the Bill was out of order because it indirectly contravened the principle embodied in our Constitution that this should be an Elective House. It appeared to be quite clear from Section 4, of the Imperial Constitution Statute that this House had power, subject to certain rules and certain provisions of law, with regard to the reservation of Bills for the Imperial Assent to alter its own Constitution; and as this Bill had come before the House it purported to be an amendment of the law relating to Parliamentary Elections and the method of choosing Members for this House. That being the case, he was not prepared to say that the Bill was out of order on the grounds advanced.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at Twenty-five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 37.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—The following Petitions, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. McTiernan—From certain electors of Petersham.

(2.) By Dr. Arthur—From certain electors of Mosman.

Petitions received.

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

- (1.) Supply Bill (No. 2):—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 41.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1920-1921, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account, for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Wheat Marketing Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 42.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to confer certain powers on the Government of New South Wales in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1920-1921 and certain other wheat, and the sale of wheat on account of the owners thereof; to indemnify the Government of New South Wales, its officers, and certain other persons, against any claims arising out of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners or such other persons to carry certain wheat or flour; to provide for the cancellation of certain contracts; to amend the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st November, 1920.

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3. PAPERS :—

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Report of Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, held in Melbourne, 16th to 20th July, 1920.

(2.) Copy of Commission issued to Mr. Justice Edmunds to inquire into the question of increasing the Salaries or Allowances to Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

(3.) Terms of Commission issued to Mr. Justice Edmunds to inquire into matters relating to the control and management of the New South Wales Railways and Tramways.

(4.) Terms of Commission issued to his Honor G. S. Beeby to inquire into the Hours of Work in Certain Industries.

(5.) Terms of Commission issued to the Honorable Mr. Justice Street to inquire into the administration of the Returned Soldiers' Settlement Branch of the Department of Lands.

(6.) Report of the Fisheries Department for 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill, second reading [*Mr. Bennett*], postponed until To-morrow.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Parliamentary elections; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1918; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto was, on motion of Mr. Dooley, discharged.

6. ABOLITION OF STATE PARLIAMENTS :—Mr. Bagnall, proceeding to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived, in the interests of effective government and economy, for the abolition of the State Parliaments and the substitution therefor of a National Parliament, with full Sovereign rights, to govern the Australian nation.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

7. GAS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill on motion of Mr. George Cann, read a third time, and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 2nd November, 1920.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway from Bankstown to East Hills* :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Bankstown to East Hills.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Deviation of the Main Western Railway Line between George's Plains and Gresham* :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a proposed deviation of the Main Western Railway line between George's Plains and Gresham.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Tramway along Lyon's-road, Drummoyne, to Five Dock* :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Tramway along Lyon's-road, Drummoyne, to Five Dock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

10. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock, p.m.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer, the nominations of—

Mr. J. J. Cleary,
Mr. A. A. C. Cocks,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. V. C. R. W. Johnston, and
Mr. T. R. Bavin,

for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee, constituted under that Act, and stated that it would be his duty to submit these names, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House for decision by open voting, which he would do after formal business had been disposed of, on Tuesday next.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Conveyancing Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Dooley, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

- (2.) Elder's Trustee and Executor Company, Limited, Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon Elder's Trustee and Executor Company, Limited,*"—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, 3rd November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Dooley, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow

3. CASE OF DONALD WALTER CROAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lazzarini moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the prayer of the Petition of Donald Walter Croal, of 60 Corunna-road, Staunmore, praying to be heard in person at the Bar of the House, be granted.
Question put and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the "Ayes" had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, declared the determination of the House to be in the affirmative, and stated that there were seven Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Johnston, Mr. Ball, Sir George Fuller, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Lang, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Bennett.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for St. George, Mr. Bagnall, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—
“The neglect of the Government in the matter of making available homes for the people, as provided in the Housing (Extension) Act, 1919.”

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

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

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That Mr. Bagnall, one of the Honorable Members for St. George, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

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| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Greig, |
| Mr. Lang, | Mr. Johnston. |
| Mr. Lazzarini, | |

Noes, 28.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Main, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Ball, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, | Major Shillington |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. Walker. |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McKell moved, That the Question be now put

Question put,—“That the Question be now put

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

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| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Simon Hickey, |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Murphy. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |
| Mr. Lang, | |

Noes, 27.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Captain Chaffey, |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. Perdriau. |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Nesbitt, | |

And it appearing by the 'Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members.”—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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7. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Estell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines, within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 4th November, 1920, a.m.

8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business, the Orders of the Day, and Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business, postponed until To-morrow.

9. PRACTICE OF INSURANCE COMPANIES IN REGARD TO THE LAW OF FORECLOSURE :—Mr. Johnston moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practice generally adopted by insurance companies in regard to the law of foreclosure, particularly that of the National Mutual Life Association, in regard to the estate of the late Montagu Levy, with a view to the amendment of the Act if necessary.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McFernan, Mr. O'Halloran, Mr. Flannery, Chaplain-Captain Wilson, Mr. A. F. Smith, Mr. Doe, and the Mover.

(3.) That the minutes of proceedings and evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1918 be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENTS :—Mr. Dooley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Copy of Reports by the Chief Inspector under the Pure Food Act, 1908, for six months on Foodstuffs and Rabbits in Cold Storage. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper :—New Regulation under the Irrigation Acts. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State ; to amend the Acts relating to industrial arbitration ; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State ; to amend the Acts relating to industrial arbitration ; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th November, 1920.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of* Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*New Building for the Stores Supply Department*) :—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting a new building for the Stores Supply Department.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

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

4th November, 1920.

6. CONDITIONS, PROSPECTS, AND METHODS OF IMPROVING THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY :—

Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council, having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the Conditions and Prospects of the Agricultural Industry and Methods of Improving the Same, and that Committee being desirous of examining Captain Frank Augustus Chaffey, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th November, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Mr. Dooley moved, That Captain Frank Augustus Chaffey have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Conditions, Prospects, and Methods of Improving the Agricultural Industry," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated 4th November, 1920, requesting leave for Captain Frank Augustus Chaffey, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Conditions, Prospects, and Methods of Improving the Agricultural Industry," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th November, 1920, a.m.*

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business, the Orders of the Day, and Notice of Motion No. 2, of General Business, postponed until Tuesday next.

8. SLUM AND CONGESTED AREAS, SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE :—Mr. Gosling moved, pursuant to Notice (as amended by consent),—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the health, sanitation, and housing of workers in the slum and congested areas in and around Sydney and Newcastle.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Reid, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Frank Burke, Major Connell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Ley presented a Petition from certain electors of Kogarah, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. **LARGE HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION BILL** :—Mr. Wearne presented a Petition from certain associations in New South Wales, interested in stock and sheep breeding and farm lands generally, and from the Primary Producers' Union, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will not pass the Large Holdings Subdivision Bill.
Petition received.

3. **CASE OF SECOND-CLASS POLICE INSPECTOR McDONALD** :—Mr. Dooley presented a Petition from James Mitchell, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Inspector-General of Police, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Second-class Inspector McDonald, of the Police Department and late of Newtown; and praying for permission to appear by solicitor or counsel before such Committee, with a right to adduce evidence, and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

4. **PAPERS** :—

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. Henry Luce Manuel as Viticultural Expert, Department of Agriculture.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts, on 29th October, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Regulations under the Liquor Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1920-1921** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the following :—

- (1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1920-1921.

(2.)

9th November, 1920.

- (2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1919-1920, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (3.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," to 30th June, 1920, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.
- (4.) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1920-1921.
- (5.) *Public Works Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1920-1921.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th November, 1920.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Statements, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. PUBLIC TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McTiernan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 44.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to confer additional powers on the Public Trustee; to enable corporations to hold property jointly with the Public Trustee; to amend the Public Trustee Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 4th November, 1920.*

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

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, Legal Practitioners' Amendment Bill; second reading [*Mr. Bennett*]—postponed until To-morrow.
8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the Election of the Members of the Committee, and the Division Bells having been rung,—
- (1.) Question,—That Mr. Thomas Rainsford Bavin be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (2.) Question,—That Mr. John Joseph Cleary be appointed a Member of the Public Account Committee,—put and passed.
- (3.) Question,—That Mr. Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (4.) Question,—That Mr. Simon Hickey be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (5.) Question,—That Mr. Carlyle Johnston be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. Simon Hickey, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
- And the question being again proposed,—
- And the Debate not being resumed,—
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Hickey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 23rd November.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
- The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- (3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £16,184 as Supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act for the year 1920-21.
- On motion of Mr. Lang, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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.

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12. PAPER:—Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Estimates of the Ways and Means the Government of New South Wales for the year 1920-1921.
Ordered to be printed.
13. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Dooley, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Dooley then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th November, 1920.*
14. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Major Shillington presented a Petition from certain electors of Stanmore representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential" voting systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Miss B. Oxenbridge as Teacher of Dressmaking, Technical Education Branch, Department of Public Instruction.
(2.) New Regulations under the Sydney Grammar School Act, 1854.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Mutch, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 45.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; to validate certain things; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 4th November, 1920.

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

4. REAL PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, the Public Works and Glesser Settlement Funds Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. John Storey, read a first time.

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

10th November, 1920.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Dooley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows.—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Lang, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. ARCHITECTS BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Mutch, 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 registration and to regulate the practice of architects; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building; and for purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration and to regulate the practice of architects; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building; and for purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Mutch, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Mutch then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the registration and to regulate the practice of architects; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building; and for purposes connected therewith,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
9. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—
THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ley presented a Petition from the Incorporated Law Institute of New South Wales, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will not pass the Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill, and that Petitioner may be heard, by Counsel, at the Bar of the House in support of its petition.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1901.
 - (3.) Report of the State Debt Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1920.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—By-laws under the Public Health Act, 1902, respecting the Sanitary Area of Highfield.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SLUM AND CONGESTED AREAS, SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE:—Mr. Gosling (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Slum and Congested Areas, Sydney and Newcastle," have leave to make visits of inspection from time to time, accompanied by a shorthand-writer, within the City of Sydney and Newcastle, for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection.
Question put and passed.

4. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. George Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1915; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 11th November, 1920.*

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

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Gas Act (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912,*" with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th November, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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11th-12th November, 1920.

GAS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th November, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 15. After "company" secondly occurring, insert "to pay the standard rate of dividend authorised by this Act"

Page 2, clause 2, lines 26 and 27. Omit "to pay the standard rate of dividend authorised by this Act."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 28th October, 1920, in reference to the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill, does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1920*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

6. CONDITIONS, PROSPECTS, AND METHODS OF IMPROVING THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY:—MR. SPEAKER reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Conditions and Prospects of the Agricultural Industry, and Methods of Improving the Same," and that Committee being desirous to examine Ernest Albert Buttenshaw, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Mr. John Storey moved, That Ernest Albert Buttenshaw, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Conditions, Prospects, and Methods of Improving the Agricultural Industry," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated 10th November, 1920, requesting leave for Ernest Albert Buttenshaw, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Conditions, Prospects, and Methods of Improving the Agricultural Industry," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th November, 1920.*

7. GUN LICENSE BILL:—Mr. Lang, on behalf of Mr. Dooley, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

8. TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

9. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for other purposes.

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

(2.)

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(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

10. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

Mr. McTiernan moved, That the report be *now* adopted.

Mr. Simon Hickey moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of " Clause 22,"—instead thereof.

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

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 22,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment.

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

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

11. HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates, and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Captain Chaffey, *on behalf of* Major Connell, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.
13. CLAIMS OF MESSRS. WORRALL BROTHERS, OF MANILDRA:—Captain Dunn (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That leave be granted to the Honorable William Fraser Dunn, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Wammerawa, to appear and be heard in person or by Counsel before the Select Committee on "Claims of Messrs. Worrall Brothers, of Manildra."
Question put and passed.
14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Government Business, Orders of the Day of General Business, and Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 4 of General Business postponed (*by consent*), until after Notice of Motion, No. 5 of General Business.
15. CLAIM OF MR. T. D. RICHARDS:—Mr. Lazzarini moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. T. D. Richards for compensation for services rendered in connection with the construction and supervision of a machine for the purpose of saving oil used in connection with the working of the New South Wales Government Railways.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Frank Burke, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Greig, Mr. A. F. Smith, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Gardiner, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—

FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1920.

16. TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Lang, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

11th-12th November, 1920.

17. LAND SURVEYORS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Loughlin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Loughlin, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
18. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business, Orders of the Day of General Business, and Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business, postponed (*by consent*) until Tuesday next.
19. DECLINE IN THE METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRY :—Mr. Davidson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Decline in the Metalliferous Industry" have leave to make visits of inspection, from time to time, accompanied by a shorthand writer, to certain mining centres within the State of New South Wales for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
20. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Storey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes before Six o'clock p.m. until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

News South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

CLAIM OF MR. T. D. RICHARDS:—Mr. Lazzarini presented a Petition from Tregarthen Davis Richards, of Victoria-road, Marrickville, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into the claim of Mr. T. D. Richards for compensation for services rendered the Railway Commissioners in connection with the saving of oil; and praying, for the reasons set forth, to be represented before such Committee by his solicitor.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Captain Dunn presented a Petition from certain electors of Balladoran, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.

Petition received

3. PAPERS:—

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended, Repealed and Substituted Regulations, and New Regulation, under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLAIM OF MR. T. D. RICHARDS:—Mr. Lazzarini (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Molesworth be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on Claim of Mr. T. D. Richards, and that Mr. Arkins and Mr. Buttenshaw be added to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:—(*Proposed New and Amended Standing Orders, and Rescission of certain Standing Orders*)—Mr. Stuart-Robertson, *on behalf of* the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report on proposed New and Amended Standing Orders, and the rescission of certain Standing Orders.

Ordered to be printed.

6. EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK BILL:—Mr. Bagnall moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that there shall be no discrimination in the rates of pay of males and females performing work of the same character; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 7th December.

And

16th November, 1920.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the year 1920-21 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £16,184 as Supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act for the year 1920-21.

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

8. TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th November, 1920.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishing a Public Recreation Ground at Balmain East.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (3.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Schedule to the Estimates for 1920-21.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amendment of Rules under the Police Regulation Act, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 12th November, 1920.*

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from Mr. Jaques, one of the Honorable Members for Eastern Suburbs, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—
“The necessity for providing an addition to the Federal payment to New South Wales’ maimed and “limbless soldiers so as to make an adequate living allowance and for providing such men with “certain railway and tramway privileges.”
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Jaques moved, That this House do now adjourn.

17th November, 1920.

Point of Order.—Mr. Lazzarini contended that the motion dealt with two different matters, and was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he would allow the motion to be moved. It dealt with substantially one matter although it was put in a double form.

Further Point of Order.—Mr. John Storey submitted that discussion would be anticipated by this motion. The Estimates were now upon the Table, and those for the Railway Department would be taken at this sitting, when the subject of the motion for adjournment could be discussed.

Mr. Speaker said it had been ruled several times in this House that it was out of order to anticipate discussion which might take place in Committee of Supply or Committee of Ways and Means after the Estimates of Expenditure had been tabled. It was sometimes very difficult indeed to decide whether a motion should be ruled out of order on the ground that it would anticipate some other possible discussion. In the House of Commons a rule has been adopted that in determining whether a discussion was out of order on the ground of anticipation, the Speaker must have regard to the probability of the matter anticipated being brought before the House within a reasonable time. The leader of the Government having stated that the Railway Estimates would be brought on at this sitting, he thought he ought, in pursuance of previous rulings, and having regard to the general principles in relation to anticipating discussion, to rule this motion out of order, and he did so on the ground he had indicated.

4. TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

7. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. McTiernan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to prevent undue profit taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered

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17th November, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent undue profit taking ; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services ; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations ; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition ; to promote co-operative enterprise ; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration ; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1920, a.m.*

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr McTiernan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, viz. :—Mr. Bruntnell, Captain Chaffey, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Lang, Mr. Loughlin, Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Oakes, Mr. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel Rutledge, and Mr. Swiney,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House at nine minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL:—Colonel Onslow presented a Petition from the Australasian Corporation of Public Accountants, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will not pass the Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill.
Petition received.

2. **PAPER:**—Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Substituted Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **PRIVILEGE:**—Mr. Bavin, as a matter of privilege, referred to the service upon him of a subpoena to appear as a witness before the Royal Commission on the question of the adequacy of the salaries of Members and Ministers of the Crown, and moved,—“That this House regards as a grave breach of privilege the action of the Royal Commissioner inquiring into the adequacy of Members’ and Ministers’ salaries, in issuing to Members of this House subpoenas requiring their attendance before the Commission under threat of penalties for contempt of court.”
Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—Mr. McTiernan submitted that this motion was out of order. It was the Speaker’s function to declare, first of all, the privilege which it was contended had been broken, and after such declaration it would be a question for this House to draw attention to that breach of privilege by motion, or some other form of procedure. This motion was worded in such a way as to throw upon Members the duty of creating privileges for this House which was not their function. Privileges were something which were in existence prior to the Constitution of the Assembly, and it was irregular for the House to attempt to declare by a motion of the character submitted what those privileges were.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said: It was the function of the Speaker to decide whether a matter which was brought before the House was a matter of privilege which could fairly be said to come within that category; and he certainly had come to the conclusion that this was a matter which could be said to come genuinely within the category of questions affecting the privileges of this House. While it was the function and duty of the Speaker to decide whether a matter brought before the House was a matter of privilege, it was the duty of the House to decide whether the privileges of the House had been invaded or not; that had been the practice ever since responsible government. Motions of privilege have been moved over and over again in practically the same form as that in which this motion was moved—that was to say the House was invited to decide whether certain action was or was not a breach of the privileges of the House. It had been contended that it was the duty of the Speaker to declare what were the privileges of the House, and the particular privilege which it was contended had been infringed. He did not know of any authority for that contention, and he declined to take upon himself such a difficult and responsible task as the declaration of the privileges of the House. He must also decline to take upon himself the duty of making a statement as to what were the privileges of the House, or how far the privileges which attached to the Members of the House of Commons, and which were dealt with in “May’s Parliamentary Practice,” and came within what is known as the *Lex et consuetudo Parliamenti*—applied to the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. That was a matter for the Law Courts to determine. He ruled the motion in order.

Debate continued.

Mr.

18th November, 1920.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.
Question put, "That the Question be now put."
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Murphy |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. William Davies, |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Ely. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |
| Mr. Lang, | |

Noes, 32.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ball, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Captain Chaffey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Doe, | Colonel Onslow. |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

And Mr. Bavin having spoken in reply,—
Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

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| Mr. Arkins, |
| Dr. Arthur, |
| Mr. Bavin, |
| Mr. Bennett, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, |
| Mr. Doe, |
| Mr. Fegan, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, |
| Sir George Fuller, |
| Mr. Grimm, |
| Sir Thomas Henley, |
| Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Colonel Onslow, |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Major Shillington, |
| Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Wearne. |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, |
| Mr. Ley. |

Noes, 47.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Scully, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Swiney, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Mr. Flannery, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Simon Hickey, |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Murphy. |
| Mr. Greig, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Nesbitt, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

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

6. TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lang, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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18th November, 1920.

7. GAS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th November, 1920, a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. George Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Loxton presented a Petition from the Council of the Bar of New South Wales, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will not pass the Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1919.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Rules under the Police Regulation Act, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McLiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Repeal and Substitution of Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Schedules A to G—Estimates (Consolidated Revenue Fund), 1920–1921—Department of Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Lower Hunter District Water Supply.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Hunter District Water Supply.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for improvement of Port Jackson Harbour.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of traffic on existing line of Tramway between Sydney and Coogee, by deviation of line near Coogee.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for City Electric Railway.

(7.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of traffic on existing line of Railway between Sydney and Nowra, by means of quadruplication between Sydenham and Rockdale.

(8.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of traffic on existing line of Railway between Sydney and Albury, by duplication and deviation of line between Murrumburrah and Demondrille.

(9.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintenance of traffic on existing line of Railway between Sydney and Albury, by provision of marshalling yards at Junee.

(10.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the construction of an authorised line of Railway from Eskbank to the State Coal Mine.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

23rd November, 1920.

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

By Mr. John Storey,—

- (1.) Harbour and Tonnage Rates Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to make provision for levying and collecting harbour, tonnage, and buoyage rates, and berthing charges, and for the management and control of public wharfs, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels to or from such wharfs, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from such wharfs; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898, and to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th November, 1920.

- (2.) Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement or are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis, or silicosis of the lungs, or owing to other diseases of the pulmonary or respiratory organs caused by exposure to silica or other dust; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th November, 1920.

By Mr. Lang,—

- (3.) Stamp Duties Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose certain stamp duties; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1920.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

- (4.) Income Tax (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911, as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1914; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 18th November, 1920.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for Wollondilly, Mr. William Davies, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—
"That an increase in the allowance be granted to beneficiaries under the Miners' Accident Relief Fund."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it was not a specific matter of recent occurrence, and said that not having allowed the motion to be put to the House, he would draw a second motion out of the box.

- (2.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for Murray, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The action of the Government in refusing to permit farmers to engage labour for the coming harvest excepting through the Government Labour Exchanges,"

And

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

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

Point of Order :—Mr. John Storey contended that as the Estimates for the Department of Labour and Industry were on the Table, and would be taken this evening, the motion would anticipate discussion, which could take place on those Estimates, and was, therefore, out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said: The Premier having stated that the Estimates for the Department of Labour and Industry would be taken this evening, and, therefore, having regard to the probability that the matter which was now sought to be brought forward on a motion for adjournment might be discussed on the Estimates, he must rule the motion out of order.

5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

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

7. TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provision for the signing of Treasury bills and debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the signing of Treasury bills and debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914; and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1920, A.M.*

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lang moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1920

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

Question of Order—Reference of Petition to Select Committee:—Mr. Oakes asked for a direction from Mr. Speaker as to whether the Select Committee in the case of Second-class Police Inspector McDonald was correct in declining to hear the Inspector-General of Police by solicitor or counsel when a petition praying to be so heard had been received by the House and referred to the Committee.

Mr. Speaker said he thought the terms of the motion referring the Petition to the Committee left it in the discretion of the Committee whether it would hear the petition by solicitor or counsel or not. He did not see that anything could be done unless the matter was brought before the House in a report from the Committee. It would then be open to the House to give a direction, by motion, instructing the Committee to hear the Inspector-General of Police by solicitor or counsel.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McTierman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Substituted rule under the Supreme Court Procedure Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for Murray, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—“The action of the Government in refusing to permit farmers to engage labour for the coming harvest excepting through the State Labour Exchanges.”

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

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

Point of Order:—A debate arose as to whether this subject, having been ruled out of order on the previous sitting day, on the ground that the debate would anticipate discussion on the Estimates of the Department of Labour and Industry, which were to be taken at that sitting could be brought forward again, although those Estimates had been dealt with.

Further Point of Order:—Mr. Dooley contended that the motion was not definite.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker said that the motion was definite. He would allow the motion to be moved, notwithstanding that an opportunity might have presented itself recently for the Honorable Member Mr. Ball to have discussed it. He referred to a ruling by Mr. Speaker McCourt, on 28th July, 1910, when a similar point had arisen, and the motion for adjournment had been allowed to be moved. The difference between that case and the present one was that on this occasion the

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motion had been ruled out of order on the ground that it would anticipate discussion on the Estimates. Although he had some doubt, he thought it his duty to allow the motion to be moved.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

In Division :—

Colonel Onslow asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether the Honorable Member, Mr. Dooley, the Honorable Member, Mr. Johnston, and the Honorable Member Mr. Mutch were entitled to vote, as a Commission had been appointed on charges made against them, which might or might not be serious. It was a well-established Parliamentary rule that Honorable Members who were under a charge of any kind whatever, reflecting upon them in their public life, were not entitled to vote in the House until the charges against them had been cleared.

Mr. Speaker said there was no rule such as that to which the Honorable Member had made reference. He ruled that the Honorable Members referred to were perfectly entitled to vote.

Ayes, 38.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Johnston, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Major Connell, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Kearsley. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | |

Noes, 29.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Price, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ball, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Sir Thomas Henley, |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. Jaques, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Lee, | Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Loxton, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Mr. Main, | Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Nesbitt, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Oakes, | Mr. Oakes, |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

And Mr. Ball having spoken in reply,—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Nesbitt, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Colonel Onslow. |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Ball, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Bruntnell, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Cameron, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Doe, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Major Shillington. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Sir Thomas Henley, |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. Jaques, | Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Ley, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Mr. Loxton, | Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Main, | |

Noes, 36.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Johnston, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Frank Burke, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Kearsley. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Mutch moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts ; to validate certain things ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
5. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION) BILL :—Mr. Mutch moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation ; and for purposes connected therewith. Question put and passed.
6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Mutch, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before Four o'clock, a.m. until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

CLAIMS OF MESSRS. WORRALL BROTHERS, OF MANILDRA:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the claims of Messrs. Worrall Brothers, of Manildra, have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House. Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Royal Commission (Mr. Justice Edmunds) appointed to inquire into the salaries or allowances to Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation and Repeal and substitution of Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President

TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th November, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 2, line 6. *Omit "impose," insert "recover"*

Page 4, clause 2, line 9. *After "misused" add "and which penalty is hereby prescribed."*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for Ryde, Sir Thomas Henley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"*The failure of the Government to provide adequate funds to enable the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply to meet reasonable public requirements.*"

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as not being definite.

25th November, 1920.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1920, A.M.

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

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

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

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1920-21.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38,539, for Executive and Legislative, for the year 1920-21.

No. III.—PREMIER.

- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,042, for Premier, for the year 1920-21.

No. IV.—COLONIAL SECRETARY, MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MOTHERHOOD.

- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,413,364, for Colonial Secretary, Minister for Housing, and Minister for Public Health and Motherhood, for the year 1920-21.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,050,660, for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, for the year 1920-21.

No. VI.—RAILWAYS.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,383,333, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1920-21.

No. VII.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £567,956, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1920-21.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND MINISTER FOR FORESTS.

- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £579,143, for Secretary for Lands, and Minister for Forests, for the year 1920-21.

No. IX.—MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,231,731, for Minister for Public Works, for the year 1920-21.

No. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,552,593 for Public Instruction, for the year 1920-21.

No. XI.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93,064, for Labour and Industry, for the year 1920-21.

No. XII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77,633, for Secretary for Mines, for the year 1920-21.

No. XIII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £467,514, for Department of Agriculture, for the year 1920-21.

No. XIV.—MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £391,027, for Minister for Local Government, for the year 1920-21.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1920, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1919-20, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1919-20, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £108,515 17s. 7d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1919-20.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1920, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEARS 1918-19 AND 1919-20, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,413,015 12s. 11d., for Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-20. Public

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Public Works Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATE, 1920-21.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £630,242 for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

Closer Settlement Fund.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATE, 1920-21.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,380,000, to provide for the Acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—further sum.

On motion of Mr. Lang, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

6. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916, and the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President

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

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

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Captain Chaffey, *on behalf of* Mr. Bennett; Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

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

- (5.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—
- (a) For the Service of the financial year 1920-21, the sum of £25,930,649 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1919-20, for Services of the financial year 1919-20, the sum of £108,515 17s. 7d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (c) For Services of the financial years 1918-19 and 1919-20, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £4,413,015 12s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (6.) *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Works and Services, the sum of £630,242 be granted out of the Public Works Fund.
- (7.) *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £3,380,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund.

On motion of Mr. Lang, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 5, 6, and 7), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1920, to the 30th day of June, 1921 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1919-20, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1919, to the 30th day of June, 1920, (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-20; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1920, to the 30th day of June, 1921 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote, 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1919-20, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1919, to the 30th day of June, 1920 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-20; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) *now* read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

(4.)

25th November, 1920.

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1920, to the 30th day of June, 1921 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1919-20, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1919, to the 30th day of June 1920 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-20; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1920, to the 30th day of June, 1921 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1919-20, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1919, to the 30th day of June, 1920 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-20; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th November, 1920, A.M.

10. TOTALIZATOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bruntnell, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th November, 1920, A.M.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after Two o'clock, until Tuesday, next at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Mr. Murphy presented a Petition from certain electors of North Sydney representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the Electoral System, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Registrar regarding Friendly Societies, Trade Unions, Building Societies, Co-operative Societies, and Transactions under the Workmen's Compensation Acts for 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Certified Copy of Agreement between the Council of the Shire of Gloucester and Mr. Arthur Blaxland Hays, as Trustee for the Gloucester-Bowman Timber and Railway Syndicate, relating to a franchise granted by the Council for construction of Private Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Rescission of Rule of Supreme Court, Probate Jurisdiction, under the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry (His Honor G. S. Beeby) into the Proposed Reduction of the Standard Working Week from forty-eight to forty-four hours.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulation No 44, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Amended Regulation No. 56, and Amended Form No. 44 under the Closer Settlement Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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30th November, 1920.

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

By Mr. Mutch,—

- (1.) Metropolitan Main Roads Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to provide for the licensing of vehicles; to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

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

- (2.) Gas Act (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

4. UNLAWFUL DETENTION BILL:—Sir Thomas Healey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide security against detention of persons against their will, in any institutions, or by any persons; and to provide penalties against infringement of the law in respect of the liberty of the subject.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Johnston drew attention to the use of the word "any" in two places in the Order of Leave and to Standing Order No. 248, which provided that every Bill shall be prepared pursuant to the Order of Leave. He submitted that if the Bill was not prepared pursuant to the Order of Leave, then it could not be introduced; and if, in accordance with the Order of Leave, a Bill was brought in to provide against any institution incarcerating persons, then it must apply to gaols, asylums, and other institutions, and clearly would be out of order.

Mr. Speaker said it was not clear that there was any occasion for the application of the Standing Order No. 248 at that stage. This was simply a motion for leave to bring in a Bill. If there were a Bill before the House and it was argued that it was not in pursuance of the Order of Leave, then he would have to consider it. At present he could not consider that in any way. Whether the words in the Order of Leave "provided security against detention of persons against their will in any institutions, or by any persons," would cover persons in gaol or in lunatic asylums was not a matter for him to decide now. He could not sustain the point of order.

Debate continued.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

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

By Mr. Estell,—

- (1.) River Murray Waters (Amending) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters Amendment Act, 1916, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.)

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(2.) Recreation Grounds Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 55.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the preservation, in the public interest, of lands suitable for public recreation, and for the resumption of such land or lands adjacent thereto, or in the vicinity thereof; to control the subdivision or sale of the same; to amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.

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

(3.) Fair Rents (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 56.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to Landlord and Tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.

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

6. APPROPRIATION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intitled "An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1920, to the 30th day of June, 1921 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1919-20, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1919, to the 30th day of June, 1920 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-20; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

7. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL :—Captain Dunn moved, pursuant to Notice That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to valuations for loans and investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. McTiernan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to confer additional powers on the Public Trustee; to enable corporations to hold property jointly with the Public Trustee; to amend the Public Trustee Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Lang, on behalf of Mr. Dooley, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

10. WAYS AND MEANS (INCOME TAX) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

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

(8.) Resolved,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, collected and paid income-tax upon income, in respect of which income-tax is payable, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in any subsequent year, as follows :—

(a) Two shillings in the pound on the amount of the taxable income of any company.

(b)

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- (b) Where the taxable income of a person other than a company does not exceed £700,—ninenpence in the pound on the amount of such taxable income, and an addition of one-third of ninepence on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property.
- (c) Where such taxable income exceeds £700 the tax shall be as follows :—

| Amount of taxable income. | Amount of tax per pound of income. |
|---|---|
| So much of the income as does not exceed seven hundred pounds. | Ninenpence, and an addition of one-third of ninepence, on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |
| So much of the income as exceeds seven hundred and does not exceed one thousand seven hundred pounds. | Tenpence, and an addition of one-third of tenpence, on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |
| So much of the income as exceeds one thousand seven hundred and does not exceed two thousand seven hundred pounds. | One shilling and an addition of one-third of one shilling, on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |
| So much of the income as exceeds two thousand seven hundred and does not exceed four thousand seven hundred pounds. | One shilling and twopence, and an addition of one-third of one shilling and twopence, on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |
| So much of the income as exceeds four thousand seven hundred and does not exceed six thousand seven hundred pounds. | One shilling and fivepence, and an addition of one-third of one shilling and fivepence, on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |
| So much of the income as exceeds six thousand seven hundred and does not exceed nine thousand seven hundred pounds. | One shilling and ninepence, and an addition of one-third of one shilling and ninepence, on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |
| So much of the income as exceeds nine thousand seven hundred pounds. | Two shillings and an addition of one-third of two shillings on such of the income as is derived from the produce of property. |

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, collected and paid an additional sixpence in the pound income-tax upon income in respect of which income-tax is payable in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty one.

On motion of Mr. Lang, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

11. INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 8 and 9) to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911, as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1914; and for other purposes.
- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911, as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1914; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time, Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

12. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

- (1.) *Extension of the Orange Sewerage Scheme to provide a Sewerage System for East Orange* :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing an extension of the Orange Sewerage Scheme to provide a sewerage system for East Orange.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Augmentation of the Water Supply of the Municipality of Katoomba* :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing certain works to augment the water supply of the Municipality of Katoomba.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) *Augmentation of the Water Supply of the Municipality of Armidale* :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing certain works to augment the water supply of the Municipality of Armidale.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at one minute before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPER:—Mr. McTierman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

By Mr. Lang,—

- (1.) Parliamentary Representatives Allowance and Ministers Salaries (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor,

Message No. 57.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown, and of certain other persons; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers' Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives' Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

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

By Mr. Dooley,—

- (2.) Parliamentary Elections Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend enactments relating to Parliamentary elections; and for purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

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

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By Captain Dunn,—

(3.) Government Savings Bank (Further Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 59.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to Valuations for Loans and Investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

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

By Mr. Dooley,—

(4.) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 60.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

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

(5.) Gun License Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 61.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.*

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

By Mr. John Storey,—

(6.) Appropriation Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
*Governor.**Message No. 62.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1920, to the 30th day of June, 1921 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1919-20, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1919, to the 30th day of June, 1920 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the years 1918-19 and 1919-1920; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st December, 1920.*

3. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to industrial arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1920*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st December, 1920.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 4, lines 23, 24, 25, and 26. *After* "amended" *omit* "as follows:—"
 " (i) by omitting the words 'or any defined area thereof' at the end of the first sentence ;
 " (ii) "
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 28, 29, and 30. *After* "Trade" *omit* "shall in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty, after such public inquiry as aforesaid, and" *insert* "may in its discretion at any time"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 34. *Omit* "throughout" *insert* "in"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 34. *After* "State" *insert* "or any defined area thereof"
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 38, 39, 40, and 41. *Omit* "(1b) Any declaration as to living wages hereafter made by the Board of Trade shall extend throughout the State to the classes of employees mentioned in such declaration."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

4. FOOD PRESERVATION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE ENABLING BILL (*Formal motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to sanction and regulate the use of sulphur dioxide in the preservation of whole meats, poultry, fish, and other articles of food ; to amend the Public Health Acts, the Pure Food Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Wearne then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to sanction and regulate the use of sulphur dioxide in the preservation of whole meats, poultry, fish, and other articles of food ; to amend the Public Health Acts, the Pure Food Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill, second reading (*Mr. Bennett*) postponed until To-morrow.
6. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE AND MINISTERS SALARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown, and of certain other persons ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers' Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives' Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
7. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters ; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.
- EIGHT HOURS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees ; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.
9. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2.):—Mr. George Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to secure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill ; to amend the Acts relating to Workmen's Compensation, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Question put and passed.
10. RECREATION GROUNDS BILL:—Mr. John Storey, *on behalf of Mr. Loughlin*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the preservation, in the public interest, of lands suitable for public recreation, and for the resumption of such lands or lands adjacent thereto, or in the vicinity thereof ; to control the subdivision or sale of the same ; to amend the Crown Lands Acts ; and for purposes connected therewith.
 Question put and passed.

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11. METROPOLITAN MAIN ROADS BILL :—Mr. John Storey, *on behalf of* Mr. Mutch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to provide for the licensing of vehicles; to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—Mr. McTiernan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
13. WAYS AND MEANS (STAMP DUTIES):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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.
14. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the day having been read,—Captain Dunn moved, That this Bill be now read a second time
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Captain Dunn, 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 Captain Dunn, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dooley, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections, and for purposes connected therewith.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1920, A.M.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections, and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Dooley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections, and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Miss I. M. Quelch, as Teacher of Dressmaking and Millinery, Technical Education Branch, Department of Public Instruction. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Return showing Harbours under the control of the Department of Public Works. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

By Mr. John Storey,—

- (1.) Totalizator (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 63.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, and the Totalizator (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.

By Mr. George Cann,—

- (2.) Eight Hours (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 64.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.

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

(3.)

2nd December, 1920.

(3.) Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill (No. 2):—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to secure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to Workmen's Compensation; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.

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

3. TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*), (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading (*Mr. Bennett*), postponed until Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for Sturt, Mr. Davidson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The threatened industrial trouble in the State Trawling Industry."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Oakes, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. McKell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.

8. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to industrial arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.

9. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

2nd December, 1920.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Gregory McGirr. |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Michael Burke. | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Flannery, |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Greig. |

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Lee, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. A. F. Smith. |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Heuley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916 ; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1920.*

10. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

11. LARGE HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. Loughlin, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Mr. Wearne moved, That the question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Loughlin, Mr. Ball, Mr. Clark, Mr. Doe, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Main, Mr. O'Hearn, Mr. Price, Mr. Scully, and the Mover,—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE AND MINISTERS' SALARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and of certain other persons; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

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

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

The

2nd December, 1920.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and of certain other persons ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902 ; the Ministers Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.

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

- (2) Mr. McTiernan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and of certain other persons ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. WAVERLEY CEMETERY LANE SALE BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Mutch moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Municipality of Waverley to sell portion of the lands comprised within the Waverley Cemetery ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Mutch then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Municipality of Waverley to sell portion of the lands comprised within the Waverley Cemetery ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. ARCHITECT'S BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Mutch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

15. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Mutch, 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 refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation ; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation ; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Mutch then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation ; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business, Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 and 5 to 8, and Notices of Motions Nos. 1 to 14 of General Business postponed (*by consent*) until Tuesday next.

17. FINANCIAL STATE OF GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKINGS AS AFFECTING PROPOSED NEW STATE :—Captain Chaffey moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the financial state of Government undertakings as they affect the proposal to establish a New State in the Northern Districts of New South Wales. Such investigation to include,—(a) the income, expenditure, and cost of administration of all public undertakings within the proposed area ; (b) the proportion of public debt chargeable to the proposed New State area ; (c) and any matter of relevance to the establishment of a New State in the Northern Districts of this State.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Captain Dunn, Mr. Ashford, Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner, Mr. Perdriau, Major Connell, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Cameron, and the Mover.

Point of Order.—Mr. Carr asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether this motion was in order, inasmuch as the establishment of a new State was a matter for the Commonwealth Parliament. Mr. Speaker said he was only concerned that the motion should come before the House in accordance with the Standing Orders. Apart from that he could not exercise jurisdiction. He therefore could not rule the motion out of order.

Debate ensued.

Question put

The

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

2nd December, 1920.

The House divided,

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge. |
| Dr. Arthur, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Ball, | |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, |
| Major Connell, | Captain Chaffey. |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Mr. Perdriau, | |

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Quirk. |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Flannery, | |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Michael Burke, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. William Davies. |

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Mr. A. F. Smith presented a Petition from certain electors of Balmain, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. CLAIM OF MR. T. D. RICHARDS:—Mr. Estell presented a Petition from William John Morris, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed on 11th November, 1920, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. T. D. Richards for compensation for services in connection with the construction and supervision of a machine for the purpose of saving oil in connection with the working of the New South Wales Government Railways, and praying for permission to appear by solicitor or counsel or by an officer of the Railway Department before such Committee, with a right to adduce evidence, and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER, —

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the variation of certain agreements made by the Municipal Council of Sydney with regard to the supply of electricity; to authorise the Council in certain cases to make charges in excess of the charges specified in the said agreements; to amend the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

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

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for the period 1st January, 1919, to 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return showing the Surrender and Allotment of Lands under the Closer Settlement Acts, from 1st July, 1918, to 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

7th December, 1920.

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Information regarding the number of men treated at the Broken Hill Proprietary Company's Steel Works, Newcastle, for effects of gas, between 1st July, 1916, and 30th June, 1920, and the number of men employed at works who met with accidents during 1920?

(2.) Report by the Inspector, under the Pure Food Act, 1903, in regard to protection of meat and fish from flies, &c.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENTS : The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow :—

(1.) Food Preservation by Sulphur Dioxide Enabling Bill ; second reading. [Mr. Wearne.]

(2.) Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill ; second reading [Mr. Bennett.]

6. EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Mr. Bagnall, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that there shall be no discrimination in the rates of pay of males and females performing work of the same character ; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial] Arbitration ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

7. UNLAWFUL DETENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate,—on the motion of Sir Thomas Henley, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide security against detention of persons against their will, in any institutions, or by any persons ; and to provide penalties against infringement of the law in respect of the liberty of the subject.

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 21st December.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

8. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE AND MINISTERS' SALARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

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| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Flannery, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Major Connell, |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Greig. |
| Mr. Johnston, | |

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| Mr. Anderson, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ball, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Cameron, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Cocks, | Dr. Arthur, |
| Mr. Doe, | Captain Chaffey. |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Colonel Onslow, | |
| Mr. Perdriau, | |
| Mr. Price, | |
| Mr. Reid, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS (STAMP DUTIES) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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

7th December, 1920.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

STAMP DUTIES, 1920.

Duties on Instruments.

(9.) *Resolved*,—

1. There shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the use of His Majesty under this Resolution, and to form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for and in respect of the instruments and matters hereinafter mentioned Duties of the several amounts and at the several rates herein specified.

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| Acknowledgment by executor or administrator in lieu of conveyance under section 83 of the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898 | ... | ... | ... | £ | s. | d. |
| Affidavit or Declaration made under statute | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |

Exemptions.—Every affidavit or declaration—

- (a) Filed, read, or used in any Court, or before any Judge, Master, Registrar, Clerk, or Officer of any Court ;
- (b) Required by the Commissioner ;
- (c) Required under any Act or regulation for the time being in force for the management of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales ;
- (d) Required to be made before any Registrar of Births, Deaths, or Marriages ;
- (e) Required to be made by any officer of the Government in respect of any matters relating to the duties of his office ;
- (f) Required to be made under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912.

Agreement or Memorandum of an Agreement, and not otherwise specifically charged with any duty—

(1) Under hand only—

- (a) Whether the same is only evidence of a contract, or obligatory on the parties from its being a written instrument, including every schedule, receipt, or other matter put or endorsed thereon or annexed thereto. 0 1 0
- (b) Where divers letters are offered in evidence to prove any agreement between the writers thereof it shall be sufficient if any one of such letters is stamped with the duty of... .. 0 1 0

Exemptions.—Any agreement or memorandum under hand—

- (a) made for or relating to the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise ;
 - (b) made between a master and any mariner of any ship or vessel for wages on any voyage coastwise from port to port in the State of New South Wales.
- (2) Under seal 1 0 0

Agreement for a Mortgage or Instrument relating to a Mortgage hereinafter specified.

The same duty as on a mortgage or such instrument.

Agreement for the Sale or Conveyance (including exchange) of any Property.

The same duty as on a conveyance of the property.

Appointment of Trustees—

For every appointment of a trustee by any instrument or by order of the Supreme Court or a judge thereof 1 0 0

Exemptions—

- (a) The appointment of a trustee by or pursuant to a will ;
- (b) Every instrument for the appointment of a trustee or trustees of property held in trust for any corporation or body of persons associated for religious, charitable, or educational purposes.

Appointment in execution of a power—

(a) Any instrument not being a will appointing any property, or any use, share, or interest therein.

The same duty as on a conveyance of the appointed property.

(b) Where the appointment is made in favour of persons specially named or described as the objects of a power contained in a conveyance on which ad valorem duty has been paid or in a will in respect of property on which death duty or duty under any Act imposing duties on the estates of deceased person has been paid 1 0 0

Appraisements.

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| Appraisements.—Instrument setting forth any appraisalment or valuation of any property or of any interest therein, or of the annual value thereof, or of any dilapidation, or of any repairs wanted, or of the materials and labour used or to be used in any building, or of any artificers' work whatsoever:— | | | |
| Where the amount of appraisalment or valuation— | | | |
| Does not exceed £20 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Exceeds £20 and does not exceed £50 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £200 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Exceeds £200 and does not exceed £500 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Exceeds £500 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Exemptions.—Instrument setting forth any appraisalment or valuation made— | | | |
| (a) For the information of one party only, and not being in any manner obligatory as between parties, either by agreement or by operation of law. | | | |
| (b) For or on behalf of His Majesty or the Government of New South Wales, or of any local authority having power by law to make or levy rates. | | | |
| Award, whether under hand only or under hand and seal,— | | | |
| Where the amount or value of the matter in dispute— | | | |
| Does not exceed £20 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Exceeds £20 and does not exceed £50 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £200 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Exceeds £200 and does not exceed £500 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Exceeds £500 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Exemption.—Award made in any matter in which His Majesty is a party, either directly or by some public officer acting in such matter or representing His Majesty or the Government of New South Wales therein. | | | |
| Bank Notes.—An Annual Composition to be paid quarterly by banks in lieu of duties on promissory notes payable on demand issued by them— | | | |
| For every £100 and also for any remaining fractional part of £100 of the amount of such notes in circulation as certified under the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes— | | | |
| Payable on demand and sola | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Payable otherwise than on demand—For every £25 and every fractional part of £25. | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| If drawn in a set | | | One of the |
| Exemptions.— | | | set to be |
| (a) Letter written by a banker in New South Wales to any other banker in New South Wales directing the payment of any sum of money, the same not being payable to bearer or to order, and such letter not being sent or delivered to the person to whom payment is to be made, or to any person on his behalf. | | | stamped with the duty payable on a single bill. |
| (b) Letter of credit granted in New South Wales authorising drafts to be drawn out of New South Wales payable in New South Wales. | | | |
| (c) Cheque or order payable on demand drawn on the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect of a deposit in the Savings Bank Department of such bank. | | | |
| (d) Any draft or order for the payment of money issued by any duly authorised officer of the Government on account of the Public Service. | | | |
| (e) Any draft or order for the payment of money commonly called an advance note issued by a master of a ship or vessel in favour of a seaman. | | | |
| Bill of Lading or Receipt for any goods, merchandise, or effects to be carried to any place outside New South Wales— | | | |
| For every such bill of lading or copy thereof | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| For every such receipt or copy thereof | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Charter Party for conveyance beyond New South Wales | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Companies— | | | |
| Upon the amount of the nominal capital of any company to be registered under Part I or Part II of the Companies Act, 1899. | | | |
| Upon the amount of any increase of the registered capital of any company registered as aforesaid as shown by the statement delivered in accordance with the said section. | | | |
| For every £100 and any fraction of £100 over every multiple of £100 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Upon every memorandum of association accompanied by articles of association | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Upon every memorandum of association not accompanied by articles of association | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Upon every article of association | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Upon every certificate of incorporation | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Contract

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| Contract Note for or relating to the sale or purchase of any stock or marketable security— | | | |
| For each £100, and also for any fractional part of £100 of such value ... | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <i>Exemptions.—</i> | | | |
| (a) Transactions carried out in the course of their ordinary business relations between brokers or agents who are members of Stock Exchanges in the Commonwealth of Australia. | | | |
| (b) Contract note for or relating to the sale or purchase of any stock, debentures, or Treasury bills of the Government of New South Wales or the Commonwealth of Australia. | | | |
| Conveyances of any property— | | | |
| (1) Upon every conveyance made otherwise than on sale or exchange— | | | |
| Where the value of the property conveyed— | | | |
| Does not exceed £50 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| For every £100, and also for any fractional part of £100, of such value | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| (2) Upon every conveyance on sale or exchange— | | | |
| On the amount or value of the consideration for the sale or exchange | | | |
| Provided as follows :— | | | |
| (a) If the consideration for the sale is less than the value of the property conveyed ad valorem duty is payable on the value of the property. | | | } The same duty as on a conveyance otherwise than on sale or exchange. |
| (b) Where such property is a debenture, other than a debenture of the city of Sydney or of a municipality or shire, and such amount or value does not exceed £15, the amount of the duty shall be as follows :— | | | |
| Where the amount or value of the consideration for the sale does not exceed £5 | | | |
| Exceeds £5 and does not exceed £10 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Exceeds £10 and does not exceed £15 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Exceeds £15 and does not exceed £20 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| (c) Where such property consists of shares the duty payable shall be the duty hereinafter in this Schedule set out as on a transfer of shares. | | | |
| (3) Upon every conveyance of any property by the official assignee to a mortgagee or disclaimer by the official assignee under the Bankruptcy Act, 1898. On the amount at which the security has been valued by the mortgagee. | | | } The same duty as on a conveyance for such consideration. |
| (4) Upon each of the following instruments :— | | | |
| (a) An instrument merely appointing a new trustee, or executed on the retirement of a trustee, or a conveyance made for nominal consideration upon the appointment or the retirement of a trustee (whether the trust is expressed or implied) | | | } 1 0 0 |
| (b) A conveyance under which no beneficial interest passes in the property conveyed, or made to a beneficiary by a trustee or other person in a fiduciary capacity under any trust (whether expressed or implied) | | | |
| (c) An instrument made or executed bonâ fide by way of completion or confirmation of title whereby no benefit accrues to the person in whose favour the instrument is made or executed, or no greater benefit than he originally had or was entitled to have by law, or by virtue of some other instrument... .. | | | |
| (d) A conveyance following upon a decree or order for foreclosure where ad valorem duty has been paid upon such decree or order.. | | | |
| (e) A marriage settlement (whether made heretofore or hereafter) made before and in consideration of marriage by either party to the marriage, or made after marriage by either party thereto in pursuance of a binding ante-nuptial contract | | | |
| (5) Upon every conveyance made in conformity with an agreement where ad valorem duty has been paid on the agreement and the agreement is produced to the Commissioner | | | |
| 0 1 0 | | | |
| Declaration of Trust— | | | |
| (1) Any instrument declaring that a person in whom property is vested as the apparent purchaser thereof holds the same in trust for the person or persons who have actually paid the purchase money therefor | | | } The same duty as on a conveyance. |
| (2) Any instrument declaring that the property vested in the person executing the same is or shall be held in trust for the person or persons mentioned therein,— | | | |
| Upon the amount of value of such property | | | |
| Deed— | | | |
| (1) Deed of any kind whatever not otherwise charged herein | | | } 1 0 0 |
| (2) Any instrument which under the provisions of any statute is given the operation or effect of a deed either before or after registration | | | |
| Duplicate | | | |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|----|-------|
| Duplicate or Counterpart of any instrument chargeable with any duty— | | | |
| Where such duty does not amount to 2s. 6d. | | | } |
| In any other case | 0 | 2 |  | 6 |
| Exchange— | | | |
| Any instrument effecting an exchange of any property upon the value of any property conveyed by way of exchange | | | } |
| In any other case | 1 | 0 | |
| Foreclosure Order— | | | |
| On the value of the property included in the order | | | } |
| | | | |
| Guarantee— | | | |
| Any instrument guaranteeing or promising to answer for the debt or default of any other person, and signed by the party to be charged, where such guarantee or promise is the leading object of the instrument— | | | |
| Under hand | | | 0 1 |
| Under seal | | | 1 0 |
| Lease or Promise of or Agreement for Lease or Hire of any property not being a ship or vessel— | | | |
| (1) Without any consideration by way of premium, fine, or foregift— | | | |
| In respect of the yearly rent, where such rent does not exceed £50... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| And for every additional £50 or part of £50 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| (2) In consideration of a sum of money by way of premium, fine, or foregift without rent | | | } |
| (3) In consideration of a sum of money by way of premium, fine, or foregift, and also of a yearly rent whether real or nominal ... .. |  |  |  | 0 |
| On the amount of premium | | | 2 |
| And on the yearly rent | | | 6 |
| (4) Where the consideration is nominal, or where there is no consideration | | | } |
| (5) Where the consideration or any part of the consideration is an indeterminable amount— |  |  |  | 0 |
| In respect of such amount and in addition to any other duty hereinbefore provided | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| (6) Of any other kind whatsoever | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| (7) A lease made subsequently to and in conformity with a contract or agreement to grant such lease duly stamped | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| <i>Exemption.</i> —Where the sole consideration is a fixed rent at a rate of less than £75 a year, a lease of a house used solely as a dwelling, and a lease granted under the Crown Lands Act are exempt. | | | |
| Letter of Allotment and Letter of Renunciation, or any other document having the effect of a letter of allotment— | | | |
| Of any share in the stock and funds of any company or proposed company | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Letter or Power of Attorney or other instrument in the nature of— | | | |
| (1) For the purpose of voting by any person entitled to vote at any meeting of any body exercising a public trust, or of the shareholders, or members, or contributors to the funds of any company, society, or institution | | | 0 0 3 |
| (2) For the sole purpose of appointing or authorising a proxy to vote at any one meeting at which votes may be given by proxy, for each person executing such instrument | | | 0 0 3 |
| (3) For the receipt of the dividends or interest of any stock— | | | |
| Where made for the receipt of one payment only | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| In any other case | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| (4) For the receipt of any other sum of money, or any bill of exchange or promissory note for any sum of money, not exceeding £20, or any periodical payments not exceeding the annual sum of £10 (not being hereinbefore charged) | | | 0 5 0 |
| (5) Of any kind whatsoever not hereinbefore described | | | 1 0 0 |

Exemptions—

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- (a) Letter or power of attorney solely for the receipt of dividends, or the sale, purchase, or transfer of any definite and certain share of the stocks or funds of the Government of New South Wales.
- (b) Order, request, or direction, under hand only, from the proprietor of any stock to any company, or to any officer of any company, or to any banker, to pay the dividends or interest arising from the stock to any person therein named.
- (c) Any order or authority, authorising any agent to lodge a specific application under the Crown Lands Acts or the Closer Settlement Acts, or to pay or receive any specific sum in connection therewith.

MORTGAGES AND INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO MORTGAGES—

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| (1) Mortgage (except a debenture otherwise charged with duty)— | | | |
| (a) being the only, or principal, or primary security for the payment or repayment of money ; | | | |
| Not exceeding £500 | ... | ... | 0 10 0 |
| Exceeding £500 | ... | ... | 1 0 0 |
| (b) being a collateral, or auxiliary, or additional, or substituted security, or by way of further assurance for the abovementioned purpose where the principal or primary security is duly stamped and produced to the Commissioner | ... | ... | 0 1 0 |
| (2) Instruments relating to mortgages— | | | |
| (a) Transfer, assignment, or other disposition of any such security as aforesaid. | | | |
| Where the amount transferred, assigned or disposed— | | | |
| Does not exceed £500 | ... | ... | 0 10 0 |
| Exceeds £500 | ... | ... | 1 0 0 |
| (b) Re-conveyance, release, discharge, surrender, or renunciation of any such security. | | | |
| Where the amount of the money at any time secured— | | | |
| Does not exceed £500 | ... | ... | 0 10 0 |
| Exceeds £500 | ... | ... | 1 0 0 |
| (c) Instrument increasing or reducing the rate of interest, ^{and} the amount secured by any such security. _{or} | | | |
| (d) Instrument whereby the term or currency of any such security is shortened, extended, or renewed with or without alteration of the rate of interest ^{and} the amount secured— _{or} | | | |
| Where the money secured by the mortgage— | | | |
| Does not exceed £500 | ... | ... | 0 10 0 |
| Exceeds £500 | ... | ... | 1 0 0 |

Exemption.—Any preferable lien or any lien on crops under the Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act, 1898.

PARTITION—

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (1) For any instrument effecting a partition of any property, upon any consideration paid by way of equality, or at the option of the Commissioner on the difference in the value of the divided parts of the property | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | The same duty as on a conveyance and a fixed duty of £1. |
| Where such consideration or difference in value exceeds £50— | | | | | | | The same ad valorem duty as on a conveyance and a fixed duty of £1. |
| On the consideration or difference in value | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 0 0 |
| (2) In any other case | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 0 0 |

Policies of Insurance—

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-------|
| (1) Upon every policy— | | | |
| (a) For or against loss by fire or hail— | | | |
| For every £100 and also for every fractional part of £100 insured for any term or period | ... | ... | 0 0 4 |
| On every renewal or continuance thereof for every £100 and for every fractional part of £100 insured for any term | ... | ... | 0 0 4 |
| (b) For any voyage or period— | | | |
| For every £100 and also for any fractional part of £100 so insured. | ... | ... | 0 0 4 |
| On every renewal or continuance thereof for every £100 or fractional part of £100 | ... | ... | 0 0 4 |
| (c) Not otherwise specified— | | | |
| For every £100 and for every fractional part of £100 insured | ... | ... | 0 1 0 |
| (2) Upon every transfer or assignment of a policy | ... | ... | 0 2 6 |

Exemptions—

| <i>Exemptions.—</i> | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Any policy of insurance on life. | | |
| (b) Any policy of insurance for or against loss by fire on any public hospital. | | |
| (c) Any policy of insurance against loss by fire on the tools, implements of work or labour used by any working mechanic, artificer, hand-craftsman, or labourer, such insurance being effected by a separate policy in a distinct sum. | | |
| Real Property Act, 1900. | | |
| (1) Application to bring land under the Act or to be registered under the Act as the proprietor of an estate in land where not otherwise liable to stamp duty not being a transmission application | | 1 0 0 |
| (2) Nomination— | | |
| Where application is made to bring land under the Act, and the applicant nominates any other person as the person to whom the certificate is to issue. | } | The same duty as would have been payable on a conveyance of such land from the applicant, and all other necessary parties, to the person nominated for the estate mentioned in such nomination. |
| (3) Memorandum of Transfer— | | |
| On a sale of the property therein | } | The same duty as on a conveyance on sale. |
| Otherwise than on sale or by way of exchange of the property therein. | } | The same duty as on a conveyance hereinbefore mentioned. |
| By way of exchange of the property therein | } | The same duty as on a conveyance. |
| By way of partition or division | } | The same duty as on partition. |
| In any other case | } | 1 0 0 |
| Agreement in writing for any such transfer | } | The same duty as on the transfer. |
| Transfer made in conformity with an agreement on which ad valorem duty has been paid and such agreement is produced to the Commissioners. | } | 0 1 0 |
| (4) Foreclosure order | } | The same duty as on a conveyance on sale. |
| (5) Memorandum of lease or promise of or agreement therefor ... | } | The same duty as on a lease. |
| (6) Memorandum of mortgage or incumbrance for securing the payment or repayment of money | } | The same duty as on a mortgage. |
| | | (7.) |

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| (7) Transfer of lease or surrender thereof,— | | | |
| On a sale of property or estate therein | | | The same duty as on a conveyance on sale. |
| Otherwise than on sale or by way of exchange | | | The same duty as on a conveyance herein before mentioned. |
| On an exchange of the property or estate therein | | | The same duty as on an exchange. |
| On a partition or division | | | The same duty as on partition. |
| In any other case | | 1 | 0 0 |
| Agreement in writing for such transfer | | | The same duty as on the transfer. |
| Transfer made in conformity with an agreement on which ad valorem duty has been paid and such agreement is produced to the Commissioner | | 0 | 1 0 |
| (8) Instruments relating to mortgages | | | The same duties as on mortgages therein before mentioned. |
| (9) Consent by an executor or administrator to a transmission application by a devisee or person entitled on intestacy | | 1 | 0 0 |
| (10) Application by tenant in tail for entry of title in fee simple... .. | | 1 | 0 0 |
| (11) Release or disclaimer of power | | 1 | 0 0 |
| (12) Application for discharge or modification of restrictive covenant. } | | | |
| (13) Application for entry of an estate in fee simple in enlargement of a long term under section 134 of the Conveyancing Act, 1919. } | | 1 | 0 0 |
| (14) Application to cancel notifications of leases or under leases as upon merger. } | | | |

Exemptions.—

- (a) The same as in the case of conveyances and agreements relating to land not under the Real Property Act, 1900.
- (b) Any application for transmission.

RECEIPT OR DISCHARGE given for or upon the payment of money amounting to £2 and upwards 0 0 2

Exemptions.—

- (a) Receipts for refunds and reimbursements made by the Government or a Department of the Government of New South Wales.
- (b) Any receipt for money deposited with a broker or agent for the purchase of stock or marketable securities.
- (c) Any receipt given for or upon the payment of money to or for the use of His Majesty.
- (d) Any acknowledgment by any banker of the receipt of any bill of exchange or promissory note for the purpose of being presented for acceptance or payment.
- (e) Any acknowledgment by any person on receipt of money for the purchase of stocks or shares in any Banking or Public Company.
- (f) Any acknowledgment or receipt given for or on account of any salary or wages at a rate of less than £5 per week.
- (g) Any receipt written upon or given for a bill of exchange or promissory note duly stamped.
- (h) Any receipt indorsed or otherwise written upon or contained in any instrument liable to stamp duty and duly stamped acknowledging the receipt of the consideration money therein expressed.
- (i) Any receipt given by depositors on receiving deposits from the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales.
- (j) Any acknowledgment given for money deposited in any Bank to be accounted for.

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Provided that this exemption shall not extend to acknowledgements for any sum carried to the credit of any depositor or shareholder in any Bank on any division of profits made by such Bank, or for or in respect of any dividend from any Joint Stock or other Company, on the same being deposited by any person to the credit of any other person in any Bank, or for or in respect of any sum paid to the credit of any person in any Bank for rent or interest by any other person, or for or in respect of any sum deposited which would be liable to duty if paid directly by any person to any other person.

(k) Any receipt given in anticipation of a Bill of Lading and not to be used in lieu thereof.

(l) Receipts for the payment of any interest on debentures, stock, or Treasury Bills of the Government of New South Wales.

(m) All receipts given to His Majesty or to any person on his behalf for or in respect of any pension or other superannuation or retiring allowance payable out of the funds of the Imperial or Indian Governments.

(n) Any receipt given for or upon the payment of money for the use of any Public Hospital.

Share Certificate, or other document—

(a) entitling any person to become the proprietor of any share or shares in any company or proposed company.

(b) issued or delivered in New South Wales, and entitling any person to become the proprietor of any share or shares in any company or proposed company registered or established or proposed to be registered or established at some place outside New South Wales.

Where the number of shares in the certificate—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|
| Does not exceed 100 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Exceeds 100, but does not exceed 1,000... .. | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Exceeds 1,000 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

TRANSFER OF SHARES—

Upon the transfer of any share or shares in the stock and funds of—

Any company incorporated in New South Wales, or being incorporated out of New South Wales, has a share register in New South Wales } Ad valorem duty as on a conveyance.

Provided that where the amount or value of the consideration for the transfer—

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| Does not exceed £10 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Exceeds £10 and does not exceed £20 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Exceeds £20 and does not exceed £30 | 0 | 4 | 6 |

Exemption—

Any transfer or other dealing with stock, debentures, or Treasury Bills of the Government of New South Wales or of the Commonwealth of Australia.

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM STAMP DUTY.

- (1) Every instrument whereby any contract is made with His Majesty, or any other person or authority on his behalf, with any other person.
- (2) Every contract or instrument made or executed by any responsible Minister of the Crown under the authority of any Act.
- (3) All bonds to His Majesty, or any person or authority on his behalf.
- (4) All instruments relating to the services of apprentices, clerks, and servants.
- (5) Any instrument for the sale, transfer, or other disposition of any ship or vessel, or any part, interest, share, or property of or in any ship or vessel.
- (6) In respect of any registration, certificate, agreement, award, statutory declaration, or instrument effected, issued, or made under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.
- (7) In the case of registered societies and branches under the Friendly Societies Act, 1912, the following instruments:—
 - (a) Any draft, or order, or receipt given by any such society or branch in respect of money payable by virtue of its rules or of the said Act.
 - (b) Any receipt given to any such society or branch by a member thereof, or any person claiming through a member thereof for or on account of any benefit payable under the said Act.
 - (c) Any bond given to or on account of any such society or branch or by the treasurer or other officer thereof.
 - (d) Any agreement to which any such society or branch is a contracting party other than an agreement for the purchase of any property.
 - (e) Any other instrument required or authorised by the said Act or by the rules of any such society or branch.

And such exemptions shall be in lieu of those contained in Section 29 of the Friendly Societies Act, 1899.

- (8) Generally any instrument expressly exempted under any Act.

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Death Duties.(10.) *Resolved*,—

(2) That towards raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty there shall be charged—

A. On the final balance of the estate and upon all property separately assessed under paragraph D hereof of every person who dies hereafter duty at the rates following:—

| Final balance of estate. | | Rate per centu of duty. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Exceeding £1,000 | but not exceeding £5,000 | 2 |
| " £5,000 | " " | 2½ |
| " £6,000 | " " | 3 |
| " £7,000 | " " | 3½ |
| " £8,000 | " " | 4 |
| " £9,000 | " " | 4½ |
| " £10,000 | " " | 5 |
| " £12,000 | " " | 5½ |
| " £14,000 | " " | 6 |
| " £16,000 | " " | 6½ |
| " £18,000 | " " | 7 |
| " £20,000 | " " | 7½ |
| " £25,000 | " " | 8 |
| " £30,000 | " " | 8½ |
| " £35,000 | " " | 9 |
| " £40,000 | " " | 9½ |
| " £45,000 | " " | 10 |
| " £50,000 | " " | 10½ |
| " £55,000 | " " | 11 |
| " £60,000 | " " | 11½ |
| " £65,000 | " " | 12 |
| " £70,000 | " " | 12½ |
| " £75,000 | " " | 13 |
| " £80,000 | " " | 13½ |
| " £85,000 | " " | 14 |
| " £90,000 | " " | 14½ |
| " £95,000 | " " | 15 |
| " £100,000 | " " | 15½ |
| " £105,000 | " " | 16 |
| " £110,000 | " " | 16½ |
| " £115,000 | " " | 17 |
| " £120,000 | " " | 17½ |
| " £125,000 | " " | 18 |
| " £130,000 | " " | 18½ |
| " £135,000 | " " | 19 |
| " £140,000 | " " | 19½ |
| " £150,000 | " " | 20 |

B. The final balance of the estate of such deceased person shall be computed showing the total value of his dutiable estate (except such part thereof as is the subject of a separate assessment as in paragraph D mentioned) after making such allowances as are mentioned in paragraphs E, F, and G, in respect of the debts of such deceased person.

C. The dutiable estate of such deceased person shall include the following classes of property, together with all rents, profits, dividends, interest, and other income due or accruing, due or payable, in respect thereof, and all accretions to the capital thereof, including the progeny of live stock, after the death of the deceased and before grant of administration, namely:—

- (1) (a) All property of the deceased which is situate in New South Wales at his death; and
- (b) every specialty debt due to such person and secured or partly secured by mortgage, incumbrance, pledge or lien, legal or equitable, of or over any property situate within New South Wales, and notwithstanding that the specialty was, at the time of the death of such person, outside New South Wales;
- (c) every share and all stock held by such person at the time of his death in any company, corporation, or society, whether registered or incorporated within or out of New South Wales, and carrying on the business of mining for gold or other minerals as defined in the Mining Act, 1906, in New South Wales, or of treating any such minerals or the business of pastoral or agricultural production or timber-getting in New South Wales;
- (d) every share held by such person in any corporation, company, or society having a share register in New South Wales for any purpose whatever.

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To which any person becomes entitled under the will or upon the intestacy of the deceased except property held by the deceased as trustee for another person under a disposition not made by the deceased. And all such debts and shares shall be subject to death duty notwithstanding that the same were not at the time of the death of the deceased *bona notabilia* within New South Wales.

- (2) (a) All property which the deceased has disposed of, whether before or after the passing of this Act, by will or by a settlement, containing any trust in respect of that property to take effect after his death, including a will or settlement made in the exercise of any general or special power of appointment, whether exercisable by the deceased alone or jointly with another person: Provided that the property deemed to be included in the estate of the deceased shall be the property which at the time of his death is subject to such trust.
- (b) Any property comprised in any gift made by the deceased within three years before his death, and whether made before or after the passing of this Act, including any money paid or other property conveyed or transferred by the deceased within such period in pursuance of a covenant or agreement made at any time by him without full consideration in money or money's worth.
- (c) Any property passing under any settlement, trust, or other disposition of property made by the deceased whether before or after the passing of this Act—
- (i) by which an interest in or benefit out of or connected with that property, or in the proceeds of the sale thereof, is reserved either expressly or by implication to the deceased for his life or for the life of any other person, or for any period determined by reference to the death of the deceased or of any other person; or
- (ii) which is accompanied by the reservation or assurance of, or a contract for, any benefit to the deceased for the term of his life or of the life of any other person, or for any period determined by reference to the death of the deceased or of any other person; or
- (iii) by which the deceased has reserved to himself the right, by the exercise of any power, to restore to himself or to reclaim that property or the proceeds of the sale thereof.
- (d) Any property comprised in any gift made by the deceased at any time, whether before or after the passing of this Act, of which *bona fide* possession and enjoyment has not been assumed by the donee immediately upon the gift and thenceforth retained to the entire exclusion of the deceased, or of any benefit to him of whatsoever kind or in any way whatsoever.
- (e) Any property comprised in a *donatio mortis causa* made by the deceased at any time, whether before or after the passing of this Act.
- (f) Any property which the deceased has at any time, whether before or after the passing of this Act, caused to be conveyed to or vested in himself and any other person jointly, so that the beneficial interest therein passes or accrues by survivorship to any person on the death of the deceased.
- (g) Any property in which the deceased or any other person had an estate or interest limited to cease on the death of the deceased notwithstanding that that estate or interest has been surrendered, assured, divested, or otherwise disposed of and of (whether before or after the passing of this Act) whether for value or not, for the benefit of any person entitled to an estate or interest in remainder, or reversion in such property, unless—
- (i) such disposition was *bona fide* made or effected within three years before the death of the deceased; and
- (ii) *bona fide* possession and enjoyment of the property was assumed thereunder immediately upon the disposition and thenceforward retained to the entire exclusion of the person who had the estate or interest limited to cease as aforesaid, or of any benefit to him of whatsoever kind or in any way whatsoever.
- (h) Any money payable under a policy of assurance effected by the deceased on his life, whether before or after the passing of this Act, where the policy is wholly kept up by him for the benefit of a beneficiary (whether nominee or assignee), or a part of that money in proportion to the premiums paid by him where the policy is partially kept up by him for such benefit.
- (i) Any annuity or other interest purchased or provided by the deceased, whether before or after the passing of this Act, either by himself alone or in concert or by arrangement with any other person, to the extent of the beneficial interest accruing or arising by survivorship or otherwise on the death of the deceased.
- (j) Any property over or in respect of which the deceased had at the time of his death a general power of appointment.
- (k) Any property which on the death of the deceased passes to any other person under or by virtue of any agreement made by the deceased (whether before or after the passing of this Act) to the extent by which the value of such property exceeds any consideration in money or money's worth receivable by the estate of the deceased under such agreement.

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- (1) Any property which the deceased has within three years before his death and whether before or after the passing of this Act transferred to, or vested in, or caused to be transferred to or vested in a private company or some person in trust for any such company, in consideration of any shares or other interest including any office or place of profit therein.
- D. (1) Property disposed of by the deceased in exercise of a special power of appointment and included in his dutiable estate where the deceased was not the donor of the power, nor entitled to any beneficial interest in the property either directly, or as an object of the power or in default of appointment thereunder shall not be aggregated with the other property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased, but shall be separately assessed.
- (2) The rate at which death duty is payable on such property shall, subject as provided in paragraph J, be as follows:—
- (a) Where the value of the property does not exceed five thousand pounds, two pounds per centum.
- (b) Where the value exceeds five thousand pounds, then at the rate prescribed in paragraph A in respect of an estate the final balance of which exceeds five thousand pounds.
- E. (1) In computing the final balance of the estate of a deceased person an allowance shall be made for all debts actually due and owing by him at the time of his death.
- (2) No such allowance shall be made—
- (a) for debts incurred by the deceased otherwise than for full consideration in money or money's worth wholly for his own use and benefit; or
- (b) for debts in respect whereof there is a right of reimbursement from any other estate or person, except to the extent to which reimbursement cannot be obtained; or
- (c) more than once for the same debt charged upon different portions of the estate; or
- (d) for contingent debts or any other debts the amount of which is in the opinion of the Commissioner incapable of estimation.
- (3) If any debt for which by reason of the provisions of paragraph (d) an allowance has not been made becomes at any time within three years after the death of the deceased actually payable or, in the opinion of the Commissioner, capable of estimation, an allowance shall be made therefor, and a refund of any death duty paid in excess shall be made to the person entitled thereto, but no action for the recovery of any such refund shall be commenced except within three years after the payment of the duty so paid in excess.
- F. The allowance so to be made for debts shall extend to all debts whether incurred or payable in New South Wales or elsewhere, save that, where there are foreign assets, such portion only of the unsecured debts shall be allowed as bears the same ratio to the total unsecured debts as the value of the dutiable estate available for the payment of such debts of the deceased bears to the value of the total assets wherever situate, so available.
- G. The allowance so to be made for secured debts where there are foreign assets shall be as follows:—
- (1) Where a debt is secured by mortgage or charge solely upon any part of the dutiable estate of the deceased—
- (a) allowance shall be made for the debt so far as it does not exceed the value of the property charged;
- (b) the balance (if any) of the debt shall be deemed to be unsecured, and allowance shall be made for the apportioned part thereof only determined as in paragraph F provided.
- (2) Where a debt is so secured solely upon any part of the foreign assets—
- (a) allowance shall be made for such part of the debt as exceeds the value of the assets charged;
- (b) the balance (if any) of the debt shall be deemed to be unsecured and allowance made for the apportioned part thereof determined as aforesaid.
- (3) Where a debt is so secured upon any part of the dutiable estate and also upon any of the foreign assets, the amount by which the debt exceeds the value of the foreign assets so charged shall be deemed to be secured upon the dutiable estate so charged, but only to the extent of the value of such estate, and allowance shall be made for the debt in accordance with this paragraph.
- H. Any allowance under paragraphs E, F, and G for a debt secured by mortgage or charge, whether upon any part of the dutiable estate of the deceased or upon any part of the foreign assets, shall not include any interest payable in respect of the debt except interest due and payable at the time of the death of the deceased.
- I. (1) No death duty shall be payable on the estate of a deceased person who at the time of his death was domiciled in New South Wales, the final balance of which estate does not exceed one thousand pounds, provided that this exemption shall not apply to property separately assessed in accordance with paragraph D.

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- J. (1) Where the final balance of the estate of the deceased does not exceed five thousand pounds, death duty shall be calculated at one-half the rate prescribed in paragraph A on any property devolving by the intestacy on, or passing under the will of the deceased to his widow or to any of his children who at the time of his death were under the age of twenty-one years, and on any other property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased (except property separately assessed in accordance with paragraph D) the beneficial interest in which property is vested in or on the death of the deceased passes to the widow or such child.
- (2) Where the value of any property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased which is separately assessed in accordance with paragraph D does not exceed five thousand pounds the duty thereon shall likewise be calculated at one-half the prescribed rate where the property passes to the widow or any of the children of the deceased who at the time of his death were under the age of twenty-one years: Provided that this paragraph shall not apply where the deceased was at the time of his death domiciled at some place outside New South Wales.
- K. Where a member of any such Company as is mentioned in Section ten of the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901, as to be amended, dies hereafter, the exemption contained in paragraph (a) of the proviso to that section shall not be allowed, and that paragraph shall be omitted.
- L. Where the dutiable estate of a person dying hereafter includes any property comprised in any instrument specified in paragraph C, sub-paragraph (2) hereof, there shall be deducted from the death duty assessed in respect of that property any ad valorem duty paid on such instrument in respect of that property.

On motion of Mr. Lang, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 9 and 10) to impose certain Stamp Duties; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Stamp Duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to impose certain Stamp Duties; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Stamp Duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

11. INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

12. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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 Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. McTiernan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

13. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, that this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, and for purposes connected therewith

Question put and passed.

14. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

- (1.) *Railway from Kyogle to Richmond Gap*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Kyogle to Richmond Gap.

Question put and passed.

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- (2.) *Railway from Murwillumbah to Tweed Heads*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Murwillumbah to Tweed Heads.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) *Tramway from Undercliff to Forest Hill (Earlwood)*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Undercliff to Forest Hill (Earlwood).

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (4.) *Scheme of Water Supply for the Shire of Sutherland*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a scheme of water supply for the Shire of Sutherland.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDING) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916; and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. EIGHT HOURS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

18. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL-MINES RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bennett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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19. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. George Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

CLAIM OF MR. T. D. RICHARDS:—Mr. Lazzarini (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the claim of Mr. T. D. Richards have leave to sit during the sitting or any adjournment of the House.
Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulation under the Government Savings Bank Acts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for year ended 30th June, 1920, together with Balance-sheets, Appendices, &c.
Ordered to be printed.

3. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 66.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,

Sydney, 3rd December, 1920.

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

4. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE AND MINISTERS' SALARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Noes, 26.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lang, | Mr. Anderson, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, | Mr. Arkins, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, | Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, | Mr. Bavin, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, | Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Buttenshaw, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, | Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Main. |
| Mr. George Caan, | Mr. McTiernan, | Mr. Carr, | |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Minahan, | Captain Chaffey, | |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Murphy, | Mr. Doe, | |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Mutch, | Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Brien, | Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, | Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, | Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, | Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Captain Fera, | Mr. John Storey, | Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, | Mr. Kearsley, | |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Swinoy, | Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | <i>Tellers,</i> | Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Oakes, | |
| Mr. Johnston, | | Mr. Perdriau, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members.”—

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

Ayes, 41.

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| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. William Davics, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gosling, | |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Birt, |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Brookfield. |
| Mr. Lang, | |

Noes, 24

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| Mr. Anderson, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Loxton, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Perdriau. |
| Mr. Bavin, | |
| Mr. Bennett, | |
| Lieut.-Col. Brunner, | |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | |
| Captain Chaffey, | |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, | |
| Major Shillington, | |
| Mr. Wearne. | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and of certain other persons; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers' Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and of certain other persons; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers' Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1920.*

5. PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES BILL:—Mr. McKell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the publication in the *Gazette* and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Estell, 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. Estell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dooley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Mutch moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

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The House divided.

| Ayes, 28. | | Noes, 22. | |
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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, | Mr. Arkins, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, | Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, | Mr. Bennett, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Murphy, | Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Mutch, | Mr. Buttenshaw, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, | Mr. Carr, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Quirk, | Captain Chaffey, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Scully, | Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, | Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. | Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> | Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Minahan. | Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Lang, | | Mr. Main, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the requirements of Standing Order No. 175, that the motion shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of "at least thirty Members in favour thereof," had not been complied with,—

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

| Ayes, 41. | | Noes, 15. | |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Arkins, | |
| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lang, | Mr. Bavin, | |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Lazzarini, | Mr. Bennett, | |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, | Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, | Mr. Buttenshaw, | |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McKell, | Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. McTiernan, | Mr. Jaques, | |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Minahan, | Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Molesworth, | Colonel Onslow, | |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Murphy, | Mr. Perdriau, | |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, | |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Brien, | Mr. Wearne, | |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. | |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, | <i>Tellers,</i> | |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, | Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, | Mr. A. F. Smith. | |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. | | |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> | | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | Mr. Greig, | | |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. O'Halloran. | | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | | | |
| Mr. Johnston, | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That Sir Thomas Henley, one of the Honorable Members for Ryde, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

| Ayes, 32. | | Noes, 17. | |
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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. McKell, | Mr. Anderson, | |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McTiernan, | Mr. Arkins, | |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Minahan, | Mr. Buttenshaw, | |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Molesworth, | Captain Chaffey, | |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Mutch, | Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. O'Halloran, | Mr. Drummond, | |
| Major Connell, | Mr. O'Hearn, | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Quirk, | Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Scully, | Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, | Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Swiney. | Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | <i>Tellers,</i> | Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Flannery, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, | |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. O'Brien. | Mr. Wearne, | |
| Mr. Johnston, | | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. | |
| Mr. Lang, | | <i>Tellers,</i> | |
| Mr. Lazzarini, | | Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, | |
| Mr. Loughlin, | | Mr. Perdriau. | |
| Mr. McClelland, | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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8th December, 1920.

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

Ayes, 35.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Flannery, | |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Gosling, |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Scully. |
| Mr. Lang, | |
| Mr. Lazzarini, | |
| Mr. Loughlin, | |

Noes, 18.

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| Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Arkins, |
| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, |
| Captain Chaffey, |
| Mr. Doe, |
| Mr. Drummond, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, |
| Sir George Fuller, |
| Sir Thomas Henley, |
| Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Perdriau, |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Wearne. |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Main, |
| Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911 as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act 1914 ; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911, as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1914 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th December, 1920, A.M.

9. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 ; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 ; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 ; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. PAPER :—Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Agreement between the Council of the Tweed Shire and Myles Alexander McDonald relating to a franchise granted by the Council for the Supply of Electricity to Tweed Heads Urban Area, for street and private lighting and power. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

12. FOOD PRESERVATION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE ENABLING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wearne moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Colonel Bruxner moved, That the question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration" and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Clark, Mr. O'Hearn, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Weaver, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Buttenshaw, and the Mover.

"(3.) That the Committee have leave to make visits of inspection, from time to time, accompanied by a shorthand-writer within the State of New South Wales, for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection",—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

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Question then,—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Clark, Mr. O'Hearn, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Weaver, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Buttenshaw, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Committee have leave to make visits of inspection from time to time, accompanied by a shorthand-writer, within the State of New South Wales, for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection,—put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lang 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 thirteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Arkins, Mr. Buttenshaw, Captain Chaffey, Sir Thomas Henley, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Main, Mr. Perdriau, Mr. A. F. Smith, and Mr. Wearne,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Eight o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—Mr. Bavin presented a Petition from certain electors of Strathfield, representing that the principle of one vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

2. **FOOD PRESERVATION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE ENABLING BILL** :—Mr. Wearne presented a Petition from The Bullot Meat Process Company, Limited, representing that the House had referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report the Food Preservation by Sulphur-Dioxide Enabling Bill, and praying for permission to appear before the said Select Committee by solicitor or counsel, or both; to adduce such evidence and to send for such persons and papers as your Petitioner may be advised, together with power to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board, respecting the appointment of Dr. William Clare Malone, as Medical Officer, Medical Branch, Department of Public Instruction.
(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board, respecting the appointment of Miss F. I. Turner, as Teacher of Dressmaking, Technical Education Branch, Department of Public Instruction.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **TREASURY BILLS AND DEBENTURES (SIGNATURES) BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. John Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message 67.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the signing of Treasury Bills and Debentures; to amend the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, the Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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9th December, 1920.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day, postponed until To-morrow:—

- (1.) Medical Practitioners Charges Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [Mr. Simon Hickey.]
 (2.) Elder's Trustee and Executor Company, Limited, Bill (Council Bill); second reading. [Mr. Bavin.]

6. RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

7. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Estell, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters; and to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria, and other waters; and to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916; and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 9th December, 1920.

8. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (RURAL BANK) BILL changed from GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, 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 establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to valuations for loans and investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to valuations for loans and investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Captain Dunn, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Captain Dunn then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to valuations for loans and investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. EIGHT HOURS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

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The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Minalan, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Staart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Johnston, | Major Connell, |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Molesworth. |
| Mr. Lang, | |

Noes, 24.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Mr. Bagnall, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Bavin, | Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Buttenshaw. |
| Mr. Carr, | |
| Captain Chaffey, | |
| Mr. Cocks, | |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Colonel Onslow, | |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE AND MINISTERS' SALARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with regard to the allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown, and of certain other persons; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers' Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

11. RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920, and for purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1920.*

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

12. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Oakes, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

9th December, 1920.

14. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lang, 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. Lang, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. McTiernan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McKell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the publication in the *Gazette* and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the publication in the *Gazette* and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Kell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. McKell then presented a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to the publication in the Gazette and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.
18. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bennett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Simon Hickey, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Johnston, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. George Canu, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Doyle, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Ely, | Major Connell, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Murphy. |
| Mr. Flannery, | |

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| Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, |
| Captain Chaffey, |
| Mr. Drummond, |
| Mr. Hoskins, |
| Colonel Onslow, |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge. |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Major Shillington. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

The House adjourned at, nine minutes after Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

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

- (1.) Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the filling of casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1920.

- (2.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for declarations by the Board of Trade as to living wages taking effect throughout the State; to amend the Acts relating to industrial arbitration; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th December, 1920.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1920.
(2.) Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Public Companies, for quarter ended 30th September, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Schedules 1 to 3, 1920-1921—Estimates—Public Works Fund (Construction).
(2.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1920; together with plans.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

14th December, 1920.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
 - (2.) Public Service List for 1920.
 - (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Messrs. James John Mackenzie Mackenzie and William Arnott Halse Rogers, as Clerks, Crown Solicitor's Office, Department of Attorney-General and of Justice.
 - (4.) Repeal and substitution of Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Loughlin laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Lands, together with the Report of the Director of Soldiers' Settlements, and the Report of the Western Land Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1920.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Notice of intention to declare that Original Conditional Purchase No. 20-32, Land District of Murwillumbah, applied for by Messrs. William John Stewart and Donald Christopher Stewart, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lang laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for year ended 30th June, 1920.
 - (2.) Thirty-seventh Annual Report, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Acts, 1902-1914.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day "The Ashtonfields Coal-mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Bennett*]" postponed until To-morrow.
4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND ACT, 1914.—CLAIM OF CAPTAIN W. F. WOOTTEN:—Major Shillington moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration of the fund constituted under the provisions of the National Relief Fund Act, 1914, and to investigate and report upon the claim of one Captain W. F. Wootten to receive benefits from such fund.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lang, Mr. Arkins, Major Connell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Main, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perdriau, Mr. Ely, Mr. Fitzgerald, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House or any adjournment thereof.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. FINANCES OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS:—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best method of putting the Public Hospitals of the State on a financial basis.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Arthur, Mr. Bruntnell, Captain Chaffey, Sir Thomas Henley, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Buttenshaw, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

6. GUN LICENSE BILL:—
 - (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dooley, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers, and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

 - (2.) Mr. Dooley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
 7. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dooley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

On

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

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

8. INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911, as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1914; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

9. ARCHITECTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

10. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (RURAL BANK) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Captain Dunn moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Captain Dunn, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,

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

11. EIGHT HOURS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. George Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. George Cann, the report was adopted.

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

13. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lang, passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose certain stamp duties; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose certain stamp duties; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. **FOOD PRESERVATION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE ENABLING BILL:**—Mr. Wearne, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 9th December, 1920, A.M., together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Wearne then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.
15. **SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes connected therewith.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920, A.M.*
16. **FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lang moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. McTiernan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 3 11 (c)"—instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and *negatived*.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and *passed*.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 3 11 (c),—put and *passed*.
On motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. McTiernan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:**—*Amplification of the Water Supply System of Sydney and its environs:*—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out certain proposals for the amplification of the water supply system of Sydney and its environs.
Debate ensued.
Question put and *passed*.
18. **CROWN LANDS (RESUMPTION) VALIDATION BILL:**—
(1.) Mr. Loughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain resumptions of land under the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and *passed*.
(2.) Mr. Loughlin then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain resumptions of land under the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
19. **PAPER:**—Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
20. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Mutch, 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 Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; to validate certain things; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; to validate certain things; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Mutch, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Mutch then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; to validate certain things; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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21. METROPOLITAN MAIN ROADS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Mutch, 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 better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to provide for the licensing of vehicles; to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to provide for the licensing of vehicles; to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Mutch then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the better construction, maintenance, and financing of main roads in the metropolitan area; to constitute a Main Roads Board; to provide for the licensing of vehicles; to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

22. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Government Business and remaining Notices of Motions of General Business, postponed (*by consent*), until To-morrow.

23. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bennett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Birt, |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Doyle. |

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| Mr. Bavin, |
| Mr. Drummond, |
| Sir George Fuller, |
| Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. Jaques, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Ley, |
| Mr. Main, |
| Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Perdrian, |
| Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Wearne. |

Tellers,

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| Mr. Buttenshaw, |
| Captain Chaffey. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Bennett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to admit Richard Denis Meagher to practise as an attorney, solicitor, and proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales; to amend the Legal Practitioners Act of 1898, and the Charter of Justice; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to admit Richard Denis Meagher to practise as an attorney, solicitor, and proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales; to amend the Legal Practitioners Act of 1898, and the Charter of Justice; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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24. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day "Medical Practitioners Charges Bill; to be further considered in Committee [*Mr. Simon Hickey*]"—postponed until to-morrow.

25. ELDER'S TRUSTEE AND EXECUTOR COMPANY LIMITED BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bavin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

14th December, 1920.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Bavin then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to confer powers upon Elder's Trustee and Executor Company, Limited.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon Elder's Trustee and Executor Company, Limited,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 15th December, 1920, A.M.

The House adjourned, at half-past Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Balance-sheets, Trading Accounts, &c., of the State Industrial Undertakings for the year ended 30th June, 1920, together with the Report of the Auditor-General thereon.
Ordered to be printed.

2. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:—Mr. Bavin presented a Petition from certain electors of Concord, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. George Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Department of Labour and Industry for 1919.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Copy of Report of the Chairman of the Metropolitan Meat Industry Board regarding Uncleanliness at the Abattoirs.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*New Buildings for the Stores Supply Department*):—Mr. Simon Hickey (in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act) laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed erection of New Buildings for the Stores Supply Department.
Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) The Sydney Port (Goods Delivery) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 71.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

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

15th December, 1920.

(2.) Sea-carriage of Goods Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 72.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.*

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

5. VACANT SEATS:—*Electoral Districts of Eastern Suburbs, Murray, Oxley, and Goulburn*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, pursuant to the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Act, 1920, he had received from the recognised Party leaders the nominations of the persons entitled to be elected to the Assembly in the places of the late Members, as follow:—

(1.) From the Honorable John Storey—The nomination of Daniel Francis Dwyer, of 110 Jersey-road, Woollahra, for Eastern Suburbs, in the place of James Fingleton, Esquire, deceased.

(2.) From Walter Ernest Wearne, Esquire—The nomination of Matthew Kilpatrick, of Oaklands, Farmer, for Murray, in the place of George Stephenson Beeby, Esquire, resigned.

(3.) From Walter Ernest Wearne, Esquire—The nomination of Theodore Hooke Hill, Hotel Metropole, Sydney, retired Bank Manager, for Oxley, in the place of George Stuart Briner, Esquire, deceased.

(4.) From Sir George Fuller—The nomination of William Millard, of Sir Thomas Mitchell Road, Bondi, for Goulburn, in the place of Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, resigned.

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

William Millard, Esquire—for Goulburn.

Theodore Hooke Hill, Esquire—for Oxley.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Parliamentary Select Committees (Agricultural and Metalliferous Industries) Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. John Storey, read a first time.

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

(2.) Trade Unions Re-registration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

TRADE UNIONS RE-REGISTRATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. *After* "arbitration," *omit* "and for the purpose of such re-registration or registration it shall not be necessary for the Industrial Registrar or the said unions to comply with the provisions of the said Acts in regard to registration."

Insert, "Provided that—

"(a) the rules of any union re-registered or registered under this section shall comply with any directions given by the Industrial Registrar in pursuance of the Acts relating to industrial arbitration.

"(b) any decision of the Industrial Registrar with respect to any of the matters mentioned in this section shall be subject to appeal to the Court of Industrial Arbitration, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts relating to industrial arbitration."

Page 2, clause 3, line 11. *After* "unions," *insert* "under and subject to the provisions of the Acts relating to industrial arbitration."

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Page 2. After clause 4 add new clause, to stand as clause 5 as follows:—

- “ 5. Where the status of any union is restored or conferred under sections two, three, or four of this Act—
- “(1) the status and rights under the provisions of the Acts relating to industrial arbitration of any industrial union which is already registered shall not be prejudiced or affected by such restoring or conferring of status under this Act, but this provision shall not be deemed to give any industrial union which is already registered any preferential status or rights under the provisions of the said Acts relating to industrial arbitration as against any union whose status is restored or conferred under this Act;
- “(2) Any union whose status is restored or conferred under this Act shall use its best endeavours to ensure that its members shall work harmoniously with the members of other industrial unions registered in respect of the same industry or calling, and the members of such last-mentioned unions shall be under a corresponding obligation.”

Page 3, First Schedule, line 3. After “Wales” insert “Branch”

Page 3, First Schedule. At end of Schedule add:—“Provided that the New South Wales Branch Australian Railways Union and the Musicians’ Union of Australia, New South Wales District, must first complete registration under the Trades Union Act, 1881.”

Examined,—

B. B. O’CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(3.) Government Railways (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “An Act to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 5. After “acquire” insert “under the provisions of the Mining Act, 1906, and any Act amending the same and to”

Page 2, clause 2, lines 13 to 21 inclusive. Omit subclause 17B.

Examined,—

B. B. O’CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(4.) Pastures Protection (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “An Act to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 3, line 22. After “permit” insert “or renewed permit”

Page 4, clause 3, line 3. After “may” insert “with the consent of the Board”

Page 4, clause 3, lines 13, 14, 15, and 16. After “pounds” omit “and any notice or order issued or given by a board in so far as it conflicts with the terms of any such prohibition, shall not be enforceable.”

Examined,—

B. B. O’CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

15th December, 1920.

9. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Lang moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the following Bills, viz.:—

(1.) A Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920, and for purposes connected therewith";

(2.) A Bill intituled "A Bill to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith";

(3.) A Bill intituled "A Bill concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State";

(4.) A Bill intituled "A Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—be brought in and passed through all their stages in one day.

Question put and passed

(2.) Mr. Lang moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the following Bills, viz.:—

(1.) A Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920, and for purposes connected therewith";

(2.) A Bill intituled "A Bill to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith";

(3.) A Bill intituled "A Bill concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State";

(4.) A Bill intituled "A Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all their stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. ARCHITECTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the registration and to regulate the practice of architects; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration and to regulate the practice of architects; to amend certain Acts in so far as they relate to building; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

11. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Lang read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1906, as amended by the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1907, the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Mining (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

12. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (RURAL BANK) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment,

On motion of Captain Dunn the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.

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15th December, 1920.

13. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Frank Burke, |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Greig. |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |

Noes, 31.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. Walker. |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. W. Millard, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least Thirty Members,”—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Johnston, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McKell, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | |

Noes, 33.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Reid, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Fegan, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Buttenshaw, |
| Sir George Fuller, | Mr. Drummond. |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. W. Millard, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Colonel Onslow, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. McTiernan moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McKell, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gosling, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Michael Burke, |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Quirk. |
| Mr. Johnston, | |

Noes, 33.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Reid, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Drummond, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fegan, | Captain Chaffey, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Ley. |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Main, | |
| Mr. W. Millard, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Colonel Onslow, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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15th December, 1920.

Mr. McTiernan moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915 to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Johnston, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Murphy. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | |

Noes, 29.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Cocks, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Mr. Drummond, | |
| Mr. Fegan, | |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. W. Millard, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |
| Colonel Onslow, | |
| Mr. Reid, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

4. BOOKMAKERS TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lang, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,

Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

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

(2.) Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

(3.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(4.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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(5.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnston, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915, the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

15. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.

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

(3.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Lang moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.*"

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 concerning bills of lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

16. THE SYDNEY PORT (GOODS DELIVERY) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the Port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

17. RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lang, 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 Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lang then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Lang then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th December, 1920.

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15th December, 1920.

18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Mutch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Mutch, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Mutch, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

19. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (RURAL BANK) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Captain Dunn, read a third time and passed.
 Captain Dunn then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to valuations for loans and investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to valuations for loans and investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1920, A.M.

20. PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McKell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. McKell, 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. McKell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.
21. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dooley, 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 Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.
 On motion of Mr. Dooley, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Dooley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
22. GUN LICENSE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dooley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dooley, 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. Dooley, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

15th December, 1920.

23. CROWN LANDS (RESUMPTION) VALIDATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Loughlin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Loughlin, *passed*.Mr. Loughlin then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate certain resumptions of land under the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain resumptions of land under the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 16th December, 1920, A.M.*

24. LARGE HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the

adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Loughlin, "That" this Bill be now read a second time,—

Upon which Mr. Wearne had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Loughlin, Mr. Ball, Mr. Clark, Mr. Doe, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Main, Mr. O'Hearn, Mr. Price, Mr. Scully, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Lang moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. George Caan, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | |
| Mr. Flannery, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Greig, |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Kearsley. |
| Mr. Lang, | |

Noes, 29.

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| Mr. Arkins, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Ball, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Wearne. |
| Captain Chaffey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Drummond, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Cameron. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. W. Millard, | |
| Mr. Oakes, | |

And it appearing by the Teller's lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least Thirty Members,—"

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lang, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. George Caan, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. McKell, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Flannery, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | Mr. Frank Burke, |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Molesworth. |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | |
| Mr. Kearsley, | |

Noes, 31.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Main, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. W. Millard, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Captain Chaffey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Drummond, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Fegan, | Major Shillington. |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

15th December, 1920.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. George Cunn, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Estell, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Flannery, | |
| Mr. Greig, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Simon Hickey, | Mr. Doyle, |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Gosling. |
| Mr. Lang, | |

Noes, 31.

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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. W. Millard, |
| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Oakes, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Colonel Onslow, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Ball, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Bennett, | Lieut.-Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Captain Chaffey, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. A. E. Smith, |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Main, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

25. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Mutch, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Mutch then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; to validate certain things; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; to validate certain things; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*",—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16 December, 1920, A.M.

26. WAVERLEY CEMETERY LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Mutch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

27. PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. McKell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to the publication in the Gazette and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the publication in the Gazette and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith*",—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1920, A.M.

28. DECLINE IN THE METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRY:—Mr. Davidson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Decline in the Metalliferous Industry," have leave to report the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence taken before them, from time to time, to this House.

Question put and passed.

15th December, 1920.

29. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lang 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 eight Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Arkins, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lang, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Reid, and Mr. A. F. Smith,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-eight minutes before Nine o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

DANIEL LEVY
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the First Annual Report of the State Superannuation Board, submitted to Parliament pursuant to section 84 of the State Superannuation Act of 1916.
Ordered to be printed.

2. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—The following Petitions, representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential voting" systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners,—were presented by the members named,—
(1.) By Mr. Lee—From certain electors of Newtown.
(2.) By Mr. Hoskins—From certain electors of Marrickville.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS :—

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Report of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

(2.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Final Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry (Mr. W. J. Kessell) into claims lodged under the provisions of the Influenza Epidemic Relief Act, 1919, together with Schedules.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Local Government Department for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. DECLINE IN THE METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRY :—Mr. Davidson, 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 matter was referred on 22nd October, 1920, A.M.
Ordered to be printed.

5. MEMBER SWORN :—Daniel Francis Dwyer, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Eastern Suburbs.

16th December, 1920.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for Ryde, Mr. Loxton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—“The immediate necessity of the Government taking the necessary steps for the proclamation under “Section 37 of the Liquor Amendment Act, 1919, fixing the day for the taking a ballot in respect “of prohibition with compensation, as required by the said Act.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

| Ayes, 40. | |
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| Mr. Bailey, | Mr. Kearsley, |
| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Lazzarini, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Dwyer, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | |
| Mr. Greig, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. O'Brien. |

| Noes, 33. | |
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| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. W. Millard, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Perdriau, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Mr. Price, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Lieut. Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Major Shillington, |
| Lieut. Col. Bruxner, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Walker, |
| Mr. Carr, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Captain Chaffey, | Mr. Weaver, |
| Mr. Doe, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Mr. Drummond, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | |
| Sir George Fuller, | Mr. Buttenshaw, |
| Mr. Grimm, | Mr. Lee. |
| Sir Thomas Henley, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. Main, | |

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least Thirty Members,”—

And Mr. Loxton having spoken in reply,—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

| Ayes, 32. | |
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| Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Price, |
| Dr. Arthur, | Lieut. Col. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Ashford, | Major Shillington, |
| Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. A. F. Smith, |
| Mr. Bavin, | Mr. Walker, |
| Lieut. Col. Bruxner, | Mr. Wearne, |
| Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. Weaver. |
| Mr. Carr, | Chapl.-Capt. Wilson. |
| Captain Chaffey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Doe, | |
| Mr. Drummond, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Main. |
| Sir George Fuller, | |
| Mr. Grimm, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Jaques, | |
| Mr. Lee, | |
| Mr. Ley, | |
| Mr. Loxton, | |
| Mr. W. Millard, | |
| Mr. Perdriau, | |

| Noes, 41. | |
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| Mr. Birt, | Mr. Loughlin, |
| Mr. Brookfield, | Mr. McClelland, |
| Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Gregory McGirr, |
| Mr. Michael Burke, | Mr. McKell, |
| Mr. George Cann, | Mr. McTiernan, |
| Mr. Clark, | Mr. Minahan, |
| Mr. Cleary, | Mr. Molesworth, |
| Major Connell, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Davidson, | Mr. Mutch, |
| Mr. William Davies, | Mr. O'Brien, |
| Mr. Dooley, | Mr. O'Halloran, |
| Mr. Doyle, | Mr. O'Hearn, |
| Captain Dunn, | Mr. Quirk, |
| Mr. Dwyer, | Mr. Scully, |
| Mr. Ely, | Mr. John Storey, |
| Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Stuart-Robertson, |
| Mr. Flannery, | Mr. Swiney. |
| Mr. Gardiner, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Gosling, | |
| Mr. Johnston, | Mr. Bailey, |
| Mr. Kearsley, | Mr. Greig. |
| Mr. Lazzarini, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

7. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Captain Dunn, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved 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 Captain Dunn, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

8. GUN LICENSE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Dooley, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dooley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “An Act to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th December, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Captain Chaffey, *on behalf of Mr. Bennett*, Chairman, brought up the fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

10. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Dooley, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dooley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the variation of certain agreements made by the Municipal Council of Sydney with regard to the Supply of Electricity; to authorise the Council in certain cases to make charges in excess of the charges specified in the said agreements; to amend the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the variation of certain agreements made by the Municipal Council of Sydney with regard to the Supply of Electricity; to authorise the Council in certain cases to make charges in excess of the charges specified in the said agreements; to amend the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

11. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dooley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Tramway from Burns' Bay Road to Fig Tree Bridge, Lane Cove River* :—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Burns' Bay Road to Fig Tree Bridge, Lane Cove River.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Tramway from Ryde to New Cemetery for Northern Suburbs* :—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Ryde to New Cemetery for Northern Suburbs.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Tramway from Chatswood to New Cemetery for Northern Suburbs* :—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Chatswood to New Cemetery for Northern Suburbs.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Transmission Line for the supply of Electric Current from Port Kembla Power Station to Bowral, Mittagong, and Moss Vale, with a branch line to Picton* :—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to inquire and report as to the expediency of constructing a Transmission Line for the supply of Electric Current from Port Kembla Power Station to Bowral, Mittagong, and Moss Vale, with a branch line to Picton.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Transmission Line and Apparatus for the supply of Electric Current from the Port Kembla Power Station to towns as far south as Kiama, and from Kiama south to Nowra* :—Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing the necessary Transmission Line and Apparatus for the supply of Electric Current from the Port Kembla Power Station to towns as far south as Kiama, and from Kiama south to Nowra.

Question put and passed.

16th December, 1920.

13. **TRADE UNIONS RE-REGISTRATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the re-registration of certain Trade Unions as Industrial Unions under the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to enable certain other Trade Unions to be restored to their former full legal status as Industrial Unions; and for purposes connected therewith.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.
14. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to acquire, hold, develop, and work coal-mines within the State of New South Wales; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.
15. **WAVERLEY CEMETERY LAND SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Mutch, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Mutch then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Council of the Municipality of Waverley to sell portion of the lands comprised within the Waverley Cemetery; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Municipality of Waverley to sell portion of the lands comprised within the Waverley Cemetery; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.
16. **COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Mutch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Mutch, 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. Mutch, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
17. **SLUM AND CONGESTED AREAS, SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE:**—Mr. Gosling, as Chairman, brought up the 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 4th November, 1920.
Ordered to be printed.
18. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Dooley, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Dooley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

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16th December, 1920.

19. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—

- (1.) Mr. Dooley moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the Supply of Electricity, and for purposes connected therewith,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Dooley moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the Supply of Electricity, and for purposes connected therewith,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

20. SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY (VARIATION OF AGREEMENTS) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Dooley moved, without Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the supply of electricity; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Dooley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the supply of electricity, and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
- (3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Dooley, 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. Dooley, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Dooley, *passed*.
Mr. Dooley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the supply of electricity; and for purposes connected therewith.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the supply of electricity, and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

21. CONVEYANCING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McTiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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. McTiernan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. McTiernan, *passed*.
Mr. McTiernan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Conveyancing Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council; with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Conveyancing Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

22. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (BROKEN HILL) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, 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 promulgation of a scheme to secure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to Workmen's Compensation; and for purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The

16th December, 1920.

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 promulgation of a scheme to secure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to Workmen's Compensation; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to secure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to Workmen's Compensation; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

23. POSTONEMENTS :—

- (1.) The remaining Government Business postponed (*by consent*) until after Order of the Day No. 2 of General Business.
- (2.) The Order of the Day, The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*), (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*), postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business.

24. FOOD PRESERVATION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE ENABLING BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wearne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Wearne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction and regulate the use of sulphur dioxide in the preservation of whole meats, poultry, fish, and other articles of food; to amend the Public Health Acts, the Pure Food Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and regulate the use of sulphur dioxide in the preservation of whole meats, poultry, fish, and other articles of food; to amend the Public Health Acts, the Pure Food Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.*

25. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. McKell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation; and for purposes connected therewith*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.*

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock, p.m.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—Matthew Kilpatrick, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Murray.

2. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION :—The following Petitions representing that the principle of one-vote-one-value, as provided in the Electoral Act of 1918, should be maintained; that the proposed change in the electoral system, foreshadowed in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, is unwarranted; that the proportional system has elected a truly representative Parliament; that "first-past-the-post," second ballot, or "preferential " voting " systems are incapable of electing a Parliament which will justly represent the people; that the regulations should be altered to provide that a ballot-paper be declared formal if the intention of the voter is expressed by the figure "1" opposite one name; and praying that the House will give effect to the desires of Petitioners,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Walker—From certain electors of Hornsby.

(2.) By Mr. Perdriau—From certain electors of Parramatta.

Petitions received.

3. CLAIM OF MR. T. D. RICHARDS :—Mr. Lazzarini, 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 12th November, 1920, A.M.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND ACT, 1914.—CLAIM OF CAPTAIN W. F. WOOTTEN :—Major Shillington, 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 14th December, 1920.
Ordered to be printed.
5. CLAIMS OF MESSRS. WORRALL BROTHERS, OF MANILDRA :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought 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 22nd October, 1920, A.M., together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
6. PAPERS :—
Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1920.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Mr. R. H. Anderson as Botanical Assistant, Botanic Gardens, Department of Agriculture.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

21st December, 1920.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement by Railway Commissioners, showing comparison of railway and tramway fares in relation to minimum rates of pay in the years 1897, 1907, 1914, and 1920.
- (2.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McTiernan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Table of Fees to be paid on Proceedings in District Courts under the District Courts Act, 1912.
- (2.) Supreme Court Rules, prescribing fees to be paid in the Common Law, Equity, Matrimonial Causes, Probate, and Lunacy Jurisdictions, from 1st January, 1921.
- (3.) Amendment, Repeal, and Substitution of Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Poisons Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. John Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry (Mr. Justice Fring) into certain charges against Messrs. Dooley, Mutch, and Johnston, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

7. LOAN ESTIMATE:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. John Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1920-21, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1920.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from his Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. John Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Income Tax (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, 1911, as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1912, and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1914; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

- (2.) Parliamentary Representatives Allowance and Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 76.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision with regard to the allowances to members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and of certain other persons; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Ministers' Salaries Act, 1908, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Supply of Electricity (Variation of Agreements) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the supply of electricity; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.
(2.)

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21st December, 1920.

(2.) Crown Lands (Resumption) Validation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain resumptions of land under the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(3.) Sydney Harbour Trust (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1920, a.m.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(4.) Bookmakers Taxation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the taxes payable by bookmakers; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915 the Finance Taxation (Management) Act, 1915; the Finance Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1917; and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1920, a.m.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(5.) Publication of Statutory Advertisements and Notices Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the publication in the Gazette and other newspapers of statutory advertisements and notices; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1920, a.m.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(6.) Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to admit Richard Denis Meagher to practice as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales; to amend the Legal Practitioners Act of 1898, and the Charter of Justice; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 20th December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(7.) Eight Hours (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

EIGHT HOURS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 21st December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 4, clause 3, line 5. After "accompanied" insert "by a reduction of wages or"
Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

(8.) Profiteering Prevention Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled, "*An Act to prevent undue profit-taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.
PROFITEERING

21st December, 1920.

PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 21st December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "Commissioner for Railways and Tramways," *insert* "Railway Commissioners for New South Wales."
- Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "or to any undertaking included in Schedule I of the "Gas Act, 1912."
- Page 3, clause 4, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "of the Board of Trade," *insert* "appointed under this "Act."
- Page 3, clause 4. *After* definition of "Commissioner," *insert* new definition as follows:—
" 'Commodity' means necessary commodity."
- Page 3, clause 4, line 27. *Omit* "or commodity"
- Page 4, clause 4. *After* line 12 *insert* "but does not include any prescribed agricultural or "pastoral product in the ownership or possession of the grower or producer thereof."
- Page 4, clause 4, line 13. *Omit* "or service."
- Page 4, clause 4, line 32. *Omit* "any," and *after* "regulation," *insert* "or."
- Page 4, clause 4, line 32. *Omit* "order, or notice."
- Page 4, clause 4, line 33. *Omit* "or given."
- Page 4, clause 4. *After* definition of "retail" *insert* new definition as follows:—" 'Service' "means necessary service."
- Pages 5 and 6. *Omit* clause 5, *insert* new clause 5 as follows:—
5. (1) For the purpose of administering and enforcing this Act there is hereby constituted a court to be known as the "Profiteering Prevention Court."
(2) The Governor may appoint a Judge of the Supreme Court, or the Court of Industrial Arbitration, or the District Court to be the Judge of the said Court, and such Judge shall, when exercising his functions under this Act, be styled "President of the Profiteering Prevention Court."
- (3) (a) The Governor may appoint one or more Judges of the Supreme Court, or the Court of Industrial Arbitration, or the District Court, as an Additional Judge, or as Additional Judges of the Profiteering Prevention Court.
(b) An Additional Judge shall exercise any functions committed to him by the President which the President may exercise under this Act, and for such purposes shall have the powers of the President under this Act.
- (4) In the event of and during the absence from whatever cause, of the President, the Governor may appoint an Additional Judge to be the Deputy President of the Profiteering Prevention Court and to exercise the functions of the President under this Act.
- (5) Judicial notice shall be taken of the signatures of the President, Deputy President, and Additional Judge or Judges of the said Court.
- Page 6, clause 6. *Omit* clause, *insert* new clause 6, as follows:—
6. (1) The President may himself hold any investigation or inquiry under this Act, or the Governor may, upon the recommendation of the President, appoint a barrister or a public accountant of not less than five years standing to whom the President may refer the conduct of any such investigation or inquiry for report to him or may fix the time and place or places for the holding of the same.
(2) For the purposes of such reference such barrister or public accountant, when so appointed shall have the powers of the President under this Act, and shall be styled "Commissioner of the Profiteering Prevention Court."
- Page 6, clause 7. *Omit* clause, *insert* new clause 7, as follows:—
7. (1) The President may, or, for the purposes of such reference, such Commissioner may, have associated with him persons (hereinafter referred to as "assessors") possessing special expert or business knowledge:
Provided that there shall not be more than two assessors for each investigation or inquiry.
(2) Every such assessor—
(a) shall be appointed by the Minister upon the recommendation of the President;
(b) shall hold office during the period of such investigation or inquiry, unless removed by the Minister upon the recommendation of the President;
(c) shall be entitled to such remuneration for his services and such travelling allowance as the Minister may from time to time determine; and
(d) shall sit in an advisory capacity in any matters connected with such investigation or inquiry.
- Page 7, clause 8, line 1. *Omit* "or person."
- Page 7, clause 9, line 16. *After* "Governor" *insert* "on the recommendation of the Public Service "Board."
- Page 7, clause 9, line 17. *Omit* "the Governor" *insert* "he."
- Page 7, clause 9, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "who shall hold office during the pleasure of the "Governor."
- Page 7, clause 10, line 30. *Omit* "shall" *insert* "may."
- Page 8. *Omit* clause 11, *insert* new clause to stand as clause 11, as follows:—
11. Any person who buys up any necessary commodity and stores or retains it in his possession or under his control, whether the maximum price thereof or maximum rate of profit thereon has or has not been fixed under this Act, with intent to corner the market or to restrain trade therein, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and such commodity shall be liable to forfeiture as hereinafter provided.
- Page 9, clause 12, subclause 5, line 24. *After* "continues" *omit* to end of subclause.
- Page 9, clause 12. At end of subclause (7) *add* "unless the President or the Supreme Court "otherwise orders"

Profiteering
Prevention
Court.
President.Additional
Judges.Deputy
President.Governor to
appoint a
barrister or a
public
accountant to
conduct an
investigation or
inquiry.

ASSESSORS.

Corners and
restrictions on
circulation of
commodities.
cf. Necessary
Commodities
Control Act,
1919, (Vic.),
s. 18.

- Page 10, clause 13. *Omit* clause.
- Page 10, clause 14, line 38. *Omit* "shall" *insert* "may"
- Page 11, clause 14, line 1. *Omit* "and disseminate"
- Page 11, clause 14, line 6. *Omit* "assistance" *insert* "control"
- Page 11, clause 14. *Omit* subclauses (2) and (3).
- Page 12, clause 15, lines 21, 22, and 23. *Omit* "or of some person authorised in writing by the Attorney-General to give such leave, and application for such leave shall not be made" *insert* "and no such leave shall be granted"
- Page 12, clause 15, lines 23 and 24. *Omit* "one month" *insert* "six weeks"
- Page 13, clause 17, line 10. *After* "time" secondly occurring *add* "after inquiry"
- Page 13, clause 17. At end of paragraph (a) *add* "for consumption or use in New South Wales"
- Page 14, clause 17. At end of paragraph (i) *add* "and salaries"
- Page 14, clause 17. *Omit* paragraph (1).
- Page 14, clause 17, line 28. *After* "profit" *insert* "on commodities"
- Page 15, clause 17. *Omit* paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) *insert* new paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) as follows:—
- (c) the cost at date of inquiry of wages, commodities, rent, rates, taxes, and any other expenses and contingencies;
 - (d) reasonable allowance for depreciation of assets due to wear and tear, obsolescence, or other causes; and
 - (e) any fluctuations in trade or in profits.
- Page 15, clause 17. *Omit* subclause 4.
- Page 16. *Omit* clause 20.
- Page 17, clause 21, line 18. *After* "profit" *insert* "on the supply of any service"
- Page 17, clause 21. *Omit* paragraph (e).
- Page 17, clause 21, subclause 2. *Omit* paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), *insert* new paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) as follows:—
- (a) the expenses of carrying on the business, including rent, rates, taxes, and contingencies;
 - (b) reasonable allowance for depreciation of assets due to wear and tear, obsolescence, or other causes;
 - (c) any fluctuation in trade or in profits.
- Page 18, clause 21. *Omit* subclauses (3) and (5).
- Page 18, clause 22, line 15. *After* "may" *insert* "upon the recommendation of the President"
- Page 20, clause 23, line 13. *Omit* "he may deem reasonable in the circumstances" *insert* "may be determined by the President after hearing the parties concerned"
- Page 21, clause 25. *Omit* from beginning of clause to and inclusive of the word "or" in line 25.
- Page 21, clause 25, line 29. *After* "service" *insert* "shall keep such books of account as will enable"
- Page 21, clause 25, lines 30 and 31. *Omit* "to adopt such methods as may be prescribed for ascertaining"
- Page 21, clause 25, line 35. *After* "service" *insert* "to be ascertained"
- Pages 21, 22, and 23, clause 25. *Omit* paragraphs and subclauses to and inclusive of subclause (6).
- Page 23, clause 25, subclause (7). *Omit* paragraph (b).
- Page 23, clause 27. *After* line 34 *insert* "(b) the defendant was a wholesale trader in such commodity, and the person who demanded to be supplied was not a retail trader therein; or"
- Page 25, clause 28, line 7. *Omit* "but in no other case"
- Page 25, clause 28. *Omit* subclause (3) and proviso.
- Page 25. *Omit* clause 30.
- Page 26, clause 31. *Omit* subclause (2).
- Page 27, clause 33. *Omit* subclause (2).
- Page 27. *After* clause 33 *insert* new clause as follows:—
- Any retail trader who exhibits or otherwise offers for sale any necessary commodity at a price denoted for the same shall on demand supply the purchaser with that commodity or with a similar commodity of equal quality and quantity at the price so denoted, and shall not attempt to substitute an inferior article therefor nor to raise the price above the price so denoted. Any such trader committing a breach of this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act."
- Page 28, clause 34, line 4. *Omit* "or legibly written"
- Page 28, clause 34, line 4. *After* "list" *insert* "as published in the Gazette"
- Page 28, clause 34, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "and such further particulars (if any) as shall be prescribed" *insert* "Printed lists of such fixed prices or charges shall be made available by the Minister."
- Page 28, clause 34, line 8. *Omit* "any of"
- Page 28, clause 35, line 13. *After* "who" *insert* "(being in the possession of the same for purposes of sale)"
- Page 28. At end of clause 35 *omit* "was necessary" *insert* "did not raise or tend to raise the price of a similar article to the public" (*Note*.—This clause as amended to be transposed to follow after clause 37.)
- Page 29, clause 41, line 38. *After* "be" secondly occurring *insert* "liable to be"
- Page 30. *After* clause 43, *insert* new clause as follows:—
- If any person at or for the purpose of any proceeding under this Act knowingly or recklessly furnishes any information or makes any representation which is false in any material particular he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both.
- Page 31, clause 44, lines 9, 10, and 11. *Omit* "twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-two, fifty-nine, sixty, or sixty-one"

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- Page 31, clause 44, line 11. *After* "thirty-two" *insert* "or"
 Page 31, clause 44, line 13. *Omit* "before the Supreme Court"
 Page 31, clause 44, line 14. *Omit* "penal servitude for a term not exceeding five years" *insert*
 "a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred pounds, or to imprisonment
 "for a term of not more than twelve months or to both"
 Page 31, clause 44, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "exceeding one thousand pounds" *insert* "less than
 "one hundred nor more than three thousand pounds"
 Page 32, clause 48, line 1. *Omit* "in New South Wales"
 Page 32, clause 48. *Omit* paragraph (b).
 Page 34, clause 52, line 6. *Omit* "Minister" *insert* "President"
 Page 36, clause 57. *Omit* subclause (2).
 Pages 40 and 41. *Omit* clause 65.
 Page 42. *Insert* new clauses 72 and 73 as follow:—

72. Nothing in this Act shall apply to the sale or supply of any necessary commodity for export from New South Wales, or to the sale or supply of any necessary commodities by public auction or competitive tender."

73. This Act shall be in force until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

10. FEMALE EMPLOYEES WAGES BILL, *changed from* EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK BILL:—Mr. Bagnall, pursuant to leave granted on 7th December, 1920, presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to provide that there shall be no discrimination in the rates of pay of males and females performing work of the same character; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

11. CASE OF SECOND-CLASS POLICE INSPECTOR McDONALD:—Mr. Greig (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the case of Second-class Police Inspector McDonald have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
 Question put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for St. George, Mr. Gosling, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"That in view of the distress prevalent at the present time the Government take immediate steps to provide employment throughout the State.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as not being a specific matter of recent occurrence.

- (2.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from one of the Honorable Members for North Shore, Dr. Arthur, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The failure of the Government to proceed with the Motherhood Endowment Bill during this Session."

Point of Order:—Mr. John Storey submitted that this motion would anticipate discussion on the Order of the Day No. 12, on the Notice Paper for To-day for the introduction of the Motherhood Endowment Bill, and was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was not disposed to follow some of the rulings to the effect that because a matter was set down on the Business Paper it precluded a discussion of a motion of adjournment on the ground of anticipation. He was more inclined to be guided by the Standing Order of the House of Commons, 10A, and have regard to the probability of the matter coming before the House within a reasonable time. But in view of the statement of the Premier that the Motherhood Endowment Bill would probably be taken before the House rose, he would not permit the motion to be moved.

13. UNLAWFUL DETENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Thomas Henley, "That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide security against detention of persons against their will, in any institutions, or by any persons; and to provide penalties against infringement of the law in respect of the liberty of the subject."

And the question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the adjourned debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 30th September, 1920.

14. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (BROKEN HILL) BILL, *changed from* WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. George Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

15. INCOME TAX MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. John Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 77.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith

State Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1920.

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

16. FOOD PRESERVATION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and regulate the use of sulphur dioxide in the preservation of whole meats, poultry, fish, and other articles of food; to amend the Public Health Acts, the Pure Food Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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FRED FLOWERS,
President.

17. PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEES (AGRICULTURAL AND METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRIES) ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—

1. Mr. Speaker said there were several matters in connection with this Bill which he desired to bring under the notice of Members. The provision that two Select Committees might sit during the period for which Parliament stood adjourned or prorogued might lead to peculiar constitutional consequences. The effect of a prorogation, as pointed out in May, 12th edition, p. 50, was to suspend all business until Parliament should be summoned again. The continuance of the sitting of a Select Committee during prorogation might nullify *pro tanto* certain well-known powers and privileges of the House itself. If, for example, under the Parliamentary Evidence Act a witness before a Select Committee refused to answer a lawful question during his examination he would be deemed guilty of contempt, and might be forthwith dealt with by the House. If such case occurred either House might find itself in a ridiculous position. This was a point which he thought it his duty to bring before the House, because it involved a question of the procedure of this Chamber; still he would not take it upon himself to rule the Bill out of order on that ground or give any direction to the House in consequence of the effects which he had indicated.

2. There was, however, another and a very serious point to which, as the custodian of the rights and privileges of this Chamber, it was his duty to direct the attention of Honorable Members. It was a well-known rule, for which there was abundant authority, that neither of the two Houses of Parliament should initiate legislation affecting the proceedings or functions of the other Chamber; or, to put it in another way, any Bill concerning the privileges or proceedings of either House should commence in that House to which it related. This was not a musty rule culled from the archives of Parliamentary antiquity; it was a rule which was in full force and vigour at the present day.

Examples of the application of the rule would be found in the Journals of Legislative Council (1872-3), Vol. 22, Part I, p. 111. Members of Parliament (Agents) Bill.—1916, 17th August, 1916, page 40. Women's Legal Status Bill.—28th November, 1918, page 114.

3. There was still another point in connection with this Bill to which he had devoted careful attention. This Bill came before the House from the Legislative Council, and the question arose whether it was a Bill of a kind that should, for another reason than the one already indicated, have originated in that Chamber. The Constitution Act provided in Section 5 that all Bills for appropriating any part of the public revenue, or for imposing any new rate, tax, or impost shall originate in the Legislative Assembly, and Section 46 of the same Act provided that it shall not be lawful for the Legislative Assembly to originate or pass any Vote, Resolution, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or of any other tax or impost to any purpose which has not been first recommended by a Message of the Governor to the Assembly during the Session in which the Vote, Resolution, or Bill had been passed. In England the rule had long been laid down that in Bills brought from the House of Lords any provision granting expenses to be defrayed out of moneys to be provided by Parliament was held to be an infringement upon the privileges of the Commons.

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In the year 1874 a Bill, intituled the "Public Railways Land Resumption Bill" came before this Assembly from the Legislative Council. On a Point of Order being taken—on the ground that the Bill authorised an appropriation of public money and was therefore one which should have been introduced in the Assembly—the Speaker said that the Bill appeared to be one that should have originated in the Legislative Assembly. The first section (now 5th) of the Constitution Act precluded the Legislative Council from originating a Bill for appropriating any part of the public revenue. The Bill was also of the class which should be initiated in a Committee of the Whole House, and be recommended by a Message from the Governor, as provided by Section 54 of the Constitution Act, which corresponded with Section 46 of the present Constitution Act. Thereupon, on the motion of Mr. Parkes, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

On the 15th September, 1903, a similar point was taken in connection with the State Children Bill, which had been introduced by the Legislative Council and sent down to this House. On that occasion Mr. Speaker McCourt said: (page 2394 N.S.W. Parliamentary Debates, volume 12.) "What I have to consider is whether this Bill imposes new expenditure. After looking through the measure I have come to the conclusion that if it is passed into law it will without doubt impose new expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue. Therefore the Bill is an infringement of the procedure of the House, and it has not been preceded by a Message from the Crown." Thereupon the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

He had carefully considered whether this Bill did in fact impose new expenditure, and he had come to the conclusion that it did. The sitting of a Select Committee of this House must involve the expenditure of public money. There were, for example, the costs of visits of inspection the expenses of witnesses summoned to give evidence, the printing of evidence, stamps, stationery &c., as well as reporting and the performance of secretarial and clerical duties. These, to his mind, imposed new expenditure, and therefore made the Bill one which should have originated in this Chamber, and have been preceded by a Message from the Crown.

He purposely abstained from expressing an opinion as to how far such an objection would apply to a Bill originating in the Legislative Council and affecting solely a Committee of that House.

For the reasons he had indicated, he must hold that the Bill was not properly before the House, and rule that it was out of order.

On motion of Mr. McKell, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

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

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

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

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

- (21.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1920–21, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £13,404,750 for Public Works and other Services.

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

19. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McKell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

- (12.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £13,404,750 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or, pending the issue of Debentures or Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services.

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

20. LOAN BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McKell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 12), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.

- (2.) Mr. McKell then presented a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1920, A.M.*

21. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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. McTiernan, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent undue profit-taking; to provide for the control and acquisition of necessary commodities and the control of necessary services; to obtain information as to the operations of trusts and other associations; to prevent unfair methods of trade competition; to promote co-operative enterprise; to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; to repeal the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1920, A.M.*

22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Amplifying the Water Supply System to the Town of Parkes*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of amplifying the Water Supply System to the town of Parkes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Picton Lakes to Yerranderie*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Picton Lakes to Yerranderie.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Oaklands to Savernake*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Oaklands to Savernake.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Railway from Billabong to Ringwood*:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Billabong to Ringwood.

Question put and passed.

23. EIGHT HOURS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. George Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for inquiry into, and regulation of, the working hours of employees; to amend the Eight Hours Act, 1916, and the Acts relating to Industrial Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22th December, 1920, A.M.*

24. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Simon Hickey, the report was adopted.

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

25. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (BROKEN HILL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. George Cann, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to procure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis, and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to workmen's compensation; and for purposes connected therewith*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

21st December, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to procure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis, and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to workmen's compensation; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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26. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. George Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 DECEMBER 1920.

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

MOTHERHOOD ENDOWMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Gregory McGirr, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 78.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the endowment of motherhood by making payments to mothers in certain cases for or towards the maintenance of their children; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th August, 1920.

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

2. PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE (AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY) ENABLING 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 a certain Parliamentary Select Committee to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the Day.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dooley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Housing Board on the Dacey Garden Suburb and Observatory Hill ("The Rocks") Resumed Area, for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Additional Final Report of Royal Commission (Mr. Justice Pring) appointed to inquire into certain matters concerning the administration of the State Wheat Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MOTHERHOOD ENDOWMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Gregory McGirr, 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 endowment of motherhood by making payments to mothers in certain cases for or towards the maintenance of their children; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.

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5. STORES SUPPLY DEPARTMENT BUILDING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McKell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1920.

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

6. PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE (AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY) ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. McKell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this Bill involved expenditure and should have originated in Committee of the Whole and been preceded by a Message, in accordance with section 46 of the Constitution Act.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said there could be no doubt that the effect of ruling this Bill out of order would be to put the Legislative Council in a very awkward position. Yesterday, when a certain Bill came before this House from the Legislative Council, he ruled that it was out of order on two grounds: first of all, that it dealt with matters which affected the powers and privileges of this House, viz., a Select Committee of this House. That point did not arise now because this Bill simply dealt with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council. The other point on which he ruled the Bill out of order was that it involved public expenditure, and was not originated in the way contemplated by the Constitution Act. He quoted from the ruling given at yesterday's sitting on the question whether this Bill involved the expenditure of money. Now the question has arisen with regard to a Bill solely affecting a Committee of the Legislative Council, and he was forced to the conclusion that this Bill, although it did simply affect a Committee of the Legislative Council, was still a Bill which must be taken to involve expenditure. It might not involve much expenditure—that was not for him to say—but he could not escape from the logical consequence of the argument he had already put before the House, and the ruling he had already given. Taking the view that this Bill must be taken to be a Bill imposing new expenditure, and therefore involving the expenditure of public money, he must hold that it should have originated in this House, and have been preceded by a Message from the Crown. With regard to the argument that if such ruling were correct it would mean that such a Bill could not be passed, because this House could not originate a Bill dealing with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, all he had to say was that he must apply the rules of the House, and see that the requirements of the law as they presented themselves to him were duly carried out. There was a way in which a Bill originating in this House and dealing with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council might be carried through. If the Bill which came down to this House last sitting day had originated in this House and had been initiated in this House in the way required by law—that was to say by a Message from the Crown—then it might be that the Legislative Council would not insist upon its privileges, and decline to accept the Bill on the ground that it dealt with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council. But he was not concerned with that in dealing with the Point of Order now before him. All he could say now was that the point having been taken he was bound to give effect to it. He therefore ruled that the Bill was not in order.

On motion of Mr. McKell, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (STORES SUPPLY DEPARTMENT BUILDING BILL):—Mr. McKell, *on behalf of* Mr. Lang, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed premises for the accommodation of the Stores Supply Department, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.

8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

9. STORES SUPPLY DEPARTMENT BUILDING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

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- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. McKell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (3.) Mr. McKell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department: and for purposes connected therewith*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department: and for purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1920.

10. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Income-tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

11. INCOME TAX MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. McKell, *on behalf of* Mr. Lang, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. McKell, 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 Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (3.) Mr. McKell then presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912, and for purposes connected therewith*."

Question put and passed.

22nd December, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1920.*

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Major Connell, *on behalf of Mr. Oakes*, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

13. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CHARGES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill on motion of Mr. Simon Hickey, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hickey then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the taxing of medical practitioners' charges; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the taxing of medical practitioners' charges; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1920.*

14. CASE OF SECOND CLASS POLICE INSPECTOR McDONALD:—Mr. Greig, 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 22nd October, 1920, A.M., together with Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER, 1920.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Gregory McGirr laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Dr. H. M. North as Junior Resident Medical Officer, Department of Mental Hospitals, Department of Public Health.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report and Papers in connection with Railway Derailment, Illawarra Junction (near Eveleigh.)
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEES (AGRICULTURAL AND METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRIES) ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McKell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Message No. 80.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902; the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.*

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

3. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Arkins moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a motion "That Donald Walter Croal be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of his Petition, in accordance with leave granted by this House."

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

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, declared the determination of the House to be in the affirmative, and stated that there were three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Bavin, Mr. Hill, and Colonel Onslow.

(2.) Mr. Arkins moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of a Motion "That Donald Walter Croal be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of his Petition, in accordance with leave granted by this House."

Question put and passed.

4. CASE OF DONALD WALTER CROAL:—Mr. Arkins moved, without Notice, That Donald Walter Croal be now heard in person at the Bar of this House in support of his petition, in accordance with leave granted by this House.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Croal was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the resolution of the House under which he had been admitted, addressed the House, and then withdrew.

23rd December, 1920.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Parliamentary Select Committee (Agricultural Industry) Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed, on the twenty-third day of September, 1920, a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Agricultural Industry, now desires that such Select Committee shall be enabled to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; but finding that a constitutional difficulty is held to exist against such Bill originating in the Legislative Council, although dealing with a Committee of this Council, now invites the Legislative Assembly to originate and proceed with such Bill in due form and order.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1920, a.m.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(2.) Racecourses Admission Tax (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920; the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 23rd December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 8 and 9. Omit "and may exempt any racecourse from its provisions"
Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker said this was one of the class of Bills which this House had always denied the right of the Legislative Council to amend, and he thought the amendment should not be considered.
Ordered, That the Bill be laid aside.

(3.) Government Savings Bank (Rural Bank) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment and the carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank; to make better provision for financing farmers; to make further provision for the management of the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, so far as concerns the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in respect to Valuations for Loans and Investments; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Acts amending the same, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(4.) Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd December, 1920:

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 11 and 12. After "employed" omit "otherwise than by way of manual labour"

Page 2, clause 3. Omit subclause (1)

Page 2, clause 3, line 38. Omit "four" insert "three"

Page 2, clause 3, subclause 2. Omit paragraph (c)

Page 3, clause 5, line 31. Omit "four" insert "three"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

(5.)

23rd December, 1920.

(5.) Fair Rents (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith,"—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, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes."
- Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* subclauses (1), (2), and (3).
- Page 2, subclause 4, clause 3, line 40. *Omit* "has satisfied," *insert* "satisfies."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 3. *Omit* "or," *insert* "notwithstanding that he."
- Page 3, clause 3. At end of subclause (4) *add* "provided that no application to have such rent determined shall be entertained where such notice to terminate the tenancy has been given prior to the first day of January one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 24. *After* "increases" *insert* "or decreases."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 25. *After* "above" *insert* "or below."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 27. *Omit* "increased rents shall not be payable" *insert* "increase or decrease shall not take effect."
- Page 3, clause 3, subclause (11), lines 37 and 38. *Omit* "the consent of the court," *insert* "reasonable cause"
- Page 3, clause 3, subclause (11), line 41, and line 1 on page 4. *Omit* "for which the fair rent shall be determined." *Insert* "of six months from the date of such determination."
- Page 4, clause 3, subclause 11A. *Omit* subclause (lines 4 to 43 inclusive).
- Page 5. *Omit* lines 1 to 34, inclusive.
- Page 6, clause 3, subclause 10, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "pay for repairs or"
- Page 6, clause 3, subclause 10, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "any deposit or sum of money."
- Pages 6 and 7, clause 3, subclause 10. *Omit* paragraph 17B, (1), (2), (3), and (4).
- Page 7, clause 3, subclause 10, line 19. *Omit* "respectable."
- Page 7, clause 3, subclause 10, line 20. *Omit* "with" *insert* "who has."
- Page 7, clause 3, subclause 10. *Omit* paragraph 17E.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Bennett, *on behalf of* Mr. Oakes, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

- (1.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

8. PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEES (AGRICULTURAL AND METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRIES), ENABLING BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. McKell, 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 a certain Parliamentary Select Committee to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament, and for purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

The

23rd December, 1920.

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 certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

- (3.) Mr. McKell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick contended that the power asked for was not vested in either House of Parliament. The effect of a prorogation was to at once suspend the business until Parliament should be summoned again. Not only were the sittings of Parliament suspended, but proceedings pending were for the time being quashed or laid aside. It was the King's prerogative to call together or prorogue Parliament, and this prerogative could only be interfered with by a vital change in the Constitution. He quoted from a decision given in the Legislative Council on 4th May, 1893—when it was proposed by motion to give a Select Committee power to sit during the recess of Parliament—to show that the President had ruled that such a motion was not in order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he did not see how it could be contended that this was a measure which the House ought not to pass, or which it had no power to pass. Assuming that the Bill would affect the prerogative of the Crown, that was no reason why he should rule the Bill out of order. Bills might be passed which affected the prerogative of the Crown. As a matter of fact, the instructions to His Excellency the Governor provided that Bills by which the prerogative of the Crown might be prejudiced should be reserved for the Royal Assent, which clearly implied that Bills might be passed which affected the prerogative of the Crown. It was clearly stated in the Governor's instructions that Bills of this kind, which prejudiced the prerogative of the Crown, must be reserved for the Royal Assent. He did not see that he could rule the Bill out of order on that ground. The Honorable Member, Mr. Fitzpatrick had referred to a Debate which took place in the Legislative Council in the year 1893. A motion was moved to enable a Select Committee to sit during any adjournment or recess of the House. The same difficulty arose then as to the meaning of the word "recess." The President, it was true, stated that the objection was clearly fatal to the motion. The motion before the Council was asking the House to do what it was contended the House had no power to do under the existing Parliamentary usage. But this House was asked to pass a Bill to initiate legislation. Presumably the law did not permit a Select Committee to sit, otherwise there would be no occasion to introduce a Bill. He saw a difference between a motion such as that referred to by the Honorable Member, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and a Bill which was introduced in the ordinary way, and which had to go through all the ordinary stages of a Bill in both Houses, and which, when it became an Act, did, and must, alter the law. The Bill had been brought in in accordance with the usages of Parliament; and he saw nothing in the Bill which sought to contravene the Constitution, and that being the case, he could not see how the Bill was out of order, although he would not shrink from giving a ruling to that effect if he thought it was correct.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gardiner moved, That the question be now put.

Question, "That the question be now put,"—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question, "That the Bill be printed and now read a second time,"—put and passed.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. McKell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament, and for purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

9. LOAN BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

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23rd December, 1920.

10. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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. McTiernan, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915; to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant; to control the demolition or alteration of buildings used for residential purposes, and for purposes connected therewith.*" including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Stores Supply Department Building Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Stores Supply Department; and for purposes connected therewith.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

- (2.) Waverley Cemetery Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Municipality of Waverley to sell portion of the lands comprised within the Waverley Cemetery; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

- (3.) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

- (4.) Workmen's Compensation (Broken Hill) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to procure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis, and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to workmen's compensation; and for purposes connected therewith.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd December, 1920.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (BROKEN HILL) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd December, 1920.

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, line 8. After "provisions" insert "other than the contribution by the Government to the fund or the rates of compensation".

Page 4, Schedule, Part 11. Omit lines 47, 48, 49, and 50.

Page 5, Schedule, Part 11. At end of paragraph (7) add "and that upon payment of such lump sum the beneficiary and all dependents shall thereupon cease to have any claim whatsoever upon the fund"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

12. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And

23rd December, 1920.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,

FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER, 1920, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

13. PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEES (AGRICULTURAL AND METALLIFEROUS INDUSTRIES) ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain Parliamentary Select Committees to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, a.m.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

14. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (BROKEN HILL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bavin, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the promulgation of a scheme to procure the payment of compensation in the case of workmen certified, after medical examination, to be suffering from pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis, and prevented from resuming employment in metalliferous mines at Broken Hill; to amend the Acts relating to workmen's compensation; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

15. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McKell moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

16. RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. McKell moved, That the Order of Leave on which the Racecourses Admission Tax (Amendment) Bill was brought in be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (as recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 56, Entry 17) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. McKell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McKell, 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. Dooley, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Dooley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

23rd December, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.*

17. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Government Business and Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of General Business postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3 of General Business.
18. **THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.
19. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Stamp Duties Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER :—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to impose certain stamp duties; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 December 1920, A.M.*

FRED FLOWERS,
President.

STAMP DUTIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24 December, 1920, A.M.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of Parliaments.

- Page 13, clause 37, line 22. *After "stamped" insert "in cases where all the facts and circumstances affecting the liability of the instrument to duty have not been truly and fully set forth in such instrument"*
- Page 13, clause 37, line 23. *Omit "by whom" insert "on whose behalf"*
- Page 29, clause 73, lines 7 and 8. *Omit "whether made before or after the passing of this Act"*
- Page 37. *Omit clause 98.*
- Page 42, clause 102, line 2. *Omit "and of"*
- Page 42, clause 102, line 3. *After "not" insert "to or"*
- Page 55. *After line 33 insert new paragraph (d) as follows :—" (d) This section shall not apply to the valuation of preference shares."*
- Pages 55 and 56. *Omit "a statement verified by statutory declaration of the assets and liabilities of the company together with valuations by competent valuers or" insert "such balance-sheets and accounts of the company and"*
- Page 61, Second Schedule, line 30. *After the figures "1912" insert "the Registration of Deeds Act, 1897, and the Real Property Act, 1900"*
- Page 63, line 44, money column. *Omit "1s" insert "6d."*
- Page 66, lines 39 and 40. *Omit "(whether made before or after the passing of this Act)"*
- Page 76. *Omit lines 11 to 15 inclusive, insert "for every £10 and also for any fractional part of the consideration for the transfer"*
- In column 2 omit the words "ad valorem duty as on a conveyance" and insert the figure "9d."*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker drew attention to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, which was one of the class of Bills which this House had always denied the right of the Legislative Council to amend. He thought the amendments should not be considered. Ordered, That the Bill be laid aside.

(2.) RACECOURSES ADMISSION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Racecourses Admission Tax Act, 1920, and the Racecourses Admission Tax (Management) Act, 1920; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.*

FRED FLOWERS,
President.

23rd December, 1920.

(3.) Local Government (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts ; to validate certain things ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th December, 1920, A.M.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Pages 3 and 4, clause 3. *Omit* subclause 11.

Page 4, clause 4, line 19. *After* "elected" *insert* "or appointed"

Page 4, clause 4, line 25. *After* "election" *insert* "or appointment"

Page 4, clause 4. *After* line 27 *insert* new paragraph as follows :—"This subsection shall not come into force until the first day of January, 1921, and any neglect by any alderman or councillor before that date to take the oath of allegiance and to make a declaration of office shall not be deemed to have been a refusal to accept office."

Page 5, clause 8, line 24. *Omit* "the amount of" *insert* "or suspend"

Page 5, clause 8, line 33. *After* "available" *insert* "together with any surplus proceeds of the loan rate (if any)"

Page 9. *Omit* clause 23.

Pages 11 and 12. *Omit* clause 31.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(4.) River Murray Waters (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters ; and to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th December, 1920, A.M.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 7, clause 13. At end of subclause 5 *add* :—"This amendment shall not operate in regard to clause 5 of the Principal Agreement."

Page 13, clause 13. *Omit* subclause 27.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(5.) Gun License Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms ; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers ; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.
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23rd December, 1920.

GUN LICENSE BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 24th December, 1920, A.M.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 3. After line 11 insert new paragraph (e) as follows:—“(e) “ Any person who has in his possession a gun acquired and held as a war trophy.”

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

20. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. McTiernan moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*” be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McTiernan moved without Notice, That so much of the Standing orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments, and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*” —being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

21. STAMP DUTIES BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. McTiernan moved, that the resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 9 and 10), agreed to on the 8th December, 1920, a.m., last, on which the Stamp Duties Bill had been founded, be now read.
Question put and passed.

And the said resolutions (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings, No. 52, Entry 10*), having been read by the clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

(2.) Mr. McTiernan moved, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 9 and 10), to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. McTiernan then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*” —which was read a first time.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. McTiernan, That the Bill be printed and now read a second time.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of McTiernan, 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. McTiernan, the report was adopted.

Ordered That the Bill be now read a third time.

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. McTiernan, passed.

Mr. McTiernan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*” —presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

22. GUN LICENSE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

Ordered,

23rd December, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate and license the use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms ; to prohibit the use, possession, or sale of maxim silencers ; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

23. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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. McTiernan, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts ; to validate certain things ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

24. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Order of the day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McTiernan, 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. McTiernan, 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 ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters ; and to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915, the River Murray Waters (Amendment) Act, 1916 ; and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th December, 1920, A.M.

25. STAMP DUTIES BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An act to impose certain stamp duties ; to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp duties upon instruments and upon the estates of deceased persons ; to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney 24th December, 1920, A.M.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

26. POSTPONEMENT :—The remaining Government Business postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3 of General Business.

27. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL-MINES RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

28. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Storey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 11th January next.

29. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Storey moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Tuesday, 11th January next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

DANIEL LEVY,

Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, }
 to wit. }
 (L.S.) }
 W. E. DAVIDSON, }
 Governor. }
 By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the
 Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the
 State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of
 Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore, I, Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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 eighth day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN STOREY.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

1920.

(SECOND SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 5TH JANUARY, 1921.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. BALL *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—
When is the Government going to pay growers the 2s. 4d. owing to them on the 1919–20 wheat—that is, the difference between 6s. 6d. (less freight, &c.) paid him and 8s. 10d. for which the Government sold the wheat to millers?
2. MR. BUCKLEY *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—
(1.) What were the gross receipts of tours recently undertaken by the Conservatorium of Music (Mr. Verbruggen, conductor)?
(2.) What was the total expenditure?
(3.) Were these tours carried out under the direction of J. and N. Tait?
(4.) If not, by whom?
(5.) What percentage was charged for directing the tours?
3. MR. DAVIDSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) What was the total cost of the construction of the Umberumberka water supply works at Broken Hill?
(2.) What is the present cost of running the plant and service of same?
(3.) What has been the total cost of running the plant and service since it has been in operation?
(4.) What has been the loss or profit on this service up to date?
(5.) What is the balance due, if any, on the capital expenditure of the works and service?
4. MR. DOE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) What was the total capital cost of Umberumberka waterworks?
(2.) What was the amount of money paid for Stephen's Creek waterworks?
(3.) What was the financial position of the above waterworks as a whole at the close of the financial year ending 30th June, 1920?
(4.) What was the excess of income, if any, over expenditure (including interest) for each year to 30th June, 1920?
(5.) When is it estimated that the capital cost of the above waterworks will be repaid?
5. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) To what extent is the Loan Fund overdrawn in London and in Sydney?
(2.) To what amount was the State Savings Bank drawn upon by depositors in connection with their subscriptions to,—(a) the £1,000,000 Local Loan of the National Government, and (b) the £2,000,000 of the present Government?
6. SIR THOMAS HENLEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) Is it a fact that out of the £3,000,000 loan now asked for from the general public by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer provision is made for the construction of public works?
(2.) If so, will public tenders be called for the construction of the said works?
(3.) Will all workmen of proved ability have an equal right to employment upon the works to be paid for out of the said loan regardless of their association with any trade or political organisation?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ashtonfields Coal-mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*), (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); third reading. [Mr. Bennett.]
2. Female Employees' Wages Bill; second reading. [Mr. Bagnall.]
3. Finances of Public Hospitals; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hoskins,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best method of putting the Public Hospitals of the State on a financial basis.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Arthur, Mr. Bruntnell, Captain Chaffey, Sir Thomas Henley, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Buttenshaw, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.

4. Commission to Investigate Condition of the People of Russia ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bagnall, That in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a Commission of representative citizens to proceed to Russia at the earliest opportunity and investigate the true condition of the people of Russia under Bolshevik rule, and generally as to the principles and objectives of Bolshevism.
5. Extension of the Franchise on the Basis of One Life One Vote Value ; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr. Bagnall, That, in the opinion of this House, the Electoral Act should be amended to provide an extension of the franchise on the basis of one life one vote value ; where the life is below adult age, in that case the parents or guardians to cast a vote on its behalf.
6. Fair Rents Act Amendment Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Minahan.*]
7. Unlawful Detention Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Thomas Henley, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide security against detention of persons against their will, in any institutions, or by any persons ; and to provide penalties against infringement of the law in respect of the liberty of the subject.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ASHFORD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, work should be undertaken at once in weiring the Macquarie River to ensure that such towns as Wellington, Geurie, Dubbo, Narromine, Trangie, and Warren will have a permanent pure water supply.
2. MR. BAGNALL to move, That this House affirms the following resolutions :—
 - (1.) The New South Wales Parliament requests the Premier to convey to the British Prime Minister its appreciation of his efforts to preserve the integrity of the British Empire, and expresses the view that the policy of the Vatican in working to secure the establishment of an Irish Republic aims at the disruption of the British Empire, and consequent disaster to the oversea dominions.
 - (2.) The New South Wales Parliament desires the Premier to request the Prime Minister of Australia to take vigorous steps to check the activities of the various organisations in Australia—religious and otherwise—working for the establishment of an Irish Republic, the downfall of the British Empire, and consequent disaster to Australia.
3. MR. BAGNALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Electoral Act should be amended to provide additions to the list of offences whereby citizens convicted may be deprived of the franchise for certain periods.
4. MR. BRUNTNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the sale of the Clyde recreation oval.
5. MR. BUCKLEY to move,—

That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

 - (1.) The total amount of commission paid by the Railway Commissioners to any person, persons, or firm, in connection with the sale or lease of any property under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commissioners for the past six years, or by any of their officers.
 - (2.) What portion of such commission was paid to returned soldier firms returned soldiers, private firms, or other persons.
 - (3.) The amount and name of the firm or person to whom commission was paid, together with the authorising party in each case, and in respect to each sale.
6. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) The Federal Government should have Victoria Barracks moved from Paddington to some other part of the State, and that the State Government should assume control of the land now occupied by the barracks in the district of Paddington.
 - (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by the Premier to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth.
7. MR. MICHAEL BURKE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the interest upon the capital cost of railways and tramways should be made a charge upon the value of land instead of upon the traffic, and that railway and tramway charges should be proportionally reduced.
8. MR. ELY to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon,—
 - (1.) What advantage, if any, will accrue by the electrification of the sewage pumps at Parramatta as against the present costless system of pumping by means of power derived from the septic gas.
 - (2.) As to the value or otherwise of the Walshaw system of sewage treatment and the utilisation of sewage gas as a power medium.
 - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Michael Burke, Mr. Estell, Mr. Bruntnell, and the Mover.
9. MR. GARDINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Public Service Board should be abolished.
10. MR. JOHNSTON to move, That in the opinion of this House a Commission should be appointed forthwith to inquire into and report upon,—(a) The reformatory and punitive system in the prisons of this State ; (b) alterations of such system and the methods of treatment of convicted persons.

- C 11. MR. KEARSLEY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the payment of allowances to beneficiaries under the Miners Accident Relief Act and claims for payments made thereunder.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. George Cann, Mr. Doe, Dr. Arthur, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Davidson, Major Connell, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Gardiner, and the Mover.
- O 12. MR. LAZZARINI to move, That Donald Walter Croal be now heard in person at the Bar of this House in support of his Petition, in accordance with leave granted by this House.
- C 13. MR. LEY to move,—
 (1.) That a joint Committee of five Members of the Legislative Assembly and four Members of the Legislative Council be appointed to inquire and report whether, in the public interest, compulsory arbitration and the Board of Trade should be abolished; and, if so, what, if any, alternatives should be adopted.
 (2.) That each Chamber elect its own representatives to such Committee by proportionate representation.
14. MR. LEY to move, That this House affirms that in future no member of Parliament should be eligible for appointment to any judicial office until two years after ceasing to hold a seat in either House.
15. MR. MINAHAN to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Two-up Schools; to amend the Gaming and Betting Act; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
16. MR. MINAHAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the establishment of a State Trading Bank.
17. MR. WEARNE to move, That in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the export of horse flesh as food, in proper condition for human consumption, should be permitted and encouraged.
18. MR. OAKES to move, That it be an instruction to the Main Roads Board, when appointed, that all surf beaches in the eastern district of the metropolitan area be provided with main roads.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Large Holdings Subdivision Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Loughlin.*]
2. Land Surveyors Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Loughlin.*]
3. Parliamentary Elections Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Dooley.*]
4. Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. George Cann.*]
5. Real Property (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. McTiernan.*]
6. Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. McTiernan.*]
7. Metropolitan Main Roads Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Mutch.*]
8. State Enterprises Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the establishment and carrying on of State Industrial enterprises, and for the regulation of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Dooley.*]
9. Police Regulation Appeals Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a Police Appeal Board, and to make provision for the reference to such Board of appeals by members, and persons who have been members, of the Police Force; and for purposes connected therewith. [*Mr. Dooley.*]
10. Motherhood Endowment Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the endowment of motherhood by making payments to mothers in certain cases for or towards the maintenance of their children; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Gregory McGirr.*]
11. Recreation Grounds Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the preservation, in the public interest, of lands suitable for public recreation, and for the resumption of such lands or lands adjacent thereto, or in the vicinity thereof; to control the subdivision or sale of the same; to amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [*Mr. Loughlin.*]
12. Public Trustee (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to confer additional powers on the Public Trustee; to enable corporations to hold property jointly with the Public Trustee; to amend the Public Trustee Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. [*Mr. McTiernan.*]
13. Government Insurance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Government Insurance Office; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. McKell.*]
14. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Lang.*]
15. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Lang.*]

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :-

1. MR. ESTELL to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
2. MR. ESTELL to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Guyra to Inverell.
3. MR. ESTELL to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Government Railways (Appeals) Act, 1916, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act 1916, the Government Railways (Further Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916; to authorise the Railway Commissioners to open stores on railway construction works, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts; to provide for the payment of the value of accrued leave to certain railway employees; to authorise the Railway Commissioners to sell electricity; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.
4. MR. ESTELL to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Guyra to Dorrigo.
5. MR. MCKELL to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1919; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
6. MR. MCKELL to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable a certain Parliamentary Select Committee to sit during the adjournment or prorogation of Parliament, and for purposes connected therewith.
7. MR. JOHN STOREY to move, That this House now agrees to and adopts the new and amended Standing Orders and agrees to the rescission of certain other Standing Orders as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee in its report, brought up and ordered to be printed on the 16th November, 1920, and authorises Mr. Speaker to present such new and amended Standing Orders, and the rescission of Standing Orders Nos. 130, 246, 274, 282, 285, 332, and 351, to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

1920.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNT-OUTS,
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920.

Total number of Divisions in the House, 39 ; Divisions in Committee, 57 ; Count-outs, 4.

| | Divisions in the House. | Divisions in Committee. | Count-outs. | Total. |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Anderson, David More, Esq. | 32 | 35 | 1 | 68 |
| Arkins, James Guy Dalley, Esq. .. | 32 | 44 | 2 | 78 |
| Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D. | 24 | 29 | 1 | 54 |
| Ashford, William George, Esq. | 10 | 9 | ... | 19 |
| Bagnall, William Roy Clifford, Esq. ... | 24 | 29 | ... | 53 |
| Bailey, John, Esq. | 35 | 35 | ... | 70 |
| Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ... | 23 | 49 | 1 | 73 |
| Bavin, Thomas Rainsford, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ... | 24 | 39 | 1 | 64 |
| Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq. (<i>Resigned 9th August, 1920</i>) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Bennett, The Hon. Walter | 25 | 34 | 1 | 60 |
| Birt, John Edward, Esq. | 28 | 39 | ... | 67 |
| Briner, George Stuart, Esq. (<i>Deceased 9th September, 1920.</i>) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Brookfield, Percival John, Esq. | 20 | 36 | ... | 56 |
| Bruntnell, Albert, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ... | 12 | 36 | 1 | 49 |
| Bruxner, Lieut.-Colonel Michael Frederick, D.S.O. | 25 | 47 | ... | 72 |
| Buckley, Arthur William, Esq. | 30 | 37 | ... | 67 |
| Burke, Francis Michael, Esq. | 38 | 54 | ... | 92 |
| Burke, Michael, Esq. | 38 | 50 | ... | 88 |
| Buttenshaw, Ernest Albert, Esq. | 29 | 36 | 1 | 66 |
| Cameron, William, Esq. | 16 | 16 | ... | 32 |
| Cann, The Hon. George | 36 | 44 | 1 | 81 |
| Carr, Ernest Shoobridge, Esq. | 15 | 17 | ... | 32 |
| Chaffey, Captain Frank Augustus | 32 | 48 | 2 | 82 |
| Clark, Joseph Alfred, Esq. | 35 | 52 | ... | 87 |
| Cleary, John Joseph, Esq. | 31 | 50 | ... | 81 |
| Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement, Esq. | 13 | 27 | ... | 40 |
| Connell, Major Hugh John, D.S.O., M.C. | 34 | 55 | ... | 89 |
| Davidson, Mark Anthony, Esq. | 39 | 52 | ... | 91 |
| Davies, William, Esq. | 32 | 51 | 1 | 84 |
| Doe, Brian James, Esq. | 29 | 46 | 1 | 76 |
| Dooley, The Hon. James | 32 | 41 | 1 | 74 |
| Doyle, John William, Esq. | 38 | 52 | 2 | 92 |
| Drummond, David Henry, Esq. | 29 | 53 | ... | 82 |
| Dunn, Captain The Hon. William Fraser | 19 | 26 | 1 | 46 |
| Dwyer, Daniel Francis, Esq. (<i>Elected 15th December, 1920.</i>) ... | 2 | 4 | ... | 6 |
| Ely, William Thomas, Esq. | 39 | 53 | ... | 92 |
| Estell, The Hon. John | 19 | 41 | ... | 60 |
| Fegan, The Hon. John Lionel | 24 | 14 | ... | 38 |
| Fitzgerald, Joseph John, Esq. | 31 | 54 | ... | 85 |
| Fingleton, James, Esq. (<i>Deceased, 13th October, 1920.</i>) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

| | Divisions in the House. | Divisions in Committee. | Count-outs. | Total. |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. | 29 | 45 | 1 | 75 |
| Flannery, Martin Matthew, Esq. | 33 | 32 | ... | 65 |
| Fuller, The Hon. Sir George Warburton, K.C.M.G. | 32 | 39 | ... | 71 |
| Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq. | 23 | 12 | ... | 35 |
| Gosling, Mark, Esq. | 35 | 49 | ... | 84 |
| Greig, Robert, Esq. | 35 | 45 | 1 | 81 |
| Grimm, Arthur Hetherington, Esq. | 14 | 22 | ... | 36 |
| Henley, Sir Thomas, K.B.E. | 34 | 49 | 1 | 84 |
| Hickey, Simon, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) | 31 | 39 | ... | 70 |
| Hill, Theodore Hooke, Esq. (Elected 15th December, 1920) | 9 | 8 | ... | 17 |
| Hoskins, Tom James, Esq. | 33 | 51 | 3 | 87 |
| James, Augustus George Frederic, K.C. (Resigned 21st September, 1920) | 3 | 0 | ... | 3 |
| Jaques, Mr. Harold Vivian, B.A., LL.B. | 33 | 39 | 3 | 75 |
| Johnston, Carlyle, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) | 29 | 34 | 1 | 64 |
| Kearsley, William, Esq. | 31 | 44 | 1 | 76 |
| Kilpatrick, Matthew, Esq. (Elected 15th December, 1920) | ... | 3 | ... | 3 |
| Lang, The Hon. John Thomas | 32 | 48 | 3 | 83 |
| Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo, Esq. | 37 | 52 | 1 | 90 |
| Lee, John Robert, Esq. | 35 | 36 | ... | 71 |
| Levy, The Hon. Daniel, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Speaker</i>) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Ley, Thomas John, Esq. | 24 | 15 | ... | 39 |
| Loughlin, The Hon. Peter Ffrench | 38 | 54 | 1 | 93 |
| Loxton, Edward James, Esq., K.C. | 20 | 12 | ... | 32 |
| Main, Hugh, Esq. | 31 | 31 | 2 | 64 |
| McClelland, Alfred, Esq. | 31 | 44 | ... | 75 |
| McGirr, The Hon. John Joseph Gregory | 19 | 19 | ... | 38 |
| McKell, The Hon. William John | 33 | 35 | ... | 68 |
| McTiernan, The Hon. Edward Aloysius, B.A., LL.B. | 33 | 52 | 2 | 92 |
| Millard, William, Esq. (Elected 15th December, 1920) | 9 | 7 | ... | 16 |
| Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq. | 28 | 34 | 2 | 64 |
| Molesworth, Voltaire, Esq. | 27 | 23 | ... | 50 |
| Murphy, Cecil Horace, Esq. | 28 | 48 | 2 | 78 |
| Mutch, The Hon. Thomas Davies | 31 | 41 | ... | 72 |
| Nesbitt, George, Esq. | 15 | 20 | 1 | 36 |
| Oakes, The Hon. Charles William | 25 | 42 | 1 | 68 |
| O'Brien, William Joseph, Esq. | 30 | 47 | 1 | 78 |
| O'Halloran, Robert Emmett, Esq. | 33 | 43 | ... | 76 |
| O'Hearn, Walter Finlay, Esq. | 33 | 47 | ... | 80 |
| Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur | 25 | 41 | ... | 66 |
| Perdriau, Raymond, Esq. | 29 | 41 | 1 | 71 |
| Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. | 13 | 15 | ... | 28 |
| Quirk, John, Esq. | 37 | 56 | ... | 93 |
| Reid, Alfred Albert Edward Ernest Vassa, Esq. | 18 | 15 | 2 | 35 |
| Rutledge, Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Lloyd Foster | 36 | 36 | 2 | 74 |
| Scully, Patrick Charles, Esq. | 24 | 37 | ... | 61 |
| Shillington, Major Sydney James | 31 | 32 | ... | 63 |
| Smith, Albert Frank, Esq. | 26 | 33 | 2 | 61 |
| Storey, The Hon. John | 28 | 38 | ... | 66 |
| Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | 30 | 8 | ... | 38 |
| Swiney, Thomas James, Esq. | 34 | 38 | 1 | 73 |
| Walker, Robert Bruce, Esq. | 18 | 24 | ... | 42 |
| Wearne, Walter Ernest, Esq. | 31 | 38 | 2 | 71 |
| Weaver, Reginald Walter Darcy, Esq. | 15 | 8 | ... | 23 |
| Wilson, Chaplain-Captain James | 23 | 19 | ... | 42 |

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 5th January, 1921.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

1920.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|-------|--|--------|-------|-------|
| 1. New Writs issued | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Select Committees :— | | | | | | | | | |
| On Public Matters | | | | | 8 | | | | |
| On Private Bills | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| On Private Bills | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| 3. Standing Committees | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 4. Public Bills :— | | | | | | | | | |
| Originated in the Assembly— | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | | | | | 46 | | | | |
| Otherwise disposed of | | | | | 28 | | | | |
| Brought from the Council— | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | | | | | 3 | | | | |
| Otherwise disposed of | | | | | 4 | | | | 81 |
| 5. Private Bills :— | | | | | | | | | |
| Originated in the Assembly— | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | | | | | | | | | |
| Otherwise disposed of | | | | | | | | | |
| Brought from the Council— | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Otherwise disposed of | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 6. Petitions received :— | | | | | | | | | |
| Printed | | | | | 36 | | | | |
| Not Printed | | | | | 1 | | | | 37 |
| 7. Divisions :— | | | | | | | | | |
| In the House | | | | | 39 | | | | |
| In Committee of the Whole | | | | | 57 | | | | 96 |
| 8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :— | | | | | | | | | |
| Days of Meeting | | | | | | | | | 60 |
| Hours of Sitting | | | | | | | 526 h. | 32 m. | |
| Hours of Sitting after Midnight | | | | | | | 103 h. | 12 m. | |
| Daily Average | | | | | | | 8 h. | 46 m. | |
| Adjourned for want of a Quorum— | | | | | | | | | |
| Before commencement of Business | | | | | | | | | |
| After commencement of Business | | | | | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 9. Votes and Proceedings :— | | | | | | | | | |
| Entries in Votes and Proceedings— | | | | | | | | | |
| Of Business done | | | | | 660 | | | | 660 |
| Daily Average | | | | | | | | | 11 |
| Entries in Question Paper— | | | | | | | | | |
| Of Questions answered | | | | | 341 | | | | 341 |
| Daily Average | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Entries in Notice Paper— | | | | | | | | | |
| Of Questions | | | | | 1,523 | | | | |
| Of Notices of Motion | | | | | 1,477 | | | | |
| Of Orders of the Day | | | | | 1,148 | | | | 4,148 |
| Daily Average | | | | | | | | | 69 |
| 10. Contingent Notice Papers | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Orders for Papers | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Addresses for Papers | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Other Addresses | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 14. Papers laid upon the Table :— | | | | | | | | | |
| By Message | | | | | 80 | | | | |
| By Command | | | | | 232 | | | | |
| In Returns to Orders | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| In Returns to Addresses | | | | | | | | | |
| Reports from Standing and Select Committees | | | | | 16 | | | | 329 |
| Ordered to be Printed | | | | | 104 | | | | |
| Not ordered to be Printed | | | | | 225 | | | | 829 |

15. *Sittings of the House :—*

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1920, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings :—

| No. | Month. | Day. | House Met. | House Adjourned. | Hours of Sitting. | Hours after Mid-night. | Entries in Votes. |
|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | 1920. | | | | h. m. | h. m. | |
| 1 | 10 August | Tuesday | 12 noon | 11-3 p.m. | 11 3 | ... | 15 |
| 2 | 11 | Wednesday | 4 o'clock p.m. | 10-35 " | 6 35 | ... | 5 |
| 3 | 12 | Thursday | " " | 9-57 " | 5 57 | ... | 4 |
| 4 | 17 | Tuesday | " " | 11-0 " | 7 0 | ... | 5 |
| 5 | 18 | Wednesday | " " | 10-55 " | 6 55 | ... | 3 |
| 6 | 19 | Thursday | " " | 11-6 " | 7 6 | ... | 4 |
| 7 | 24 | Tuesday | " " | 11-4 " | 7 4 | ... | 5 |
| 8 | 25 | Wednesday | " " | 11-19 " | 7 19 | ... | 3 |
| 9 | 26 | Thursday | " " | 11-28 " | 7 28 | ... | 6 |
| 10 | 31 | Tuesday | " " | 10-55 " | 6 55 | ... | 4 |
| 11 | 1 September | Wednesday | " " | 11-35 " | 7 35 | ... | 2 |
| 12 | 2 | Thursday | " " | 11-10 " | 7 10 | ... | 6 |
| 13 | 7 | Tuesday | " " | 5-57 " | 1 57 | ... | 10 |
| 14 | 8 | Wednesday | " " | 8-24 " | 4 24 | ... | 21 |
| 15 | 9 | Thursday | " " | 4-49 " | 0 49 | ... | 1 |
| 16 | 14 | Tuesday | " " | 7-46 " | 3 46 | ... | 8 |
| 17 | 15 | Wednesday | " " | 10-57 " | 6 57 | ... | 21 |
| 18 | 16 | Thursday | " " | 11-46 " | 7 46 | ... | 9 |
| 19 | 21 | Tuesday | " " | 8-7 " | 4 7 | ... | 9 |
| 20 | 22 | Wednesday | " " | 2-8 a.m. | 10 8 | 2 8 | 11 |
| 21 | 23 | Thursday | " " | 1-15 " | 9 15 | 1 15 | 12 |
| 22 | 28 | Tuesday | " " | 9-37 p.m. | 5 37 | ... | 7 |
| 23 | 29 | Wednesday | " " | 11-3 " | 7 3 | ... | 11 |
| 24 | 30 | Thursday | " " | 2-46 a.m. | 10 46 | 2 46 | 9 |
| 25 | 5 October | Tuesday | " " | 2-22 " | 10 22 | 2 22 | 6 |
| 26 | 6 | Wednesday | " " | 10-32 p.m. | 6 32 | ... | 5 |
| 27 | 7 | Thursday | " " | 10-49 " | 6 49 | ... | 6 |
| 28 | 12 | Tuesday | " " | 11-56 " | 7 56 | ... | 1 |
| 29 | 13 | Wednesday | " " | 4-45 " | 0 45 | ... | 7 |
| 30 | 14 | Thursday | " " | 2-31 a.m. | 10 31 | 2 31 | 6 |
| 31 | 19 | Tuesday | " " | 11-52 p.m. | 7 52 | ... | 11 |
| 32 | 20 | Wednesday | " " | 12-40 a.m. | 8 40 | 0 40 | 12 |
| 33 | 21 | Thursday | " " | 1-56 " | 9 56 | 1 56 | 12 |
| 34 | 26 | Tuesday | " " | 11-7 p.m. | 7 11 | ... | 14 |
| 35 | 27 | Wednesday | " " | 1-32 a.m. | 9 32 | 1 32 | 7 |
| 36 | 28 | Thursday | " " | 12-35 " | 8 35 | 0 35 | 10 |
| 37 | 2 November | Tuesday | " " | 9-58 p.m. | 5 58 | ... | 10 |
| 38 | 3 | Wednesday | " " | 2-17 a.m. | 10 17 | 2 17 | 10 |
| 39 | 4 | Thursday | " " | 12-55 " | 8 55 | 0 55 | 8 |
| 40 | 9 | Tuesday | " " | 10-45 p.m. | 6 45 | ... | 14 |
| 41 | 10 | Wednesday | " " | 2-3 a.m. | 10 3 | 2 3 | 10 |
| 42 | 11 | Thursday | " " | 5-48 p.m., 12th | 25 48 | 17 48 | 20 |
| 43 | 16 | Tuesday | " " | 11-30 " | 7 30 | ... | 8 |
| 44 | 17 | Wednesday | " " | 1-9 a.m. | 9 9 | 1 9 | 8 |
| 45 | 18 | Thursday | " " | 3-20 " | 11 20 | 3 20 | 8 |
| 46 | 23 | Tuesday | " " | 4-20 " | 12 20 | 4 20 | 7 |
| 47 | 24 | Wednesday | " " | 3-32 " | 11 32 | 3 32 | 10 |
| 48 | 25 | Thursday | " " | 2-32 " | 10 32 | 2 32 | 13 |
| 49 | 30 | Tuesday | " " | 11-59 p.m. | 7 59 | ... | 16 |
| 50 | 1 December | Wednesday | " " | 2-40 a.m. | 10 40 | 2 40 | 17 |
| 51 | 2 | Thursday | " " | 5-45 " | 13 45 | 5 45 | 19 |
| 52 | 7 | Tuesday | " " | 5-39 " | 13 39 | 5 39 | 13 |
| 53 | 8 | Wednesday | " " | 8-30 " | 16 30 | 8 30 | 18 |
| 54 | 9 | Thursday | " " | 5-9 " | 13 9 | 5 9 | 25 |
| 55 | 14 | Tuesday | " " | 3-30 " | 11 30 | 3 30 | 29 |
| 56 | 15 | Wednesday | " " | 8-32 " | 16 32 | 8 32 | 25 |
| 57 | 16 | Thursday | " " | 11-10 p.m. | 7 10 | ... | 14 |
| 58 | 21 | Tuesday | " " | 4-36 a.m. | 10 36 | 4 36 | 26 |
| 59 | 22 | Wednesday | " " | 10-20 p.m. | 6 20 | ... | 14 |
| 60 | 23 | Thursday | " " | 5-10 a.m. | 13 10 | 5 10 | 30 |
| Total..... | | | | | 526 32 | 103 12 | 660 |

Average length of sitting daily, 8 hours 46 minutes.

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 5th January, 1921.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

1920.
(SECOND SESSION.)
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920.

| Short Titles. | By whom initiated. | Message from Governor, recommending provision for. | Originated in Committee of the Whole. | Ordered. | Presented and read 1 ^o . | Proceeded with under Standing Order. | Read 2 ^o and Committed. | Recommitted. | Reported. | Report Adopted. | Read 3 ^o , Passed and sent to Council for concurrence. | Agreed to by Council without Amendment. | Agreed to by Council with Amendment. | Council's Amendments agreed to. | Council's Amendments disagreed to. | Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn. | Assent Reported. | No. of Act. | Remarks. | |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Appropriation..... | Mr. Lang | 1920. 9 Nov. | 1920. | 1920. 26 Nov. a.m. | 1920. 26 Nov. a.m. | ..... | 1920. 26 Nov. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 26 Nov. a.m. | 1920. 26 Nov. a.m. | 1920. 26 Nov. a.m. | 1920. 30 Nov. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1920. 1 Dec. | 1920. 15 | Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 26 November, 1920, a.m. | |
| Architects..... | Mr. Mutch..... | 6 Oct. | 10 Nov. | ..... | 10 Nov. | ..... | 3 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 14 Dec. | 14 Dec. | 15 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Not returned by Council. |
| Bookmakers Taxation (Amendment). | Mr. Lang | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 | Standing Orders suspended, 15 December, 1920. |
| Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment). | Mr. George Cann | 31 Aug. | 6 Sept. | ..... | 16 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Commonwealth Powers (Air Navigation). | Mr. Mutch ..... | ..... | 3 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 3 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Not returned by Council. |
| Crimes (Amendment) | Mr. McTiernan | 14 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| Crown Lands (Resumption)—Validation. | Mr. Loughlin ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 | ..... |
| Eight Hours (Amendment) | Mr. George Cann | 2 Dec. | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 9 Dec. | ..... | 9 Dec. | 9 Dec. | 15 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 21 Dec. | 22 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 | ..... |
| Fair Rents Act, Amendment | Mr. Minahan..... | 12 Oct. | ..... | 21 Sept. | 22 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Fair Rents (Amendment) | Mr. McTiernan | 30 Nov. | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | 10 Dec. a.m. | 10 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 23 Dec. | 23 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40 | ..... |
| Female Employees Wages, (changed from) Equal Pay for Equal Work. | Mr. Bagnall ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 Dec. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Food Preservation by Sulphur Dioxide Enabling. | Mr. Wearne ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 Dec. | 1 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 22 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 43 | Referred to Select Committee, 9 Dec., a.m. Reported by Select Committee, 15 Dec., a.m. |
| Friendly Societies (Amendment)..... | Mr. Dooley..... | 1 Dec. | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 6 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 23 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 | ..... |
| Gas Act (Amendment) | Mr. George Cann | 21 Oct. | 26 Oct. | ..... | 20 Oct. | ..... | 28 Oct. | ..... | 28 Oct. | 28 Oct. | 2 Nov. | ..... | 11 Nov. | 19 Nov. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 Nov. | 14 | ..... |

* Assent not reported during Session.

No 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920—continued.

| Short Titles. | By whom initiated. | Message from Governor recommending provision for. | Originated in Committee of the Whole. | Ordered. | Presented and read 1 ^o . | Proceeded with under Standing Order. | Read 2 ^o and Committed. | Recommitted. | Reported. | Report adopted. | Read 3 ^o . Passed and sent to Council for concurrence. | Agreed to by Council without Amendment. | Agreed to by Council with Amendment. | Council's Amendments agreed to. | Council's Amendments disagreed to. | Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn. | Assent Reported. | No. of Act. | Remarks. | |
|---|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|--|---|
| Government Insurance..... | Mr. McKell | 1920. 21 Sept. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | Bill not brought in. | |
| Government Railways (Amendment). | Mr. Estell | 27 Oct. | 27 Oct. | ..... | 27 Oct. | ..... | 2 Nov. | ..... | 2 Nov. | 2 Nov. | 4 Nov. a.m. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 16 Dec. | ..... | ..... | * | 26 | | |
| Government Savings Bank (Amendment). | Mr. Lang | 25 Aug. | 15 Sept. | ..... | 16 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | 29 Sept. | 30 Sept. | 7 Oct. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 Oct. | 5 | Title amended in Committee, 29 September, 1920. | |
| Government Savings Bank (Rural Bank). <i>changed from</i> Government Savings Bank (Further Amendment) | Captain Dunn | 1 Dec. | 9 Dec. | ..... | 9 Dec. | ..... | 14 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 23 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | * | 40 | | |
| Gun License | Mr. Dooley | 1 Dec. | 14 Dec. | ..... | 14 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | * | 42 | | |
| Harbour and Tonnage Rates | Mr. Lang | 30 Sept. | 5 Oct. | ..... | 6 Oct. a.m. | ..... | 28 Oct. a.m. | ..... | 28 Oct. a.m. | 28 Oct. a.m. | 28 Oct. | 12 Nov. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 Nov. | 12 | | |
| Income Tax (Amendment) | Mr. Lang | 23 Nov. | ..... | 30 Nov. | 30 Nov. | ..... | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 8 Dec. a.m. | 8 Dec. a.m. | 9 Dec. a.m. | 14 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21 Dec. | 21 | Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 30 November, 1920. | |
| Income Tax Management (Amendment). | Mr. McKell | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. | 22 Dec. | 22 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Suspension of Standing Orders—Urgency, 22 December, 1920. Not returned by Council. | |
| Industrial Arbitration (Amendment). | Mr. George Cann | 21 Oct. | 26 Oct. | ..... | 26 Oct. | ..... | 3 Nov. | ..... | 3 Nov. | 3 Nov. | 4 Nov. | ..... | 1 Dec. | 2 Dec. | ..... | ..... | 14 Dec. | 19 | | |
| Land Surveyors | Mr. Loughlin | 31 Aug. | 15 Sept. | ..... | 15 Sept. | ..... | 12 Nov. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. | |
| Large Holdings Subdivision (<i>changed from</i> Subdivision of Large Holdings). | Mr. Loughlin..... | 22 Sept. | 29 Sept. | ..... | 10 Oct. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Motion to refer to Select Committee negatived, 16 December, a.m. Stopped by prorogation. | |
| Law of Evidence | Mr. John Storey ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 Aug. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | <i>Pro forma</i> Bill. | |
| Legal Practitioners, Amendment | Mr. Bennett ..... | ..... | ..... | 21 Oct. a.m. | 21 Oct. a.m. | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | 10 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | * |  |
| Loan | Mr. McKell | 21 Dec. | | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. a.m. | | 22 Dec. a.m. | | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. | 23 Dec. | | | | | | | 27 | Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 22 December, 1920, a.m. |
| Local Government (Amendment) | Mr. Mutch | 10 Nov. | 15 Dec. a.m. | | 15 Dec. a.m. | | 15 Dec. | | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | | | | | 44 | |
| Medical Practitioners Charges | Mr. Hickey | | | 14 Sept. | 21 Sept. | | 9 Nov. | | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. | | | | | | | | | Not returned by Council. |
| Metropolitan Main Roads..... | Mr. Mutch | 12 Oct. | 6 Oct. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bill not brought in. |
| Metropolitan Main Roads..... | Mr. Mutch | 30 Nov. | 15 Dec. a.m. | | 15 Dec. a.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Mining (Amendment) | Mr. George Cann | 21 Oct. | 9 Nov. | | 9 Nov. | | 2 Dec. | | 15 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. | | | | | | | | | Not returned by Council. |
| Motherhood Endowment | Mr. Gregory McEir | 22 Dec. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | House in Comm'ttee—Progr. reported, 22 December, 1920. Bill not brought in. |
| Parliamentary Elections | Mr. Dooley | 1 Dec. | 2 Dec. a.m. | | 2 Dec. a.m. | | 9 Dec. a.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies). | Mr. Dooley | 21 Oct. | 27 Oct. | | 27 Oct. | | 23 Oct. | | 4 Nov. a.m. | 4 Nov. a.m. | 9 Nov. | 17 Nov. | | | | | 14 Dec. | 18 | Point of Order: That Bill was unconstitutional, over-ruled by Mr. Speaker, 23 October, 1920. | |

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No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920—*continued.*

| Short Titles. | By whom initiated. | Message from Governor recommending provision for. | Originated in Committee of the Whole. | Ordered. | Presented and read 1 st . | Proceeded with under Standing Order. | Read 2 ^d and Committed. | Recommitted. | Reported. | Report adopted. | Read 3 ^d . Passed and sent to Council for concurrence. | Agreed to by Council without Amendment. | Agreed to by Council with Amendment. | Council's Amendments agreed to. | Council's Amendments disagreed to. | Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn. | Assent Reported. | No. of Act. | Remarks. |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|---|
| Parliamentary Representatives' Allowances and Ministers' Salaries (Amendment). | Mr. Lang | 1920. 1 Dec. | 1920. 3 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 3 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 9 Dec. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. 21 Dec. | 1920. 20 | |
| Parliamentary Select Committees (Agricultural and Metalliferous Industries) Enabling. | Mr. McKell | 23 Dec. | 23 Dec. | ..... | 23 Dec. | ..... | 23 Dec. | ..... | 23 Dec. | 23 Dec. | 23 Dec. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | * | 85 | Message from Council inviting Assembly to originate and proceed with Bill, 23 December, 1920. Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 23 December, 1920. Point of Order: That Bill interfered with the prerogative of the Crown, the prerogative suspending all business of the House—over-ruled by Mr. Speaker, 23 December, 1920. |
| Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, Election Enabling. | Mr. Estell ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 Sept. | 8 Sept. | ..... | 16 Sept. | ..... | 16 Sept. | 16 Sept. | 22 Sept. | 30 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 Oct. | 4 | |
| Pastures Protection (Amendment) | Captain Dunn | 14 Sept. | 15 Sept. | ..... | 16 Sept. | ..... | 1 Dec. | ..... | 1 Dec. | 1 Dec. | 2 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 16 Dec. | ..... | ..... | * | 25 | |
| Profiteering Prevention | Mr. McTiernan | 7 Sept. | 15 Sept. | ..... | 21 Sept. | ..... | 22 Oct. a.m. | ..... | 12 Nov. a.m. | 12 Nov. a.m. | 18 Nov. a.m. | ..... | 21 Dec. | 22 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | * | 41 | Point of Order: That Bill proposed to amend certain Acts not enumerated in Title, over-ruled by Mr. Speaker, 7 October, 1920. Point of Order: That Bill proposed to restrict certain trading operations between the States which was a breach of the Commonwealth Constitution, over-ruled by Mr. Speaker, 20 October, 1920. Motion to refer to Select Committee negatived, 21 October, 1920. |
| Public Accounts Committee Election Enabling. | Mr. Lang ..... | ..... | 15 Sept. | ..... | 15 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | 29 Sept. | 30 Sept. | 7 Oct. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 Oct. | 6 | |
| Publication of Statutory Advertisements and Notices. | Mr. McKell ..... | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | * | 32 | |
| Public Trustee (Amendment)..... | Mr. McTiernan..... | 9 Nov. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| Quarter Sessions Enabling | Mr. McTiernan ..... | ..... | 14 Sept. | ..... | 21 Sept. | ..... | 30 Sept. | ..... | 30 Sept. | 30 Sept. | 5 Oct. | 21 Oct. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 Oct. | 9 | |
| Racecourses Admission Tax..... | Mr. Lang | 22 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. | 23 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. | 23 Sept. | 23 Sept. | 29 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 Sept. | 2 | Standing Orders suspended. Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—23 Sept., 1920. |
| Racecourses Admission Tax (Amendment). | Mr. Lang | 9 Dec. | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | ..... | 23 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 15 December, 1920. Mr. Speaker drew attention to nature of Council's amendment, and Bill laid aside, 23 December, 1920. |
| Racecourses Admission Tax (Amendment) No. 2. | Mr. McKell ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | * | 43 | Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 24 December, 1920, a.m. Brought in on former order of leave. |
| Racecourses Admission Tax (Management). | Mr. Lang | 22 Sept. | 23 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. | 23 Sept. | 23 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | 29 Sept. | ..... | ..... | 30 Sept. | 3 | Standing Orders suspended, 23 Sept., 1920. |
| Recreation Grounds..... | Mr. Loughlin..... | 30 Nov. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| Registration of Stock Brands | Captain Dunn | 14 Sept. | 15 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| River Murray Waters (Amendment). | Mr. Estell | 30 Nov. | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 8 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 8 Dec. | ..... | 8 Dec. | 8 Dec. | 9 Dec. | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | * | ..... |  |
| Sea Carriage of Goods | Mr. Lang | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | | 15 Dec. | | 15 Dec. | | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | | | | | | | | Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 15 December, 1920. Not returned by Council. |
| Stallions | Captain Dunn | 14 Sept. | 15 Sept. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bill not brought in. |

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REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920—continued.

| Short Titles. | By whom initiated. | Message from Governor recommending provision for. | Originated in Committee of the Whole. | Ordered. | Presented and read 1 st . | Proceeded with under Standing Order. | Read 2 nd and Committed. | Re-committed. | Reported. | Report adopted. | Read 3 rd , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence. | Agreed to by Council without Amendment. | Agreed to by Council with Amendment. | Council's Amendments agreed to. | Council's Amendments disagreed to. | Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn. | Assent reported. | No. of Act. | Remarks. |
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| Stamp Duties..... | Mr. Lang | 1920. 23 Nov. | 1920. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 10 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 10 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 10 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 15 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. 24 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | 1920. | | Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 8 December, 1920, a.m.; Mr. Speaker drew attention to nature of Council's amendments and Bill laid aside, 24 December, 1920, a.m.; Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 24 December, 1920, a.m. Brought in on former order of leave. Founded on resolution of Ways and Means, 24 December, 1920. |
| Stamp Duties (No. 2) | Mr. McTiernan ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 47 | ..... |
| State Enterprises | Mr. Dooley..... | 14 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| Stock Food..... | Captain Dunn | 14 Sept. | 15 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| Stores Supply Department Building. | Mr. McKell | 22 Dec. | 22 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. | 22 Dec. | 22 Dec. | 23 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 37 | Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 22 December, 1920. |
| Supply | Mr. Lang | 22 Sept. | ..... | 24 Sept. a.m. | 24 Sept. a.m. | ..... | 24 Sept. a.m. | ..... | 24 Sept. a.m. | 24 Sept. a.m. | 24 Sept. a.m. | 20 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 Sept. | 1 | Standing Orders suspended, 28 Sept., 1920. Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 24 Sept., 1920, a.m. |
| Supply (No. 2) | Mr. Lang | 20 Oct. | ..... | 26 Oct. | 26 Oct. | ..... | 26 Oct. | ..... | 26 Oct. | 26 Oct. | 26 Oct. | 28 Oct. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 Nov. | 11 | Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means; Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 20 October, 1920. |
| Supply of Electricity (Variation of Agreements). | Mr. Dooley ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 | Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 16 December, 1920. |
| Sydney Harbour Trust (Amendment). | Mr. Lang | 8 Dec. | 9 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 9 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 10 Dec. a.m. | 10 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | 21 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 34 | ..... |
| Sydney Harbour Wharfrage and Tonnage Rates (Amendment). | Mr. Lang | 31 Aug. | 15 Sept. | ..... | 15 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | 29 Sept. | 30 Sept. | 14 Oct. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 Oct. | 8 | ..... |
| Sydney Port (Goods Delivery) .. | Mr. Lang | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | 15 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Standing Orders suspended—Urgency, 15 December, 1920. Not returned by Council. |
| Totalisator Amendment | Mr. Lang | 19 Oct. | 10 Nov. | ..... | 10 Nov. | ..... | 12 Nov. | ..... | 12 Nov. | 12 Nov. | 16 Nov. | ..... | 25 Nov. | 26 Nov. a.m. | ..... | ..... | 2 Dec. | 16 | ..... |
| Trade Unions Re-registration | Mr. George Cann ..... | ..... | 29 Sept. | ..... | 29 Sept. | ..... | 1 Oct. a.m. | ..... | 1 Oct. a.m. | 1 Oct. a.m. | 5 Oct. | ..... | 15 Dec. | 16 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 | Motion for re-committal, negatived. |
| Treasury Bills and Debentures (Signatures). | Mr. Lang | 17 Nov. | 17 Nov. | ..... | 17 Nov. | ..... | 19 Nov. a.m. | ..... | 19 Nov. a.m. | 19 Nov. a.m. | 24 Nov. a.m. | 2 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 Dec. | 17 | ..... |
| Veterinary Surgeons | Captain Dunn | 14 Sept. | 15 Sept. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Bill not brought in. |
| Waverley Cometary Land Sale .. | Mr. Mutch ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 Dec. a.m. | 3 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. a.m. | 16 Dec. | 23 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 39 | ..... |
| Wheat Marketing | Captain Dunn | 7 Sept. | 15 Sept. | ..... | 16 Sept. | ..... | 23 Sept. a.m. | ..... | 6 Oct. a.m. | 6 Oct. a.m. | 6 Oct. | ..... | 21 Oct. | 26 Oct. | ..... | ..... | 2 Nov. | 10 | Title amended in Committee, 6 October, 1920, a.m. |
| Workmen's Compensation (Amendment). | Mr. George Cann | 11 Nov. | 11 Nov. | ..... | 11 Nov. | ..... | 30 Nov. | ..... | 2 Dec. a.m. | 2 Dec. a.m. | 2 Dec. | ..... | 23 Dec. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 45 | ..... |
| Workmen's Compensation (Broken Hill) changed from Workmen's Compensation (Amendment), (No. 2). | Mr. George Cann | 2 Dec. | 16 Dec. | ..... | 16 Dec. | ..... | 21 Dec. | ..... | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. a.m. | 22 Dec. a.m. | ..... | 23 Dec. | 24 Dec. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 36 | ..... |
| Workmen's Compensation (Sill-cosis). | Mr. George Cann | 24 Aug. 7 Sept. | 15 Sept. | | 15 Sept. | | 16 Sept. | 22 Sept. | 22 Sept. | 22 Sept. | 24 Sept. | | 14 Oct. | | 28 Oct. | | 23 Nov. | 13 | Title amended by Council, 14 October, 1920. Council does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by Assembly, 11 November, 1920. |

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920.

| Short Titles of— | | Proceeded with under Standing Order. | Brought up and read 1 st . | Referred to Select Committee. | Reported by Select Committee. | Read 2 ^d and Committed. | Reported. | Report adopted. | Read 3 ^d , passed without amendment, and returned to Council. | Assent reported. | No. of Act. | Remarks. |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|---|
| Public Bills. | Private Bills. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway (The) | 1920. | 1920. 8 Sept. | 1920. 14 Sept. | 1920. 28 Oct. | 1920. 8 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 24 Dec. a.m. | 1920. 24 Dec. a.m. | 1920. | 1920. ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Blackheath Validation ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 Sept. | ..... | ..... | 1 Oct. a.m. | 1 Oct. a.m. | 1 Oct. a.m. | 5 Oct. | 12 Oct. | 7 | |
| Conveyancing (Amendment) ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 rd Nov. | ..... | ..... | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | 16 Dec. | * | 23 | |
| ..... | Elder's Trustee and Executor Company Limited ... | ..... | 3 rd Nov. | ..... | ..... | 15 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | 15 Dec. a.m. | * | ..... |  |
| Real Property (Amendment) ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 Nov. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 Nov. a.m. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Stopped by prorogation. |
| Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting (Amendment) ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 Dec. | ..... | ..... | 14 Dec. | 14 Dec. | 14 Dec. | 16 Dec. | * | 22 | |
| Parliamentary Select Committees (Agricultural and Metalliferous Industries) Enabling. | ..... | ..... | 15 Dec. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Mr. Speaker ruled Bill out of order as it imposed new expenditure and should have originated in Assembly and been preceded by message from the Crown. Order of day discharged and Bill withdrawn, 22 December, 1920, a.m. |
| Parliamentary Select Committee (Agricultural Industry) Enabling | | | 22 Dec. | | | | | | | | | Point of Order: That Bill involved expenditure and should have originated in Assembly, and been preceded by message from the Crown, upheld by Mr. Speaker. Order of day discharged and Bill withdrawn, 22 December, 1920. |

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 NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING THE SECOND SESSION 1920.
None.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING FORMER SESSIONS.

| No. of ORDER. | WHEN PASSED. | | | ON WHOSE MOTION. | PAPERS APPLIED FOR. | | RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER. (Laid on Table.) | REGISTER NUMBER. | IF TO BE PRINTED. Date of Order. |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------|--|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | VOTES. | | | | By Address. | By Order. | | | |
| | No. | Date. | Entry. | | | | | | |
| 1 | 103 | 1892. 17 March..... | 5 | Mr. Garrard..... | ..... | Convictions under the Liquor Acts..... | 1920. 10 August. (In part.) | 1920/55 | 1920. 8 September. |

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES (NOT BEING FOR PAPERS) TO THE GOVERNOR DURING THE SECOND SESSION 1920.

| SUBJECT OF ADDRESS. | ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY. | | | | WHEN PASSED OR AGREED TO. | | | WHEN AND HOW PRESENTED. | | | | WHEN AND HOW ANSWERED. | | | | REMARKS. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|---|------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | VOTES. | | | | VOTES. | | | VOTES. | | | | VOTES. | | | | |
| | No. | Date. | Entry. | On whose Motion. | No. | Date. | Entry. | No. | Date. | Entry. | By whom | No. | Date. | Entry. | By whom and how. | |
| Governor's Opening Speech | 1 | 1920. 10 August | 14 | Mr. Greig | 12 | 1920. 2 Sept. ... | 3 | 13 | 1920. 7 Sept. ... | 1 | Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the House | 13 | 1918. 7 Sept. ... | 1 | His Excel- lency the Governor. | Address in Reply prepared by Se- lect Committee appointed for that purpose. |

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 5 January, 1921.

W. S. MOWLE,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1920.

| NO. OF COMMITTEE. | DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE. | WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED. | MEMBERS. | CHAIRMAN. | NO. OF MEETINGS. | | NO. OF WITNESSES EXAMINED. | WHEN REPORTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | Called. | Held. | | |
| 1 | The Governor's Opening Speech | 10 August, 1920. Votes No. 1, Entry 14... (On motion of Mr. Greig.) | { Mr. Flannery, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Michael Burke, } { Mr. Cleary, Mr. Swincy, Mr. Davidson, } { Mr. Greig. } | Mr. Greig | 1 | 1 | ..... | 2 September, 1920. |
| 2 | Elections and Qualifications | 11 August, 1920. Votes No. 2, Entry 1 ... (By Mr. Speaker's Warrant, taking effect 19 August, 1920.) | { Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Bennett, *Mr. Birt, Mr. Carr, Mr. Gosling, } { Mr. Johnston, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Ley, Mr. Loxton, †Mr. Lazzarini. } | Mr. Loxton ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 3 | Standing Orders ¹ | 7 September, 1920. Votes No. 13, Entry 6 (On motion of Mr. John Storey.) | { Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, } { Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Weaver, } { Mr. Bavin, Sir George Fuller, } { Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. John Storey. } | Mr. Speaker ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 4 | Library ² | 7 September, 1920. Votes No. 13, Entry 7 (On motion of Mr. John Storey.) | { Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bruntnell, } { Mr. Bagnall, Mr. William Davies, } { Mr. Drummond, Mr. Lee, } { Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. John Storey. } | The President ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 5 | Refreshment | 7 September, 1920. Votes No. 13, Entry 8 (On motion of Mr. John Storey.) | { Mr. Speaker, Mr. Grimm, } { Mr. Weaver, Mr. Molesworth, } { Mr. Frank Burke, Mr. McClelland, } { Mr. Doyle, Mr. Wearne, } { Mr. Buttenshaw, Mr. John Storey. } | Mr. Frank Burke... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

¹ This Committee acts in conjunction with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council. ² Confers on subjects of mutual concernment with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council. * Resigned before being sworn. † Appointed 31 August, 1920

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| NO. OF COMMITTEE. | DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE. | WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED. | MEMBERS. | CHAIRMAN. | NO. OF MEETINGS. | | NO. OF WITNESSES EXAMINED. | WHEN REPORTED. |
|-------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------------------|---|
| | | | | | Called. | Held. | | |
| 6 | Printing | 7 September, 1920. Votes No. 13, Entry 9 (On motion of Mr. John Storey.) | { Mr. Oakes, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Kearsley, Major Connell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Ely, Mr. Nesbitt, Captain Chaffey. Mr. John Storey, } | Mr. Bennett..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1920. 8, 16, 23, 30 September; 14, 21, 28 October; 4, 12, 18, 25 November; 2, 10, 16, 22 December. |
| 7 | The Ashtonfields Coal-mines Railway Bill. | 14 September, 1920. Votes No. 16, Entry 6 (On motion of Mr. O'Hearn.) | { Mr. Lang, Mr. Michael Burke, Mr. Bennett, Major Connell, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. O'Hearn. } | Mr. O'Hearn | 5 | 3 | 1 | 28 October, 1920. |
| 8 | Case of William Maher, attendant at the Mental Hospital, Lidcombe. | 14 September, 1920. Votes No. 16, Entry 8 (On motion of Mr. Bruntnell.) | { Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Greig, Mr. Lee, Major Shillington, Mr. Ely, Mr. Bruntnell, Chaplain Captain Wilson, } | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 9 | Claims of Messrs. Worrall Brothers, of Manildra.* | 22 October, 1920, a.m. Votes No. 33, Entry 9. (On motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.) | { Captain Dunn, Mr. Ball, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Flannery, Lieut.-Col Brunner, Mr. Buttenshaw, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Carr. Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, } | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick. | 16 | 12 | 6 | 21 December, 1920. |
| 10 | Decline in the Metalliferous Industry.† ‡ | 22 October, 1920, a.m. Votes No. 33, Entry 10. (On motion of Mr. Davidson.) | { Mr. George Cann, Mr. Johnston, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Fegan. Mr. Davidson, } | Mr. Davidson | 13 | 11 | 13 | 16 December, 1920. |
| 11 | Case of Second-class Police Inspector McDonald. | 22 October, 1920, a.m. Votes No. 33, Entry 11. (On motion of Mr. Greig.) | { Mr. Dooley, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Frank Burke, Mr. Stuart-Robertson. Mr. Greig, } | Mr. Greig..... | 15 | 11 | 5 | 22 December, 1920. |
| 12 | Practice of Insurance Companies in regard to the Law of Foreclosure. | 4 November, 1920, a.m. Votes No. 38, Entry 9. (On motion of Mr. Johnston.) | { Mr. McTiernan, Chaplain-Capt. Wilson, Mr. O'Halloran, Mr. A. F. Smith, Mr. Flannery, Mr. Doe. Mr. Johnston, } | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 13 | Slum and Congested Areas, Sydney and Newcastle.† | 5 November, 1920, a.m. Votes No. 39, Entry 8. (On motion of Mr. Gosling.) | { Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Frank Burke, Mr. Reid, Major Connell, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Gosling. } | Mr. Gosling | 6 | 4 | 1 | 16 December, 1920. |

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| 14 | Claim of Mr. T. D. Richards* | 12 November, 1920, a.m. Votes No. 42, Entry 15. (On motion of Mr. Lazzarini.) | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mr. Estell,</td> <td>Mr. A. F. Smith,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Frank Burke,</td> <td>Mr. Buckley,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Bagnall,</td> <td>Mr. Gardiner,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>†Mr. Molesworth,</td> <td>Mr. Lazzarini,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Greig,</td> <td>§Mr. Arkins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>§Mr. Buttenshaw,</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Mr. Estell, | Mr. A. F. Smith, | Mr. Frank Burke, | Mr. Buckley, | Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Gardiner, | †Mr. Molesworth, | Mr. Lazzarini, | Mr. Greig, | §Mr. Arkins. | §Mr. Buttenshaw, | | Mr. Lazzarini | 9 | 7 | 3 | 21 December, 1920. |
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| §Mr. Buttenshaw, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Food Preservation by Sulphur Dioxide Enabling Bill.† | 8 December, 1920. Votes No. 53, Entry 12. (On motion of Lieut.-Col. Bruzner.) | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mr. Gregory McGirr,</td> <td>Mr. Weaver,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Wearne,</td> <td>Dr. Arthur,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Clark,</td> <td>Mr. Drummond,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. O'Hearn,</td> <td>Mr. Buttenshaw,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Cameron,</td> <td>Lieut.-Col. Bruzner.</td> </tr> </table> | Mr. Gregory McGirr, | Mr. Weaver, | Mr. Wearne, | Dr. Arthur, | Mr. Clark, | Mr. Drummond, | Mr. O'Hearn, | Mr. Buttenshaw, | Mr. Cameron, | Lieut.-Col. Bruzner. | Mr. Wearne..... | 4 | 4 | 19 | 14 December, 1920. | | |
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| Mr. Wearne, | Dr. Arthur, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 16 | Administration of the National Relief Fund Act, 1914—Claim of Captain W. F. Wootten. | 14 December, 1920. Votes No. 55, Entry 4. (On the motion of Major Shillington.) | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mr. Lang,</td> <td>Mr. Murphy,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Arkins,</td> <td>Mr. Perdriau,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major Connell,</td> <td>Mr. Ely,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Lee,</td> <td>Mr. Fitzgerald,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Main,</td> <td>Major Shillington.</td> </tr> </table> | Mr. Lang, | Mr. Murphy, | Mr. Arkins, | Mr. Perdriau, | Major Connell, | Mr. Ely, | Mr. Lee, | Mr. Fitzgerald, | Mr. Main, | Major Shillington. | Major Shillington | 3 | 2 | 2 | 21 December, 1920. | | |
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