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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1925.

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 twenty-fifth day of February, 1925. Mr. Speaker took the Chair. The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows:—

" NEW SOUTH WALES, " to wit " (L.S.) " D. R. S. DE CHAIR, " Governor.	} By His Excellency Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
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" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Wednesday, the fourth day of March: Now, I, Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, 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 twenty-fourth day of March next: And I do further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-fourth day of March 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 twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of
" Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the fifteenth year
" of His Majesty's Reign.

" By His Excellency's Command,
" GEORGE W. FULLER.

" GOD SAVE THE KING ! "
2. **VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH SHORE**:—Mr. Speaker reported that on 14th February, 1925, he had received a letter from Sir Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, K.B.E., resigning his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of North Shore. Whereupon Sir George Fuller moved, That the seat of Sir Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, K.B.E., a Member for the Electoral District of North Shore, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Sir Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, K.B.E. Question put and passed.
3. **NOMINATION OF MEMBER—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH SHORE**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, pursuant to the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Act, 1920, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Amendment Act, 1921, he had received from the recognised Party Leader, the Honorable Sir George Fuller, K.C.M.G., the nomination of Alfred Albert Edward Ernest Vassa Reid, Esquire, of Manly, in the State of New South Wales, independent means, as the person entitled to be elected to the Legislative Assembly in place of the late Member Sir Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, K.B.E., resigned.
4. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Alfred Albert Edward Ernest Vassa Reid, 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 North Shore.

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

The House went, and the Members of both Houses being seated, at the request of the President, the President said:—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
 "His Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor in the name and on the part of His Majesty the King, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the State, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, to deliver a Message to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

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

"George V, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS by Proclamation made on the twenty-fifth day of February, ultimo, His Excellency Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in our Royal Navy, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of Our Royal Victorian Order, Our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of Our said State, by virtue of 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,' proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of March: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frederick Flowers, President of the said Council, the Honourable Sir Joseph Hector Carruthers, K.C.M.G., Vice-President of Our Executive Council of the said State, and the Honourable Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, Members of the said Legislative Council, do with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said State, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Frederick Flowers, Sir Joseph Hector Carruthers, and Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in Our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-fourth day of March or subsequent day, on Our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in Our name, or in the name of Our Governor of Our said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, to deliver a Message to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Frederick Flowers, Sir Joseph Hector Carruthers, and Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

"In testimony whereof, we have caused these, Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in Our Royal Navy, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of Our Royal Victorian Order, Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in Our said State, this tenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign

"D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
 "Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
 "GEORGE W. FULLER."

The President then said:—

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

"We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that His Excellency desires that, in accordance with the promise made by his advisers, you may have a further opportunity to deal with a Bill to amend the Marriage Law, which was submitted but not passed during last Session.

"This Bill is designed to secure to persons lawfully married, and to the issue of their marriage the protection of the law against anyone who alleges that such persons are not truly and sufficiently married, or that such issue is illegitimate or born out of true wedlock."

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And being returned,—

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Fuller, at twenty-two Minute 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.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.) Plant Diseases Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provisions to prevent the introduction into New South Wales of diseases and pests affecting plants or fruit; to provide for the eradication of such diseases and pests, and to prevent the spread thereof; to make certain provisions with regard to the sale and grading of fruit and vegetables; to provide for the registration of orchards and nurseries; to make certain provisions as to cotton plants; to repeal the Vine and Vegetation Diseases and Fruit Pests Act, 1912; to amend the Fruit Cases Act, 1912, 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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(2.) Nurses Registration Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration and regulation of nurses; to amend the Private Hospitals Act, 1908; 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.

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(3.) Administration of Justice Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to the administration of justice; to facilitate the reciprocal enforcement of judgments and awards in the State of New South Wales and in the United Kingdom and other parts of His Majesty's dominions or territories under His Majesty's protection; to amend the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, the Supreme Court Procedure Act, 1900, the Inter-state Debts Recovery Act, 1901, the Interpleader Act, 1901, the District Courts Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; to repeal the Interest on Judgments Amendment Act, 1900; 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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(4.) Voluntary Wheat Pool Guarantee Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Colonial Treasurer to enter into a certain Agreement between the New South Wales Voluntary Wheat Pool Committee, Limited, of the first part, the Colonial Treasurer of the second part, and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, of the third part, relating to the marketing of wheat; to authorise the Colonial Treasurer in certain events to enter into certain other agreements of a like nature; to make certain appropriations out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; 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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(5.) Public Works (Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage) Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the carrying out under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1912, works of water supply or sewerage and works incidental thereto for municipalities and shires without the works being referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally

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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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(6.) Water (Costs Declaratory and Flood Prevention) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare a reduced cost of works of certain Drainage Trusts ; to extend the provisions of Part IV of the Water Act, 1912, to flood prevention ; for that purpose to amend the Water Act, 1912 ; 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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(7.) Co-operation, Community Settlement, and Credit (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Co-operation, Community Settlement, and Credit Act, 1923, in certain particulars ; 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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(8.) Manly Water Supply (Panorama Estate Revesting) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the revesting of certain land in the parish of Manly Cove, summed under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the purpose of protecting the purity of the Manly Water Supply ; 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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(9.) Onslow Park Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in the Council of the Municipality of Camden as a public reserve or park certain lands at Camden known as Onslow Park, subject to a certain lease to trustees for the Camden Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Society ; to free the lands from the subsisting trusts affecting the same ; 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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(10.) Market-street (Straightening) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the carrying into effect of a certain arrangement between the Minister for Public Works, the Municipal Council of Sydney, and David Jones, Limited, relating to the straightening of part of the course of Market-street in the City of Sydney ; to vest in David Jones, Limited, certain parcels of land free from any right of highway ; to vest in the Municipal Council of Sydney for the purpose of highway, and to form part of Castlereagh-street, Market-street, and Elizabeth-street, in the City of Sydney, certain lands now vested in the Minister for Public Works and David Jones, Limited, respectively ; 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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(11.) Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the water supply, sewerage, and stormwater drainage of certain districts in and adjacent to the county of Cumberland ; to repeal the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and certain other Acts ; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, 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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(12.) Jerilderie towards Deniliquin Railway Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie towards Deniliquin ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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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(13.) Local Government (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1919, as to the use of valuation lists furnished by the Valuer-General may, in certain circumstances, be suspended ; to make further provisions relating to special loans ; and for these purposes to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, 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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(14.) Child Welfare (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the provisions of the Child Welfare Act, 1923, relating to the adoption of children ; 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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(15.) Local Government (County Councils) Amendment Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the constitution of county councils ; to amend the Local Government 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.

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(16.) Canowindra to Gregra Railway Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Canowindra to Gregra ; 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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(17.) National Library Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of the National Library; to amend the National Library Act, 1905; 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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(18.) Newcastle National Park Enabling Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Australian Agricultural Company by agreement with the Council of the City of Newcastle to vary the trusts affecting an area of land at Newcastle known as the National Park; to amend the Local Government 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.

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(19.) Electrical Contractors Licensing Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration of electrical contractors; for the issue, suspension, and cancellation of licenses; for the constitution of a board; for the regulation of the installation of electric light and power in and their connection to premises; for the amendment of various Acts relating to electricity supply; 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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(20.) Todman-avenue Tramway Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of tramway from Crown-street terminus, via Todman-avenue, to the La Perouse line at Anzac Parade; 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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(21.) Botany Methodist Church Cemetery Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and tombstones from the Botany Methodist Church Cemetery; for the reinterment of such remains and the erection of such tombstones elsewhere; 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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(22.) Tarce Water Supply Bill:—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works of water supply for the Municipality of Tarce; 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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(23.) Tempe to East Hills Railway Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Tempe to East Hills ; 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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(24.) South-west Tablelands Water Supply Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the towns of Cootamundra, Murrumburrah, Stockinbingal, Temora, Barmedman, Wyalong, Young, and Grenfell ; 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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(25.) Cottage Creek Stormwater Channel Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the extension and widening of the Cottage Creek Stormwater Channel at Newcastle ; 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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(26.) Forestry (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to reconstitute the Forestry Commission ; to enable the powers of the said Commission to be extended in certain regards ; to amend the Forestry Act, 1916, and certain other Acts ; to repeal the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916, and the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1917 ; 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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(27.) Manly Hospital Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a public hospital at Manly ; 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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(28.) Irrigation Holdings (Freehold) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the setting apart and sale of lands with freehold tenure within irrigation areas, and to enable the holders of certain leases within such areas to convert their holdings into freehold tenures ; to make provision for the extension of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1919, to irrigation areas ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Irrigation Act, 1912, 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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(29.) Crown Lands and Closer Settlement (Amending) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the extension of the term of certain leases under the Crown Lands Acts ; to enable minors to execute mortgages of certain Crown tenures ; to extend the law relating to appraisement of certain soldiers' holdings ; to enable land to be set apart exclusively for certain classes of settlers ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, 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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(30.) Mining (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1906, 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1924.

(31.) Queanbeyan Water Supply Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the Municipality of Queanbeyan ; to enable the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia to recover amounts due and payable by the council of that municipality for water supplied for distribution by such works ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1924.

(32.) Newcastle Wharfage (Merewether-street) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a wharf at Merewether-street, Newcastle ; 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, 23rd December, 1924.

(33.) Molong Water Supply Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works of water supply for the Municipality of Molong,*"—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, 23rd December, 1924.

(34.) Moss Vale to Port Kembla Railway Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Moss Vale to Port Kembla ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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, 23rd December, 1924.

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24th March, 1925.

(35.) Rand to Bull Plain Railway Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Rand to Bull Plain ; 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, 23rd December, 1924.

(36.) Ambulance Transport Service (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1919, and certain other Acts ; to validate the reappointment of the board by the Governor and their transactions ; 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, 24th December, 1924.

(37.) New South Wales Meat Industry Encouragement Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to encourage and improve the Meat Industry ; and for other incidental 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, 24th December, 1924.

(38.) Government Railways (Amendment) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to carry on stores on railway construction works ; to vest certain lands in the said Railway Commissioners and to make certain lands liable to be rated by the Municipal Council of Sydney ; to enable James Fraser, Esquire, to contribute to the Government Railways Superannuation Account ; 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, 24th December, 1924.

(39.) Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose certain taxation upon motor vehicles and trailers ; to repeal the Motor Vehicle (Taxation) Act, 1916 ; 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, 31st December, 1924.

(40.) Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Management Bill :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the assessing and collecting taxes upon motor vehicles and trailers ; for the increase of certain fees ; to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, and the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914 ; 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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Sydney, 31st December, 1924.

24th March, 1925.

8. **TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES** :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, nominated :—

David Henry Drummond, Esquire,
 William Robert Fitzsimons, Esquire,
 Robert Greig, Esquire,
 Edward James Loxton, Esquire, K.C., M.A., and
 Robert Emmet O'Halloran, Esquire,

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

9. **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 :—

<i>“ William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire, The Hon. Walter Bennett, William Scott Fell, Esquire, Mark Gosling, Esquire, Edward James Loxton, Esquire, K.C., M.A.</i>	<i>Edward Aloysius McTiernan, Esquire, B.A., LL.B., Hugh Main, Esquire, Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, and Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire,—</i>
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“ being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.

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

*“ 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.

10. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER** :—Mr. Hoskins (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to James Chaplain Wilson, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for Western Suburbs, on account of illness.
 Question put and passed.

11. **PAPERS** :—

Sir George Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Co-operation, Community Settlement and Credit Act, 1923.
- (2.) Treasury Regulations under the Audit Act, 1902.
- (3.) Substituted Regulations under the Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1924.

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

- (1.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases, issued under the provisions of Western Lands Acts, from 8th November, 1924, to 23rd March, 1925.
- (2.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for (a) Public Recreation Ground at Cardiff; (b) Public Recreation Ground at Collaroy.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (4.) Amended Form No. 110, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Amended Regulation No. 17, Additional Regulation No. 22, and Additional Form No. 16, under the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 22A, and Additional Regulation No. 22B, under the Closer Settlement Acts, 1904-1919.
- (7.) Amended Form No. 33A, under the Closer Settlement Acts, 1904-1919.
- (8.) Regulation No. 1, and Form No. 1, under the Crown Lands and Closer Settlement (Amending) Act, 1924.
- (9.) Amended Form No. 2, under the Public Roads Act, 1902.

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

- (1.) New Regulation No. 25 under the Public Trustee Act, 1913.
- (2.) Regulations under the Auctioneers Licensing Act, 1898-1924.
- (3.) Alteration of Scale of Fees payable under part II of the Second Schedule of the District Courts Act, 1912, respecting District Court Bailiffs.

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

- (1.) Report of Inspector-General of Police for 1924.
- (2.) Report of Board of Fire Commissioners for 1924.
- (3.) Report of the Royal Commission (*Mr. S. E. Lamb, K.C.*) respecting the conduct of Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Sydney in connection with the regrading of Bulwarra-road.
- (4.) Amendments to Schedules to Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
- (5.) Regulations under the Nurses Registration Act, 1924.
- (6.) Amended Police Rules under the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906.
- (7.) Amended Regulations under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.
- (8.) Amended Regulations under the Weights and Measures Act, 1915, as amended.

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Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Agreement between James Joseph Clancy and Bega Municipal Council, relating to a franchise under the Local Government Act, 1919, granted by the Council to the said James Joseph Clancy for the supply of electric current for street and private lighting and for power within the Municipality.
- (2.) Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- (3.) Regulation under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. J. P. Andrew, as Electrical Inspector of Collieries, Department of Mines.
- (5.) Proclamation declaring certain lands to be Private Lands under the provisions of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (6.) Proclamation declaring certain lands to be Private Lands under the provisions of the Mining Act, 1906.

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

- (1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st December, 1924.
- (2.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924, for the conduct of elections of members of the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Board.
- (3.) Amending By-Law under the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1923 (respecting leave of absence).
- (4.) Regulations under the Middle Harbour (The Spit) Bridge Act, 1923.
- (5.) By-laws under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1924, relating to coaching and goods rates.

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

- (1.) Notifications of Resumptions of Land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes at:—Albury, Auburn North, Bankstown, Bay-road, Coerwull, Cooper's Creek, Cowra, Dartbrook, Dyraba, Ettick, Fairfield, Granville, Harcourt, Keiraville, Leichhardt, Lidcombe, Liverpool, Maitland West, Murwillumbah, Old Bonalbo, Peakhurst, Rozelle, Saint Ethels and Wyanga.
- (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. R. S. Andrews, as Head Teacher of Chemistry, Technical Education Branch.
- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. R. E. Webb, as Dental Officer, Medical Branch.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Miss Laura Ellen Graves, as Assistant Teacher, Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta.
- (5.) Amended By-law of St. Paul's College, University of Sydney.
- (6.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.
- (7.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Captain Chaffey laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Curlwaa (Wentworth) Irrigation Area for 1924.
- (2.) Minute of Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Messrs. Howard Norman Whitmarsh Wildman and Lawrence Henry Beveridge, as Assistant Sheep and Wool Instructors, Department of Agriculture.
- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Aubrey Kenneth Cantrill, as Assistant Sheep and Wool Instructor, Department of Agriculture.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Colin Charles Blumer, as Veterinary Surgeon, Department of Agriculture.
- (5.) Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Herman Christoph Gottfried Belschner, as Veterinary Surgeon, Department of Agriculture.
- (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Harold Roy Carne, as Veterinary Surgeon, Department of Agriculture.
- (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board, respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Alfred Lionel Rose, as Veterinary Surgeon, Department of Agriculture.
- (8.) New Regulation under the Pastures Protection Acts, 1912-1920.
- (9.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Area for 1924.
- (10.) Amended Regulation under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-1918, relating to Living Allowances.
- (11.) New Regulation under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-1924, respecting License Fees for Public Vehicles on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas.
- (12.) New Regulations under the Water Act, 1912-1924.
- (13.) Regulation under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-1924.
- (14.) New Regulation under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-1924.

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

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Frederick Witton Berne, as Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office.
- (2.) Amended Regulations, Repeal, and substituted Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (3.) Substituted Rules of the Supreme Court under the Poor Persons Legal Remedies Act, 1918.
- (4.) Substituted Rules of the Supreme Court.
- (5.) Public Service List for 1924.

12. PRO FORMA BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Sir George Fuller 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.

24th March, 1925.

13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Fuller informed the House that since the Assembly last met His Excellency the Governor, acting upon the advice of the Executive Council, had accepted as from 16th February, 1925, the resignation of the Honorable Sir Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, K.B.E., of his portfolio as Colonial Treasurer, and that His Excellency, with the like advice, had appointed him to be Colonial Treasurer, as from 24th February, 1925, in addition to the portfolio of Premier.

14. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Ley moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ley moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Ley moved, without Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother, valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ley then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother, valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Ley moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Jaques,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Kilpatrick,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Main,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Missingham,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Perdriau,
Captain Chaffey,	Mr. Perkins,
Major Connell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cromarty,	Sir Charles Rosenthal,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Skelton,
Mr. Drummond,	Dr. Stopford,
Mr. Scott Fell,	Mr. Thorby,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Vincent,
Mr. Fitzsimons,	Mr. Wearne,
Sir George Fuller,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Goldstein,	
Sir Thomas Henley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Morrow,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Ness.
Mr. Jackson,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Baddeley,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Birt,	Mr. O'Halloran,
Mr. Frank Burke,	Mr. Ratchiffe,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. W. J. Scully.
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Clark,
Captain Dunn,	Mr. O'Hearn.
Dr. Fallon,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	
Mr. Flannery,	
Mr. Gosling,	
Mr. Greig,	
Mr. Horsington,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McClelland,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. James McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. McTieruan,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. D. Murray,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ley, 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. Fitzsimons, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow, and for the further consideration in Committee of the Bill to take precedence of other Business.

16. ANJOURNMENT:—Sir George Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, 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. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1925.

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

URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Ley moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Order of the Day No. 1 on the Notice Paper for To-day, and pass the Marriage Amendment Bill through all its remaining stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ley moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Order of the Day No. 1 on the Notice Paper for To-day and the passing of the Marriage Amendment Bill through all its remaining stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

2. MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) 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.

On motion of Mr. Ley, the Report was adopted.

Mr. Ley moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Lane,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Main,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Missingham,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrow,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Ness,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Oakes,
Captain Chaffey,	Mr. Perdriau,
Mr. Cromarty,	Mr. Perkins,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Drummond,	Sir Charles Rosenthal,
Mr. Scott Fell,	Lieut.-Col. Rutledge,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Skelton,
Mr. Fitzsimons,	Dr. Stopford,
Sir George Fuller,	Mr. Thorby,
Mr. Goldstein,	Mr. Vincent,
Sir Thomas Henley,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jackson,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Jaques,	Major Connell.
Mr. Kilpatrick,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Baddeley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Birt,	Mr. O'Halloran,
Mr. Frank Burke,	Mr. O'Hearn,
Mr. George Cane,	Mr. Ratchiffe,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. W. J. Scully,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Bailey,
Dr. Fallon,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Fitzgerald,	
Mr. Flannery,	
Mr. Gosling,	
Mr. Greig,	
Mr. Horsington,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McClelland,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. James McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. McTiernan,	
Mr. D. Murray,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

25th March, 1925.

(2.) Bill read a third time.

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 impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother, valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th March, 1925.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Frank Burke (*on behalf of the Chairman*), in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the table :—
- (1.) *Railway from Inverell to Ashford*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix and Plan relating to the proposed Railway from Inverell to Ashford.
 - (2.) *Railway from Sandy Hollow via Gulgong to Maryvale*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Sandy Hollow via Gulgong to Maryvale.
 - (3.) *Railway from Cooma to Adaminaby, and Branch to Dalgety*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Cooma to Adaminaby, and Branch to Dalgety.
 - (4.) *Railway from Guyra to Dorrigo*:—Supplementary Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, relating to the proposed Railway from Guyra to Dorrigo.
 - (5.) *Railway from Merriwa via Cassilis to Leadville*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Merriwa via Cassilis to Leadville.
 - (6.) *Railway from Rooty Hill to Tahmoor*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices and Plans, relating to the proposed Railway from Rooty Hill to Tahmoor.
 - (7.) *Bridge over the Richmond River at Woodburn*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence relating to the proposed Bridge over the Richmond River at Woodburn.
 - (8.) *Additional Accommodation for the Police and Prisons Department*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed additional accommodation for the police and Prisons Department.
 - (9.) *Tramway from Ryde to the Northern Suburbs Cemetery*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Ryde to the Northern Suburbs Cemetery.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA :—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Fuller, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly copy of a despatch which he has received from the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of New South Wales in the said Senate through the death of Senator John Maurice Power, which occurred on the 13th January, 1925.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th March, 1925.

Your Excellency,

" President of the Senate,
" Melbourne, 30th January, 1925.

" Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of New South Wales in the Senate, through the death of Senator John Maurice Power, which occurred on the 13th January, 1925.

" I have the honor to be,
" Your Excellency's obedient servant,

" (Signed) THOS. GIVENS,
" President of the Senatc.

" His Excellency,

" Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, K.C.B., M.V.O.,
" Governor of the State of New South Wales,
" Sydney, New South Wales."

(2.) Sir George Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that this House meet the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator John Maurice Power.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Sir George Fuller moved, That the following Message be forwarded to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having resolved to meet the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator John Maurice Power, requests the Legislative Council to name the place and hour for such meeting.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th March, 1925.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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25th March, 1925.

5. **PRINTING OF PAPERS:**—Sir George Fuller moved, That the following Papers, laid upon the Table of this House on the 24th March, 1925, be printed :—
- (1.) Report of the Inspector-General of Police for 1924.
 - (2.) Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 1924.
 - (3.) Report of the Royal Commission (*Mr. S. F. Lamb, K.C.*) respecting the conduct of Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Sydney, in connection with the regrading of Bulwarra-road.
 - (4.) Report of the Railway Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st December, 1924.
 - (5.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Curlwaa (Wentworth) Irrigation Area for 1924.
 - (6.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Hay Irrigation Area for 1924.
 - (7.) Public Service List for 1924.
- Question put and passed.
6. **DEATH OF THE HONORABLE W. G. ASHFORD:**—Sir George Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sympathy with the widow and family of the late Honorable William George Ashford, a former Member of this House and Minister of the Crown.
 - (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate the terms of this resolution to Mrs. Ashford.
- The motion having been seconded by Mr. Lang, and supported by Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner, Mr. Skelton, and Mr. Arkins,—
- Question put, and carried unanimously, Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.
7. **PAPERS:**—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
- (1.) Report of the Department of Mines for 1924.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Certified copies of Agreements between Parramatta Electric Supply Company, Limited, and Parramatta Municipal Council, relating to a Franchise under the Local Government Act, 1919, granted by the Council to the said Company for the supply of electric current for street and private lighting, and for power within the Municipality.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Fuller 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 Eight Minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1925.

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

PAPERS:—

Sir George Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Forty-fifth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Substituted Regulation No. 27 under the Co-operation, Community Settlement, and Credit Act, 1923.
- (3.) Substituted Regulation under the Government Savings Bank Acts, 1906–1920.

Mr. Bavin laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Repeal of Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Captain Chaffey laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Reports (3) of Sir John Sulman as an Honorary Commissioner for New South Wales at the International Town Planning Conference, Amsterdam, July, 1924, on his inquiries into matters of Town Planning in Great Britain, Europe, and America.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) New Regulation under the Registration of Stock Brands Acts, 1921–1923.
- (3.) Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.

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

- (1.) Memorandum by the Chief Secretary and Minister of Public Health in regard to the variation of the provisions of Section 4 (3) of the Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act, 1924.
- (2.) Government Tourist Bureau and Tourist Resorts—Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1924.
- (3.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
- (4.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902, as amended by the Necropolis (Amendment) Act, 1923, relating to Crematoria.

Mr. Wearne 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.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

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

- (1.) Notifications of resumption or appropriation of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for—
 - (a) Sydney Water Supply (2).
 - (b) Tamworth Sewerage.
 - (c) Lake Cargelligo Improvements.
 - (d) Longueville Police Station.
 - (e) Sydney Harbour Bridge (2).
 - (f) Newcastle Sewerage.
 - (g) Narrandera Sewerage.
 - (h) Newcastle Harbour Improvements.
 - (i) Bridge over the Paterson River at Gostwyck.

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- (j) Lecton Court House.
- (k) Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.
- (l) Hunter District Water Supply (2).
- (m) Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta.
- (n) St. George District Cottage Hospital.
- (o) Byron Bay Jetty
- (p) Government Savings Bank Offices, West Maitland.
- (q) Government Savings Bank Offices, Sydney.
- (r) Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (2).
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for—
 - (a) Railway Traffic between Goulburn and Bombala by the improvement of access to Station Yard at Williamsdale.
 - (b) Railway Traffic between Lidcombe and Cabramatta by the widening of Miller-street, Chester Hill.
 - (c) Tramway Traffic between Undercliffe and Forest Hill, by readjustment of boundaries of Homer-street, Undercliffe (2).
 - (d) Railway between Molong and Dubbo (Part 2).
- (3.) Notifications of appropriation of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for—
 - (a) Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, by provision of new platforms at Banksia.
 - (b) Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, by provision of six roads between Erskineville and Sydney.
 - (c) Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke by provision of new platform and over-bridge between Lawson and Wentworth Falls.
 - (d) Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra by provision of over-bridge at Hurstville.
 - (e) Railway Traffic between Wallerawang and Gwabegar by erection of Station-master's residence at Coonabarabran.
 - (f) Tramway Traffic between Newcastle and Port Waratah by provision of additional accommodation at Waratah.
- (4.) Notifications of appropriation and resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for,—
 - (a) Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury by the prevention of scour of railway land near Wallenbeen.
 - (b) Railway Traffic between Barmedman and Rankin's Springs by provision of access to Tallimba and Moonoon Stations.
 - (c) Railway between Glenreagh and Dorriggo (2).
 - (d) Railway between Bogan Gate and Bulbodney.
- (5.) Notifications of resumptions or appropriation of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1919, for—
 - (a) Katoomba Municipal Council (3).
 - (b) Ryde Municipal Council.
 - (c) Nepean Shire Council.
 - (d) Hornsby Shire Council.
 - (e) Goulburn Municipal Council (2).
 - (f) Canterbury Municipal Council (2).
 - (g) Corowa Municipal Council.
 - (h) Waugoola Shire Council.
 - (i) Woollahra Municipal Council (2).
 - (j) Fairfield Municipal Council.
 - (k) Kogarah Municipal Council.

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

- (1.) Revised By-laws of St. Andrew's College, University of Sydney.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, as amended.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Frank Burke, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table:—
- (1.) *Tramway from Longueville via Burns Bay road and Fig-tree Bridge, connecting with Ryde Tramway at Gladesville.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Longueville via Burns Bay road and Fig-tree Bridge, connecting with Ryde Tramway at Gladesville.
 - (2.) *Tramway from Chatswood to the Northern Suburbs Cemetery.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence relating to the proposed Tramway from Chatswood to the Northern Suburbs Cemetery.
 - (3.) *Railway from St. Leonards to Eastwood.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan relating to the proposed Railway from St. Leonards to Eastwood.
 - (4.) *Railway from Mendooran to Tooraweenah.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence Appendix, and Plan relating to the proposed railway from Mendooran to Tooraweenah.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council,—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 25th March, 1925, agrees to meet the Assembly, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator John Maurice Power, in this Chamber on Wednesday, 1st April, 1925, at Five o'clock p.m.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1925.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

31st March, 1925.

4. MARRIAGE 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 declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother, valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; 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, 27th March, 1925,

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 27th March, 1925.

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

Page 2, clause 3, lines 27 and 28. Omit "and sufficiently married" insert "husband and wife";

Examined,—

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

Mr. Ley moved, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Jaques,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Kilpatrick,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Main,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Missingham,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Morrow,
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Ness,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Oakes,
Captain Chaffey,	Mr. Pordriau,
Mr. Cromarty,	Mr. Perkins,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Drummond,	Dr. Stopford,
Mr. Scott Fell,	Mr. Vincent,
Mr. Fitzsimons,	Mr. Walker,
Sir George Fuller,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Grimm,	Tellers,
Sir Thomas Henley,	Mr. Goldstein,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Skelton.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Jackson,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Baddeley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Frank Burke,	Mr. O'Halloran,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. O'Hearn,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Quirk,
Major Connell,	Mr. Ratcliffe,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. W. J. Scully.
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Captain Dunn,	Tellers,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Flannery,	Mr. William Davies
Mr. Gosling,	
Mr. Greig,	
Mr. Horsington,	
Mr. Keogan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McClelland,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. McTiernan,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. D. Murray,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ley, 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 the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Ley, 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 declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother, valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899; and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1925.

5. SYDNEY MEAT-PRESERVING COMPANY (LIMITED) 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 Sydney Meat-preserving Company (Limited) Incorporation Act, 1871; and for other purposes,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1925.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

31st March, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel Rutledge moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Missingham,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrow,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,	Mr. Ness,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Captain Chaffey,	Mr. Perkins,
Mr. Cromarty,	Lieut.-Col. Rutledge,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Vincent.
Mr. Drummond,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scott Fell,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Fitzsimons,	Mr. Cameron.
Sir George Fuller,	
Mr. Goldstein,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Sir Thomas Henley,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Jackson,	
Mr. Jaques,	
Mr. Kilpatrick,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. Main,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKell,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McTiernan,
Mr. Baddeley,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Frank Burke,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. D. Murray,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Mutch,
Major Connell,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. O'Halloran,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. O'Hearn,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Quirk,
Captain Dunn,	Mr. Ratcliffe,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Flannery,	Mr. W. J. Scully,
Mr. Gosling,	Mr. Skelton,
Mr. Horsington,	Dr. Stopford,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Greig,
Mr. Lazzarini,	Dr. Fallon.
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McClelland,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at half-past Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ley moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Jackson,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Kilpatrick,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lana,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Main,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Missingham,
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,	Mr. Morrow,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Oakes,
Captain Chaffey,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cromarty,	Sir Charles Rosenthal,
Mr. Doe,	Dr. Stopford,
Mr. Scott Fell,	Mr. Vincent,
Mr. Fitzsimons,	Mr. Wearne.
Sir George Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Goldstein,	Mr. Drummond,
Sir Thomas Henley,	Mr. Ness.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. George Cann,	Mr. O'Hearn,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Quirk,
Major Connell,	Mr. W. J. Scully
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Skelton,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Fitzgerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gosling,	Mr. Baddeley,
Mr. Greig,	Mr. Horsington.
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McClelland,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. McTiernan,	
Mr. D. Murray,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. O'Halloran,	

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 until To-morrow, at half-past Four o'clock,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Thirteen minutes before Seven o'clock until To-morrow, at half-past 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.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL, 1925.

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

VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that the time had arrived for this House to meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Council Chamber, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, rendered vacant by the death of Senator John Maurice Power.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read, the House proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber to meet the Legislative Council, and being returned,—

(3.) Sir George Fuller reported that this House met the Legislative Council in the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator John Maurice Power, and that William Albion Gibbs, Esquire, was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

2. GAMING AND BETTING ACT AMENDMENT (MENANGLE PARK RACECOURSE) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, for the purpose of enabling the Menangle Park Racing Company, Limited, to carry out the purposes of the said Company*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1925.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, *Scheme of Sewerage for the Illawarra Suburbs (Western Division)* :—Mr. Doe, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan relating to the proposed Scheme of Sewerage for the Illawarra Suburbs (Western Division). Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.
Question—"That the Question be now put"—put and passed.
Question, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Fifteen minutes after Nine o'clock, until *Wednesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

DANIEL LEVY,
Speaker, }

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PROCLAMATION.

<p>NEW SOUTH WALES to wit. (L.S.), D. R. S. DE CHAIR, Governor.</p>	}	<p>By His Excellency Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.</p>
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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 Legislative Council and Assembly: Now therefore, I, Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Saturday, the eighteenth day of April, 1925, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

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

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE W. FULLER.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 7 APRIL, 1925.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. ARKINS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,—
With reference to the case of John Reilly, retired Station-master of Mortdale, who retired in the spring of 1910, under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1902,—
(1.) What did this officer owe in the matter of back payments?
(2.) What amount has been paid by him in the deductions from his pension?
(3.) If this officer's payments are in excess of what is owing, will the Government refund the difference to the said John Reilly?
2. MR. BADDELEY *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to the report of the local doctor at Newcastle regarding the state of the drain at the Junction, Newcastle?
(2.) If not, will he call for such report, and take the necessary steps to protect the health of the people?
3. MR. DAVIDSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
How much land has been withdrawn in the Walgett North portion of the Western Lands area, under section 9 of the Western Lands Amendment Act of 1918; if this section has not been put into operation for the purpose of making further Western Lands available, will he explain why?
4. MR. DAVIDSON *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY,—
Is it a fact that there is no compensation available for miners who have been engaged to work in the mines in Broken Hill since 1920, and who have contracted industrial disease; if so, pending an amendment of the Act, will he endeavour to seek the co-operation of the mine-owners in providing compensation for these men?
5. MR. DAVIDSON *to ask* the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,—
(1.) What was the result of the Technical Health Commission appointed last year for the purpose of inquiring into the health of the industrial workers with a view of formulating a scheme to provide compensation under the Silicosis Act for those who were found to be suffering from industrial disease?
(2.) Has the Commission submitted its report, and when will such report be available?
6. MR. DAVIDSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
In view of the almost complete failure of the Broken Hill Water Supply on several occasions, and in view of the deteriorating quality of the Umberumberka Water Supply, will he submit the question of a Supplementary Water Supply for the City of Broken Hill to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works as early as possible?
7. MR. DAVIDSON *to ask* THE PREMIER,—
(1.) In view of the bountiful wheat harvest this year, and the ever-increasing price of bread, and in view of the fact that the farmer is not receiving the same value for his wheat as he did in 1921, will he make inquiries with a view of ascertaining what is the cause of this position?
(2.) And, further, will he take some action which would place the wheat industry on a more equal footing, so that the farmer will receive a fair price for his wheat, and the consumer will share in the prosperity of the industry, and not be called upon to pay such an enormous price for his bread?
(3.) Further, will he make representations to the Federal Government with a view of having some restrictions placed upon the exportation of wheat, thereby preventing a shortage for local consumption?

8. **MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to ask THE PREMIER,—**
 In view of the fact that he promised to push ahead with the construction of the Moss Vale-Port Kembla Railway as soon as the Bill had passed through Parliament, will he now say when he intends to make a start with this work, and, in view of the large number who are unemployed in the district, how many men are likely to be employed at the commencement?
9. **MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to ask THE PREMIER,—**
 (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of men have been put off at the Copper Wire-works, Port Kembla, through lack of orders?
 (2.) Further, has his attention been drawn to the fact that Japan is sending into this country large quantities of copper-wire, and thereby depriving local men of employment?
 (3.) Will he consider the advisableness of approaching the Prime Minister concerning this matter, with the view of Australian copper-wire only being used in the Commonwealth, and thus increase employment for workers in this particular class of industry?
10. **MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to ask THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,—**
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that a large number of people in this State are recommended by doctors to obtain treatment at the Moree Baths for rheumatism, sciatica, &c., and that such treatment has proved beneficial in a large number of cases?
 (2.) In view of the fact that the poorer section of the community is unable to obtain treatment there through their inability to pay for accommodation, will he consider the advisableness of establishing an institution at Moree for accommodating people whose circumstances are such that they cannot afford to pay, and thereby enable them to get back to health again and become assets of the State?
11. **MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to ask THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY,—**
 In view of the fact that compensation payments are reduced by Judges when workmen have improved slightly in health, but not sufficiently to be able to perform their usual occupation, and, further, in view of the fact that workmen when partially incapacitated are not able to procure light employment and are reduced to destitution, with their families, on account of the low rate of compensation paid, is he prepared to amend the Act along the lines of the British Act in this respect, and allow partial incapacity to be treated as total incapacity until suitable employment is found for him by his employer?
12. **MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to ask THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS,—**
 In view of the fact that a large number of railway trucks have been taken into the wheat areas, thereby creating a shortage of trucks at the mines and quarries, and consequent unemployment, will he consider the advisability of increasing the number of workmen employed in the building of trucks in order to obviate the dislocation of industry in future during the wheat season?
13. **MR. FITZGERALD to ask THE PREMIER,—**
 (1.) Is it a fact that a large and representative Conference of delegates from Railway Leagues, Chambers of Commerce, Progress Associations, and other kindred organisations was held at Armidale on Tuesday, 17th instant, to protest against the action of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in rejecting the Guyra-Dorrigo Proposal, and that the following resolution was carried:—"That this meeting of delegates urge upon the Premier to throw all precedent aside, and bring in a bill at the forthcoming Session of Parliament, authorising the construction of the Guyra-Dorrigo Railway."
 (2.) Is it a fact that the following reasons were given in support of the foregoing proposal:—
 (a) The national as well as local importance of the work, both economically and strategically, there being no railway connection of the hinterland system with that of the coast the whole way from Brisbane to Newcastle; (b) the fact that the chief obstacle of all suggested lines from the coast to the tablelands, *i.e.*, the steep gradients having already been negotiated at great cost by the line from Dorrigo to Glenreagh—no other coastal-tableland connection can be made so economically, also the Dorrigo-Tableland line itself can never pay interest on its tremendous construction cost until it is extended over the fertile tablelands of which it now only touches the fringe; (c) the settlers along the surveyed route of the Guyra-Dorrigo line, most of whom took up their land years ago on what was tantamount to a promise by the Government of the day of a railway, are now tired of wasting their lives waiting for this promise to be fulfilled, and are leaving for parts which are more favoured politically, though their land is as rich and well-provided by Nature as any in the State, only requiring cheap transport to bring it into heavy and constant production; (d) climatically the land which would be served by the proposed Railway could not be bettered in the State for the purpose of intense agriculture and closer settlement, having a rich soil, and having a sure and certain rainfall?
 (3.) If it is found the foregoing resolution was carried, will he attempt to carry out the wishes of the Conference before the close of this Session?
14. **MR. FITZGERALD to ask THE PREMIER,—**
 (1.) Is it a fact the Government are giving preference in employment to Southern Europeans as against unemployed Australians?
 (2.) Is it a fact that approximately 300 Jugo Slavs and Montenegrins have been despatched to the South Coast to work in the timber industry, and that their fares were paid and tents and blankets supplied free, together with tools of trade, &c., amounting in all to £15 each.
15. **MR. FLANNERY to ask THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—**
 (1.) What recommendations were made by the Committee inquiring into the position of Soldier Settlers on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area?
 (2.) Will he make the Committee's report available?
 (3.) Does the Government intend to give effect to the recommendations; if so, will he have the necessary legislation introduced during the present Session?

16. MR. FLANNERY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
Will he take immediate steps to give effect to his promise regarding the construction of a bridge across the Lachlan River at Collett's Crossing?
17. MR. FLANNERY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS,—
When will instructions be issued for the commencement of construction on the lines of Railway from Ungarie to Naradhun and Wyalong towards Condobolin?
18. MR. FLANNERY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
What is the present position regarding the proposal to construct a Bridge across the Murrumbidgee River, near the Yanco High School?
19. MR. FLANNERY *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—
What attitude does the Government propose taking for the purpose of constructing Silos in wheat producing centres where Silos do not exist at present?
20. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE PREMIER,—
In view of the fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works expects to complete its inquiry into the Illawarra Suburbs Sewerage Scheme, and submit its report to Parliament not later than Wednesday, 25th instant, will he grant facilities on Thursday to permit of the passage of an Enabling Bill authorising this work to be proceeded with without delay, and take all the necessary steps in connection therewith?
21. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS,—
In view of the unsatisfactory progress in connection with the electrification of the Illawarra and Bankstown line, will he cause a sufficient sum to be placed at the disposal of the Railway Commissioners so that another 3,000 or 4,000 men may be absorbed on this long overdue and much-needed electrification work?
22. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
In view of the urgent necessity for improved railway facilities for the people of Bankstown and Illawarra, and, further, in view of the Railway Commissioners' urgent representations in this matter, will he have a sum of money made available for an early commencement of Tempe to East Hills Railway?
23. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE PREMIER,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Government has appointed Mr. T. B. Cooper, Under-Secretary for the Public Works Department, to the position of President of the newly elected Water and Sewerage Board?
(2.) If so, will he state whether it is not a fact that an injustice has been done to a number of competent and faithful officers in the Department of Water and Sewerage?
(3.) Is it not also a fact that the officers of this Department are debarred from competing for higher positions in other sections of the Public Service?
(4.) If such is correct, will he inform the House whether such action will not be likely to cause dissatisfaction on account of expected promotion being withheld from efficient officers familiar with the routine of this particular Department?
24. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE PREMIER,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Government believes in preference to returned soldiers; if so, were applications called for the position of Agent-General, prior to the departure of Sir Arthur Cocks to London, to take up that lucrative position?
(2.) Will he explain why the claims of the Honorable F. A. Chaffey, Mr. R. Perdriau, and Mr. J. R. Lee were overlooked?
(3.) Further, was the appointment of Mr. T. B. Cooper a contravention of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Preference Act?
25. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the students attending the Trades School at Kogarah are without proper accommodation and equipment?
(2.) Is it a fact that students are enrolled for whom there are no desks, and that a number of students attending these classes are compelled to stand about while lectures are being delivered?
(3.) Will he have inquiries made into the conditions obtaining at this school with a view to increasing the accommodation and improving the equipment?
26. MR. GOSLING *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,—
(1.) Is it a fact that vigorous protests have been made by the residents of Brighton-le-Sands against the continued use of the sanitary dump at Brighton-le-Sands?
(2.) In view of the grave danger to public health and the intolerable discomfort to the people of that district, will he insist on a more modern and hygienic method of sewerage treatment for that portion of St. George?
27. MR. HORSINGTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Has he received a request from the Pastoralists' Association of West Darling to amend the Wild Dog Destruction Act on the lines of the South Australian Vermin Act during the present Session?
(2.) In view of the fact that this amendment of the Act has been promised by the Minister for the last two Sessions, and also that the pastoralists of West Darling are suffering considerable losses nightly owing to sheep being destroyed by wild dogs, will he consider meeting the wishes of the western pastoralists by bringing in the amendment asked for this Session?

28. MR. HORSINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of Western towns have applied for branches of the Rural Bank to be opened in their towns?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that the Bogan Shire Council has been trying for two years to get a branch opened at Nyngan?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that the Savings Bank Commissioners, whilst admitting that there is sufficient business offering to justify the opening of branches of the Rural Bank in the Western towns, state that they cannot comply with the request made owing to the limited material at their disposal?
- (4.) In the interest of the Western settlers and also in the interest of the State Bank, will he confer with the Savings Bank Commissioners, with a view of finding ways and means of establishing branches of the Rural Bank in the Western towns of this State?

29. MR. KEEGAN to ask THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. H. A. Martin, an employee of the Railway Printing Office, was dismissed on the 28th of August, 1924?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that when his appeal was heard by the Railway Appeal Board that its decision was that he should be reinstated after a period of two months in his former position?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that after his reinstatement he was disgraced, as the Commissioners had overruled the decision of the Board?
- (4.) If so, what purpose does the Board serve when its decisions can be set aside, and will he clothe it with the necessary powers so that justice will be done to the employees who appear before it?

30. MR. KILPATRICK to ask THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—

Will he amend the Early Closing Amendment Act of 1906 by a further amendment of section 3, subsection 3, to allow of the full Electoral Roll being used within the area in which a vote is being taken to decide which day shall be chosen for the half-holiday?

31. MR. MISSINGHAM to ask THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—

Why has he not given effect to his repeated promises to the stock-owners of the State, made prior to the passing of the Stock Diseases Act of 1923, that when the Stock Diseases Bill became law he would prescribe tick regulations making it optional that stock-owners may choose either dipping or spraying for treatment of their stock?

32. MR. D. MURRAY to ask THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is a shortage of vehicles and trucks for transport in the railway service of the State?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the employees of the carriage and waggon and paint shops at Eveleigh are being laid idle for the period of eight to ten days without pay?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that coach-painters are being reduced in pay by having to work only forty hours each week, and a loss of 8s. to 10s. in pay each week?
- (4.) Is it a fact that by loss of Christmas and Easter holidays a reduction of work to forty hours only allows for the average of the basic wage to be made?
- (5.) Will he, in view of the shortage of vehicles and trucks, make representation to the Commissioners to have the matter of rolling stock contracts expedited, and to push ahead with the building of such vehicles, so as to provide work at full time to coach-making employees?

33. MR. MUTCH to ask THE PREMIER,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statement contained in the *Evening News*, of 23rd March, that the Master Builders' Association has protested against the method adopted by the Government Savings Banks Commissioners in inviting tenders for the new bank building?
- (2.) Will he inquire if the tenders referred to were invited in accordance with the approved conditions of the Institute of Architects and Master Builders' Association?
- (3.) Is it a fact that contracts for the supply of certain material in connection with this bank were entered into before public tenders (if any) were invited?
- (4.) Was the method adopted in entering into contracts for certain materials for the building made public, so that more than one firm could participate?
- (5.) Has a contract been entered into for the complete building or for the concrete work on only one section of the building, thereby enabling the contractor to obtain an undue preference for further competition that may be expected, for the rest of the building?

34. MR. W. J. SCULLY to ask THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE:—

Will he submit a Bill this Session referring the proposed water conservation schemes on the Namoi and Peel Rivers, to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration?

35. MR. W. J. SCULLY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

In view of the urgent necessity for the construction of the proposed Railway from Camurra to Boggabilla, will he have a sum of money made available for immediate commencement of the proposed Railway line?

36. MR. W. J. SCULLY to ask THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS,—

Will he impress upon the Commissioners the urgent necessity of the immediate construction of the proposed new Railway Station and Yards at Moree, so as to minimise the great danger that always exists under present unsatisfactory conditions?

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FITZGERALD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is imperative that the Government forthwith introduce a Bill to authorise the construction of a line of Railway from Dorrigo to Guyra, in the interests of decentralisation.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNT-OUTS,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1925.

Total number of Divisions in the House, 5 ; Divisions in Committee, 1 ; Count-outs, 0.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total.
Anderson, David More, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Arkins, James Guy Dalley, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	5	1	...	6
Baddeley, John Marcus, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Bagnall, William Roy Clifford, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Bailey, John, Esq.	2	1	...	3
Ball, The Hon. Richard Thomas	4	...	...	4
Bavin, The Hon. Thomas Rainsford, K.C., B.A., LL.B.	4	1	...	5
Bennett, The Hon. Walter	4	1	...	5
Birt, John Edward, Esq.	3	1	...	4
Bruntnell, The Hon. Albert	5	1	...	6
Bruxner, Lieut.-Colonel Michael Frederick, D.S.O.	5	1	...	6
Burke, Francis Michael, Esq.	3	1	...	4
Buttonschaw, Ernest Albert, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Cameron, William, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Cann, George, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Chaffey, Captain The Hon. Frank Augustus	5	1	...	6
Clark, Joseph Alfred, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Cocks, The Hon. Sir Arthur Alfred Clement K.B.E. (<i>Resigned 14th February, 1925</i>) ... ..	...	...	...	...
Connell, Major Hugh John, D.S.O., M.C.	5	1	...	6
Cromarty, Magnus, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Davidson, Mark Anthony, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Davies, William, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Doe, Brian James, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Dooley, James, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Drummond, David Heury, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	5	1	...	6
Dunn, Captain William Fraser	3	...	...	3
Fallon, Cyril Joseph, Esq., M.D.	3	1	...	4
Fell, William Scott, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Fitzgerald, Joseph John, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Fitzpatrick, The Hon. John Charles Lucas	2	1	...	3
Fitzsimons, William Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	5	1	...	6
Flannery, Martin Matthew, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Fuller, The Hon. Sir George Warburton, K.C.M.G.	5	1	...	6
Goldstein, Hyman, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Gosling, Mark, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Groig, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	5	1	...	6
Grimm, Arthur Hetherington, Esq.	2	...	...	2

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total.
Henley, Sir Thomas, K.B.E.	5	1	...	6
Hill, Theodore Hooke, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Horsington, Edward Matthew, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Hoskins, Tom James, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Jackson, Joseph, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Jaques, Mr. Harold Vivian, B.A., LL.B.	4	1	...	5
Keegan, Thomas, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Kilpatrick, Matthew, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Lane, Albert, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Lang, John Thomas, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Lee, John Robert, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Levy The Hon. Daniel, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	...	...	...	...
Ley, The Hon. Thomas John	5	1	...	6
Loughlin, Peter French, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Loxton, Edward James, Esq., K.C. M.A. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ... ..	...	1	...	1
McClelland, Alfred, Esq.	5	1	...	6
McGirr, James, Esq.	2	1	...	3
McGirr, John Joseph Gregory, Esq.	3	1	...	4
McKell, William John, Esq.	5	1	...	6
McTiernan, Edward Aloysius, Esq., B.A., LL.B.	5	1	...	6
Main, Hugh, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq.	2	...	...	2
Missingham, William Thomas, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Molesworth, Voltaire, Esq.	1	...	...	1
Morrow, Thomas Howard, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	2	1	...	3
Murphy, Cecil Horace, Esq.	2	1	...	3
Murray, David, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Mutch, Thomas Davies, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Nesbitt, George, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Ness, John Thomas, Esq.	5	1	...	6
O'Brien, William Joseph, Esq.	4	1	...	5
O'Halloran, Robert Emmet, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	5	1	...	6
O'Hearn, Walter Finlay, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William, C.M.G.	5	1	...	6
Perdrian, Raymond Stephen, Esq.	3	1	...	4
Perkins, John Arthur, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Quirk, John, Esq.	3	...	...	3
Ratcliffe, Wilfred Joseph, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Reid, Alfred Albert Edward Ernest Vassa, Esq. (<i>Elected 24th March, 1925; Sworn same day</i>)	5	1	...	6
Rosenthal, Major-General Sir Charles, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	3	1	...	4
Rutledge, Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Lloyd Forster	2	1	...	3
Scully, William, James, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Skelton, Walter Peden Joyce, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Stopford, Robert, Esq., M.D.	5	1	...	6
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	4	1	...	5
Thorby, Harold Victor Campbell, Esq. ... ..	...	1	...	3
Vincent, Roy Stanley, Esq.	5	1	...	6
Walker, Robert Bruce, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	2	...	...	2
Wearne, The Hon. Walter Ernest	3	1	...	4
Weaver, Reginald Walter Darcy, Esq.	2	1	...	3
Wilson, James Chaplain, Esq. (<i>Granted leave of absence for Session on account of illness</i>). ... ..	...	...	...	...

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 7th April, 1925.

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1925.

1. New Writs issued									
2. Select Committees:—									
On Public Matters									
On Private Matters									
On Private Bills									
On Public Bill (Joint Committee)									
3. Standing Committees									
4. Public Bills:—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent					1				
Otherwise disposed of					1				2
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of					1				1
5. Private Bills:—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of									
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of					1				1
6. Petitions received:—									
Printed									
Not Printed									
7. Divisions:—									
In the House					5				
In Committee of the Whole					1				6
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—									
Days of Meeting									4
Hours of Sitting								21 h.	55 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight ... ..								... h.	... m.
Daily Average								5 h.	28 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—									
Before commencement of Business									
After commencement of Business									
9. Votes and Proceedings:—									
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—									
Of Business done					34				34
Daily Average									8
Entries in Question Paper—									
Of Questions answered									13
Daily Average									3
Entries in Notice Paper—									
Of Questions					88				91
Of Notices of Motion					1				22
Of Orders of the Day					2				
Daily Average									
10. Contingent Notice Papers									
11. Orders for Papers									
12. Addresses for Papers									
13. Other Addresses									
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—									
By Message									
By Command					95				
In Returns to Orders									
In Returns to Addresses									
Reports from Standing and Select Committees									
Other Papers					1				96
Ordered to be Printed					24				
Not ordered to be Printed					72				96

15. Sittings of the House :—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1925, 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.	
	1924.				h. m.	h. m.		
1	24	March ...	Tuesday	12 noon	11-15 p.m.	11 15	...	16
2	25	"	Wednesday...	4 o'clock p.m.	7-8 "	3 8	...	8
3	31	"	Tuesday	" "	8-47 "	2 47	...	6
4	1	April	Wednesday...	4-30 "	9-15 "	4 45	...	4
				Total.....		21 55	...	34

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1925.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1°.	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2° and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3° 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.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Law of Evidence	Sir George Fuller	1925	1925	1925. 24 Mar.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	<i>Pro forma</i> Bill.
Marriage Amendment	Mr. Ley.....	.....	24 Mar.	24 Mar. ....	.....	24 Mar. ....	.....	25 Mar.	25 Mar.	25 Mar. ....	.....	31 Mar.	31 Mar. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	Standing Orders Suspended—Urgency 24 March, 1925. Standing Orders Suspended—Urgency, for remaining stages, 25 March, 1925.

* Assent not reported during Session.

No. 2.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1925.

Short Titles of—		By whom Initiated.	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Brought up and read 1°.	Referred to Select Committee.	Read 2° and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3° and returned to Council without Amendment.	Read 3° and returned to Council with Amendments.	Agreed to by Council.	Agreed to by Council with Amendments upon Assembly's Amendments.	Council's Amendments upon Assembly's Amendments agreed to.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent Reported.	Number of Act.	Remarks.	
Public Bills.	Private Bills.																		
.....	Sydney Meat-preserving Company (Limited), Amendment.	Lieut.-Col. Rutledge	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925.	1925. ....	.....	Message received—Motion made for 1°, and negatived 31 March, 1925.
Gaming and Betting Act Amendment (Menangle Park Race-course).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Message received 1 April, 1925, and no action taken.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY shown on Register No. 1			2
Number of Public Bills brought from the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL shown on Register No. 2			1
Number of Private Bills do do do			1
			4
	Public.	Private.	Total.
Passed and assented to	1	..	1
<i>Pro forma</i> Bill	1	..	1
Not returned by Legislative Council
Stopped by Prorogation
Otherwise disposed of	1	1	2
			4

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