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No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1923.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the twentieth day of June, 1923, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk and is as follows:—

FURTHER PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir William Hill Irvine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of June, 1923: Now I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the eleventh day of July, 1923, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the eleventh day of July aforesaid at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria for the despatch of business, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne; and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. McPHERSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was announced by the Usher.

His Excellency came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly, who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I have called you together for the consideration of matters of great importance to the State.

During his visit to London the Premier concluded with the British Government an advantageous agreement with regard to immigration, under which, and in co-operation with the Commonwealth, a steady flow of immigrants into Victoria is assured. He also made arrangements for a Victorian Government loan on excellent terms, and dealt with many other matters affecting the State, including the marketing of products.

Negotiations are being conducted with the Commonwealth upon important questions relating to income taxation. At the present moment the Commonwealth is unable to give effect to a proposal made by it, and accepted by five of the six States, whereby substantial relief would have been afforded to taxpayers. A tentative proposal has now been submitted by the Commonwealth whereby the States will collect income tax for the Commonwealth for a period of, at least, twelve months. In the belief that this will be a definite step towards the Commonwealth vacating the field of income taxation my Advisers are prepared to accept it. In order that any consequent re-adjustment of the finances of the State may be carried into effect in an equitable manner, a careful investigation of the whole subject of State taxation will be necessary. The sound financial position of the State will materially lessen the difficulty of making any such re-adjustment.

The rainfall throughout Victoria promises a favorable year for agricultural and pastoral industries.

The settlement of returned soldiers on the land is almost complete, and sufficient experience has been gained to show that a very large majority of the settlers will be successful. My Advisers are of opinion that the continuance of a vigorous policy of land settlement is essential in view of the present opportunity of settling large numbers of young Victorians and selected immigrants. Ample provision, therefore, will be made for Victorian applicants; and under the immigration agreement between Great Britain, the Commonwealth, and Victoria, extensive schemes for placing immigrants on the land will be carried out.

The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission is pressing on with important works for the storage of water, for irrigation in the Mallee, in Gippsland and elsewhere, and for the extension of channels for the supply of water for domestic and stock purposes; and has under consideration additional works for protection against floods and the reclamation of swamps in various parts of the State. These works will make further areas available for permanent settlement.

The construction of new lines of railway recently authorized, including the lines provided for in the *Border Railways Act 1922*, is being proceeded with. These railways will have the effect of opening up a large extent of land in the Mallee and the Murray Valley to provide homes for numbers of settlers.

The undertakings of the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn (including the erection and equipment of buildings, machinery and plant in connexion with the getting of coal, the generation of electricity, and the manufacture of coal briquettes) are being energetically developed. The construction of transmission lines and power stations for the supply of electricity to the metropolis is well advanced. The Commission is carrying out a scheme for the supply of electricity to the south-western district, and the construction of transmission lines is so far forward that Colac is now being supplied. The erection of lines for Gippsland has been commenced; and arrangements are in progress for the preliminary works for providing a supply in the north and north-east of Victoria.

The Country Roads Board will continue its programme of construction of developmental roads. Special attention is being given to the provision of roads through estates acquired for closer settlement and through mountainous lands suitable for subdivision. In addition to 6,580 miles of roads declared to be main roads, over 3,000 miles of roads have been declared to be developmental roads.

Proposals will be laid before you relating to the future construction and maintenance of developmental roads and main roads and the provision of the funds necessary for the purpose.

Large tracts of forest are being improved and thinned out so as to secure the best growth from standard trees. Extensive plantations of soft woods were made during last season. With the co-operation of the Education Department, pines and other suitable trees are being planted on lands adjacent to State schools.

To further the development of the mineral resources of the State, detailed geological surveys are being made by the Mines Department in a number of districts. West of Werribee a bed of brown coal has been proved by boring over several square miles. Limestone deposits are being tested with a view to providing lime for agriculture and cement-making. During the recent drought many settlers were greatly assisted through the locating and opening up by the Department of supplies of sub-artesian water.

The electrification of the suburban railways has been completed. Proposals for the first instalment of electric traction on country lines will be submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for investigation.

Good progress is being made in the construction and re-modelling of school buildings. This work will be continued so as to provide, as soon as practicable, adequate accommodation to meet the growing requirements both of the metropolis and of country districts for primary, secondary, and technical education.

The work of the Victorian Government wheat pools is nearing conclusion. No charge will be incurred by the State under any of its guarantees. The management is to be congratulated on the satisfactory results achieved.

My Advisers are convinced that, at the present stage in the development of Victoria, when so many far-reaching schemes for land settlement and immigration, the construction of roads and railways, the provision of water, and the supply of electricity, are being undertaken, care and foresight in administration are of paramount importance in order to bring these undertakings to a successful issue and thereby to secure permanent benefit to every section of the people and to the State as a whole.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates which will be laid before you have been framed with due regard to economy and the requirements of the State.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Bills dealing with the following subjects will also be submitted :—Cattle Compensation, the University of Melbourne, Factories and Shops, Ports and Harbors, Gas, Fisheries, Game, Crimes, Police Offences, Redistribution of Seats for the Legislative Assembly, Tramways, the Marine Board, Metropolitan Drainage and Streams, Cemeteries, Spencer-street Bridge, Apprenticeship, and Boy Immigrants.

I commend to your careful consideration these and other measures that may be brought before you ; and trust that under the blessing of Divine Providence, your deliberations may conduce to the continued prosperity of the country and the welfare of the people.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President, and a copy to Mr. Speaker, and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor left the Chamber.

The Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

3. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President (Sir Walter Manifold), R. H. S. Abbott, A. A. Austin, E. G. Bath, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, F. G. Clarke, W. L. R. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, G. L. Goudie, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, D. L. McNamara, T. H. Payne, H. F. Richardson, Sir A. Robinson, H. H. Smith, J. Sternberg, W. Tyner, E. J. White, and A. M. Zwar severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WALTER SYNNOT MANIFOLD*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and six pounds (£206) above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool, and are known as parts of Crown allotment 24A and Crown allotment 23A¹, parish of Mepunga, county of Heytesbury, containing three hundred and thirty-three acres three roods and eighteen perches.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £206.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“WALTER MANIFOLD.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, RICHARD HARTLEY SMITH ABBOTT*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and fifty-two pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of shire of Strathfieldsaye, and are known as ‘Hooligan’ and ‘Mandurang.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £152.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“RICHARD HARTLEY SMITH ABBOTT.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, AUSTIN ALBERT AUSTIN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Buninyong, and are known as Larundel, Elaine.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Buninyong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £2,255.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“AUSTIN A. AUSTIN.”

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, EDWIN GEORGE BATH, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kara Kara, and are known as Pleasant-side Estate.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kara Kara are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £266.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council."

"EDWIN G. BATH."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, WILLIAM JAMES BECKETT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds sterling above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Fitzroy, and are known as Nos. 150 to 156 Gertrude-street, Nos. 70, 72, 74 Napier-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Fitzroy are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £157.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. J. BECKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, THEODORE BEGGS, of Eurambeen, Beaufort, grazier, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-one pounds ten shillings above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ripon, and are known as Crown allotments 70B, 73C, 74, 74A, and 73B, parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 206 acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ripon are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £51 10s.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"THEODORE BEGGS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, ALEXANDER BELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Ballarat and are known as 101 Wendouree-parade, Ballarat.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £55.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"ALEXANDER BELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, ALFRED ELLIOTT CHANDLER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and seventy-seven pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Ferntree Gully and Mentone and Mordialloc, and are known as 'Boronia,' corner of Boronia and Forest roads, Boronia, being portion of Crown lot 69, parish of Scoresby; and 'Swansea,' Beach-road, Mordialloc.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ferntree Gully are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £227, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Mentone and Mordialloc are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £50.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"A. E. CHANDLER."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, FRANCIS GRENVILLE CLARKE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Prahran and Gisborne, and are known as lots 19 and 20 of the subdivisional plan of the Trawalla Estate, City of Prahran, and part of Crown allotment 9, Shire of Gisborne, parish of Macedon, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Gisborne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £30, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £175.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"FRANK G. CLARKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM LIONEL RUSSELL CLARKE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Bulla, and are known as Rupertswood Farm, three hundred and eighty-two acres, being Crown allotment 2 and parts of Crown allotment 1 of section 21 of the parish of Bulla Bulla, No. 225 in the rate-book.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bulla are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £300.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. L. RUSSELL CLARKE.

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, HENRY ISAAC COHEN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and seventy-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Melbourne and Northcote, and are known as 'Keonbrook,' 106 Vale-street, East Melbourne, and lots 11 and 12, part A, of Thornbury Park Estate.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £160, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Northcote are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £18.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"HENRY ISAAC COHEN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM PAUL CROCKETT*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield and are known as 273 Glenhuntly-road, Elsternwick.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. P. CROCKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, GEORGE MARTLEY DAVIS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and eighty-three pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Rosedale and Sale, and are known as 'Grasslea' (Pearce's Paddock), 1,269 acres in Rosedale shire; and Mathieson and Davis' offices and saleyards, Frances' stables, and Bolithos' tobacconist shop in Sale borough.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £340, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Sale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £143.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"G. M. DAVIS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JAMES HERBERT DISNEY*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 'Clontarf Terrace,' Cecil-street, South Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £167.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"JAS. H. DISNEY."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, GEORGE LOUIS GOUDIE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 49 Elizabeth-street, Elsternwick.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £58.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"GEO. L. GOUDIE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN RICHARDS HARRIS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of shire of Rutherglen, and are known as 'Norong Lea' vineyard, Rutherglen, and a residence, 'Hiawatha,' Rutherglen.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of shire of Rutherglen are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £300.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"JOHN R. HARRIS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN PERCY JONES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and seventy pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 20, 22, 24, and 26 Patrick-street, Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £470.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"J. P. JONES."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, MARTIN MCGREGOR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Narracan, and are known as allotment 97A, parish of Moe, county of Buln Buln, and occupied by me as residence.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Narracan are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £130.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"M. MCGREGOR."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, DANIEL LAURENCE MCNAMARA, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Berwick and Caulfield, and are known as allotment 2, section P, and allotment 49A, section Q, parish of Koo-wee-rup East, county of Mornington; also house and land known as 'Iona,' Talbot-avenue, East St. Kilda.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Berwick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £64, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £55.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"D. L. MCNAMARA."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, THOMAS HENRY PAYNE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Nine hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Prahran, and are known as 'Leura,' Toorak, being Crown portion 30, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £900.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"T. H. PAYNE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, HORACE FRANK RICHARDSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and twenty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong, and are known as 'The Exchange' property, Little Malop-street, Geelong, and occupied by myself and tenants.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £220.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"H. F. RICHARDSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, ARTHUR ROBINSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as lots 10, 11, and 12 of the Tyalla Estate in Balfour-street, Toorak.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £141.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"ARTHUR ROBINSON."

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, HERBERT HENRY SMITH*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 290-294 Lonsdale-street, Melbourne.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £220.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ HERBERT H. SMITH.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of the shires of Waranga and Deakin, and are known as, firstly, Crown allotments 70E, 70F, parish of Moora, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga ; secondly, Crown allotment 40, in the parish of Burrumboot East, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga ; and thirdly Crown allotments 39A, 39B, 40A, 40B, 41B, in the parish of Carag Carag, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga and are firstly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £52 ; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga and are secondly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £52 ; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin and are thirdly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £54.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ J. STERNBERG.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM TYNER*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 60 Hawthorn-road, Caulfield.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £90.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“ WILLIAM TYNER.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, EDWARD JAMES WHITE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twenty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Dundas and borough of Hamilton, and are known as ‘ Waratah,’ being part of subdivision of the Kenilworth Estate, parish of Gatum Gatum, county of Dundas, containing 1,786½ acres. In the borough of Hamilton is my house and allotment fronting Gray-street ; and an allotment at back of Hospital.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £150, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of borough of Hamilton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £44.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ E. J. WHITE.”

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, ALBERT MICHAEL ZWAR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Beechworth, and are known as private residence in Church-street, hall in Lock-street, and shop in Camp-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Leechworth are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £150.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"ALBERT MICHAEL ZWAR."

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had caused the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare that certain Enactments of the Parliament of England and of the Parliament of Great Britain and of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in force at the time of the passing of the Act 9 George IV. c. lxxxviii. shall not apply in Victoria and to transcribe or consolidate other Enactments of such Parliaments and for other purposes*," which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's Assent on the 12th March, 1923, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, and forwarding a copy of such Proclamation.

[For Proclamation see "*Victoria Government Gazette*" of 25th May, 1923, page 1418.]

6. REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill relating to the Registration as Dentists in Victoria of certain Classes of Persons registered or entitled to be registered as Dentists in the United Kingdom was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 24th instant.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Richard Hartley Smith Abbott,
The Honorable Theodore Beggs,
The Honorable Henry Isaac Cohen,
The Honorable Dr. John Richards Harris,
The Honorable Esmond Laurence Kiernan,
The Honorable Thomas Henry Payne, and
The Honorable Horace Frank Richardson,

to be members of a Committee to be called "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications."

Given under my hand this eleventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

WALTER MANIFOLD,
President of the Legislative Council.

8. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Honorables W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara be members of the House Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke be members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. PHOTOGRAPH OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.—The President announced the receipt of a letter from the Honorable John McWhae, Agent-General for Victoria, addressed to the Clerk of the Legislative Council, enclosing the following letter from Sir Godfrey Thomas, Bart., Private Secretary to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales:—

St. Jame's Palace, S.W.,
May 9th, 1923.

Dear Mr. McWhae,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I am enclosing herewith an engraving which The Prince of Wales has been pleased to sign for the President of the Legislative Council of Victoria, to be hung in the State Parliament House at Melbourne.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

GODFREY THOMAS.

The Hon. John McWhae.

11. PAPERS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Charitable Institutions—Statistics for the year 1921–22.
Mines Department—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1922.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

- Agricultural Education—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st December, 1922.
- Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarters ended 31st December, 1922, and 31st March, 1923.
- Bees Act 1915—Regulations.
- Companies Act 1915—Rule 196—Return by Prothonotary of business of Court in connexion with the winding up of companies.
- Crimes Act 1915 and Indeterminate Sentences Act 1915—Regulations.
- Dairy Supervision Act 1915—Regulation—Licence Fees.
- Exhibition Trustees—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1921–22.
- Explosives Act 1915—Additions to Orders in Council (4 papers).
- Fire Brigades—
 Report of the Country Fire Brigades Board for the year 1922.
 Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1921–22.
- Friendly Societies Acts—Regulations with respect to Dividing Societies.
- Fruit Act 1917—Amended Regulation.
- Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust—Fifteenth Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1922.
- Hospitals for the Insane—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1921.
- Justices Act 1915—Additional Rule.
- Law Institute Act 1917—Rules of Court as to the Statutory Committee.
- Lifts Regulation Act 1915—Regulations.
- Marine Act 1915—Amendment of the Regulations relating to Pilots and Pilotage.
- Melbourne Sailors' Home—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1922.
- Mines Act 1915—List of Suspensions of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences granted during the year 1922.
- Motor Car Act 1915—Regulations.
- Poisons Acts—
 Amendment of the Poisons Regulations.
 Dangerous Drugs Regulations.
- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1922, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1921–22.
- Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915.—Alteration of Regulations—Classification of Professional Division.
- Public Service Acts—Regulations.
 Consolidated Regulations, dated 1st November, 1922.
 Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 Department of Chief Secretary (6 papers).
 Departments of Chief Secretary and Public Instruction.
 Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Instruction.
 Department of Treasurer.
 Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 Department of Agriculture.
 Department of Chief Secretary ((2 papers).
 Department of Lands and Survey.
 Departments of Law and Mines.
 Departments of Mines and Public Instruction.
 Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).
 Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.
 Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
 Addition to Clause 5.
 Department of Mines.
 Department of Public Instruction.
- Railways—
 Award No. 7 of the Railways Classification Board, together with the Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.
 Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st December, 1922.
- Supreme Court Act 1915—Probate and Administration Rules (2 papers).
- Veneral Diseases Acts—Regulations relating to Venereal Diseases.
- Workers Compensation Acts—Regulations.

12. SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honorable M. McGregor moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable M. McGregor moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable M. McGregor brought up the Address, which had been agreed to by the Committee, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM HILL IRVINE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Legislative Council of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

The Honorable M. McGregor moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address. Debate ensued.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th instant.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three million three hundred thousand five hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole. The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Honorable H. F. Richardson perform the duties of Chairman of Committees. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. The President left the Chair. House in Committee. The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable H. F. Richardson having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 24th instant, at half-past four o'clock. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-five minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th instant.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1923.

Question.

1. The HON. H. F. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government will introduce legislation during the present session of Parliament that will protect the investing public, especially country residents, from promoters of bogus insurance and other companies which are being continually floated as a means of providing brokerage and remunerative positions for the promoters.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.
2. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That the Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.
3. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams be Members of the Printing Committee; three to be the quorum.
4. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be the quorum.

Contingent upon the foregoing being carried—

To move, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE—*Resumption of Debate—(Hon. H. F. Richardson).*
2. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—*(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)*—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. T. H. PAYNE: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Haslam Edgar for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
2. The Hon. F. G. CLARKE: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable James Kerr Merritt for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
3. The Hon. W. L. R. CLARKE: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Charles Angliss for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

WALTER MANIFOLD,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 24th July.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—At a quarter to two o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables G. I. Goudie (appointed 24th October, 1922), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH JULY, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.

Friendly Societies Bill—[11].

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, and R. Williams severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, HERBERT KECK, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and forty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye, and are known as ‘The Palms,’ Retreat-road, Bendigo.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £240.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“HERBERT KECK.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, ESMOND LAURENCE KIERNAN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Heidelberg, and are known as house and land in Waldemar-road, Ivanhoe.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Heidelberg are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £70.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ESMOND L. KIERNAN.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, ROBERT WILLIAMS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment, and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 123 Wright-street, Middle Park.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“R. WILLIAMS.”

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1).

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have appointed a Committee to join with the Committee of the Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee consisting of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Wettenhall, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum.

7. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke, for the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, moved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—“and that no fresh business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock.”

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day: that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business; and that no fresh business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock—put and, after debate, resolved in the affirmative.

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke, for the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, moved, That the Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White be members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke, for the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, moved, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams be members of the Printing Committee; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke, for the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, moved, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.

11. PAPERS.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor—

Aborigines—Fiftieth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Report of the Public Service Commissioner for the year 1922.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate :—Cobain's, near Sale.

Fisheries Acts—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—

To revoke the Proclamation prohibiting fishing in Spring and Magilton Creeks.

re Area closed to fishing in the Moorabool Reservoir at Bolwarrah.

- Hospitals and Charities Act 1922—Regulations (2 papers)
- Land Acts—Certificate relating to the compulsory resumption of land as a site for the Jamieson State School.
- Marine Board of Victoria—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1922
- Motor Car Act 1915—Regulation.
- Public Service Acts—
- Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of—
- Arthur Donaghue (Department of Law).
- James Harnetty (Department of Treasurer).
- Regulations—
- Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
- Departments of Chief Secretary, Law, and Public Works
- Department of Public Health.
- Department of Labour.
- Department of Public Works.
- Professional Division, Chapter II.—
- Department of Chief Secretary.
- Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Instruction.
- Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.
- Railways—
- Awards Nos. 8 and 9 of the Railways Classification Board together with the Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.
- Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st March 1923.
- Thirty-third General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.
- Real Estate Agents Act 1922—Regulations.
- Victorian Government Stock Act 1896—Additional Regulations.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
- The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Honorable H. F. Richardson perform the duties of Chairman of Committees.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- The President left the Chair.
- House in Committee.
- The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable H. F. Richardson having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
- Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at three minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works how many cities and towns in Victoria have taken or are taking steps to appoint Inspectors under the Scaffolding Inspection Act passed last Session.
2. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General the number of convictions during the past three years for sexual offences.
3. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) Will bulk electricity be sold cheaper in Melbourne under the Morwell scheme than in other Commonwealth cities.
 - (b) Will he give comparative figures.
 - (c) Will electric current be cheaper for lighting purposes to householders than now prevails.
 - (d) Will he give an estimate.
 - (e) Will power be supplied cheaper to small industries than at present.
 - (f) Will he give comparative cost, now and then.
 - (g) As the voltage supplied will be uniform for the whole of the metropolitan area what is the voltage that has been decided upon.
 - (h) In the districts where the voltage will be altered, who will be responsible for the cost of the alterations necessary to the present fittings.
4. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what quantity of coal (in tons) was used at the Kew Asylum for the Insane during the last financial year.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE—*Resumption of Debate*—(Hon. H. F. Richardson).
2. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. T. H. PAYNE: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Haslam Edgar for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
2. The Hon. F. G. CLARKE: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable James Kerr Merritt for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
3. The Hon. W. L. R. CLARKE: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Charles Angliss for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
4. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To move: That he have leave to bring in Bill to provide for a Metropolitan Council and for the further and better Local Management of the Metropolitan Area.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

WALTER MANIFOLD,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables G. L. Goudie (appointed 24th October, 1922), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1923.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.**—The Clerk having announced that the Honorable the President was unavoidably absent, the Honorable T. H. Payne, on the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, was chosen to fill temporarily the office and perform all the duties of the President during his absence.
3. The Acting-President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
4. **DECLARATION OF MEMBER.**—The Honorable F. W. Brawn delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, **FREDERICK WILLIAM BRAWN**, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat, and are known as 213 Mill-street.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £50.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.”

“ F. W. BRAWN.”
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2).
6. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Report for the year 1922.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estates :—Wootong Vale, near Coleraine; Woolongoon, near Mortlake; Kongbool, near Balmoral.

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917—Report under section 25, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate :—Poligolet, near Derrinallum.

Geelong Harbor Trust—Accounts and Balance-sheet for the year 1922.

Lands Compensation Act 1915—Return under section 37, showing the amount of money paid for the year 1922-23, by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, for land resumed in connexion with the works and undertakings of the Commission.

Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922—Regulations.

Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922—Regulations.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable J. H. Disney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, the 14th August next.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until Tuesday, the 14th August next.
9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson, for the Honorable T. H. Payne, moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Haslam Edgar for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable H. I. Cohen, for the Honorable F. G. Clarke, moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable James Kerr Merritt for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson, for the Honorable W. L. R. Clarke, moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Charles Angliss for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 14th August next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-seven minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 14th August next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) What is the total area of land planted by the Forests Commission since it was appointed, and where is such land situated.
 - (b) What kinds of trees have been planted, and what area of each kind.
 - (c) What kinds of trees do the Commission intend to plant in the near future.
 - (d) What precautions are the Commission taking to protect from bush fires the trees planted and to be planted by the Commission.
 - (e) What is the annual revenue derived from State forests, and what amount of such revenue has been expended in tree planting.
2. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what was the cost for the last financial year at the Hospital for the Insane at Kew of (a) gas and (b) repairs in connexion with the use of gas.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Enforcement in Victoria of Judgments and Awards in the Superior Courts of England Scotland and Ireland and for other purposes.
2. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to Industrial and Provident Societies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE—*Resumption of Debate*—(Hon. J. H. Disney).
2. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To move: That he have leave to bring in Bill to provide for a Metropolitan Council and for the further and better Local Management of the Metropolitan Area.
2. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To move, That we have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1915*.
3. The Hon. J. H. DISNEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections.
4. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service.
5. The Hon. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Parliamentary Elections.
6. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Optional Proportional Voting at Municipal Elections.
7. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*.
8. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the office of Alderman and for other purposes.
9. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong.
10. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.

R. W. V. McCALL,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

T. H. PAYNE,

Acting-President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 7th August.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—At four o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.

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ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

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STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.

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Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1922, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1921-22 (No. 2).

Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1922 (No. 6).

Railways—

Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways—

Chaff, Hay, Straw, Potato, and Onion Sidings at Spencer-street Railway Yard. (C. No. 2).

Thirty-third General Report (No. 5).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1st AUGUST, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

University Bill—[5].

Cattle Compensation Bill—[6].

Newmerella Land Bill—[20].

Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund Bill—[13].

Smeaton Land Bill—[63].

Tarranginnie Land Bill—[53].

Narre Worran Land Bill—[40].

Toonalook Land Bill—[37].

Marriage Bill—[3].

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. E. G. BATH : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) How long has the Forests Department had control of the timber on streets, roads, and reserves under the control of municipalities.
 - (b) Who gave the Forests Department that control.
 - (c) Will the Government during the present Session take the necessary steps to give municipalities precisely the same powers over the timber on streets, roads, and reserves under their control as was given to the Country Roads Board.
- *2. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government, with a view of increasing the production of sugar beet and assisting the fruit preserving industry, will obtain from Mr. W. C. Graham, the expert engaged by the Government, a report as to whether other districts besides Gippsland are suitable for growing sugar beet and as to whether Juicerics could be successfully established throughout the State, and also will the Government favorably consider the establishment of a beet sugar factory in the Western District or some other suitable district.
3. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) At what price will the Electricity Commission supply electricity in bulk from Yallourn to Bendigo and Ballarat.
 - (b) If briquettes can be supplied at Melbourne of the calorific value and at the price stated by the Electricity Commission, would it not be cheaper to use them at Newport to produce power for Melbourne than to transmit to that central station electricity generated at Yallourn from brown coal containing 60 to 70 per cent. of moisture.
4. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) Is it the intention of the Government to destroy the noxious weeds on the Police Reserve at Dandenong ; if so, when.
 - (b) Was the amount of £250 which was placed on a previous year's Estimates for the destruction of weeds on this reserve ever expended ; if so, in what way.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. J. P. JONES : To move : That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Metropolitan Council and for the further and better Local Management of the Metropolitan Area.
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- *11. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE—*Resumption of Debate*—(Hon. R. H. S. Abbott).
2. MARRIAGE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
6. NEWMERELLA LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
7. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
8. SMEATON LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
9. TOONALLOOK LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
10. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

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 - General Scheme of Tramways for the Metropolis (C. No. 3).
 - New Boiler and Tube Shop at Newport Railway Workshops (C. No. 1).
 - Thirty-third General Report (No. 5).
 - West Coburg Electric Tramway (C. No. 4).
 - Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Report for the year 1922 (No. 9).

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The Acting-President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the Application of Payments made in respect of Leases of certain Lands in the Township of Newmerella to or towards the Purchase by the Council of the Shire of Orbost of certain Land as a Site for a Public Park and Recreation Reserve* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. NEWMERELLA LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of Portion of certain Land in the Parish of Narre Worrان as a Site for Police Purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of Portion of certain Land in the Parish of Smeaton in the County of Talbot reserved from Sale permanently pursuant to the ‘ Smeaton Land Act 1921 ’ as a Site for a Public Park* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. SMEATON LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Crown Land at Toonallook in the Parish of Bairnsdale as a Site for a State School* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
9. TOONALLOOK LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Marriage Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
11. MARRIAGE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
13. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

14. SUPREME COURT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill to facilitate the Enforcement in Victoria of Judgments and Awards in the Superior Courts of England Scotland and Ireland and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
15. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill relating to Industrial and Provident Societies was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
16. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Factories and Shops Act 1915—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1922.
17. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at sixteen minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The Acting-President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1915* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to provide for Optional Proportional Voting at Municipal Elections was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
5. ELECTORAL BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. P. Jones, a Bill to further amend *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable E. L. Kiernan, a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the Office of Alderman and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable E. L. Kiernan, a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.

10. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the President and such members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. H. Disney, a Bill to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 28th instant.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday, the 28th instant
13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 28th instant.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at half-past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 28th instant.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. E. G. BATH : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) How long has the Forests Department had control of the timber on streets, roads, and reserves under the control of municipalities.
 - (b) Who gave the Forests Department that control.
 - (c) Will the Government during the present Session take the necessary steps to give municipalities precisely the same powers over the timber on streets, roads, and reserves under their control as was given to the Country Roads Board.
2. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government, with a view of increasing the production of sugar beet and assisting the fruit preserving industry, will obtain from Mr. W. C. Graham, the expert engaged by the Government, a report as to whether other districts besides Gippsland are suitable for growing sugar beet and as to whether Juicerics could be successfully established throughout the State, and also will the Government favorably consider the establishment of a beet sugar factory in the Western District or some other suitable district.
3. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) At what price will the Electricity Commission supply electricity in bulk from Yallourn to Bendigo and Ballarat.
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 - (a) How many of the State Mental Hospital employees are in receipt of less than £3 10s. per week.
 - (b) How many of such employees are married men.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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3. SUPREME COURT BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
4. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. NEWMERELLA LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
6. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
7. SMEATON LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
8. TOONALLOOK LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. F. G. Clarke)—Second reading.
9. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Parliamentary Elections.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :

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8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
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R. W. V. McCALL,
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- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
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- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables G. L. Goudie (appointed 24th October, 1922), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1923.

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VICTORIA.

 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 6.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson, addressing the Clerk, informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. President, which he read to the House as follows :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1923.

To the Honorable Sir Arthur Robinson, K.C.M.G.,
Attorney-General of the State of Victoria.

SIR,

It is with great regret that I tender my resignation of the office of President, and I have to request that you will be good enough to announce the same to the Legislative Council at its next meeting.

I am unable to be present in the Council Chamber in order to bid farewell to Honorable Members and to thank them for their kind consideration whilst I have filled the Chair and for the great honour conferred upon me by my election to the high office of President.

I beg, therefore, that you will perform this duty for me, and at the same time assure the Council that it is with infinite regret that I am compelled to relinquish, in consequence of my serious illness, that office which Honorable Members have for such a lengthened period entrusted to me.

I would also ask you to convey to Mr. McCall, the Clerk of the Council, my sincere thanks for the great ability and zeal with which he has discharged the duties of his important office, and especially do I thank him for his loyalty to myself as President.

In conclusion, it only remains for me now to say farewell, and in doing so I pray that the Legislative Council of Victoria will ever represent with honour to itself the people of this great State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WALTER MANIFOLD.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson, addressing the Clerk, moved, That the House do now adjourn.

The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the question, which was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

 No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.—The Clerk announced that the time had arrived for proceeding to the election of a President of the Council.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson, addressing the Clerk, proposed to the Council for their President the Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke and moved, That the Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke do take the Chair of the Council as President, which motion was seconded by the Honorable H. I. Cohen.

The Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke, addressing the Clerk, expressed the high sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the Council.

The Council then unanimously calling the Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by the Honorable Sir A. Robinson and the Honorable H. I. Cohen and conducted to the Chair; and, standing on the dais, he returned his acknowledgments to the Council for the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and thereupon he took the Chair of the President.

Then the Honorables Sir A. Robinson, H. I. Cohen, G. M. Davis, J. P. Jones, Dr. J. R. Harris, and E. L. Kiernan, congratulated the Honorable the President.

3. RECEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson announced that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor would be pleased to receive the Honorable the President-elect and Members of the Legislative Council at a quarter past five o'clock this afternoon in the Library of the State Parliament House.

The President-elect, accompanied by Honorable Members, at the time appointed proceeded to the Library, and being returned—

The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

The President reported that, accompanied by Honorable Members, he had presented himself to the Lieutenant-Governor, who had been pleased to approve of the choice made by the Council, and had addressed him in the following terms:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

It affords me much pleasure to approve of the choice made by Honorable Members in electing you to fill the responsible position of President of the Legislative Council. I feel sure that you will in all respects uphold the traditions of your high office.

4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The President reported that, accompanied by Honorable Members, the Acting-President had yesterday waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council, adopted on the 15th instant, in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the Address which you have just presented to me.

I fully rely on your wisdom in deliberating upon the important measures to be brought under your consideration, and I earnestly hope that the results of your labours will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of this State.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
6. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable J. P. Jones, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable R. Williams, a Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Parliamentary Elections was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Constitution Statute—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, and Act No. 3118 during the year 1922–23.

Explosives Act 1915—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the working of the Act during the year 1922.

Hospitals and Charities Act 1922—Regulation.

Land Acts—Certificate relating to the Compulsory Resumption of Land for the Charlton State School.

State Savings Bank Acts—General Order No. 32—Rules of the Provident Fund.

11. ADDRESS TO THE HONORABLE SIR WALTER MANIFOLD (EX-PRESIDENT).—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council agree to the following address :—

TO THE HONORABLE SIR WALTER SYNNOT MANIFOLD, M.L.C.

We, the Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to you on your retirement from the office of President our sincere wishes for your happiness and welfare.

We share the general regret that the state of your health prevented you from continuing your valuable services as President of this House.

We earnestly pray that you may not only enjoy better health but reap the fruits of a long and distinguished career and we will always retain the most pleasant memories of the dignity, courtesy and impartiality which characterised your honorable occupancy of that high office.

And other Honorable Members having addressed the House—

The President said—If no other Honorable Member wishes to speak, I should like, before putting the motion to the House, to add my tribute. Sir Walter Manifold is a very old friend of mine, and one whom I respect most of all the men I have met in my life. When I joined the House, he was unofficial leader. In that capacity, not only did he set an example of industry in studying all the Bills, but I think I can say with confidence that whenever he advised Honorable Members to regard closely any clause in a measure, they immediately concluded that there was very good reason why they should. So sound was his advice generally that it might be said that, however much the Government of the day urged that a certain point be passed, if Sir Walter, as unofficial leader, advised Honorable Members that he considered that point dangerous, it was almost certain that the House would follow him and refuse the advice of the Government. That showed the confidence which the House had in Sir Walter Manifold when he was unofficial leader. In addition to that, he was at the call of every member, senior or junior, who wished to get advice. In the room provided for the unofficial leader, I feel sure that on most days on which the House was sitting he would have six or eight callers seeking advice on points of procedure or provisions in measures coming before the House, advice which he was very seldom at a loss to supply. When Sir Walter Manifold became President, he succeeded men of the very highest calibre, but all Honorable Members agree that in his conduct in the chair he made himself one with them. Perhaps not a little of the high quality of debate and standard of honour in this House comes from the fact that every member wished to emulate the President in thought and expression. Certainly by Sir Walter Manifold's retirement from the presidential chair, the House has suffered a loss which it cannot readily repair. However much the House has lamented the loss of previous Presidents, I doubt very much whether there has ever been one who has been more worthily beloved and respected, or who maintained the dignity and high qualities of this Chamber better than Sir Walter Manifold has done.

The question was then put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the Clerk be directed to enter upon the Minutes that the foregoing address was passed unanimously.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. H. Disney moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, the following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifteen minutes past eight o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government, with a view of increasing the production of sugar beet and assisting the fruit preserving industry, will obtain from Mr. W. C. Graham, the expert engaged by the Government, a report as to whether other districts besides Gippsland are suitable for growing sugar beet and as to whether Juicerics could be successfully established throughout the State, and also will the Government favorably consider the establishment of a beet sugar factory in the Western District or some other suitable district.
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Government Business.

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2. MARRIAGE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(Hon. W. J. Beckett)—Second reading.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones)—Second reading.
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R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

F. G. CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th September.

HOUSE COMMITTEE—At three o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)**—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)**—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS**—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)**—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keek, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)**—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)**—The Honorables G. I. Goudie (appointed 24th October, 1922), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PRINTED PAPERS

The following printed papers can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Council (Telephones 1602 and 1603), and by others on the circulation list from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the public from the Government Printer:—

- Aborigines—Fiftieth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines (No. 8).
- Charitable Institutions—Statistics for the year 1921-22 (No. 1).
- Constitution Statute—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, and Act No. 3118 during the year 1922-23 (No. 12).
- Estimates—Supplementary, 1922-23. (B. No. 4.)
- Factories and Shops—Report of Chief Inspector for the year 1922 (No. 10).
- Hospitals for the Insane—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1921 (No. 3).
- Marine Board of Victoria—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1922 (No. 7).
- Mines Department—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1922 (No. 4).
- Public Accounts Committee Reports—
 - Railway Accounts—Allocation of Expenditure on Renewals and Replacements between Capital and Working Expenses. (D. No. 2.)
 - Treasurer's Advance. (D. No. 1.)
- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1922, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1921-22 (No. 2).
- Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1922 (No. 6).
- Railways—
 - Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways—
 - Chaff, Hay, Straw, Potato, and Onion Sidings at Spencer-street Railway Yard. (C. No. 2).
 - General Scheme of Tramways for the Metropolis (C. No. 3).
 - Kanagulk to Edenhope Railway (Report No. 1).
 - New Boiler and Tube Shop at Newport Railway Workshops (C. No. 1).
 - Thirty-third General Report (No. 5).
 - West Coburg Electric Tramway (C. No. 4).
 - Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Report for the year 1922 (No. 9).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH AUGUST, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.
 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill—[4].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 21.
 Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund Bill—[13]. Amendments and New Clauses. (To Members only.)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

- 1 The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **COLLIERY EXPLOSION, CESSNOCK.**—The President announced that, on behalf of the Council, he had sent the following telegram to the Premier of New South Wales :—

Honorable the Premier, 3rd September, 1923.
 Sydney.

Legislative Council of Victoria join with others in expressing deepest regret and condolence with State of New South Wales in the awful colliery calamity at Cessnock.

FRANK CLARKE,
 President of the Legislative Council.
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-two thousand and seventy-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Land Acts—Certificates relating to the compulsory resumption of land for the Hawthorn State School (4 papers.)
 Railways—Award No. 10 of the Railways Classification Board together with the Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.
 Supreme Court Act 1915—Rules of the Supreme Court—Addition to Rule.
6. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Honorable H. F. Richardson perform the duties of Chairman of Committees.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The President left the Chair.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable H. F. Richardson having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at one minute past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
 Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 8.

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 - (b) Will he inquire into this case and ascertain whether there has been a miscarriage of justice.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. MARRIAGE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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8. SMEATON LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
9. TOONALLOOK LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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General Business.

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1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922*.
2. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
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- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
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- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables G. L. Goudie (appointed 24th October, 1922), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 25th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirty-eight minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 25th instant.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 9

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

Questions.

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7. The Hon. A. A. AUSTIN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will undertake, on behalf of the Government, to honour the understanding arrived at by his predecessor last month at a conference held with residents of Geelong and district in regard to the proposed improvements of the Geelong Harbor and the River Barwon.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
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 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
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 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
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 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen)*.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett*)—Second reading.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
10. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Steinberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables G. I. Goudie (appointed 24th October, 1922), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.
Aldermen Abolition Bill—[98].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.
Local Government (Watershed Areas Rating) Bill—[51].
Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill—[2].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **DECLARATION OF MEMBER.**—The Honorable W. H. Edgar delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as 182 and 184 St. Kilda-street, St. Kilda.*

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £90.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“W. H. EDGAR.”

3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3).

4. **COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.**—The President announced that he had received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor a Commission, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir William Hill Irvine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke, President of the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, No. 2632, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you from time to time in the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said Oath to such Members of the said Legislative Council as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said Legislative Council.*

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this fourth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,
MATTHEW BAIRD.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29,
page 115, this fourth day of September, One thousand
nine hundred and twenty-three.

W. DICKSON,
Under-Secretary.

(275 copies.)

5. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Honorable Alexander Bell be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways in the place of the Honorable George Louis Goudie, resigned.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Income Tax, Assessment and Collection of—Copy of Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
County Court Act 1915—Rules of Court.
Fisheries Acts—Notices of Intention to Issue Proclamations—
 Re Fees for oyster licences and restrictions on oystering in Gippsland Lakes, &c.
 To prohibit all fishing in or the taking of fish from the Five Mile Creek and the Garden Hut Creek until the 1st September, 1924.
 To prohibit all fishing in or the taking of fish from the Monbulk Reservoir at Belgrave until the 1st September, 1925.
Land Acts—
 Addition to Regulations.
 Certificate relating to the compulsory resumption of land for the Ultima State School.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1922–23.
Motor Car Act 1915—Regulations.
Poisons Acts—Amendment of Regulations.
Public Service Acts—Regulations—
 Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 Department of Chief Secretary.
 Department of Treasurer.
 General, &c.
 Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 Department of Public Works.
 Departments of Chief Secretary and Lands and Survey.
Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year 1922–23.
State Accident Insurance Office—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for the year 1922–23.
Wheat Marketing Acts—Victorian Wheat Commission—General Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1923, for the 1916–17 to 1920–21 Seasons; Statement of Accounts to that date and Balance-sheet for the 1915–16 Season; and Statement of Accounts to that date for the 1916–17, 1917–18, 1918–19, 1919–20, and 1920–21 Seasons.
7. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until after No. 4.
9. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. **SUPREME COURT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. **MARRIAGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-two minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1923.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPREME COURT BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (*Hon. H. F. Richardson*).
2. MARRIAGE BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*).
3. NEWMERELLA LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. P. Crockett*)—Second reading.
4. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. P. Crockett*)—Second reading.
5. SMEATON LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
6. TOONALLOOK LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
7. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(*Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading.
8. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922*.
2. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (*Hon. H. I. Cohen*).
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett*)—Second reading.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.

4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
10. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.
Supreme Court Bill—[38].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 27.
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Bill—[15]. Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Lawson. (To Members only.)
River Murray Waters Bill—[74].
Game Bill—[33].

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What was the total amount of money on deposit by the State Savings Bank with the various Associated Banks on 30th June, 1923.
 - (b) What was the amount on deposit at each Bank and the rate of interest paid on such deposit.
 - (c) What amount was deposited with the Commonwealth Bank.
2. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What are the names of the Associated Banks with which State Public Departments have general banking accounts.
 - (b) What State Public Departments have banking accounts with the Commonwealth Bank.
3. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What was the total amount of premiums paid to insurance offices in respect of Workers' Compensation insurance during the year ended 30th June, 1923.
 - (b) What was the total amount of premiums paid to the State Accident Insurance Office in respect of Workers' Compensation insurance during the same period.
 - (c) In the opinion of the State Insurance Commissioner, could Workers' Compensation insurance be more economically managed if the business was made a State monopoly.
 - (d) Could the State Insurance Office be more economically managed if permitted to undertake general risk insurance.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen).*
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett*)—Second reading.

3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
10. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
11. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Inebriates Act 1915*.
2. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Performance and Execution of the Powers Authorities and Duties of the Master-in-Lunacy by the Master-in-Equity and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MARRIAGE BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Consideration of Report.
2. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
3. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
4. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(*Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson)*.
5. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
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- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
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- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 3RD OCTOBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Bill—[15].
Railways Standing Committee Bill—[41].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 29.
Parliamentary Witnesses Bill—[105].
Administration and Probate Bill—[106].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. **DECLARATION OF MEMBER.**—The Honorable W. Angliss delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM CHARLES ANGLISS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Five hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Melbourne and are known as part of allotment 6, section 24, city of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, county of Bourke, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, volume 3701, folio 740157.*

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £560.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“W. ANGLISS.”

3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—

Victorian Government Loan Bill.
Friendly Societies Bill.

4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to make further and better provision with respect to Main Drains and Main Drainage Works and certain Rivers Creeks and Water-courses within the Metropolis and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

5. **METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘ Railways Standing Committee Act 1915 ’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

7. **RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion under Standing Order No. 53.—The Honorable W. H. Edgar moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of Migration from Northern Ireland, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts, for the year 1922-23.
 Public Service Act 1915—Regulations—
 Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Lands and Survey.
 Professional Division, Chapter II.—Departments of Law and Public Instruction.
10. SUPREME COURT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
11. MARRIAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment.
 Ordered—That the Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.
12. NEWMERELA LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. SMEATON LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
15. TOONALOOK LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
16. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 8 be postponed until to-morrow.
18. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. MacNamara, a Bill to amend the *Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at forty minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
 Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1923.

- 1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
- 3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
- 4. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
River Murray Waters Act 1915—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1922-23.
- 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after the following Order of the Day, Government Business, viz. :—*Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4)—Second reading.*
Debate ensued.
Question—put
The Council divided.

Ayes, 11.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson.

Noes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
H. H. Smith.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
E. L. Kiernan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
- 7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
- 8. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and ordered to be printed, and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
- 9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 12.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) What was the total amount of money on deposit by the State Savings Bank with the various Associated Banks on 30th June, 1923.
 - (b) What was the amount on deposit at each Bank and the rate of interest paid on such deposit.
 - (c) What amount was deposited with the Commonwealth Bank.
2. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) What are the names of the Associated Banks with which State Public Departments have general banking accounts.
 - (b) What State Public Departments have banking accounts with the Commonwealth Bank.
3. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) What was the total amount of premiums paid to insurance offices in respect of Workers' Compensation insurance during the year ended 30th June, 1923.
 - (b) What was the total amount of premiums paid to the State Accident Insurance Office in respect of Workers' Compensation insurance during the same period.
 - (c) In the opinion of the State Insurance Commissioner, could Workers' Compensation insurance be more economically managed if the business was made a State monopoly.
 - (d) Could the State Insurance Office be more economically managed if permitted to undertake general risk insurance.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Inebriates Act 1915*.
2. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Performance and Execution of the Powers Authorities and Duties of the Master-in-Lunacy by the Master-in-Equity and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MARRIAGE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Consideration of Report.
2. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
4. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
5. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.

- (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen)*.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett*)—Second reading.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
10. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
11. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.
 Supreme Court Bill—[38].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
 - Newmerella Land Bill.*
 - Narre Worrان Land Bill.*
 - Smeaton Land Bill.*
 - Toonallook Land Bill.*
 - Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4).*
 - Parliamentary Witnesses Bill.*
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the University of Melbourne*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. UNIVERSITY BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. INEBRIATES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the *Inebriates Act 1915* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. LUNACY BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill to provide for the Performance and Execution of the Powers Authorities and Duties of the Master-in-Lunacy by the Master-in-Equity and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate :—
 - Gellion’s estate, near Gelliondale, Yarram district.
 - Friendly Societies Act 1915—Additional Rules.
8. MARRIAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill having been read—
 - Ordered—That the said Order be discharged.
 - On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of three proposed new clauses.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until later this day.

10. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
11. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read, the debate was resumed and, on the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson and after debate, further adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 5, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-three minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) What are the names of the 104 immigrants who arrived in Melbourne *ex Ormuz* at the end of September last.
 - (b) Where are they now employed.
 - (c) What are the names of the employers and the conditions of employment, such as wages, &c.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading.
2. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
4. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. LUNACY BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
6. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(Hon. J. H. Disney)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. I. Cohen).
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(Hon. W. J. Beckett)—Second reading.

3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
10. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
11. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 16th October.

HOUSE (JOINT)—At Seven o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 13.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32.

Landlord and Tenant Bill—[27].

Nurses Registration Bill—[24]. Amendments by Mr. McDonald. (To Members only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he has given a decision in respect to the question of culverts, &c., recently raised by ratepayers in portion of the Shire of Mildura; if so, what was the nature of the reply given to the parties interested.
2. The Hon. W. TYNER: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) When is it proposed to refer to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways the question of the electrification of the Ringwood to Lilydale and the Ringwood to Ferntree Gully railway lines.
 - (b) Does the Government propose to extend the broad gauge line from Ferntree Gully to Belgrave; if so, when.
3. The Hon. W. H. EDGAR: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it is the intention of the Railways Commissioners to electrify the Burwood railway at an early date.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen).*
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett*)—Second reading.
3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.
4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading.

6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
9. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
10. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
11. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
2. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
3. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(*Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson)*.
4. INEBRIATES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
5. LUNACY BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
6. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.
Smeaton Show Yards Lands Bill—[67].
Tarranginnie Land Bill—[53].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 35.
Land Bill—[69].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the Re-vesting in the Crown of certain Lands at Smeaton in the Parish of Springhill in the County of Talbot reserved from Sale permanently as a Site for Smeaton Springhill and Bullarook Agricultural Association’s Show Yards and granted by a Crown Grant to certain Trustees and now held under Certificate of Title* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Tarranginnie in the County of Lowan as a Site for Water Supply Purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Country Roads Board—Report for the year 1921-22.
7. UNIVERSITY BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments and desiring their concurrence therein.
8. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
 - Marriage Bill.*
 - Railways Standing Committee Bill.*
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision with respect to the Training Qualifications and Registration of Nurses and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next
5. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, Part VIII.—Statement of Appointments in the Department of the Legislative Assembly.
6. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION.—The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any.

Debate ensued.
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, the 31st instant.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in the *University Bill*.
8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read, the debate was resumed and, on the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, further adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Question—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. A. Bell,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 20.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
W. Tyner.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales Victoria and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters and to amend the River Murray Waters Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
11. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. P. Jones moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 5.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
E. L. Kiernan.

Noes, 20.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
H. W. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
H. Keck,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
A. M. Zwar.

And so it passed in the negative.

13. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable E. L. Kiernan, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

14. **ELECTORAL BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. P. Jones moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
15. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Handling of Fruit and Vegetables and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
16. **FRUIT BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 6 to 11 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-three minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1923.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. FRUIT BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
3. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL—(Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
4. SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
5. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
6. LUNACY BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
7. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
8. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
9. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(Hon. J. H. Disney)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. D. L. McNamara).
2. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. E. L. Kiernan).
3. ELECTORAL BILL—(Hon. J. P. Jones)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. W. J. Beckett).
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
5. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
6. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
7. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
8. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
9. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.

- (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
- (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
- (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
- (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
- (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
- (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. Sir A. Robinson).*

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
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- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH OCTOBER, 1923.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.
Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Bill—[100].
Nurses Registration Bill—[24].
River Murray Waters Bill—[74].
Fruit Bill—[65].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 36.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Bill.
University Bill.
Supreme Court Bill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the *Supreme Court Bill* without amendment.
4. PETITION.—The Honorable H. H. Smith presented a petition from certain Nurses and Trainees of Victoria praying that the Council will in connexion with clause 9 of the Nurses Registration Bill take such action as may be necessary to provide for a minimum term of three years' training in general nursing.
 Ordered—That the petition do lie on the Table and be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Nurses Registration Bill.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Education—Report of the Council of Public Education for the year 1922–23.
 Friendly Societies—Report of the Registrar for the year 1922.
 Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1922.
6. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
7. FRUIT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
 Debate on the main question continued.
 Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

8. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at nine minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government will bring in a Bill this Session to raise money by taxation so as to enable the Country Roads Board to increase the grant to municipalities for maintenance of main roads from fifty to seventy-five per cent., as municipalities are finding it impossible to properly maintain such roads owing to the great increase of through traffic.
2. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if, seeing that municipalities are making it almost impossible for persons suffering from tuberculosis to lease furnished or unfurnished houses in tourists' resorts in Victoria, the Government will make some provision for these unfortunate people.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LUNACY BILL—(*Hon Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
2. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
3. SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
4. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
5. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
6. INEBRIATES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. D. L. McNamara)*.
2. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. E. L. Kiernan)*.
3. ELECTORAL BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett)*.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
6. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
7. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
8. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
9. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—*
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.

- (b) The salaries of such officers.
- (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
- (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
- (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
- (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
- (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
- (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
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R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
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- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
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- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. E. J. WHITE: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of the fact that some of the land-holders adjacent to the proposed line from Kanagulk to Edenhope object to the loading of their land for railway construction purposes, what action does the Government propose to take in order to give railway facilities to the people of that long-neglected district.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Motor Car Act 1915*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. Sir A. Robinson)*.
2. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
4. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
5. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
6. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
7. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
8. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. A. A. Austin)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5)—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 31st October.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—At Seven o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)**—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)**—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS**—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)**—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)**—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)**—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 31ST OCTOBER, 1923.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.
 Capital Punishment Abolition Bill—[114].
 Wyndham Race-course Bill—[70].
 Inebriates Bill—[45].
 Consolidated Revenue Bill—[113].

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 41.
 Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure to be provided for in Railway Loan Application Bill 1923 (Railway Stores at Spotswood). C.—No. 5.
 Country Roads Board—Ninth Annual Report, for 1922. No. 15.
 Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1922. No. 18.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
River Murray Waters Bill.
Fruit Bill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wyndham Race-course Act 1912’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL—On the motion of the Honorable A. A. Austin, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. PETITION.—The Honorable M. McGregor presented a petition from certain residents of Gunyah and district, Gippsland, praying that the Council will pass clause 9 of the Nurses Registration Bill without amendment.
 Ordered—That the petition do lie on the Table and be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Nurses Registration Bill.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate :—Elcho estate, near Geelong.
 Income Tax Acts—Regulations—Schedules A, B, C, D, H, and I.
 State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Eighteenth Annual Report, 1922-23.
7. LUNACY BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
8. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

9. SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6, be postponed until to-morrow.
12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Council and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Council and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
13. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL VOTING) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan.

Tellers.

The Hon. D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Noes, 20.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers

The Hon. M. McGregor,
E. J. White.

And so it passed in the negative.

14. ELECTORAL BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
E. L. Kiernan.

Noes, 21.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
M. McGregor,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
H. Keck.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty-one thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (NO. 5).—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at ten minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MOTOR CAR BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to amend the *Motor Car Act* 1915 was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 13th November next.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (NO. 5).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until Tuesday, the 13th November next.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 13th November next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at nine minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 13th November next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

The President said—

I have called the House together to-day at the request of His Majesty's Ministers in order that it may deal with an urgent emergency of grave public importance which has arisen since the last adjournment and that it may take measures for the preservation of public safety and order. Every honorable member has had sent to him a notice of this meeting of the House sufficient to enable him to be present in his place to-day and I am informed by the Clerk that all the members of the House with the exception of three are present.

2. **DECLARATION OF MEMBER.**—The Honorable J. K. Merritt delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632 as hereunder set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, **JAMES KERR MERRITT**, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and seventy pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as ‘ Fairholme,’ Fellows-street.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £170.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ J. K. MERRITT.”

3. **DAYS OF BUSINESS.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in each week, and that Eleven o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day: that on each day Government Business shall take precedence of all other business, and that fresh business may be taken at any hour.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Protection of the Community in Cases of Emergency*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the Council having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Debate continued.

The question of the House being called together by the President having been raised—

The President said—

I might draw the attention of the honorable member to the fact that the Government did not call the House together. I did; but I did not do so without reflecting upon the constitutionality of the proceeding. There is no exact precedent so far as I have been able to discover, because similar circumstances do not appear to have arisen. For that reason, also, I cannot find any precedent against it. The House, in ignorance that law and order were threatened, passed a resolution that it should meet on Tuesday, 13th November. It, however, appears to me incontestable that the House may and should meet at any moment when a sudden national emergency arises, otherwise members might find themselves made unwillingly helpless by their own act in the face of invasion by a foreign foe or of revolution, and unable to bear true allegiance according to their oath. I therefore rule that the meeting yesterday was in order. The meeting to-day is by a unanimous vote of the whole of the members, except for three absent.

Debate continued.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 22.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
H. H. Smith.

Noes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-five minutes past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. E. J. WHITE: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of the fact that some of the land-holders adjacent to the proposed line from Kanagulk to Edenhope object to the loading of their land for railway construction purposes, what action does the Government propose to take in order to give railway facilities to the people of that long-neglected district.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. Sir A. Robinson).
2. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
4. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
5. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
6. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
7. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
8. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. A. A. Austin)—Second reading.
9. MOTOR CAR BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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FRANK CLARKE,

President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 13th November.

HOUSE (JOINT)—At Four o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST NOVEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 18.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 42.

Lunacy Bill—[54].

Dentists Registration Bill—[12].

Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Bill—[93].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
 - Smeaton Show Yards Lands Bill.*
 - Tarranginnie Land Bill.*
 - Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 5).*
 - Public Safety Preservation Bill.*
3. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the remainder of the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business, and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business; and that no fresh business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PETITIONS.—The following petitions, praying that the Council will pass clause 9 of the Nurses Registration Bill without amendment, were presented as under :—
 - By the Honorable W. P. Crockett—
From certain residents of Lorquon and district.
 - By the Honorable E. J. White—
From certain residents of Byaduc and district.
 Ordered—That the said petitions do lie on the Table and be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Nurses Registration Bill.
5. PAPERS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inebriate Institutions—Report of the Inspector for the year 1922.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Public Service Act 1915—Regulations—
Professional Division, Chapter II.—
Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Department of Lands and Survey.—
Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
Department of Chief Secretary.
 - State Coal Mines—Annual Report of the General Manager, including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1922-23.
 - State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year 1922-23.
 - Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1922—Regulations prescribing Forms.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Tuesday next.

7. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable E. L. Kiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on the main question continued.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. A. Bell,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney.

Noes, 21.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
E. J. White.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on the main question continued.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
R. Williams.

Noes, 20.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
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Dr. J. R. Harris,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—

Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3, be postponed until Tuesday next.

Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 7 inclusive, be postponed until after No. 8.

9. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL.—The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to this Bill, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
A. Bell,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
D. L. McNamara,
H. H. Smith,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett.

Noes, 10.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
T. H. Payne,
Sir A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
H. F. Richardson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with an amendment, and desiring their concurrence therein.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 7 inclusive and No. 9, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Crimes and Criminal Offenders.
2. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Police Offences Act 1915*.
3. The Hon. Sir A. ROBINSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Companies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. Sir A. Robinson)*.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) How many persons were injured through accidents caused by motor cars during the past twelve months.
 - (b) How many deaths were caused through motor car accidents during the same period.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. Sir A. Robinson)*.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
2. INEBRIATES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
3. LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. CRIMES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
5. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
6. COMPANIES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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FRANK CLARKE,

President

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 27th November.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—At Seven o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21ST NOVEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.
Land Bill—[69].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 48.
Electoral Bill—[32].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly, transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Land Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. CRIMES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Law relating to Crimes and Criminal Offenders was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill to further amend the *Police Offences Act* 1915 was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. COMPANIES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Law relating to Companies was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion under Standing Order No. 53.—The Honorable A. Bell moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the running of Tait cars on country railway lines, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
8. PETITIONS.—The following petitions, praying that the Council will pass clause 9 of the Nurses Registration Bill without amendment, were presented as under :—
 By the Honorable G. L. Goudie—
 From certain residents of Nandaly and district.
 By the Honorable W. P. Crockett—
 From certain residents of Tempy and district.
 Ordered—That the said petitions do lie on the Table and be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Nurses Registration Bill.
9. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Land Act 1915—Alteration to Regulations.

10. **LAND BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-two minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 23.

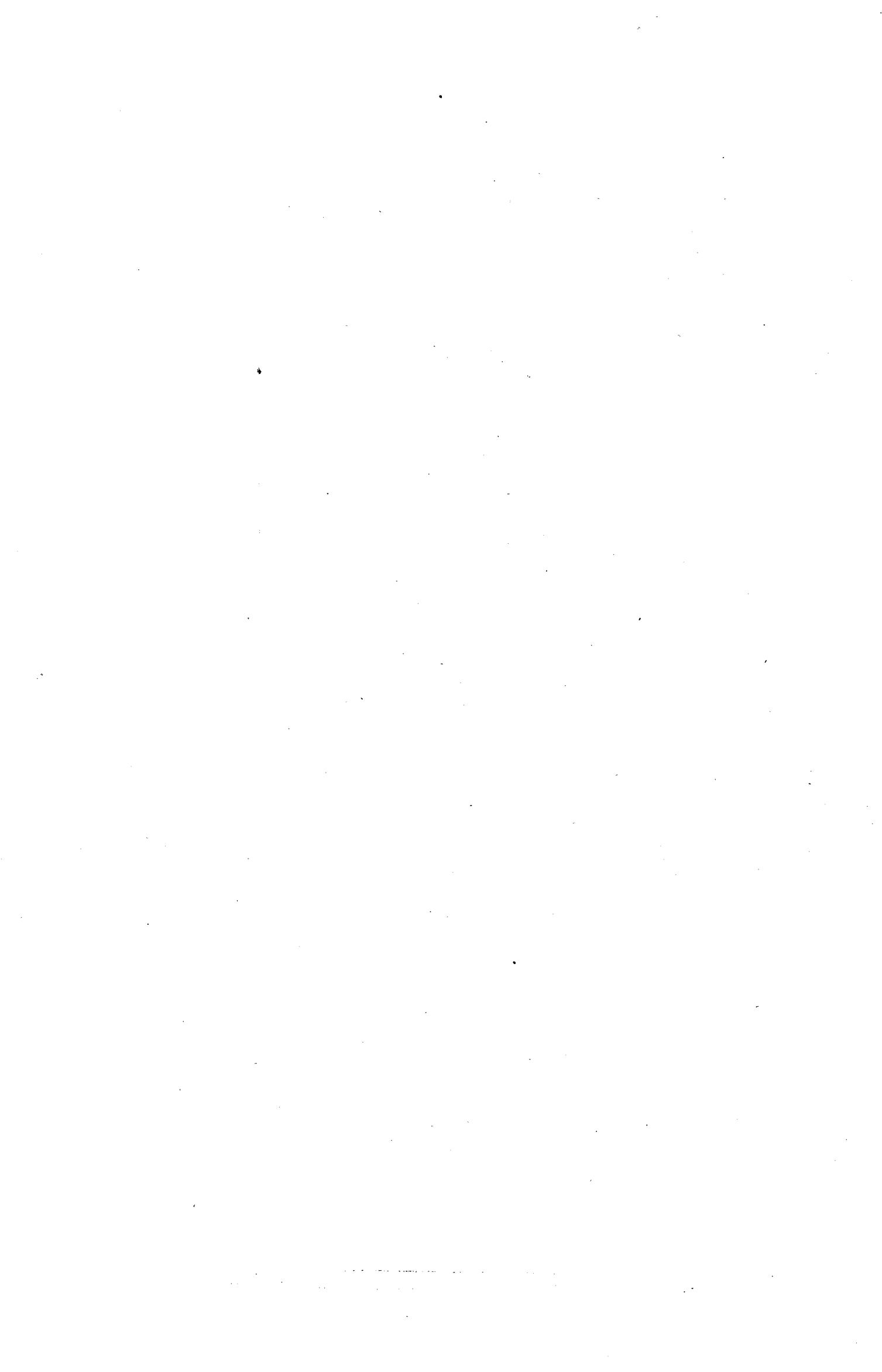
WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Game Acts*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. **GAME BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
- (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
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 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
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 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any, having been read—
- Debate resumed.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
6. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.— The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
9. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.— The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Municipal Endowment* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
11. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
13. TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Victorian Government Stock Act 1896 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
15. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCK BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
17. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next.
19. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) How many persons were injured through accidents caused by motor cars during the past twelve months.
 - (b) How many deaths were caused through motor car accidents during the same period.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. D. L. McNamara).
2. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
4. TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCK BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
6. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
7. LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—To be further considered in Committee.
8. GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
9. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
10. CRIMES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
11. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
12. COMPANIES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).

2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett)*.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 27th November.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—At Seven o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, H. I. Cohen, Dr. J. R. Harris, E. L. Kiernan, T. H. Payne, and H. F. Richardson.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tynner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 22ND NOVEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 21.

Game Bill—[33].

Nurses Registration Bill—[24]. Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed by Hon. Sir A. Robinson. (To Members only.)

Treasury Bills and Advances Bill—[120].

Victorian Government Stock Bill—[123].

Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[125].

Municipal Endowment Bill—[127].

Surplus Revenue Bill—[124].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 49.

Surplus Revenue Bill—[124].

Municipal Endowment Bill—[127].

Treasury Bills and Advances Bill—[120].

Victorian Government Stock Bill—[123].

Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[125].

Railways Sinking Funds Bill—[121].

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. H. H. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) Has a site been selected yet for the new Melbourne High School.
 - (b) What is the estimated cost of the proposed building.
 - (c) When is it proposed to call for tenders.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson)*.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett)*.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. SIR A. ROBINSON : To move, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays and that Eleven o'clock shall be the hour of meeting; that so much of the Sessional Orders as limits the time for taking fresh business and provides that Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business on Wednesdays be rescinded; and that on Wednesdays and Fridays Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
6. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
7. INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
8. CRIMES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
9. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
10. COMPANIES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

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- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 22.
Railway Loan Application Bill—[118].
Victorian Loan Bill—[129].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 52.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

O. 23.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. **THE HON. W. J. BECKETT:** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what action he has taken, or proposes to take, in reference to the Justices of the Peace who, according to the official report of the police, improperly witnessed certain postal votes at Woodend and at the Daylesford Hospital.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **INEBRIATES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)**—Second reading.
2. **LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)**—Second reading.
4. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen)**—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **CRIMES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)**—Second reading.
7. **POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)**—Second reading.
8. **COMPANIES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)**—Second reading.

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2. **MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett).*

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R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 53.

Electoral Bill—[32]. Amendments and New Clause to be proposed by Messrs. Argyle, McLeod, and Cotter. (To Members only.)

Electricity Supply Loan Application Bill—[131].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the *Lunacy Bill* without amendment.
7. PAPERS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Warrnambool Breakwater—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain charges made in respect of the letting and carrying out of a certain contract for the extension of the Warrnambool Breakwater.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

- Land Acts—Certificate relating to the compulsory resumption of land for the Footscray State School.
 - Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Notice of Intention to abandon the Royal Park Horse Tramway.
 - Public Service Act 1915—Copy of papers in connexion with the promotion of T. J. McConnell from the Fourth Class to the Third Class, Department of Lands and Survey.
 - Public Works Loan Application Act 1911—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Victoria Dock Cool Stores for the year 1922-23, together with a Report by the Manager.
 - State Electricity Commission of Victoria—Fourth Annual Report, together with Statement of Accounts for the year 1922-23.
 - University of Melbourne—Annual Report, 1922-23; with Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.
8. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
12. **TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCK BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 12 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at forty minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after Government Business, Notice of Motion.
3. **ALTERATION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays and that Eleven o'clock shall be the hour of meeting ; that so much of the Sessional Orders as limits the time for taking fresh business and provides that Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business on Wednesdays be rescinded ; and that on Wednesdays and Fridays Government business shall take precedence of all other business.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the words " on Thursdays and Fridays " be inserted after the word " meeting."

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays and that Eleven o'clock shall be the hour of meeting; that so much of the Sessional Orders as limits the time for taking fresh business and provides that Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business on Wednesdays be rescinded; and that on Wednesdays and Fridays Government business shall take precedence of all other business—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after the Orders of the Day, Government Business.
5. **GAME BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable T. H. Payne moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
7. **VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
8. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at thirty-five minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and ninety-four thousand three hundred and sixty-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the State Savings Bank Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate :—Narmbool, near Elaine.
7. INEBRIATES BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘ Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Act 1921 ’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
12. RAILWAYS ADVANCES (STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thity-nine minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
4. RAILWAYS ADVANCES (STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT) BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen)—To be further considered in Committee.
6. CRIMES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
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- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.
 State Savings Bank Bill—[112].
 Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Bill—[130].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 54.

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No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will lay on the table of the Library the file of papers in connexion with the last Daylesford election.
2. The Hon. J. STERNBERG: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what is the intention of the Government regarding the appointment of women as Justices of the Peace, seeing that Victoria is the only State in which women Justices have not so far been appointed and thus made available to adjudicate, particularly in cases affecting the welfare of women and children.
3. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps this Session to deal with the problem of the feeble-minded in the way suggested by a deputation from the Mental Defectives Colony Association in July last.
 - (b) Is the Government aware that the great urgency and importance of dealing with this problem is now recognised by practically every civilized State and nation in the world.
 - (c) Is the Government aware that the New South Wales Government has purchased 110 acres of land for a Colony, and is proceeding to deal with the problem, having set aside £70,000 for the purpose.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2)—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CRIMES BILL—(Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
4. GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen)—To be further considered in Committee.
5. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
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 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25.
Crimes Bill—[8].
Electoral Bill—[32].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 56.
Police Pensions Bill—[128].
Railways Classification Board Bill—[17].
State Savings Bank Bill—[112]. Amendments made by Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

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No. 26.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2)—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading—Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
2. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.
Electricity Supply Loan Application Bill—[131].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 57.
Local Government (Borrowing Powers) Bill—[117].
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill—[52].
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill—[52]. Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Cain. (To Members only.)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
 - Lunacy Bill.*
 - Surplus Revenue Bill.*
 - Municipal Endowment Bill.*
 - Treasury Bills and Advances Bill.*
 - Victorian Government Stock Bill.*
 - Victorian Loan Bill.*
 - Railway Loan Application Bill.*
 - Water Supply Loans Application Bill.*
 - Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6).*
3. CORRECTION IN INEBRIATES BILL.—The President announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying, in conformity with Standing Order No. 299, that he had made the following correction in the *Inebriates Bill*, viz. :—
 - In clause 5, sub-clause 5, line 25, the word “ paragraph ” has been substituted for the word “ paragraphs.”
4. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Trade Unions—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1922. with an Appendix.
5. LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with an amendment, and desiring their concurrence therein.
6. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
 - Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with an amendment, and desiring their concurrence therein.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5, be postponed until after No. 6.
9. **CRIMES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
11. **ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
12. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council in the *Land Bill*.
13. **RAILWAYS ADVANCES (STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT) BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5, 7, and 8 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-seven minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Dental Board of Victoria—Regulations.
Marine Act 1915—Pilotage Rate.
Public Service Act 1915—Regulations—
Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).
Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.
Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
Department of Law.
Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Instruction.
3. **ADJOURNMENT.**—**MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the construction and maintenance of main roads, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
4. **ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

5. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council in the *State Savings Bank Bill*.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-three minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the *Inebriates Bill* without amendment.
5. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Friendly Societies—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1922, with Appendices.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
7. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Land in the Parish of Witchipool including certain Land reserved temporarily as a Site for Watering Purposes and for the Closing of a certain Road and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

9. WITCHIPOOL LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Borrowing Powers of Municipalities* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Goroke to Morea* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
13. GOROKE TO MOREA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Housing and Reclamation Act 1920 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
15. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
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17. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to establish a Railways Sinking Fund and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
18. RAILWAYS SINKING FUND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
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Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
19. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in the *Nurses Registration Bill*.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
22. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-nine minutes past eight o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what action the Government intends taking to make available to the public the foreshore of Port Phillip Bay where the title includes all land to the low water mark.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2)—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WITCHIPOOL LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
4. GOROKE TO MOREA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
5. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
6. CRIMES BILL—(Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
7. GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen)—To be further considered in Committee.
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General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).

2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett)*.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923.

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- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
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- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 7TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 27.
Goroke to Morea Railway Construction Bill—[60].
Railways Sinking Fund Bill—[121].
Witchipool Land Bill—[21].
Local Government (Borrowing Powers) Bill—[117].
Housing and Reclamation Bill—[57].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 58.
Factories and Shops Bill—[29].

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Question.

1. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will lay on the table of the Library a return showing details of expenditure by the Government and the Country Roads Board on main roads for the year ended 30th June, 1923.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
2. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CRIMES BILL—(Hon. H. I. Cohen)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
4. GAME BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen)—To be further considered in Committee.
5. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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General Business.

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5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
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7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE
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- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28.
Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill—[137].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 60.

NOTE.—MR. PRESIDENT TAKES THE CHAIR AT HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Questions.

1. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will lay on the table of the Library a return showing details of expenditure by the Government and the Country Roads Board on main roads for the year ended 30th June, 1923.
2. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government has noticed that the Queensland Government is offering special inducements to investors by way of extended payments for 5½ per cent. stock, and is the Government prepared to offer like inducements for Victorian 5½ per cent. stock.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Sir A. Robinson)—Second reading.
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R. W. V. McCALL,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 29.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 61.

Fire Brigades Bill—[139].

Income Tax Bill—[109].

Kooloonong to West Narrung Railway Construction Bill—[140].

Moorpanyal Land Bill—[42].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate :—Boorool, near Leongatha.
 - Horse Breeding Act 1919—Amendment of Regulation.
 - Public Service Act 1915—Copy of papers in connexion with the promotion of S. A. Heathershaw, Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Tourists’ Resorts Act 1922—Regulations.
5. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.
 - On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, and after debate, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 13.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with a further amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
6. WITCHIPOOL LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
8. GOROKE TO MOREA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 9 inclusive, *Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill—Second reading*, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at thirty-two minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to make further provision with respect to the Retirement Pensions Allowances and Gratuities of Members of the Police Force and their Widows Children and Dependants and to amend the ‘ Police Regulation Act 1915’ and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. POLICE PENSIONS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and to continue the Income Tax Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. INCOME TAX BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. LAND TAX BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

8. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
10. **KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
11. **LAND TAX BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
12. **KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. **POLICE PENSIONS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

And the Council having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1923.

- The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to extend the Operation of the ‘Railways Classification Board Act 1919’ and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
15. **RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time this day.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until this day at two o’clock in the afternoon.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twelve minutes past one o’clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at two o’clock in the afternoon.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1923

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a Sum of Thirty-five thousand pounds and to amend the 'Fire Brigades Act 1915' and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. FIRE BRIGADES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. KOOLONONG TO WEST NARRUNG RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
6. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—The President informed the Council that in a Division which took place in Committee of the whole on Tuesday last the Tellers for the Noes had omitted to record the name of the Honorable J. H. Disney; whereupon the President directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
7. PAPERS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Indeterminate Sentences Board—Report for the year 1922–23.
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1922.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following estate:—Stonyhurst, near Beeac.
Closer Settlement Acts and Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts—Report of the Closer Settlement Board for the year 1922–23.
Hospitals for the Insane—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1922.
Railways—Award No. 11 of the Railways Classification Board, together with the Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.
8. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Electoral Bill* (No. 2) and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Council and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
10. RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with an amendment, and desiring their concurrence therein.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Collection by State Officers of Income Tax for the Commonwealth and to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
12. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

13. **KOOLONONG TO WEST NARRUNG RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole. House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. **INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole. House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
15. **ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

2. Clause 13, line 37, after "longer" insert "and no person who is receiving relief as an inmate of any charitable institution (other than a hospital)."
3. Clause 23, sub-clause (1), line 41, after "time" omit all words to the end of the sub-clause.
4. Clause 23, sub-clause (3), line 15, after "force" omit all words to the end of the sub-clause and insert "until such person ceases to be entitled in respect of such property qualification to be enrolled on the roll of the said subdivision."

Amendment 2.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on amendment 2.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris moved as an amendment, That all the words after "Council" be omitted with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "insist on amendment 2 with the following amendment, viz:—After 'hospital)' add the words "who is certified as of unsound mind by the Government Medical Officer."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Council insist on amendment 2 with the following amendment, viz:—After "hospital)" add the words "who is certified as of unsound mind by the Government Medical Officer"—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 3.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the Council insist on amendment 3 with the following amendment, viz:—Omit "line 41, after 'time'" and insert "line 42, after 'year'".

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
Sir A. Robinson,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. P. Crockett,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 19.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt.

And so it passed in the negative.—Amendment 3 insisted on.

Amendment 4 insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but have amended one of such amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Railways Classification Board Bill* and acquainting the Council that they have disagreed with the amendment made in such Bill by the Council.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
17. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Bowser to Peechelba*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
18. BOWSER TO PEECHELBA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. P. Crockett, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Marine Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
20. MARINE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
21. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
22. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, to be read a second time later this day.
23. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
24. MARNOO TO WALLALOO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
25. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

And the Council having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1923.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendments in the Bill, viz.:—

In the Schedule—

In item 14, omit “50,000” and insert “35,000”.

Add the following items—

“ 15. Towards Art Galleries at Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Castlemaine, and Warrnambool	... ..	10,000
16. Towards country Free Libraries	... ..	5,000”

and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Report was adopted.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message suggesting that the Assembly amend the same as set forth in the foregoing resolution.

Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
27. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
28. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to divest out of The Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners certain Land in the Parish of Moorpanyal and to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain other Land in the said Parish and to provide for the Grant to the Commonwealth of Australia as a Site for a Base for Seaplanes of the Australian Air Force of the said Lands and in pursuance of an Arrangement with the Commonwealth for the Exchange of certain Lands in the said Parish to close certain Roads and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
29. MOORPANYAL LANDS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

30. **MARINE BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
31. **FIRE BRIGADES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
32. **BOWSER TO PEECHELBA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
33. **MARNOO TO WALLALOO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
34. **BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
35. **MOORPANYAL LANDS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
36. **RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

Clause 2, sub-clause (1), line 18, omit "Five" and insert "Four."

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on this amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided:

Ayes, 13.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
M. McGregor,
D. L. McNamara,
Sir A. Robinson,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
E. L. Kiernan.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
W. L. R. Clarke,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
A. E. Chandler.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly.

37. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the granting of a lease of certain Crown land at Geelong in the parish of Moorpanyal in the County of Grant to The Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia Limited*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
38. GEELONG LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and ordered to be printed, and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
39. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable A. E. Chandler moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion—That the debate be now adjourned—by leave, withdrawn.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
40. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Exhibition Site provided for in the ‘Exhibitions Act 1890’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
41. EXHIBITIONS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on the the next day of meeting.
42. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to repeal the ‘St Arnaud School of Mines Site Act 1891’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
43. ST. ARNAUD SCHOOL OF MINES SITE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. P. Crockett, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
44. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the raising of Money for the purposes of making certain Permanent Works under the Country Roads Acts and to amend the said Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
45. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, to be read a second time later this day.
46. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Werrimull to The Hut*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
47. WERRIMULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. P. Crockett, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
48. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend Section Four of the ‘Mining Development Act 1915 (No. 2)’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
49. MINING DEVELOPMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
50. ST. ARNAUD SCHOOL OF MINES SITE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

51. **MINING DEVELOPMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
52. **WERRIMULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
53. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
54. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
55. **COUNTRY ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Debate on the main question continued.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
56. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of Messages from the Assembly acquainting the Council—
That they do not insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Council in the *Electoral Bill (No. 2)*, and do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment in clause 13 of this Bill, and have agreed to the said amendment as now amended by the Council.
That they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in the *Closer Settlement Bill*.
That they have agreed to the *Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Bill* without amendment.
That they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council in the *Wyndham Race-course Bill*.
57. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill*, and acquainting the Council that the Assembly are unable to entertain the amendments suggested by the Council, inasmuch as while the Assembly recognise the power of the Council under sub-section (2) of section 33 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* to suggest the omission or amendment of any item or provision in this Bill, they do not admit the right of the Council to suggest the addition of a new item.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the *Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill*.
58. **VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House ordered that the Report be now taken into consideration.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill, viz. :—
In Item 14 of the Schedule, after the word “*Victoria*” insert the following words :—“*also Art Galleries at Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Castlemaine, and Warrnambool, and country Free Libraries.*”
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
A. Bell,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
A. M. Zwar.

Noes, 17.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
W. J. Beckett,
A. E. Chandler,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
M. McGregor,
D. L. McNamara,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. H. Keck,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

59. APPROPRIATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

60. VOTE OF THANKS TO R. W. V. MCCALL, Esq.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That on the eve of the retirement of R. W. V. McCall, Esquire, from the office of Clerk of the Legislative Council, this House desires to record its deep appreciation of the zeal, ability, and courtesy uniformly displayed by him in the discharge of his duties.

Debate ensued.

The President said—

Before putting the motion, I should like to express, in a few words, my regret at losing the services of Mr. McCall whom I have come to regard as a personal friend. His great knowledge of constitutional law has been of great value to me and to other members of this House. He has proved himself a man of sterling character, and we may be proud that he looked upon us as friends. At a private meeting of members, he has received a memento of the affection and admiration of members towards him, and it is fitting that there should be placed upon the journals of this House a record of his great public service. After all, the constitution of British character throughout the world depends very largely upon the men in leading public positions. That is so perhaps more than many people realize. Mr. McCall is a great public officer, and has won the respect and admiration of every member of this House. He is at the present moment suffering from a severe cold, but his devotion to duty has caused him to steadfastly remain at his post for over twenty-two hours. I wish him many days of happiness.

The question was then put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

61. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 7 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until the next day of meeting.

62. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until a day and hour to be fixed by Mr. President, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. President to each Honorable Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-minutes past twelve o'clock, adjourned until a day and hour to be fixed by Mr. President, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. President to each Honorable Member by telegram or letter.

R. W. V. MCCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1924.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
3. GAME BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. CRIMES BILL—(*Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson)*.
5. EXHIBITIONS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—*
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson)*.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett)*.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1923-4.

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- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1924.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council—

That he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

On the 18th December, 1923—

Land Bill.
Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Bill.
State Savings Bank Bill.
Inebriates Bill.
Electricity Supply Loan Application Bill.
Nurses Registration Bill.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill.
Railways Sinking Fund Bill.

On the 22nd December, 1923—

Witchipool Land Bill.
Local Government (Borrowing Powers) Bill.
Goroke to Morea Railway Construction Bill.
Income Tax Bill.
Land Tax Bill.
Kanagulk to Edenhope Railway Construction Bill.
Police Pensions Bill.
Housing and Reclamation Bill.
Kooloonong to West Narrung Railway Construction Bill.
Income Tax Acts Amendment Bill.
Marine Bill.
Fire Brigades Bill.
Bowser to Peechelba Railway Construction Bill.
Marnoo to Wallaloo Railway Construction Bill.
Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Bill.
Moorpanyal Lands Bill.
Railways Classification Board Bill.
Geelong Land Bill.
St. Arnaud School of Mines Site Bill.
Werrimul to The Hut Railway Construction Bill.
Mining Development Bill.
Electoral Bill (No. 2).
Closer Settlement Bill.
Wyndham Race-course Bill.
Country Roads Bill.
Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill.

That he had reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon the undermentioned Bill presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Bill.

3. CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—APPOINTMENT OF HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, ESQUIRE.—The President said :—I have to announce to the Council that, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I have nominated Hibbert Henry Newton, Esq., previously Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for the office of Clerk of the Legislative Council, and His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to confirm that nomination. Mr. Newton retains the position of Clerk of the Parliaments.
4. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.—The President announced that he had received the following communications :—

The State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 29th January, 1924.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward, for the information of the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, the enclosed resignation by the Honorable Sir Walter Manifold as a member of the Legislative Council for the Western Province.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

The Clerk of the Legislative Council.

“Kyalite,”
Toorak, 25th January, 1924.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor under the provisions of *The Constitution Act* to tender to you my resignation as a member of the Legislative Council for the Western Province.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,
WALTER MANIFOLD.

His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke,
Governor of Victoria.

Resignation accepted. Forwarded for necessary action.
STRADBROKE.

“Kyalite,”
Toorak, 25th January, 1924.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I regret that owing to the state of my health I am unable to attend satisfactorily to my parliamentary duties and have this day forwarded to His Excellency the Governor my resignation as a member of the Legislative Council for the Western Province and would take this opportunity of thanking you and the members for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me during my long term as a member.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,
WALTER MANIFOLD.

5. RETURN TO WRIT.—The President announced that there had been returned to him the writ issued for the election of a member to serve for the Western Province in the place of the Honorable Sir Walter Manifold, resigned, and that by the indorsement on such writ it appeared that Marcus Saltau had been elected in pursuance thereof.

6. SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable M. Saltau having approached the Table, took and subscribed the oath required by law, and delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, MARCUS SALTAU, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Mortlake and Warrnambool, and are known as part of ‘Drysdale’ estate.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Mortlake are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £175, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Warrnambool are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £765.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“MARCUS SALTAU.”

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Companies Act 1915—

Return by Prothonotary of business of the Supreme Court in connexion with the winding-up of companies.

Summary of Statements for the year 1922 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance business in Victoria.

- Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915—Statement of appointment in the Department of the Legislative Council.
- Dairy Supervision Act 1915—Regulations.
- Forests Commission of Victoria—Fourth Annual Report, financial year 1922-23.
- Fruit Acts—Regulations.
- Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust—Sixteenth balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1923.
- Health Act 1919—
 Dangerous Trades (Occupational Illnesses Notification) Regulations.
 Regulations relating to Vaccination against Small-pox.
- Land Acts—
 Certificate relating to the compulsory resumption of additional land for the—
 Bannockburn State School.
 Sandringham State School.
 Report for the year 1922-23.
- Milk Supply Act 1922—Regulations.
- Mines Act 1915—List of Suspensions of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences granted during the year 1923.
- Public Service Acts—Copy of papers in connexion with the promotion of—
 C. C. Gale, from the Fourth Class to the Third Class, Department of Public Instruction.
 H. M. Jamieson, from the Second Class to the First Class, Department of Public Works.
- Railways—
 Award No. 12 of the Railways Classification Board, together with the Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.
 Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—
 For the quarter ended 30th September, 1923.
 For the quarter ended 31st December, 1923.
- Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1922—Form of Authority of the Minister to an Inspector to lay Information and proceed for recovery of Penalties.
- Wheat Marketing Acts—Victorian Wheat Commission—General Balance-sheet as at 12th December, 1923, and final Statement of Accounts for all Seasons 1915-16 to 1920-21.

8. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR JOHN EMANUEL MACKEY, SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That this House desires to express its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Sir John Emanuel Mackey, and to place on record its appreciation of the eminent services he rendered to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member, Minister of the Crown, and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- And other honorable members having addressed the House—
 The President said—

I should like to add a few words of my own before putting this motion to the House. So much has been said by honorable members and by members of the public in the short time which has elapsed since the announcement of the death of Sir John Mackey, that it is practically impossible to break new ground. That in itself is the most remarkable tribute that could be paid to the late Speaker. I have been surprised on learning since his death of the many places in national life in which he took a prominent part. It is significant of the character of the man that he always went to the front in everything that he was associated with. Many tributes have been paid to his sterling character, and it is abundantly evident that he attained the eminent position he occupied by superabundant energy and ability. He was one of the best citizens Victoria has had. From the moment he was elected to the high position that he held in the Legislative Assembly, it is safe to say that every one realized the best man had been selected. My sympathy goes out to the widow and the relatives, and I am satisfied that not only the Legislative Assembly, but the country has sustained a great loss in his death.

The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

9. THE LATE R. W. V. MCCALL, ESQUIRE.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sorrow at the death of Robert William Victor McCall, Clerk of the House from 10th December, 1912, to 31st December, 1923, and records its acknowledgment of his long, faithful and able service as Usher, Clerk-Assistant, and Clerk of the House.
- The President said—

Before putting this motion, I should like to say that only a day or so ago I saw a letter from Mr. McCall, written a day before his death, in which he asked that I should give orders to the Government Printer to supply him with a copy of *Hansard* and a copy of the *Minutes of the Proceedings* of this House. That bears out, what we all know, and what the Attorney-General has alluded to, that Mr. McCall had left us with his heart and soul still in the work of this House. That was the great thing in his life. His retirement was a great loss to me as President, because he had such an intimate knowledge of all the forms and ceremonies which are necessary to make any House of Parliament run smoothly. His knowledge enabled him to put those forms and ceremonies in such a simple way that formality was not apparent. That is the best way in which forms and ceremonies can be used. They become automatic and conduce to the dignity of the House, while not appearing on the surface at all. I regret his death. He was, without doubt, one of those public servants of whom we may claim to be justly proud.

The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 13th May next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House out of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Sir John Mackey and of the late Robert William Victor McCall, Esquire, do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-eight minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 13th May next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 31.

TUESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1924.

Questions.

1. The Hon. J. P. JONES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) What is the area in the Carlton Gardens placed under the control of the trustees of the Exhibition by the *Exhibitions Act 1890*.
 - (b) What area are the trustees controlling at present.
 - (c) If they are controlling an area greater than that allotted in 1890 when and how was the extra area obtained.
2. The Hon. J. K. MERRITT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, in view of the unsafe condition of the Hawthorn bridge, what steps the Government propose taking with regard to the allocation of the cost of a new bridge to take its place, and under what authority the new bridge will be constructed and controlled.
3. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government intend taking any action to induce the Railways Commissioners to cease using the Tait cars on the country railway lines.
4. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) When will the brown coal briquettes be available to the public.
 - (b) At what price.
5. The Hon. W. H. EDGAR: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it is the intention of the Government to honour the promise made by Mr. F. E. Old, M.L.A., then Minister of Railways, in answer to a question by Mr. D. Smith, M.L.A., that the liquor advertisements on railway bridges would be removed.
6. The Hon. J. H. DISNEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if the Government will exercise special supervision in the erection of the proposed new police barracks on St. Kilda-road so that the architecture and design will be in keeping with the dignity and importance of the site.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. SIR A. ROBINSON: To move, That the Sessional Orders passed by this House on the 13th and 28th November last be rescinded, and that Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the remainder of the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business, and that on Wednesday in each week, Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business; and that no fresh business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES BILL—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson*)—Second reading.
3. GAME BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. CRIMES BILL—(*Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (*Hon. H. F. Richardson*).
5. EXHIBITIONS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. I. Cohen*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—*The question is, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—*
 - (a) The names of all officers on the Construction, Electric Production and Distribution, Briquetting, and Research staffs of the State Electricity Commission.
 - (b) The salaries of such officers.
 - (c) The names of those appointed from 1st January, 1923, to date.
 - (d) The total amount spent by the Commission on the scheme to date.
 - (e) The commitments of the Commission to date in Australia and overseas.
 - (f) The estimated total cost of the scheme.
 - (g) The present annual revenue of the Commission.
 - (h) The present annual cost for power supplied by the Railways Commissioners from Newport and by the Melbourne Electric Supply Company from Geelong.
 - (i) The nature of the agreement between the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the Commission.
 - (j) The cost of the current being distributed from Geelong, setting out—
 - (i) The price being paid per unit to the Melbourne Electric Supply Company.
 - (ii) The cost of transmission to different points of distribution, including Warrnambool.
 - (iii) The price at which it is to be sold.
 - (k) The nature of the work of the Research Branch of the Commission, and the results, if any—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson).*
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. W. J. Beckett).*
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
6. RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
7. MOTOR CAR BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

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- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, Dr. J. R. Harris, and D. L. McNamara.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 11th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, and W. L. R. Clarke.
- ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—(Appointed 11th July, 1923).—The Honorables M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, A. A. Austin, W. L. R. Clarke, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, and A. M. Zwar.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, Sir A. Robinson, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- PRINTING—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, J. H. Disney, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, H. H. Smith, W. Tyner, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 24th July, 1923)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, H. F. Richardson, and Sir A. Robinson.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—The Honorables A. Bell (appointed 25th September, 1923), and H. F. Richardson (appointed 4th July, 1922).

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 34.

TUESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1924.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had caused the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections*," which was reserved on the 22nd December, 1923, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's Assent on the 21st March, 1924, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, and forwarding a copy of such Proclamation.
[For Proclamation see "*Victoria Government Gazette*" of 12th May, 1924, page 1785.]
3. MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Winding Up of Matters outstanding in connexion with the Administration of the Wheat Marketing Acts and the 'Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920' and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. WHEAT MARKETING (WINDING UP) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the safety of the Hawthorn bridge and the Victoria bridge, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the Railways Commissioners continuing to use Tait cars on country railway lines, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed—

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
W. P. Crockett,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson,
J. Sternberg,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
Sir A. Robinson,
M. Saltau,
H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
H. Keck.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. PAPERS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
High Cost of Living—Report No. 1 of the Royal Commission ; with Explanation of Discrepancy
in Figures *re* Cost of Production of Bread.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table
by the Clerk :—

- Agricultural Education—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of
Agricultural Education for the six months ended 30th June, 1923.
Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report under section 12, sub-section (5), of the decision of the
Minister to acquire the following estate :—Squattleseamere, near Macarthur.
Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915—Statement of Appointments in the Department of the
Legislative Assembly.
Electoral Act 1923—
Alteration of Regulations prescribing Forms.
Joint Electoral Rolls (Commonwealth and State)—Regulations.
Regulations wholly or partly revoked.
Fire Brigades Act 1915—
Regulation.
Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1922–3.
Fisheries Acts—Notice of intention to issue Proclamation to allow Netting in Watson's, Woo-
roonooke, and Dew's Lakes, near Charlton.
Marine Act 1915—Amendment of the Passenger (Sailing and Motor) Boat Regulations.
Motor Car Act 1915—Regulations.
Public Service Acts—Regulations—
Professional Division, Chapter II.—
Department of Chief Secretary.
Department of Lands and Survey.
Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Works.
Departments of Law and Treasurer.
Department of Public Instruction (3 papers).
Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
Department of Chief Secretary (4 papers).
Department of Lands and Survey.
Department of Public Health.
Department of Public Works.
Department of Treasurer (5 papers).
Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers, Department of Public Works.
Part III.—Miscellaneous—Travelling by Bicycle or Motor Car.
Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1915—Regulations—Schedule of Salaries, Lunacy
Department.
Railways Classification Board—Determination, under section 2 of Act No. 3326, fixing the
Basic Wage for the purposes of any Award to be made by the Board for the year 1924.
Tourists Resorts Act 1922—Regulations—Travelling Allowances and Expenses.

8. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the Sessional Orders passed by this
House on the 13th and 28th November last be rescinded, and that Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thurs-
day in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the
remainder of the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day ;
that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take
precedence of all other business, and that on Wednesday in each week, Private Members' business
shall take precedence of Government business ; and that no fresh business be taken after the hour
of Eleven o'clock.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, as an amendment, That the words " each day " be omitted
with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words " Tuesdays and that Four o'clock be the hour
of meeting on Wednesdays and Thursdays."

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.

The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, as a further amendment, That the words " that Eleven o'clock
be the hour of meeting on " be inserted before the word " Thursdays " in the proposed amendment.
Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted—put and
negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the main question be so inserted—put and resolved
in the affirmative.

Question—That the Sessional Orders passed by this House on the 13th and 28th November last be
rescinded, and that Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the
Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the remainder of the present Session, and that
half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesdays and that Four o'clock be the hour of meet-
ing on Wednesdays and Thursdays ; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of
Government business shall take precedence of all other business, and that on Wednesday in each
week, Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business ; and that no fresh
business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **WHEAT MARKETING (WINDING UP) BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fourteen minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1924.

Questions.

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) Is it correct, as reported in the newspapers, that a concerted movement is on foot to prevent special constables (particularly those who were recruited from the ranks of skilled and unskilled labourers) who assisted to preserve law and order when the regular police went out on strike from obtaining employment in their previous avocations; if so, what action does the Government intend taking to see that these men get justice.
 - (b) Is it true that a list of the names and occupations of the members of the special constabulary force has been posted at the Trades Hall since the inception of the force.
2. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - (a) Upon what date does the Order in Council in *re* Fitzroy Municipal Council and the Melbourne Electric Light Company Limited expire.
 - (b) When the present Order in Council expires will the Fitzroy Council have the power to purchase electric current in bulk from the Electricity Commission and distribute it to their ratepayers, as well as use it for public purposes; if not, what is the position.
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 - (a) The number of persons enrolled within the boundaries of the municipal district of Fitzroy for the following Assembly districts:—Fitzroy, Collingwood, Jika Jika, and East Melbourne.
 - (b) The number of persons on all Federal rolls within the municipal boundaries of Fitzroy.

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VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1924.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend Section Thirteen of the ‘Railways Standing Committee Act 1915’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the activities of the Electricity Commission in relation to the supply of brown coal and electric power to the municipalities and the general public, and the relation of Government action to electrical and other municipal activities, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Country Fire Brigades Board—Report for the year 1923.
 - Country Roads Board—Report for the year 1922–23.
 - Melbourne Sailors’ Home—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1923.
 - Public Service Act 1915—Regulations—
 - Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—Repeal of clause 55.
 - Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Department of Lands and Survey.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Message from His Excellency the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of section XXXVI. of The Constitution Act, recommending the following amendment which he desires to be made in the *Wheat Marketing (Winding Up) Bill*, and acquainting the Council that the Assembly have agreed to such amendment and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein :—
 - In sub-section (2) of clause 5, after the words “under this Act” omit the words “of any moneys.”
 On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Council agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor and ordered a Message to be sent to the Assembly acquainting them therewith.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation of certain Land in the Parish of Ballan and for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the said Parish temporarily reserved as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
8. BALLAN LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
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 - House in Committee.
 - The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 - Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
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12. **PUBLIC ACCOUNT ADVANCES BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable Sir A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
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Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable Sir A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirteen minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1924.

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1. The Hon. A. A. AUSTIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should introduce legislation to prevent strikes in Victoria.
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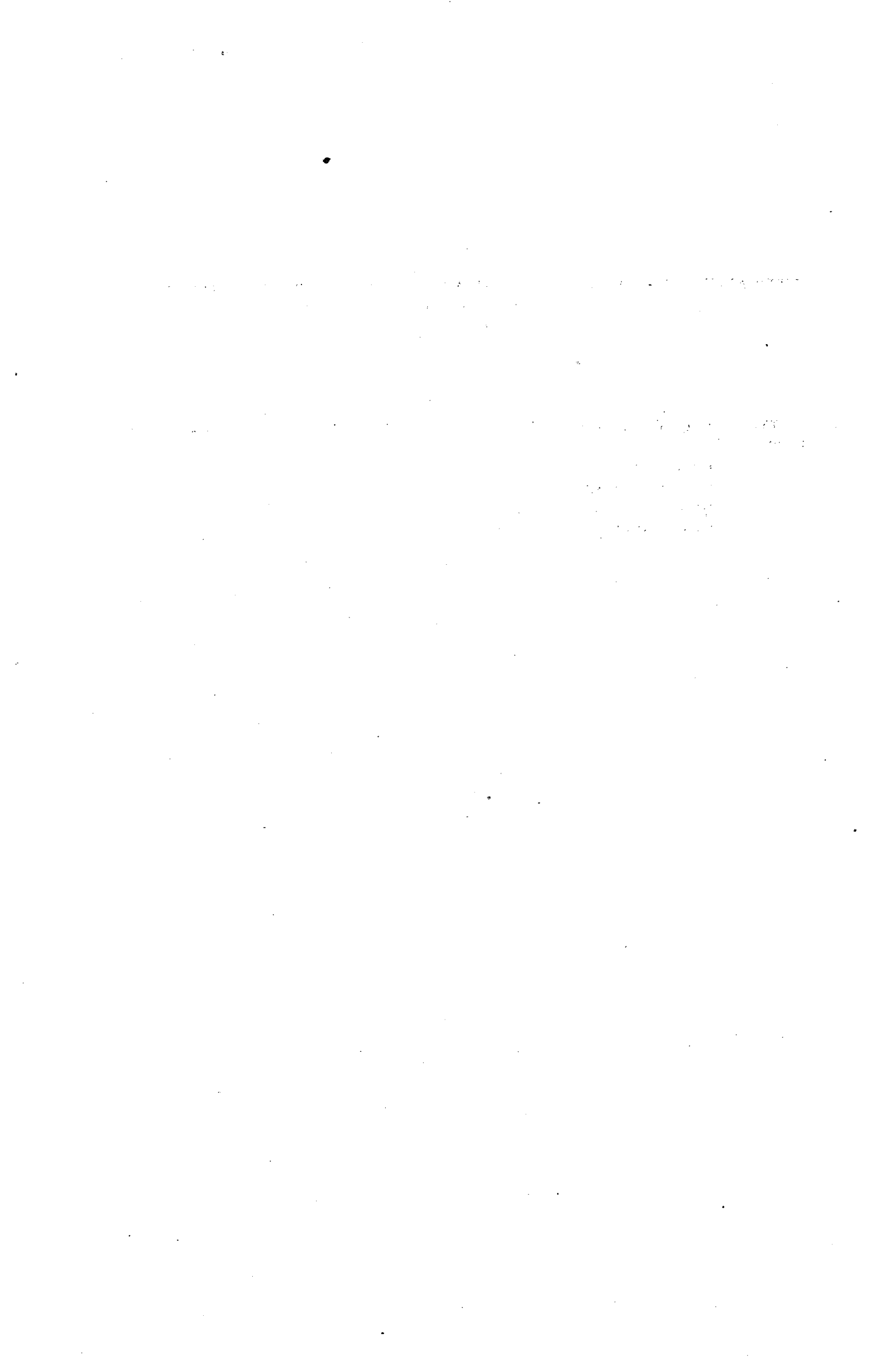
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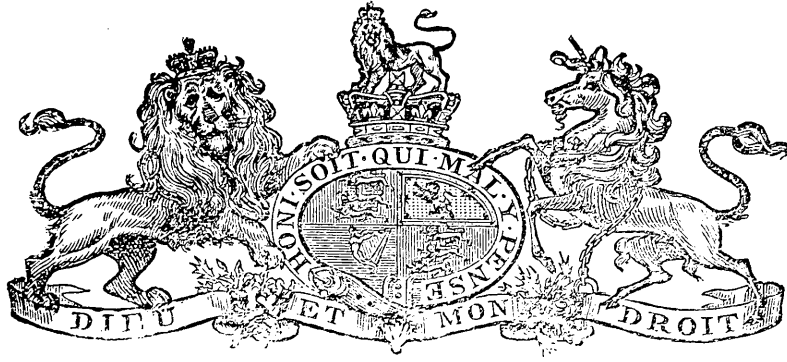
SESSION 1923-4.

**BILLS ASSENTED TO AFTER THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF
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The following Bills were assented to by His Excellency the Governor on the 21st May, 1924, viz. :—

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Public Account Advances
Railways Standing Committee (No. 2)
Wheat Marketing (Winding Up)





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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria, and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria": Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, until Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of May, 1924.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

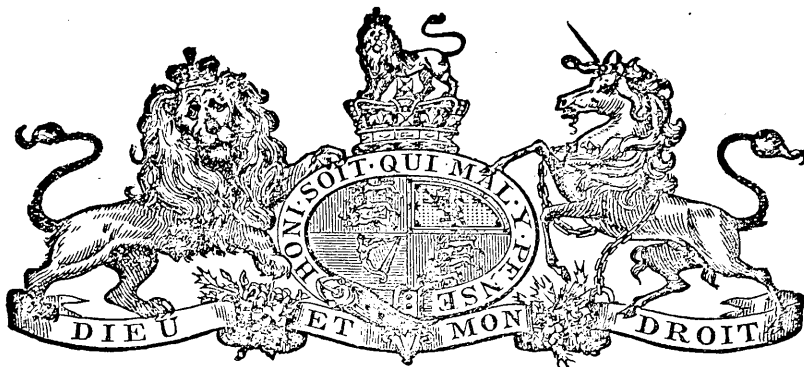
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By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

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DISCHARGING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ATTENDANCE AND DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by The Constitution Act it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of May, 1924: And whereas it is expedient to dissolve the Legislative Assembly: Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power in me vested in this behalf, do by this my Proclamation discharge the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council from their meeting and attendance on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of May, 1924: And I do dissolve the Legislative Assembly, such dissolution to take effect on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of May, 1924. And I do hereby declare that I have this day given Order that Writs be issued in due form, and according to law, for the election of Members to be duly returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

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GENERAL ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria on the day first hereinafter mentioned, viz.:-

Date of issue of Writs	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Tuesday, 3rd June.
Day of Nomination (before which nominations are to be made)	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Thursday, 12th June.
Day of Polling	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Thursday, 26th June.
Return of Writs	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Monday, 7th July.

By His Excellency's Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 26th May, 1924.



SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
(JOINT.)

(SEE ACT No. 2717).

The Hon. A. Bell
(Appointed 25th September, 1923, in place of
the Hon. G. L. Goudie, resigned.)

The Hon. H. F. Richardson
(Appointed 4th July, 1922.)

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1923-4.

No. 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 11th July, 1923.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott	The Hon. E. L. Kiernan
T. Beggs	T. H. Payne
H. I. Cohen	H. F. Richardson.
Dr. J. R. Harris	

No. 2.—HOUSE (JOINT).

Appointed 11th July, 1923.

(See Act No. 3176, s. 2.)

The Hon. the President (<i>ex officio</i>)	The Hon. A. E. Chandler
W. Angliss	Dr. J. R. Harris
A. Bell	D. L. McNamara.

No. 3.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 11th July, 1923.

The Hon. the President	The Hon. T. Beggs
A. A. Austin	W. L. R. Clarke.
W. J. Beckett	

No. 4.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Appointed 11th July, 1923.

The Hon. M. McGregor	The Hon. W. P. Crockett
H. H. Smith	J. H. Disney
A. A. Austin	A. M. Zwar.
W. L. R. Clarke	

No. 5.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 24th July, 1923.

The Hon. the President	The Hon. J. P. Jones
F. W. Brawn	T. H. Payne
*F. G. Clarke	Sir A. Robinson
H. I. Cohen	J. Sternberg
W. H. Edgar	E. J. White.

* Elected President 29th August, 1923.

No. 6.—PRINTING.

Appointed 24th July, 1923.

The Hon. the President	The Hon. E. L. Kiernan
R. H. S. Abbott	M. McGregor
E. G. Bath	H. H. Smith
J. H. Disney	W. Tyner
H. Keck	R. Williams.

No. 7.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

Appointed 24th July, 1923.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen	The Hon. J. P. Jones
W. P. Crockett	H. F. Richardson
W. H. Edgar	Sir A. Robinson.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1923.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1923.

No 1.—MARRIAGE BILL—Proposed new clause A (*as amended*)—

A. It shall be lawful for the Court in its discretion, on the petition of either of the parties to a decree of judicial separation when such decree is in full force and has so continued for not less than three years, to pronounce a decree of dissolution of marriage between the parties, and in making such decree and in all proceedings incidental thereto the Court shall have the same powers as it has in making a decree of dissolution in the first instance:

Provided that if upon the hearing of a petition under this section the respondent opposes the making of a decree of dissolution and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the separation was due to the wrongful act or conduct of the petitioner the Court shall not make upon such petition a decree of dissolution of the marriage.

Motion made and question put—That new clause A be added to the Bill.—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*).
Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
W. J. Beckett,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
J. P. Jones,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
H. H. Smith.

Noes, 15.

The Hon. A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
E. L. Kiernan,
M. McGregor,
T. H. Payne,
Sir A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. D. L. McNamara,
W. Tyner.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1923.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION BILL.—Clause 1—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Public Safety Preservation Act 1923.*

—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "*Public Safety Preservation*" be omitted with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "*Trade Unions Suppression*"—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan).

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

- The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
- W. Angliss,
- A. A. Austin,
- E. G. Bath,
- A. Bell,
- A. E. Chandler,
- H. I. Cohen,
- W. P. Crockett,
- G. M. Davis,
- G. L. Goudie,
- Dr. J. R. Harris,
- M. McGregor,
- J. K. Merritt,
- T. H. Payne,
- H. F. Richardson,
- Sir A. Robinson,
- H. H. Smith,
- J. Sternberg,
- W. Tyner.

Noes, 6.

- The Hon. J. P. Jones,
- E. L. Kiernan,
- D. L. McNamara,
- R. Williams.

Tellers.

- The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
- J. H. Disney.

Tellers.

- The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
- H. Keck.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION BILL.—Clause 3—

3. (1) Where at any time it appears to the Governor in Council that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any persons or body of persons whereby the public safety or order is or is likely to be imperilled the Governor in Council by proclamation (in this Act referred to as a "proclamation of emergency") declare that a state of emergency exists.

* * * * *

—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson).

Amendment proposed—That the words “herafter but not later than the thirty-first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four” be inserted after the word “time”.—(*Hon. J. P. Jones.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
R. Williams.

Noes, 21.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
M. McGregor.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION BILL.—Clause 5—

5. Pursuant to powers conferred by or under this Act the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to securing the essentials of life to the community or any substantial portion of the community; and such regulations may confer such powers and impose such duties as the Governor in Council thinks fit upon any responsible Minister or Ministers of the Crown and any officers or other persons for the preservation of peace or order, for securing and regulating the supply and distribution of food water fuel light and other necessities, for maintaining the means of transit transport locomotion or other services, and for any purposes essential to public safety or order or the life of the community; and such regulations may contain such provisions incidental to the powers aforesaid as may appear to the Governor in Council to be required for making the exercise of those powers effective.—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and for the fixing of reasonable prices therefor” be inserted after the word “community” where it occurs the second time.—(*Hon. J. P. Jones.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
E. L. Kiernan,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 21.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
W. Tyner.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION BILL.—Proposed new clause A—

A. This Act shall continue in operation until the end of the present Parliament and no longer.—(Hon. J. P. Jones.)

Motion made and question put—That new clause A be added to the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan;
R. Williams.

Noes, 21.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers

The Hon. W. Angliss,
J. K. Merritt.

And so it passed in the negative.



VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 3.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—LAND BILL.—Clause 4—

4. (1) Where in the Mallee country it is desirable in the opinion of the Minister that any Crown land or any portion thereof set out or serving for the purpose of a wind-break and abutting on any road should be sold or leased as hereinafter provided the Governor in Council—

(a) on the application of the owner or selection purchase lessee or agricultural allotment lessee or perpetual lessee of any land adjoining such Crown land ; and

(b) if the Minister is satisfied that the council of every municipality in whose municipal district such Crown land is wholly or partly situate has consented to the sale or lease—

may, by Order published in the *Government Gazette*—

(i) declare that, so far only as relates to the whole or portion of any such Crown land described in the Order, such Crown land or portion thereof shall cease to be or to form portion of a wind-break or to serve as a wind-break ; and

(ii) authorize the sale of any of such Crown land to the applicant if he is the owner of the adjoining land at a price per acre determined by an appraiser appointed by the Board, or, if the applicant is a selection purchase lessee agricultural allotment lessee or perpetual lessee of the adjoining land, authorize any of such Crown land to be added to the area of the existing lease in the manner prescribed by the regulations and the rent of or other payment for or in respect of such added area, which shall be deemed to have the same classification as that of the adjoining land of the applicant, to be determined in accordance with such classification, and the rent or other payment under the existing lease for each succeeding half-year to be adjusted accordingly.

(2) On the date of such Order or on a later date specified therein the Crown land described in the Order shall cease to be or to form portion of or to serve as a wind-break or part thereof and the said land shall be deemed to be and may be dealt with as unalienated land of the Crown and may be sold or leased in accordance with the authority given in the Order.

(3) Land purchased or held on lease pursuant to this section shall not for the purposes of section two hundred and eleven of the Principal Act be deemed to be land held by the purchaser or lessee thereof as beneficial owner.

(4) All moneys arising from the sale or leasing of Crown land pursuant to this section shall be placed to the credit of the Mallee Land Account.

—(Hon. G. L. Goudie.)

Question—That clause 4 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. E. Chandler,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. L. Goudie,
H. Keck,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
W. Tyner.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. H. H. Smith,
R. Williams.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Clause 27—

27. (1) The Board with the approval of the Governor in Council may make regulations—

* * * * *

(2) All such regulations when approved by the Governor in Council shall be published in the *Government Gazette* and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting and if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(3) Any regulation may (without prejudice to any other method of revocation) be revoked by Order of the Governor in Council.

—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “submitted for approval by both Houses of Parliament before being” be inserted before the word “published” in sub-clause (2).—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
G. M. Davis,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
E. L. Kiernan.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
J. P. Jones,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. D. L. McNamara,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1923.

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IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 4.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).—Clause 12—

12. Section one hundred and thirty-eight of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

* * * * *

(d) For the words " Provided that no such person shall be entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Assembly on more than two general rolls, namely:—the general roll for the division of the district in which he resides, and
the general roll for a division of some other district in which such lands or tenements
are situate "

there shall be substituted the words—

" Provided that no such person shall be entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the
Assembly on more than two rolls, namely:—the roll for the subdivision of the district in which he resides, and
the roll for the subdivision of some other district in which such lands or tenements
are situate."—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson.*)Amendment proposed—That paragraph *(d)* be omitted—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara.*)Question—That paragraph *(d)* proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
H. Keck.

Noes, 5.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).—Clause 23—

23. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Part any person who under the provisions of The Constitution Act Amendment Acts is entitled in respect of a property qualification to be enrolled on the roll for a subdivision of a district other than the district in which he resides may make a claim for enrolment on that roll at any time within three months after the first day of July in each year provided he indicates when enrolling where he intends to vote and in the event of the claim being allowed such indication shall be recorded on each roll.

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—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “within three months after the first day of July” in sub-clause (1) be omitted—(*Hon. R. H. S. Abbott.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
Sir A. Robinson,

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney.

Noes, 17.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
G. M. Davis,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
M. McGregor.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).—Clause 13 (*on recommittal*)—

13. For section one hundred and thirty-nine of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following section :—

“139. No person who is of unsound mind and no person attainted of treason or who has been convicted and is under sentence for any offence punishable under the law of Victoria or any other part of the King’s Dominions by imprisonment for one year or longer, shall be entitled to have his name placed on or retained on any roll of electors for the Assembly or to vote at any election for the Assembly.”

—(*Hon. Sir A. Robinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and no person who is receiving relief as an inmate of any charitable institution (other than a hospital)” be inserted after the words “one year or longer”—(*Hon. A. M. Zwar.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
G. M. Davis,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
J. K. Merritt,
Sir A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
J. H. Disney.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

No. 1.—*Police Pensions Bill*.—Clause 6—

6. (1) Retirement shall be compulsory in the force—

for senior constables and constables, on attaining the age of fifty-five—

for superintendents inspectors sub-inspectors and other officers of different grades and sergeants, on attaining the age of sixty; and

for the Chief Commissioner, on attaining the age of sixty-five;

except that in special cases the Governor in Council may require any such person to serve in the force for a further period or periods not exceeding five years in all; and any such person so required shall (subject to his right to retire under the next succeeding section) serve for such further period or periods; and if any such person refuses to serve as aforesaid he shall not be entitled to any pension or gratuity, but there shall be paid to him the whole of the rateable deductions which have been made from his pay without any interest thereon.

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—(*Hon. H. I. Cohen.*)

Motion made and question put—That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill, viz.:—Clause 6, sub-clause (1), line 20, omit “fifty-five” and insert “sixty”—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner.

Noes, 18.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
A. E. Chandler,
F. G. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
Sir A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
W. L. R. Clarke.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

No. 1.—*RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL*.—Clause 2.

Motion made and question put—That clause 2 be postponed—(*Hon. R. H. S. Abbot.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
A. E. Chandler,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
H. Keck.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
F. G. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
Sir A. Robinson,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
D. L. McNamara.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.—Clause 2—

2. (1) The Board—

(a) shall, in each year, commencing with the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, determine what shall be, during the particular year, the rates of salaries and wages of all grades of officers and employes up to a limit of Five hundred pounds a year in respect of which rates of salaries and wages have previously been determined by the Board ;

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—(Hon. Sir A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That the word “ Five ” in the fourth line of sub-clause (1) be omitted with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the word “ Four ”—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris).

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
W. P. Crockett,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
Sir A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
M. McGregor.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
A. E. Chandler,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
H. H. Smith.

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

No. 3.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Clause 3—

3. (1) For sub-section (1) of section forty-one of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

“ (1) In determining the compensation under this Act regard shall be had (subject to this Act) to the value of the land acquired and of all buildings and improvements thereon.”

(2) Sub-section (2) of the said section forty-one is hereby repealed.

—(Hon. G. L. Goudie.)

Question—That clause 3 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
M. McGregor,
D. L. McNamara,
W. Tyner,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
E. L. Kiernan.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 16.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. F. Richardson,
Sir A. Robinson,
H. H. Smith,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
H. Keck.

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