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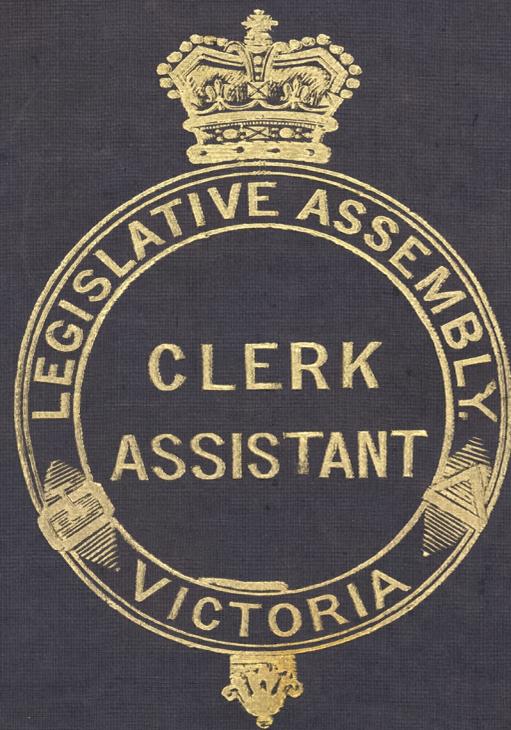


NOTICES
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ORDERS
OF THE DAY
LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY

SESSION

1898.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1898.

Question.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if, in view of the educational advantages in showing residents in Europe the beauty of our chief buildings on the illustrated post-cards, he will make the fee charged for posting them to Europe and elsewhere the same as that charged for departmental post-cards.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence):—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION FOR —*Resumption of debate.*

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize the Totalizator.
 2. MR. FINK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of libel.
 3. MR. GRAY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890.*

Contingent on the foregoing motion being agreed to—

4. MR. GRAY: To move, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee.
 5. MR. MOULE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Town of Brighton to construct certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings.
 6. MR. COOK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit indecent or obscene advertisements.
 7. MR. AUSTIN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890.*
 8. MR. GRAY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Moyer, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
 9. MR. MCGREGOR: To move, That the Stock Tax be abolished.
 10. MR. KENNEDY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890.*
 11. MR. GURR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the incorporation and government of the Geelong Mechanics' Institute and for other purposes.
 12. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Borough of Flemington and Kensington to construct certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings.
 13. MR. MCGREGOR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890.*

14. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so encouraging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
15. MR. OUTTRIM : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to adopt the Referendum.
16. MR. O'NEILL : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Auction Sales Act* 1890.
17. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for voting by seamen, commercial travellers, and shearers at Legislative Assembly elections.
18. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT STATIST'S BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ZOX : To move, That in the opinion of this House the duty on live stock and on meat should be abolished.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SANGSTER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Merchant Shipping Act* 1890.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House Alfred Goddard, late sorter in the General Post Office, should be reinstated in the Public Service.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH JUNE, 1898.

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

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Assistant Government Statist's Bill—[28].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. MURPHY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he will have the promised geological survey made of the various belts of reefs east of Ballarat, between Little Bendigo and Mount Clear, also the belts between Gordon and Barkstead.
2. **MR. AUSTIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that the earthworks and bridges being now constructed on the Wangaratta to Whitfield route have been made so that they can carry a broad gauge of lines, and, if so, under what authority is it being done.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day ; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Half-past Ten o'clock.
2. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That on Tuesday and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.
3. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That on Wednesday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business until Half-past Eight o'clock; after that hour business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Wednesday—

General Business :

1. Orders of the Day.
2. Notices of Motion.

Private Bill Business :

1. Orders of the Day.
2. Notices of Motion.

On the alternate Wednesday—

Private Bill Business.

1. Notices of Motion.
2. Orders of the Day.

General Business :

1. Notices of Motion.
2. Orders of the Day.

4. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McLean, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Sir George Turner, Mr. Vale, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Zox ; five to be the quorum.
5. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels.
6. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graham, Mr. Moule, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Taverner.
7. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Craven, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Gray, Mr. Grose, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Rawson ; three to be the quorum.

8. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilkins.
9. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Deakin, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Wheeler ; three to be the quorum.
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11. MR. GRAHAM : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence that has passed between the Railway Department and Messrs. R. Sellick and Co., of Numurkah, in connexion with a claim made by the Department for freight on produce, and the cost of constructing a siding which had already been paid for in full.
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2. MUNICIPALITIES' DEPOSITS AND SHARES SALE BILL—Second reading.
3. INSOLVENCY ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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5. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL—Second reading.
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8. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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12. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—Second reading.
13. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
14. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
15. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
17. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ZOX : To move, That in the opinion of this House the duty on live stock and on meat should be abolished.
2. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

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2. BRIGHTON LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
4. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
6. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
7. FLEMINGTON AND KENSINGTON LOAN BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
9. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
10. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House Alfred Goddard, late sorter in the General Post Office, should be reinstated in the Public Service.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 30th June:

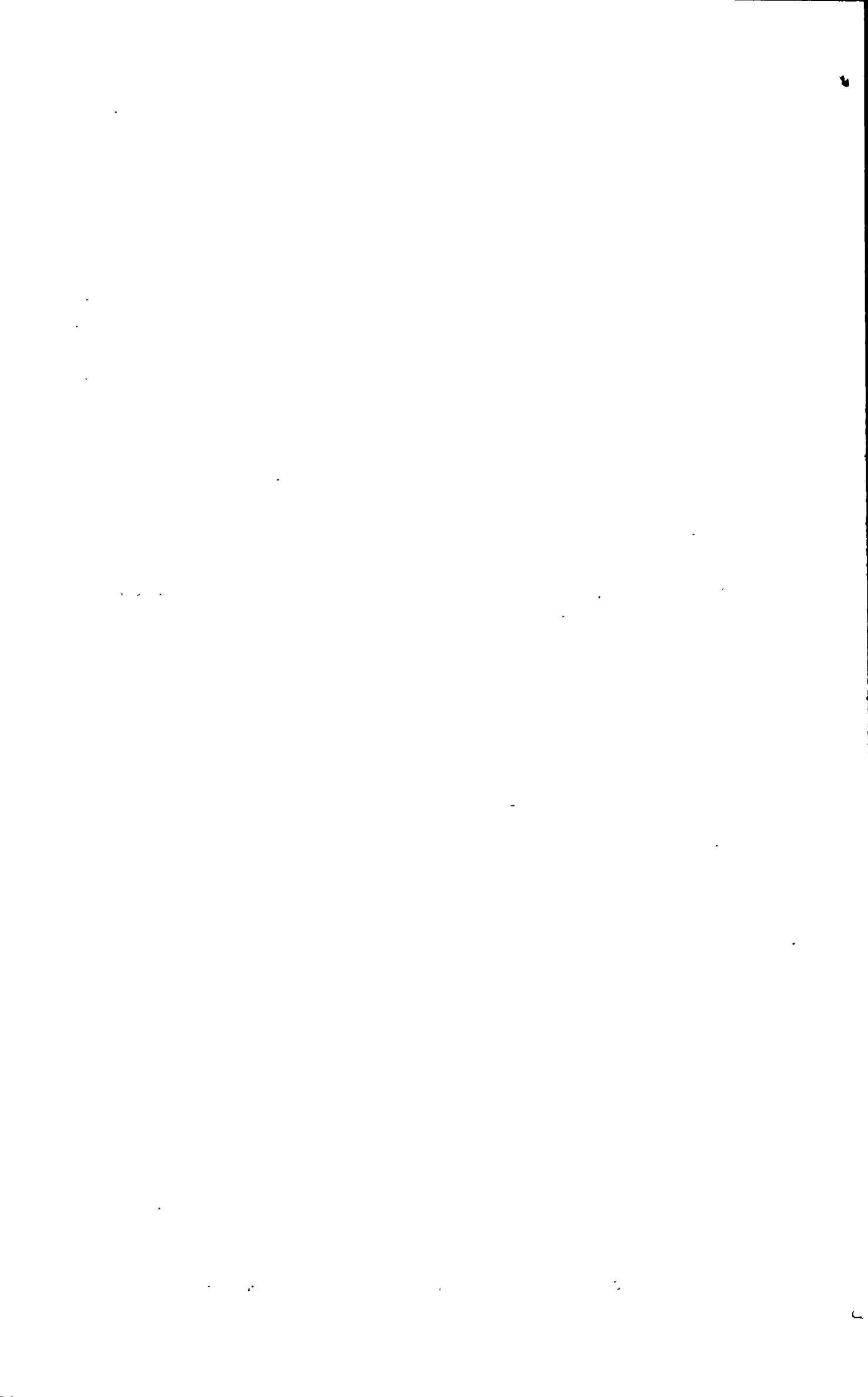
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at twelve o'clock noon.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH JUNE, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2.

Referendum Bill—[45].

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the Proposed Railway from Fern Tree Gully to Gembrook, &c.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. AUSTIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that the earthworks and bridges being now constructed on the Wangaratta to Whitfield route have been made so that they can carry a broad gauge of lines, and, if so, under what authority is it being done.
2. **MR. DOWNWARD** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. What was the additional cost of holding the encampment at Ballarat in lieu of Langwarrin.
 2. Was the increased expenditure incurred in the interests of defence.
 3. Were the Defence authorities consulted, and, if so, did they approve or disapprove of holding the encampment at Ballarat.
 4. Will other inland towns be also favoured in the same way as Ballarat has been, and an encampment held in them.
3. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is it true that a charge of 1d. for letters sent and delivered within a town radius would yield a profit on these letters to the Postal Department.
 2. Is the Honorable the Postmaster-General prepared to recommend, in view of the improvement of the revenue, a remission of the special tax on townspeople created by the charge of 2d. for such letters.
 3. What are the data on which it is asserted that the increase of letters sent by post under the lower charge will not counterbalance the loss of the extra 1d. per letter.
4. **MR. J. B. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Have any permits for loading or unloading intercolonial trading steam-ships on Sundays been granted by him or any officer of the Customs Department to any master, agent, or owner of such steam ships since 12th September, 1895.
 2. If not, is the Honorable the Minister aware that instances of such Sunday work have occurred quite recently in the Port of Melbourne, and that no prosecutions have taken place in those instances.
 3. Will he in the future insist on prosecutions for any such breaches of the port regulations, and press for heavier fines than have yet been inflicted.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. GRAHAM** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence that has passed between the Railway Department and Messrs. R. Sellick and Co., of Numurkah, in connexion with a claim made by the Department for freight on produce, and the cost of constructing a siding which had already been paid for in full.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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TUESDAY, 12TH JULY.

Question.

1. MR. DEAKIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. If he proposes to introduce an amendment of the Education Act this Session, and when.
 2. If the Bill will amend the section of the Act which relates to religious instruction in State schools.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To move, That any alteration of the franchise should be accompanied by provision for a system of proportional representation.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 29TH JUNE, 1898.

Evidence Bill—[5].
 Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Bill—[11].
 Exported Products Bill—[21].
 Administration and Probate Bill—[25].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 1 and 2.

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

Immigration Restriction Bill—[4].

Agricultural Colleges Bill—[6].

Licensing Fund Bill—[8].

Municipalities' Loans Extension Bill—[12]. Together with Statements showing approximately operation of Bill on Loans in City of Fitzroy, Shire of Donald, City of South Melbourne, City of St. Kilda, Shire of Kyneton, City of Hawthorn, and Town of Brunswick.

Woman Suffrage Bill—[13].

Railways Standing Committee Bill—[17].

Usury Prevention Bill—[19].

Insolvency Bill—[20].

Vegetation Diseases Bill—[23].

Wages Attachment Bill—[24].

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill—[29].

Municipalities' Deposit Receipts Sale Bill—[38].

Flemington and Kensington Loan Bill—[40].

Brighton Loan Bill—[41].

Totalizator Bill—[49].

Charitable Institutions—Report of Inspector for the Year ended 30th June, 1897. No. 2.

Nineteenth Annual Report on Friendly Societies. No. 4.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1897. No. 16.

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of Railway Communication with the Upper Yarra and Warburton Districts; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence. Report No. 2.

Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of Further Extension of Railways in the Mallee Districts; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence. Report No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 7TH JULY, 1898.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. J. B. TUCKER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number and names of all level, railway, and road crossings where gates have been abolished and cattle-pits substituted in lieu thereof, with the amount of money saved to the Railway Department by such alteration.
 2. The date each gate was removed, with the number of accidents or collisions, if any, at such crossings since their removal ; also, the nature and extent of injury to human life and money value of damage done to property.
 3. The number of claims made for compensation for private persons who have been injured and for damage done to property at such crossings, with the amounts paid for claims compromised or to satisfy verdicts of a law court and law costs in connexion therewith; also the total cost to the Railway Department of compensation paid for injury to life or limb of employes and losses through damage to permanent way or rolling-stock.
 4. A corresponding return for each level crossing where accidents have occurred for a period of time equal to but prior to the time that has elapsed since gates were abolished.

Government Business.

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1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a 2ft. 6in. narrow-gauge line of railway from Fern Tree Gully to Gembrook.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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 2. If it is correct, will he see that the provisions made for the return of the money will be simple and expeditious.
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WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
6. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.

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W. V. ROBINSON,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 12th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH JULY, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
Local Government Bill—[52].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 12TH JULY, 1898

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
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NOTICE OF MOTION. (*Unopposed*):—

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Birchip to Cronmby Tanks be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
2. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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14. FERN TREE GULLY AND GEMBROOK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 12th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. HIGGINS :** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
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3. **MR. O'NEILL :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that several railway officials and employes have been called upon to undergo a technical test as to sight and hearing.
 2. If so, under what regulation and for what purpose has this been done.
 3. Are such officials and employes who have failed to pass such examination to be subjected to any alteration in status and pay ; and, if so, what is the character thereof.
4. **MR. STYLES :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Whether the rules made under the Insolvency Acts, and laid upon the Table of the House on the 28th June last, are being revised.
 2. If so, when will they be completed and gazetted.
5. **MR. WHEELER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. How is seniority arrived at in the Railway Department.
 2. Does length of service take precedence of shorter service and higher pay. For instance, would an employe with ten years' service, receiving only 6s. 6d. per day, be considered senior to another employed on similar work with seven years' service, and receiving 7s. per day.
6. **MR. STERRY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. What are the intentions of the Department with regard to a number of railway employes, viz., guards, drivers, firemen, &c., who have lately failed to pass certain medical examinations.
 2. Will they be provided for in other branches of the Service for which they may be suited, without loss of grade or pay, or are they, after years of service, to be made victims of circumstances over which they have no control, and be compelled to either leave the Service or accept subordinate positions.
7. **MR. LANGDON :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If he will provide a large map of the colony showing in various tinted colours, according to proposed classification as reported, the various Crown lands to be dealt with under his new Land Bill, and have it exhibited in the Chamber for the information of Honorable Members when the Bill is under discussion.
 2. If he will have the various lines of railway marked on the said map, and also request the Water Supply Department to trace thereon their proposed new water supply schemes to the mallee country and elsewhere.

8. **MR. SALMON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Does he intend to continue the reduced mileage for which miners' tickets are issued.
 2. If so, will he make provision whereby those living beyond the maximum distance may avail themselves of the reduced rates for that distance, and rebook at ordinary rates for the rest of the journey.
9. **MR. MCCOLL :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Is it true that certain classes in the Railway Department are now being examined as to their physical fitness for duty.
 2. What classes are being examined.
 3. Is the examination based on the duties they have to perform, or are the tests made severer.
 4. If old and tried servants fail to pass the tests, what does the Government propose to do with them.
10. **MR. ZOX :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will consent to give up the whole of one sitting of the House, if necessary, to complete the debate on the abolition of the Stock Tax.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Whether the Public Service Board has experienced on several occasions any difficulty in filling the post of junior medical officer in the lunatic asylums; and, if so, what is the cause of such difficulty.
 2. Is it correct that a medical officer lately resigned, and was almost immediately appointed to act in the same position at double the salary; and, if not, what are the facts.
 3. Does the Lunacy Department think that the original salary of this officer was too small or that the present salary is too high, and if thought too small will the Honorable the Minister take steps on the Estimates to have the salary of that grade increased to an amount that will result in the posts being filled in reasonable time; or if it is thought that the original salary was adequate, will the Honorable the Minister explain how it is that the positions are so long unfilled, and that an acting medical officer is receiving a higher rate of pay than medical men filling more responsible positions who have been for years in the Public Service.
 4. How long is it intended to retain the services of the acting medical officer.
4. MR. ANDERSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether there are two rates of pay in the Police Force; and, if so, is the minimum rate of wage of 6s. 6d. per day as struck by the various councils being paid to men now joining the force.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STYLES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the expenditure on surveys of railways not constructed up to the 30th June, 1897; together with the names of the lines and the approximate mileage surveyed.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question—That the Stock Tax be abolished.*

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2.
 Insolvency Bill—[20]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Assistant Government Statist's Bill—[28]. (To Members of Council only.)
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 19TH JULY, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. DEAKIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. If he proposes to introduce an amendment of the Education Act this Session, and when.
 2. If the Bill will amend the section of the Act which relates to religious instruction in State schools.
2. **MR. MCBRIDE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines is it the intention of the Mines Department to take over from the Education Department certain schools of mines; if so, has the Honorable the Minister any objection to stating which schools.
3. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Whether the Public Service Board has experienced on several occasions any difficulty in filling the post of junior medical officer in the lunatic asylums; and, if so, what is the cause of such difficulty.
 2. Is it correct that a medical officer lately resigned, and was almost immediately appointed to act in the same position at double the salary; and, if not, what are the facts.
 3. Does the Lunacy Department think that the original salary of this officer was too small or that the present salary is too high, and if thought too small will the Honorable the Minister take steps on the Estimates to have the salary of that grade increased to an amount that will result in the posts being filled in reasonable time; or if it is thought that the original salary was adequate, will the Honorable the Minister explain how it is that the positions are so long unfilled, and that an acting medical officer is receiving a higher rate of pay than medical men filling more responsible positions who have been for years in the Public Service.
 4. How long is it intended to retain the services of the acting medical officer.
4. **MR. ANDERSON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether there are two rates of pay in the Police Force; and, if so, is the minimum rate of wage of 6s. 6d. per day as struck by the various councils being paid to men now joining the force.
5. **MR. METHVEN** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will agree to the appointment of a Committee of this House to inquire into and report upon the amendments required in the Local Government Acts.
6. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If his attention has been called to the report in the *Argus* newspaper of the large number of deaths stated to have occurred in the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum without a public inquest being held in any case.
 2. Does he not consider it necessary to have inquiry made into this serious state of affairs.
7. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. What is the amount of the pension drawn by Mr. J. Coverdale, of Sale.
 2. What is the sum he receives yearly in addition as registrar of births, deaths, and marriages.
 3. Is any pensioner entitled to take any position entitling such pensioner to receipt of public money.
8. **MR. TOUCHER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. In what manner and according to what rule or regulation, are mining registrars paid for their work in connexion with such office.
 2. In whose service or employment are such officers; who may appoint and who may dismiss them; who fixes their remuneration.
 3. Are such officers allowed to act in their respective offices as the agents and representatives of and canvassers for particular solicitors.
 4. Are such officers allowed to accept commission from the public for preparing mining agreements.
 5. Will the Honorable the Minister take steps to bring mining registrars under and subject to the Public Service Board.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. Total amount of percentage deductions of employés of the Railway Department and the Public Service since the first percentage deduction Bill became law.
 2. Total amount received by the Treasurer from Income Tax.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FERN TREE GULLY AND GEMBROOK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
3. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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1. MR. STYLES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the expenditure on surveys of railways not constructed up to the 30th June, 1897; together with the names of the lines and the approximate mileage surveyed.
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT, 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House Alfred Goddard, late sorter in the General Post Office, should be reinstated in the Public Service.
2. MR. SANGSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Merchant Shipping Act 1890*.
3. MR. VALE: To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.

4. MR. GRÄVES : To move, That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—
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 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
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5. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAILES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act 1890* and for other purposes.
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 19th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 13TH JULY, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. DOWNWARD: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If any steps are being taken to settle the question of site for a metropolitan cemetery.
 2. Can he say when the matter will be decided.
2. MR. HIGGINS: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. What foundation is there for the report that the Imperial Government has been in treaty with the Government of Japan for the concession of a part of the Northern Territory of Australia for the purpose of a Japanese settlement.
 2. Has the Victorian Government been consulted with regard to any such proposal.
3. MR. GROSE: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer whether he will take steps to alter the distribution of the licence-fees equivalent.
4. MR. TRENWITH: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is it a fact that arrangements have been made for the hire of bicycles for a period of three years for the use of pillar clearers in the Melbourne Post Office.
 2. How many bicycles have been so hired.
 3. What is the rent per bicycle per annum.
 4. Are there any other charges beyond the rent.
 5. If so, what are they.
 6. What firm has been successful in securing the contract.
 7. Were any other firms asked to give prices.
 8. Did the Department receive any other offers; if so, what were the amounts of such offers.
 9. Will the Honorable the Postmaster-General lay on the Table of the House the whole of the papers in connexion with this matter.
5. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, in view of the report of Mr. J. M. Sinclair, after his late visit to America and elsewhere, on the most easy, practical, and economical mode of handling and transmission of wheat from its source of production to the seaboard, and in anticipation also of a large yield of grain in this colony during the next harvest, he will cause a grain elevator to be erected in some wheat-growing centre, and if, as an experiment, in order to assist the producer, he will urge the Railways Commissioner to provide the necessary trucks to carry wheat in bulk.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
2. FERN TREE GULLY AND GEMBROOK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
3. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL, (No. 1)—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 21st July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 13TH JULY, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 1 and 2.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

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Evidence Bill—[5]. (To Members only.)

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Bill—[11]. (To Members only.)

Non-compulsory Vaccination Bill—[54].

Immigration Restriction Bill—

Amendment to be proposed by Mr. J. B. Tucker on the Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Best on the Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Report of the Council of Judges. No. 1.

Australasian Statistics for the Year 1896. No. 3.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the Year 1896—

Part VIII.—Production. No. 5.

Appendix to Part IV.—Population. Municipal Finances. No. 7.

Part IX.—Social Condition. No. 8.

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Part I.—Blue Book. No. 9.

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Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, &c., for 1897. No. 14.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.
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Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories, &c, for Year ended 31st December, 1897. No. 22.

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Report of Royal Commission on Old-age Pensions. No. 28.

Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under Electric Light and Power Act 1896 for Year 1897.
No. 29.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Direct Railway Communication between Northern Suburbs and Melbourne, &c. Report No. 4.

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No. 9.

THURSDAY, 21st JULY, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FERN TREE GULLY AND GEMBROOK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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17. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STERRY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the travelling of traction engines.
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WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
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 2. If the Bill will amend the section of the Act which relates to religious instruction in State schools.
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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 21st July.

- PARLIAMENTARY, STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH JULY, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.
 Report of Victorian Railways Commissioner for Quarter ending 31st December, 1897. No. 6.
 Report of Victorian Railways Commissioner for Quarter ending 31st March, 1898. No. 13.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 26TH JULY, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
3. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Consideration of Report.
4. LICENSING ACT 1885 FUND TRANSFER BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
7. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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12. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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17. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STERRY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the travelling of traction engines.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. If he proposes to introduce an amendment of the Education Act this Session, and when.
 2. If the Bill will amend the section of the Act which relates to religious instruction in State schools.
2. MR. COOK: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if he will return all fines and costs in vaccination prosecutions inflicted since the Supreme Court decision in Mr. McCay's case.
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 2. If so, what is the reason therefor.
4. MR. KIRTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will see that all locomotives that may be required in the future are manufactured in the colony.
5. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that the Commissioner of Railways is now receiving deputations introduced by Members of Parliament; if so, is it in contravention of the intention of the Railways Management Act.

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2. Is this falling-off in revenue from this source—to the amount of £3,306 for the first quarter of this year as compared with the last quarter of 1896—in consequence of the rates being increased owing to such goods now being carried and charged for at rates which includes responsibility of the Department for damage or loss.

7. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he has any objection to state—

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(a) Adhesive.

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2. What is the number of 1d. stamps sold in 1891 and 1897 respectively—

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5. Is there no estimate available or possible of the number of 1d. stamps and the number of 2d. stamps used for postage in each year.

8. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government will at once take steps to remedy the state of affairs pointed out in Dr. McCreery's report in reference to the overcrowded state of the metropolitan lunatic asylums, and also the difficulty in filling vacancies in the staff.

9. MR. KEYS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—

1. Has he had an inspection made of the discovery of a valuable deposit of pigments at Black Flats, Spring Vale.

2. Has he received a report thereon; and, if so, what is the nature of that report.

3. What steps does he propose to take to develop this valuable discovery.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before the House a return showing—

1. The number of acres on which the Government has paid the bonus for vine-planting since bonuses have been granted, and the total amount so paid.

2. How many acres on which such bonus has been paid are now used for purposes other than vine-growing.

3. The total amount expended by the Government (including compensation, salaries, and all other incidental expenses) in the eradication of phylloxera.

4. The total cost of the Viticultural College, and the present annual expenditure connected therewith (including salaries, allowances, and other outlay).

5. The cost incurred in passage money, allowances, &c., in bringing to Victoria MM. Dubois and Bragato, and other wine experts; the term for which M. Dubois is engaged and the salary and allowances paid to him.

6. The number of local wineries established, and the total cost of each.

7. Any other Government expenditure incidental to the wine industry.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House Alfred Goddard, late sorter in the General Post Office, should be reinstated in the Public Service.

2. MR. SANGSTER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Merchant Shipping Act 1890*.

3. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.

4. MR. GRAVES : To move, That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—

(a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.

(b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.

(c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.

(d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.

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5. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
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8. MR. LANGDON : To move, That in the opinion of this House a large map of the colony should be prepared by the Government and exhibited in this Chamber during the remainder of the Session showing the area of Crown lands available for selection and occupation, also the proposed new lines of railway and the sites and channels of the intended new waterworks schemes, for the information of Honorable Members when the Lands, Railways, and Water Bills are under discussion and consideration.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.
3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAILES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act* 1890 and for other purposes.
2. MR. BAILES : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
3. MR. GRAY : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

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Tuesday, 26th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21ST JULY, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill—Clause to be proposed by Sir George Turner instead of Clause 16.
(To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1898.

Questions.

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1. Is it true that the Government intend to employ ten draughtsmen as reported in the press.
 2. Do the Government intend to make any permanent appointments from those employed.
 3. If so, will the young men whose services were dispensed with some years ago through retrenchment have the first chance of being re-appointed.
11. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if it is a fact that he has withdrawn all Crown lands from selection under section 32, *Land Act 1884*; if so, will he be pleased to inform this House why such action has been taken, and under what authority.

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WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.
3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

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W. V. ROBINSON,

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No 3.

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Immigration Restriction Bill—[4]. (To Members of Council only.)

Marriage Bill—[14].

Drainage Areas Bill—[35].

Life Assurance Companies Bill—[36].

Fern Tree Gully and Gembrook Railway Construction Bill—[44]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Wages Attachment Bill—[24]. (To Members only.)

Absent Voters Bill—[55].

Public Service Board Report. No. 21.

Report of Secretary and Inspector of Department for Neglected Children, &c., for Year 1897. No. 27.

Statement of Pilotage Receipts and Disbursements, &c., for Year 1897. No. 30.

Report of Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for Year 1897. No. 31.

Report of Inspector-General of Penal Establishments and Gaols for Year 1897. No. 32.

Accounts of Trustees of Agricultural Colleges, &c, from 1st July, 1897, to 31st December, 1897. No. 34.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 28TH JULY, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—To be further reconsidered in Committee.
2. LICENSING ACT 1885 FUND TRANSFER BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
5. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
6. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—Second reading.
7. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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15. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that the Department intends to abolish the bells that are now used on level crossings on the Bendigo and Inglewood line.
 2. If so, what is the reason therefor.
2. MR. BEAZLEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he intends, at an early date this Session, to submit to the House a proposal to construct a railway line to the Northern Suburbs, *via* Collingwood, in accordance with the recommendation of the Railways Standing Committee.
3. MR. DEAKIN: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been called to Rules 65, 66, and 67 of the United States Patent Office; and to ask if they can be adopted by the Victorian Patent Office.
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 1. Is there a scarcity of Fifth Class officers in the Public Service.
 2. Is it intended to hold examinations for the Clerical Division; and, if so, when.
 3. Are the examinations to be confined, in the first instance, to those already in the Non-clerical Division.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The cost of collecting the Income Tax during the last three years, including all salaries paid to all officers connected therewith.
 2. The net amount received into the Treasury from said tax.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading.
3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAILES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act 1890* and for other purposes.
2. MR. BAILES : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
3. MR. GRAY : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.
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6. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
2. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

Upon the Plural Voting Abolition Bill being committed—

2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee to provide for the adoption of Hare's system of proportional representation.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH JULY, 1898.

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

Auction Sales Bill—[58].

Municipalities' Loans Extension Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Purification of Rolls Bill.—New Clause to be moved in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

Plural Voting Abolition Bill.—Amendment to be moved in Committee by Mr. Cook. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. HAMILTON:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that the Department intends to abolish the bells that are now used on level crossings on the Bendigo and Inglewood line.
 2. If so, what is the reason therefor.
2. **MR. BEAZLEY:** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he intends, at an early date this Session, to submit to the House a proposal to construct a railway line to the Northern Suburbs, *vid* Collingwood, in accordance with the recommendation of the Railways Standing Committee.
3. **MR. DEAKIN:** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been called to Rules 65, 66, and 67 of the United States Patent Office; and to ask if they can be adopted by the Victorian Patent Office.
4. **MR. HIGGINS:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is there a scarcity of Fifth Class officers in the Public Service.
 2. Is it intended to hold examinations for the Clerical Division; and, if so, when.
 3. Are the examinations to be confined, in the first instance, to those already in the Non-clerical Division.
5. **MR. MCCOLL:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply when the Amending Waterworks and Irrigation Bill, which was promised to be one of the first measures to be introduced this Session, will be introduced.
6. **MR. J. HARRIS:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it true that instructions have been issued compelling suburban railway guards to work more than eight hours per day.
 2. If this be true, will the Honorable the Minister see that in future the eight-hours system is enforced.
7. **MR. GRAHAM:** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the agreement entered into between the Government and Mr. Sinclair, the General Agent in London.
8. **MR. HAMILTON:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. Is he aware that an immense amount of damage is being done to property in certain parts of Bendigo, White Hills, and Huntly by the accumulation of sand or tailings in the Bendigo Creek.
 2. Have any surveys, plans, or estimates been made by the councils or the Department in regard to a scheme of dealing with these tailings and cleaning out the creek, and the probable cost thereof.
 3. Has anything been done by the Department towards the solution of the difficulty.
 4. In view of the fact that the Government propose to spend £3,750,000 in public works during the next three years, does he not consider it proper to expend some of it on this work.
9. **MR. METHVEN:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is a fact that the Postal Department has ordered head telephones for use, at a cost of over £600, which are quite unnecessary in the interests of subscribers and also unhealthy for the operators.
10. **MR. GRAY:** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if his attention has been drawn to a statement made in Mr. Reginald Green's *Appeal for Justice*, and issued in a circular last May, that the sum of £164 was placed on the Estimates in June, 1883, for him upon the recommendation of a Select Committee, but for some reason has never been paid to him.

11. **MR. COOK :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
1. Is it a fact that the Teachers' Training Institute is to be unconditionally handed over to the University authorities.
 2. If true, does it mean that the training of teachers has been permanently abandoned.
12. **MR. HIGGINS :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
1. Has he yet, in pursuance of his promise made on the 25th August, 1897, inquired into the claims made to compensation or retiring allowance on the part of men appointed to the Railway Service between the 1st November, 1883, and the 4th March, 1884.
 2. Were not these men informed by the railway authorities that they need not insure their lives, and were entered on the list of those entitled to compensation.
13. **MR. COOK :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Is it a fact that some time last year certain railway servants having eight years' service or more were granted an increased pay of 6d. a day.
 2. Is it not a fact that the Commissioner made a promise to others that when they had served eight years or more a similar increase would be granted them.
 3. Is it true that those who should have received this increase in July did not receive it.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
2. **MR. HAMILTON :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The amount of water rate for domestic purposes levied on the residents supplied by the Coliban, Geelong, Ballarat, and Yan Yean reservoirs.
 2. The amount up to date expended on each for permanent works.
 3. The number of people now supplied by each scheme.
 4. The amount of interest which the revenue now pays on the cost of construction of each.
 5. The number of people estimated to be supplied by the Coliban reservoir when it was first completed.
 6. The quantity of water (approximately) that was taken from the Coliban by train to supply residents in the mallee districts during 1897-8.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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12. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
14. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

Question.

1. **MR. MURRAY :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. What are the duties and remuneration of the members of the Board of Advice for the Agent-General's Office, London.
 2. Who are the members that constitute the Board.
 3. What qualifications, if any, are members of that Board supposed to possess, and is a commercial interest or property stake in the colony required.
 4. Does he consider that a press representative who claims openly that he is the London correspondent is eligible for a confidential Government Board of Advice.

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 2. The net amount received into the Treasury from said tax.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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5. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 2nd August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH JULY, 1898.

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

Proportional Representation.—A Lecture delivered by Dr. Jas. W. Barrett at the Reform Club, Melbourne, 15th June, 1897. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. MURRAY** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
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5. **MR. CHIRNSIDE** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
 1. If he will state what quantity of powder was in the Victoria Barracks when the burster explosion happened.
 2. Have the remaining bursters been destroyed ; if not, how is it proposed to destroy them.
 3. Is Major-General Sir C. Holled-Smith in favour of establishing a Highland regiment.
6. **MR. FINK** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Whether his attention has been drawn to the proceedings of the Supreme Court recently held at Sale; and the complaints in criminal cases by prisoners' counsel and the Crown Prosecutor to the Court sitting at night.
 2. Whether he is aware of a similar practice being often followed in both civil and criminal cases in country towns.
 3. Whether the Honorable the Attorney-General approves of the practice ; and if he can arrange with their Honours the Supreme Court Judges for its discontinuance.

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 1. The cost of collecting the Income Tax during the last three years, including all salaries paid to all officers connected therewith.
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2. **MR. VALE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the tonnage of all grain and flour received at all stations east of Dandenong on the Gippsland and South-Eastern lines.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That it be an instruction to the Committee to provide for the adoption of Hare's system of proportional representation.
3. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GAIR: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of orders to review granted in civil cases under section 141 of the *Justices Act 1890* since 1st January, 1895.
 2. The amounts or questions involved.
 3. The result of each order, whether made absolute or discharged.
 4. The amount of taxed costs in each case where costs were given.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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General Business.

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3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 3rd August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at twelve o'clock noon.

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 Wages Attachment Bill—[24]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Consolidated Revenue Bill—[60]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1898.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of votes recorded on the 3rd June, 1898, for the acceptance of the Australasian Federal Constitution, and the number of votes recorded for its rejection, at each polling place in the colony of Victoria.
2. MR. GAIR: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of orders to review granted in civil cases under section 141 of the *Justices Act* 1890 since 1st January, 1895.
 2. The amounts or questions involved.
 3. The result of each order, whether made absolute or discharged.
 4. The amount of taxed costs in each case where costs were given.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Birchip to Cronomby Tanks.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway by the State from Quambatook to Ultima be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

Questions.

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5. MR. FINK : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
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 2. Whether he can arrange with their Honours the Supreme Court Judges for the discontinuance of the practice.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAILES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act* 1890 and for other purposes.
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Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
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6. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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No. 16.

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 1. Whether he is aware that in Supreme Court sittings in country towns for both civil and criminal cases very late sittings are from time to time held.
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6. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce an amending Public Service Bill to ratify the transfer of certain men from the Railway Department to the position of Penal Warders.
 2. Is he aware that the reference of this matter to the Reclassification Board involves a delay which is prejudicial to the interests of those concerned as regards promotion.
7. MR. BROMLEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is he aware that persons are advertising in the daily papers the sale of railway tickets to places in this and the adjoining colonies, and that when such tickets are presented by the purchasers the railway officials impound them, and refuse to allow the purchasers to travel on them.
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8. MR. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, in view of the liberal endowment paid by the State to the University of Melbourne, he will cause inquiry to be made with the object of reducing the fees so as to bring the advantages of that institution within the reach of those who are now unable to avail themselves of its teaching.

9. MR. BROMLEY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General how many telegraph messengers there are who have passed the Non-clerical and Telegraphy Examinations, and are now performing operating or clerical duties solely.
10. MR. STAUGHTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if any Westinghouse brake gear was sold by the Railway Department during the term of office of the Acting Railways Commissioners; if so, to whom was the gear sold, what amount was received for the same, and what was the original cost to the Department.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

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WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT, 1890, AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

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 3. Will he take steps to bring the duties and emoluments of pupil teachers into harmony.
3. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Government are in the position of being able to exercise any discipline over Mr. Marshall-Hall, in relation to his public utterances and actions.
4. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
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Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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8. MR. DOWNWARD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

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TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways how many men have been taken on for employment at the Newport workshops from the 1st April, 1898, to the 1st of August inclusive.
2. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to state—
 1. What are the average weights in tons cwt. qrs. of the "I" waggons or trucks of the present railway system.
 2. What is the maximum load such trucks will carry.
 3. The same with reference to the "H" trucks.
 4. The same with reference to the "QR" trucks.
 5. Has his Department reliable information as to whether trucks constructed on a 2ft. 6in. gauge principle will carry a greater or lesser *pro rata* load.

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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2. MR. VALE: To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 10th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 4TH AUGUST, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.

Birchip and Cronomby Railway Construction Bill—[43]. (To Members of Council only.)

Electric Light and Power Bill—[62]. (To Members of Council only.)

Wages Attachment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

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Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 14, 15, and 16.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

Indecent Publications Bill—[50].

Woman Suffrage Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Cook. (To Members only.)

Non-Residential Voters for the Legislative Assembly. C.—No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1898.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. McCAY : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all papers and correspondence relating to the proposed formation of a Scottish regiment.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY BILL—Second reading.
2. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—Second reading.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
8. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
13. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
14. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAILES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act 1890* and for other purposes.
2. MR. SANGSTER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Merchant Shipping Act 1890*.

TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways how many men have been taken on for employment at the Newport workshops from the 1st April, 1898, to the 1st of August inclusive.
2. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to state—
 1. What are the average weights in tons cwt. qrs. of the "I" waggons or trucks of the present railway system.
 2. What is the maximum load such trucks will carry.
 3. The same with reference to the "H" trucks.
 4. The same with reference to the "QR" trucks.
 5. Has his Department reliable information as to whether trucks constructed on a 2ft. 6in. gauge principle will carry a greater or lesser *pro rata* load.
3. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Government are in the position of being able to exercise any discipline over Mr. Marshall-Hall, in relation to his public utterances and actions.
4. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is he aware that an impression prevails that certain locomotives are to be imported from America.
 2. Will he see that all locomotives that may be required are obtained from local manufacturers.

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5. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
1. What was the name of the importer of the adulterated and inferior substance called "pure table vinegar" which was the subject of a paragraph in the daily press.
 2. The name of the firm to whom it was consigned, and the name of the firm who endeavoured to place it on the market.
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6. **MR. GURR :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
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 3. Will he, in view of the trial given by the Department, arrange that the old rates shall be reverted to in the interests of students and the railway finances.
7. **MR. BROWN :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will introduce a Municipal Overdrafts Indemnity Bill at an early date.
8. **MR. STYLES :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
1. What did the plant and machinery in No. 12 shed, Williamstown, cost, including erection.
 2. When was it purchased.
 3. When was it last used.
 4. What is its present value.
 5. Could it be utilized by any Government Department.
 6. If not, what are the intentions of the Honorable the Minister with regard to it.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. BROMLEY :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many telegraph messengers there are who have passed the Non-clerical and Telegraphy examinations, and the names of the same, who are now performing operating or clerical duties solely.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. DOWNWARD :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of settlers under the *Settlement on Lands Act* 1893 who have received aid and blocks of land from the commencement of the Act.
 2. The total money value of that aid in excess of the amount paid back to the Department out of wages or in any other way.
 3. The number who have received aid that are still upon the settlements, and the total amount received by them in excess of money repaid.
 4. The total number of settlers who have received aid that have abandoned the settlements, and the money value of the aid given them in excess of the amounts paid back to the Department.
 5. The number of abandoned blocks granted to new applicants, and the total amount received by the Department in respect of the improvements upon the said blocks.
 6. The amount of rent that should have been received by the Department from the settlers, and the amount actually received.
 7. The total cost of the reclamation works at Koo-wee-rup.
 8. The amount paid in respect of the professional work of preparing plans, specifications, and surveys.
 9. The amount paid in salaries, including officers in the Lands Department.
 10. The amount paid in wages and by contract for works done.
 11. The amount paid for material, goods, stores, cartage, and freight.
 12. The total cost of earthwork, filling, and cutting, and the average cost per cubic yard.
 13. What area of the swamp has been properly drained, and what area partially.
2. **MR. VALE :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost of landing, fitting for work, alterations, and repairs during the first twelve months afterwards of all locomotives imported during the past twenty years.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
2. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
3. MR. BAILES : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
4. MR. GRAVES : To move, That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—
 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.
 - (b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.
 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
5. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 11th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH AUGUST, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 7.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.
The Constitution Act Amendment Bill—[29]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 18.
Maffra Beet Sugar Company Limited Further Advance Bill—[67].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways how many men have been taken on for employment at the Newport workshops from the 1st April, 1898, to the 1st of August inclusive.
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8. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he authorized the recent issue to Members of this House of the circular letters from the Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. Rennick, and the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Mr. Woodroffe; if not, by whose authority were the letters issued privately to Members, and what action does the Honorable the Minister intend to take in the matter.
9. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he can see his way to bring about an amendment of the Local Government Act this Session, whereby the power exercised by municipal councillors of acting and sitting as a Revision Court may be placed upon other shoulders.

10. MR. BOWSER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—

1. Does he intend to deal with the position of the unclassified teachers this Session.
2. Are there teachers in the Sixth and Seventh Classes who are compelled to pay rent for dwellings which they cannot use; if so, will the Honorable the Minister determine whether rent for quarters that are too small, and therefore not in a healthful condition, should be charged to the teachers.

11. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—

1. Has the Department finally decided to introduce the appliance known as the "head telephone" in the Telephone Exchange.
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12. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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4. MR. SANGSTER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Merchant Shipping Act* 1890.
5. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all contracts entered into by the Railway Department since 1878 for the supply of locally manufactured and imported locomotives, specifying prices paid.
6. MR. SALMON : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all papers regarding tenders for machinery for Maffra Beet Sugar Company.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question—That the Stock Tax be abolished.*
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 16th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 11TH AUGUST, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.

Justices Bill—[64].

Prahran Mechanics' Institute Bill—[68].

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Railway from Birchip to Cronomby Tanks, &c. Report No. 5.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 31st March, 1898. No. 25.

Statement of Maffra Beet Sugar Company Limited, for 30th day of June, 1898. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. SALMON** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Has the Department finally decided to introduce the appliance known as the "head telephone" in the Telephone Exchange.
 2. If not, will he take steps to ascertain whether it is advisable, from a health point of view, to bring it into general use.
2. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is it true that he intends charging mine-owners the sum of Two guineas per year for testing each boiler.
 2. If so, will he explain the ground for such a charge.
3. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it a fact that he has refused to give the Furniture Board information in regard to persons working below the minimum wage.—
 2. In view of the sole power to give individuals a minimum wage being placed in the hands of the Board by an amending Act of Parliament last Session, will he prosecute persons employing individuals at a rate below the minimum wage.
4. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it true that the police are still serving notices on, and instituting proceedings against, parents and others for non-compliance with the vaccination law, notwithstanding the recent Supreme Court decision as to the invalidity of the notices.
 2. Will he cause an instruction to be given the police to cease such unnecessary work, and so relieve a number of persons from petty persecution.
5. **MR. IRVINE** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he intends to afford the House an early opportunity of considering what further steps are to be taken with the view of giving effect to the will of the people of this colony as expressed at the recent Federal poll, and of determining what attitude should be adopted in any negotiations for that purpose with other colonies.
6. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health—
 1. Is it true that amended vaccination notices are being served on persons who have been previously served with notices not in accordance with the provisions of the *Health Act* 1890.
 2. Is it not true that the amended notices are not in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
 3. Will he cause the further issue of such notices to persons previously served to at once cease.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **SUPPLY**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **USURY PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
4. **POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
5. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL**—Second reading.
7. **RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL**—Second reading.
8. **AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
9. **VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
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11. **REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
12. **EVIDENCE BILL**—Second reading.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS**—To be further considered in Committee.

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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Whether the feathers imported into Victoria are classified on entry, so as to enable egret or osprey feathers and other ornamental feathers, the procuring of which involves cruelty, to be distinguished from the remainder.
 2. If they are not at present so classified can the Honorable the Minister arrange to have them distinguished in future.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY BILL—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
2. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
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 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 18th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 11TH AUGUST, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 8.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.

Woman Suffrage Bill—[13]. (To Members of Council only.)

Wages Attachment Bill.—Exemptions of Wages in United States to May, 1898. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—Amendments, &c., to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Pratt. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 17, 18, and 19.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.

Purification of Rolls Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. J. W. Mason. (To Members only.)

Maffra Beet Sugar Company Bill—

Amendment to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be moved in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 21.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. PEACOCK:** To move, That this House authorizes the expenditure of the sum of £250 for the purposes of the inquiry and report by the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
8. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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11. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

Questions.

1. **MR. DEAKIN:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Whether the feathers imported into Victoria are classified on entry, so as to enable egret or osprey feathers and other ornamental feathers, the procuring of which involves cruelty, to be distinguished from the remainder.
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2. **MR. SALMON:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
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 2. If not, will he take steps to ascertain whether it is advisable, from a health point of view, to bring it into general use.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY BILL—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. KEYS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. What railway stations are supplied with water by water trusts or municipal councils, giving the names of water trusts and councils.
 2. What quantity of water was used at each station during the year ending 30th June, 1898.
 3. Price paid per 1,000 gallons or otherwise at each station.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
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9. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
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WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH AUGUST, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.

Woman Suffrage Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. C. Sargeant. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. S. Fraser. (To Members of Council only.)

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1898.

Questions.

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8. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. The names of the firms who, in June last, tendered for the manufacture of 200 waggons or trucks.
 2. The amount of each tender.
 3. The reason a tender for 100 only was accepted and the other 100 withdrawn.
 4. Whether Gray Brothers, the successful tenderers for building the 100 trucks, were informed by the Railway Department they were only to employ as ironworkers' assistants men residing at Williamstown ; and, if so, why.
9. **MR. STAUGHTON** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government have made inquiries as to the advisability of building the magazines to hold the powder for the Military Forces so near the coast that an enemy getting into the Bay might with a few shells destroy the whole of the store necessary for defence.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY BILL—Third reading.
2. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST.

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WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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9. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION:

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

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W. V. ROBINSON,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH AUGUST, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 9 and 10.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 22.

Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the Year 1897. No. 41.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1898

Questions.

1. MR. GRAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. Is it a fact that female pupil teachers, with licence to teach only, have been promoted over the heads of male provisionally certificated pupil teachers.
 2. Is it a fact that promotion from the ranks of the male provisionally certificated pupil teachers is prevented in consequence of the employment in seventh class schools of non-certificated pupil teachers temporarily in charge.
2. MR. MORRISSEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if provision is being made for increased and improved accommodation for fruit and other perishable products; and, if so, when will the work be put in hand.
3. MR. MCKENZIE: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Have the yearly increments to which certain teachers in the Education Department are legally entitled been withheld, for instance, those of teachers who have been promoted from the fifth to the fourth class, and whose advancement has been stopped at the second subdivision.
 2. If so, what is the reason the State withholds increments that are legally due, and at the same time charges percentage reductions.
 3. Can he indicate a period at which such promotion shall be resumed.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. KEYS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. What railway stations are supplied with water by water trusts or municipal councils, giving the names of water trusts and councils.
 2. What quantity of water was used at each station during the year ending 30th June, 1898.
 3. Price paid per 1,000 gallons or otherwise at each station.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That this House authorizes the expenditure of the sum of £250 for the purposes of the inquiry and report by the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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12. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
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(220 copies.)

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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3. MR. BAILES : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
4. MR. GRAVES : To move, That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—
 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.
 - (b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.
 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
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 TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.
Questions.

1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Is he aware that large tracts of country are now shut up from sleeper hewers.
 2. Are they shut up by his authority ; if not, by whose.
 3. Is he aware that the same districts are open to saw-millers.
 4. Is he aware that many men who are now idle might be earning a living by hewing sleepers if allowed to cut sleepers in these districts.
 5. Will he allow men to cut sleepers in the districts now shut up under a proper system of supervision—trees being marked by the officer before being felled.
 6. Is he also aware that the hewn sleepers are preferred by the Railway authorities.
2. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. When he intends issuing the Railways Officers and Employés' Classification Bill.
 2. Whether, after it is issued, he will be prepared to give sufficient time for its consideration, by those whom it may affect, before pushing it beyond its preliminary stages.

 WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST.
General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading
9. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 30th August.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH AUGUST, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.

Maffra Beet Sugar Company Limited Further Advance Bill—[67]: (To Members of Council only.)

Drainage Areas Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 20, 21, and 22.

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

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 3.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[48]. (To Members only.)

Maffra Beet Sugar Company Limited Further Advance Bill—[67]: (To Members only.)

Wineries under the Bonus System. C.—No. 3.

Report upon the Affairs of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for 1897. No. 12.

Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives for 1897. No. 35.

Report of Proceedings taken under Provisions of *Settlement on Lands Act* 1893 for Financial Year ended 30th June, 1898. No. 37.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Railway from Quambatook to Ultima, &c. Report No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. McCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL²—Second reading.
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11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
13. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act-1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 6th September:

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH AUGUST, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 11.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.

Births Deaths and Marriages Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Peacock. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1898.

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Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 6th September.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 24TH AUGUST, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 12.

Drainage Areas Bill—[35]. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill—[36]. (To Members of Council only.)

Cremation Bill—[78].

Marriage Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Colonel Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 23 and 24.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25.

Poisons Bill—[34].

Geelong Mechanics' Institute Incorporation Bill—[59].

Poisons Bill.—Amendment to be moved by Mr. Peacock. (To Members only.)

Annual Report on British New Guinea, from 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897; with Appendices.
No. 23.

Report of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into Tramway Employés' Grievances, &c. No. 42.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1898.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. HAMILTON : To move, That there be laid before this House, a tabulated return showing the amounts expended during the last two years under each of the six different parts of the *Mining Development Act 1896* in each of the seven mining districts of the colony.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK : To move, That this House authorizes the expenditure of the sum of £250 for the purposes of the inquiry and report by the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Quambatook to Ultima.
3. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Jeparit to Albacutya be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
2. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
6. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
8. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
12. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
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 3. Is he aware that the same districts are open to saw-millers.
 4. Is he aware that many men who are now idle might be earning a living by hewing sleepers if allowed to cut sleepers in these districts.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. GRAY** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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7. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
8. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
10. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 6th September.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED, 31ST AUGUST, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 27.

TUESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

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1. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK BILL—Second reading.
2. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOANS BILL—Second reading.
3. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL—Second reading.
4. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK REDEMPTION FUND BILL—Second reading.
5. VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
8. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
9. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL—Second reading.
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20. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 6th September.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 7th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 27.

Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock Bill—[72].

Victorian Government Loan Bill—[75].

Railway Loan Application Bill—[76].

Mining Development Bill—[80].

Railway and Public Works Loan Application Bill—[81].

Pilots' Advance Repayment Bill—[82].

Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Bill—[83].

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

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4. **MR. DOWNWARD :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is the intention of the Government to bring in the Coal Mines Regulation Bill this Session.
5. **MR. MCCAY :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Has the Castlemaine Gaol been set apart for the confinement of "first offenders."
 2. How many of such "first offenders" were convicted in 1896, in 1897, and from 1st January to 31st August, 1898, and how many in each of these periods were sent to Castlemaine Gaol.
6. **MR. MURRAY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will provide at the Warrnambool Railway Station a cool truck for the reception of dairy produce intended for shipment at the Port of Warrnambool during the present export season.
7. **MR. GAIR :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he can give any idea as to when the Anomalies Board is likely to finish its work?
8. **MR. GROSE :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Government propose to increase the remuneration of the messengers in the Post and Telegraph Department who are doing clerical work.
9. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if he intends publishing the *Year-Book* for 1897 and the preceding years left unpublished.
10. **MR. COOK :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. Is it a fact that head teachers have the sole power of appointing monitors, and are not limited in their choice.
 2. If it is true, could a head teacher exercising this power permanently exclude from appointment any person having passed a competitive examination, either by appointing a fresh monitor, or by retaining one already temporarily appointed until such time as that person should have attained the necessary qualification.
 3. How are those passing the necessary examinations appointed to permanent situations, and in what order.
11. **MR. WATT :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when the Government intends to introduce the promised amendments of the provisions of the Shops and Factories Acts relating to a weekly half-holiday.
12. **MR. HIGGINS :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the papers connected with the claims of Mr. E. H. Lascelles in respect of the "Day-trap" mallee block.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. CAMERON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amounts spent on the Victorian railways during each of the five years 1893-4, 1894-5, 1895-6, 1896-7, and 1897-8 on regrading works, distinguishing between the amounts charged to Loan Funds and the amounts charged to Revenue.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to limit the issue of certain Government stock debentures and bonds.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY BILL—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.
2. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOANS BILL—Third reading.
4. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL—Third reading.
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8. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
10. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
13. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
14. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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17. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
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19. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
21. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
23. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Methven, Mr. Murray, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
3. MR. BAILES: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
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 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.
 - (b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.
 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
5. MR. GRAVES: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
6. MR. GAIR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of stallions.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
7. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
10. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
2. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 7th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.

Quambatook and Ultima Railway Construction Bill—[30]. (To Members of Council only.)

Drainage Areas Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 25, 26, and 27.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28.

Vermin Destruction Bill (No. 2)—[65].

Melbourne Electric Lighting Loan Bill—[66].

Municipalities' Advances Bill—[74].

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by Mr. Maloney after Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Maffra Beet Sugar Company Limited Further Advances Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council (To Members only.)

Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Victorian Government Consolidated Inscribed Stock Redemption Fund Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Victorian Government Consolidated Inscribed Stock Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Statement of Loans Redeemable in London.—Circulated by Sir George Turner for information of Honorable Members.

Summary and Classification of 32nd Sections Holdings, &c.—Circulated by the Minister of Lands in connexion with the Land Acts Further Amendment Bill. (To Members only.)

Imported Locomotive Engines. C.—No. 4.

Locally Manufactured and Imported Locomotives. C.—No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOANS BILL—Third reading.
3. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL—Third reading.
4. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK REDEMPTION FUND BILL—Second reading.
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21. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
23. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Collingwood be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
10. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
2. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, -9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

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

Stock Debentures and Bonds Limitation Bill—[47].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Question.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier where can aged men and women apply for assistance and shelter from the Government.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
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23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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2. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

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W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 13th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.

Roads in Mallee Country.—Circulated by the Minister of Public Works for the information of Honorable Members of Legislative Assembly.

Assistance to 4th, 5th, and 6th Class Shires.—Circulated by the Minister of Public Works for the information of Honorable Members of Legislative Assembly.

Statements relating to Proposed Export Products Depot.—Circulated by the Minister of Agriculture for the information of Honorable Members of Legislative Assembly.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1898

Question.

1. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—

1. Has he received a report from Dr. E. Hinchcliff condemning the head-gear worn by the telephone operators.
2. Have the Post Office authorities finally determined to introduce the head-gear.

General Business (to take precedence).

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
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16. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
17. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
19. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
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22. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
23. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
3. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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9. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—
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 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters' rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move; That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 13.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.
 British Pharmacopœia Bill—[70].

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 31.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 4.

Railways Bill—[10].

Drainage Areas Bill—[35]. (To Members only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill—[36]. (To Members only.)

Crimes Bill—[86].

Traction Engine Bill—[91].

Land Bill.—Amendments, &c., to be moved by Mr. T. Smith. (To Members only.)

Municipalities' Advances Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Railway Loan Application Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Railway and Public Works Application Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Victorian Government Consolidated Inscribed Stock Redemption Fund Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Sir George Turner after Third reading. (To Members only.)

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Report of the Council of Defence. No. 38.

Grants under the Mining Development Act. C.—No. 6.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya, &c. Report No. 7.

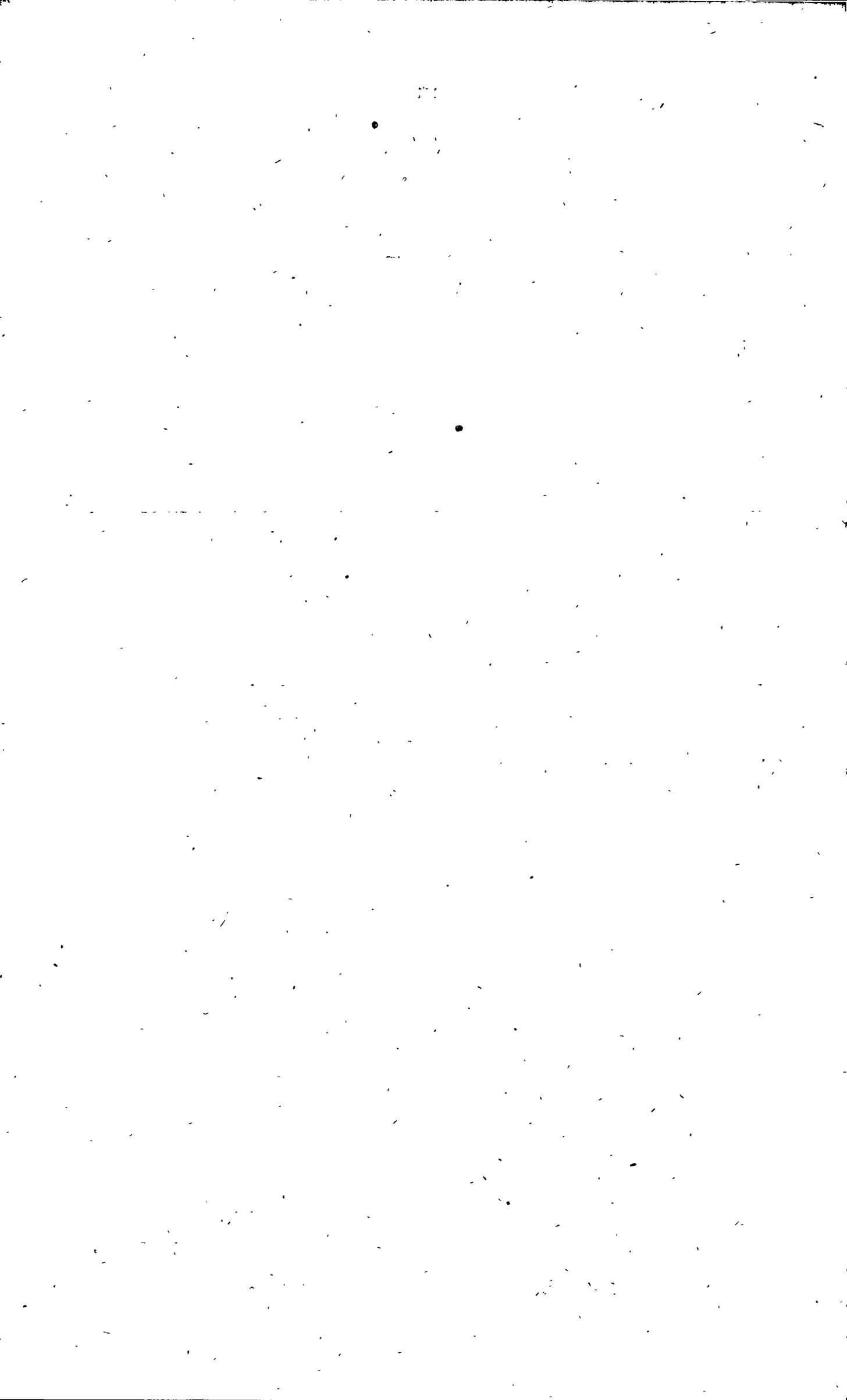
Extracts from the Reports of the New Zealand and Queensland Lands Departments.—Circulated by the Hon. R. W. Best, M.P., Minister of Lands, in connexion with the Land Bill.

Railway and Public Works Application Bill 1898.—Information in connexion with Railway Works, Department of Agriculture, &c.—Circulated for the information of Honorable Members.

Railway Loan Application Bill 1898.—

Memo. from Railways Commissioner together with Schedule of Railway Works.—Circulated for the information of Honorable Members.

Construction Estimates and Railway Works.—Circulated for the information of Honorable Members.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
5. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK BILL—Third reading.
9. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOANS BILL—Third reading.
10. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL—Third reading.
11. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INSCRIBED STOCK REDEMPTION FUND BILL—Third reading.
12. GOVERNMENT STOCK DEBENTURES AND BONDS LIMITATION BILL—Third reading.
13. VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND BILL—Third reading.
14. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
15. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
16. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
17. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
18. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
19. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
21. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
22. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
23. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
25. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
26. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
27. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. FINK: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways is it the intention of the Government to grant increments to the Railway employés for this financial year; and, if so, will they receive back pay from 1st July last.
2. MR. GRAY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the officers of the Customs Department are not to be allowed the same privilege that has been granted to officers of other Departments to bring their grievances personally under the notice of the Anomalies Board.

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
2. MR. VALE: To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
3. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
4. MR. BAILES: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
5. MR. METHVEN: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Wm. Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—
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 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
7. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
11. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
14. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm-produce.”

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 15th September.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 21st September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.

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

Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the Year ending 30th June, 1898. No. 36.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. FINK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways is it the intention of the Government to grant increments to the Railway employés for this financial year; and, if so, will they receive back pay from 1st July last.
2. MR. GRAY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the officers of the Customs Department are not to be allowed the same privilege that has been granted to officers of other Departments to bring their grievances personally under the notice of the Anomalies Board.
3. MR. J. B. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is he aware that the, Australian Forge and Engineering Co. of Williamstown, which has contracts with his Department for the construction of a number of steel goods waggons, is evading the minimum wage clause of the contract specifications for boilermakers' labourers by employing boy labour, thus causing men with families to remain in idleness.
 2. If so, can or will he or his Department take any steps to remedy the evil complained of at an early date.
4. MR. DUGGAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if his attention has been called to certain evidence given before the Forést Commission at Inglewood on the 14th June last, in respect to a certain redgum forest near Mount Kooyoora; and, if so, will he cause the said forest to be thrown open as early as possible for sleeper cutters.
5. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If he will state or take steps to determine whether companies in liquidation are chargeable with interest on rates and other municipal charges.
 2. Does section 153 of the Companies Act apply to them the different decisions of the Supreme Court.

Government Business.

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26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 20th September.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 21st September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 14 and 15.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 33.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. A. L. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if his attention has been called to the numerous complaints from business men and residents in suburbs in the immediate neighbourhood of the city of Melbourne respecting the inconvenience and loss occasioned by the long interval at present between the morning and afternoon postal deliveries; and whether he will consider the advisableness of restoring the mid-day delivery of letters, the abolition of which is to a large extent the cause of such inconvenience and loss.
2. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Is it a fact that foreign inventors under certain circumstances can secure patents for inventions which are not novel, whilst Victorian inventors are absolutely debarred.
 2. Is it a fact that persons resident outside Victoria have been granted patents under section 56 of the *Patents Act*, 1890 in cases in which Rule 9 was not enforced; if so, in how many cases.
 3. Why was not Rule 9 enforced, and will it be enforced in future.
3. **MR. A. L. TUCKER** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Government intend to take any steps in regard to the recommendation respecting the hours of labour of employes of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited contained in the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into grievances of the said employes.
4. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he has made arrangements for the distribution of the cotton seed (imported by the Department), especially in the irrigated portions of the Wimmera district.
5. **MR. MURRAY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways why the amount of compensation agreed to be paid Mrs. E. Blencowe for land resumed for railway purposes at Birchip has not been paid.
6. **MR. BROWN** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Who are the four County Court Judges who the Honorable the Attorney-General stated on the 13th July last were revising the Rules made under the Insolvency Acts, and laid upon the Table of the House on the 28th June last.
 2. How far has such revision progressed.
 3. Are the four Judges-referred to still proceeding with such revision.
 4. How long have they had the matter in hand.
 5. When will the revision be completed.
 6. Have the four Judges yet met in conference as to the said revision.
7. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the accrued increments based on the subdivisional promotions as allowed for in the present Act are to be paid to teachers; and, if so, when are they to be paid.
8. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Does the Government intend to retain the services of Mr. G. D. McCormick, police magistrate, after his reaching the age of 65 years, viz., on the 4th prox.
 2. Does the Government intend to retain the services of Mr. J. A. Panton, police magistrate, after the end of the year, he being now in the 68th year of his age.
 3. If either or both these gentlemen are so retained, will the Honorable the Attorney-General obtain from the Public Service Board their reasons, in writing, for certifying that in the interest of the public service such retention is desirable, and also their reasons for from time to time certifying for the retention of Mr. Panton; and will he have the papers laid on the Table of the House.
9. **MR. A. HARRIS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. When will tenders be invited for the supply of coal for the Railway Department.
 2. Does he not consider it desirable that the Department should take more coal from the Victorian mines, in order that Victorian miners may find profitable employment, and the community be benefited thereby.

10. MR. MCKENZIE: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—

1. Whether the Public Service Board has been instructed by him not to recommend the sub-divisional promotion of teachers in cases where such promotion would involve an increase in salary.
2. If not, by what authority has the Board withheld its recommendation in cases where promotion is due.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. J. HARRIS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of *post-mortem* examinations at the Morgue during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1898.
2. The names of the medical practitioners who made the examinations, the number made by each, and the total amount of fees received by each.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole sitting.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
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2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
3. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
4. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL—Second reading.
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21. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
23. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
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TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. DUGGAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if his attention has been called to certain evidence given before the Forest Commission at Inglewood on the 14th June last in respect to a certain redgum forest near Mount Kooyoorra ; and, if so, will he cause the said forest to be thrown open as early as possible for sleeper cutters.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. KERANG SHOW-YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS' BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points :—
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 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
7. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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10. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
11. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading
14. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

CONTINGENT-NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax-being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 21st September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 22nd September.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 16.

Companies Bill—[95].

Marriage Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey, in substitution of Clause previously issued. (To Members of Council only.)

Persons liable to pay Income Tax. Cl.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 31, 32, and 33.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34.

Appropriation of Revenue 1898-9 Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee of Supply by Mr. Zox (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1898.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. A. HARRIS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. How many tons of coal were used during the month of July, 1898, by the Railway Department, specifying—
 - (a) Newcastle, New South Wales.
 - (b) Victorian.
 2. What tenders exist for the supply of coal to the Railway Department, specifying—
 - (a) Name of each contractor.
 - (b) Quantity each contractor is called upon to supply during July.
 - (c) Place from which coal was obtained by each contractor.

Government Business.

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for this evening, so far as to allow the Bills comprised in Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive to be passed through all their stages.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
3. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Collingwood be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
3. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
4. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL—Second reading.
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24. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

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1. MR. DUGGAN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if his attention has been called to certain evidence given before the Forest Commission at Inglewood on the 14th June last, in respect to a certain redgum forest near Mount Kooyoorra; and, if so, will he cause the said forest to be thrown open as early as possible for sleeper cutters.
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5. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier what would have been the saving to the country if the late Mr. Nicholson, P.M., had been retired at the age of 65 years, in accordance with the Public Service Act.
6. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture how many thousand square miles of country in Queensland have recently been released from the tick-infested area owing to the action of the Conference of the Ministers of Agriculture in Sydney.
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 1. If, in face of the large number of fatal accidents, the Government intend to place the Metropolitan Board of Works excavations under the provisions of the Mines Regulation Act.
 2. Whether instructions will be immediately given for the compulsory use of "safety hooks" for buckets and shaft-doors, in order to prevent further loss of life.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Are there two rates of pay existing in the police force.
 2. Is the minimum rate of wage adopted by the various municipal councils for employment, viz., 6s. 6d. per day, being paid to men now joining the police force.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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5. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points:—
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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
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13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
14. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment.—That the following words be added to the motion:—"conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce."

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890² AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 22nd September.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 36.

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

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10. **MR. GRAVES**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. When the King River Valley line, as authorized under Act 1492 over one year ago, will be opened for traffic.
 2. Is it true that the railway construction authorities are delaying this work and the opening of this line until after the crops of the coming harvest have been carted to market.
 3. If he will be pleased to instruct the Railway Construction Branch under his sole immediate administration to expedite this work, and give employment as this Act intended.
11. **MR. TRENWITH**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that engineers temporarily employed by the Railway Department are being paid less than the minimum prescribed by the Government for outside employers.
 2. If it is, will he take steps to have their wages increased to the amount which the Government demands shall be paid by private contractors.

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12. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the requirement of the Law Department now being enforced that all local justices who are also licensed victuallers (no regard being had to length of service) shall resign the commission of the peace or be superseded is of general application, or is it only being enforced in the North-Eastern District.
13. MR. WATT : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will provide for the circulation, at an early date, of a reasonable number of copies of the Railways Officers and Employés Reclassification Bill amongst the various organizations in the service.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a line of railway from Jeparit towards Albacutya.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Collingwood be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Are there two rates of pay existing in the police force.
 2. Is the minimum rate of wage adopted by the various municipal councils for employment, viz., 6s. 6d. per day, being paid to men now joining the police force.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points:—
 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities; and to what extent it has already done so.
 - (b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.
 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
7. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
11. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
14. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
3. MR. VALE: To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment:—That the following words be added to the motion:—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th September.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at two o'clock.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1898.

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

Tatura Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £600. No. 39.

Maryborough Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £21,000. No. 43.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 37.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. BOWSER: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will bring in a Bill so to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Act as that the provisions of Part II. may be applied to country lands instead of Part I., in order that the municipalities concerned may provide the interest on cost of land and the Railway Trust be abolished.
2. MR. TRENWITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that engineers temporarily employed by the Railway Department are being paid less than the minimum prescribed by the Government for outside employers.
 2. If it is, will he take steps to have their wages increased to the amount which the Government demands shall be paid by private contractors.
3. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will cause the next issue of school copy books to be so designed that the teaching of longhand and shorthand (phonography) may be taught simultaneously to children.
4. MR. DOWNWARD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways the price paid per ton for coal by the Department from 1885 to 1890.
5. MR. RAWSON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will make provision for the purchase of about 30 acres of land at Trentham, containing the Trentham Falls, so that the public may continue to have the use of this favorite resort for picnic purposes.
6. MR. GAIR: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. How many 5th class teachers of the 2nd and 3rd sub-classes in charge of 6th and 7th class schools are losing increments.
 2. Will they get increments from 1st January, 1899.
 3. As the Department reinstates in 5th class schools the 1st sub-class teachers only of 5th class schools, when their schools are regraded will special legislation be passed to overcome the working of section 76 of the Public Service Act, so that the withholding of increments year after year from the 5th class teachers, 2nd and 3rd sub-classes, in regraded schools may be obviated.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Collingwood be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

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General Business.

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1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 - (c) The total amount of interest hitherto paid, distinguishing amounts paid in each year.
 - (d) If possible, the value of the assets representing the amounts borrowed, and how the value is ascertained, to the 28th February.
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 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. ZOZ: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act 1890* as to release on probation, so as to extend to first offenders of the age of 21 years or upwards the provisions of Part II., Division 2 (7), of that Act.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT, 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 28th September.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 4th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 16.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 34, 35, and 36.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 5.

Local Government Bill No. 3—[90].

Mines Bill—[94].

Land Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Downward. (To Members only.)

Extracts from Reports of New Zealand and Queensland Lands Departments, &c.—Circulated by the Hon. R. W. Best, M.P., in connexion with Land Bill. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (a) The amounts borrowed by Victoria, with the dates, interest, and times for repayment.
 - (b) The total amount now owing, distinguishing funded debts and trust funds.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
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1. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act 1890* as to release on probation, so as to extend to first offenders of the age of 21 years or upwards the provisions of Part II., Division 2 (7), of that Act.
2. MR. J. B. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is he aware of the fact that the staff in the Registration Room of the General Post Office after finishing their night's work at half-past four or five a.m. have to report themselves for duty again upon days of arrival of the English mail at half-past ten a.m., and have to work till two or half-past two p.m., returning to work again the same evening at half-past ten p.m., and for which extra time the employés get no recompense.
 2. If so, will he make some arrangements either to pay these officers or grant them time allowance for the extra time work performed.
3. MR. GRAY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General (for the Honorable the Solicitor-General) if he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connexion with certain legal proceedings in the case of the *Crown v. James Page* instituted about five years ago.
4. MR. J. B. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is he aware that it is compulsory upon all candidates seeking permanent employment in the Public Service or the Railway Department to produce a certified extract from the register of his or her birth, which costs each applicant 7s. 6d., or in default to produce a statutory declaration from some respectable person, the latter in many cases being almost impossible to obtain.
 2. Will he take the necessary steps to reduce the above fee to 2s. 6d.

5. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in view of the number of cards sent to the unemployed being returned unclaimed, through change of residence, he will arrange for a list of the numbers sent for being posted up for reference at the office where the unemployed are registered.
6. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. If he will state the date the contract for the Alfred Graving Dock pumping plant was entered into by the Thompson Foundry Company and the date of its expiry.
 2. If the date for finishing the contract has expired are the penalties being enforced.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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General Business.

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2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.
4. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 4th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 5th October.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past ten o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOZ:** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will bring in a Bill to amend the *Crimes Act* 1890 as to release on probation, so as to extend to first offenders of the age of 21 years or upwards the provisions of Part II., Division 2 (7), of that Act.
2. **MR. J. B. TUCKER:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is he aware of the fact that the staff in the Registration Room of the General Post Office after finishing their night's work at half-past four or five a.m. have to report themselves for duty again upon days of arrival of the English mail at half-past ten a.m., and have to work till two or half-past two p.m., returning to work again the same evening at half-past ten p.m., and for which extra time the employés get no recompense.
 2. If so, will he make some arrangements either to pay these officers or grant them time allowance for the extra time work performed.
3. **MR. GRAY:** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General (for the Honorable the Solicitor-General) if he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connexion with certain legal proceedings in the case of the *Crown v. James Page* instituted about five years ago.
4. **MR. J. B. TUCKER:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is he aware that it is compulsory upon all candidates seeking permanent employment in the Public Service or the Railway Department to produce a certified extract from the register of his or her birth, which costs each applicant 7s. 6d., or in default to produce a statutory declaration from some respectable person, the latter in many cases being almost impossible to obtain.
 2. Will he take the necessary steps to reduce the above fee to 2s. 6d.
5. **MR. T. SMITH:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. If he will state the date the contract for the Alfred Graving Dock pumping plant was entered into by the Thompson Foundry Company and the date of its expiry.
 2. If the date for finishing the contract has expired are the penalties being enforced.
6. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in view of the number of cards sent to the unemployed being returned unclaimed, through change of residence, he will arrange for a list of the numbers sent for being posted up for reference at the office where the unemployed are registered.
7. **MR. T. SMITH:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Whether the trucks, the contracts for which were lately let, are urgently required for the next grain season.
 2. If so, is the Honorable the Minister satisfied that Gray Brothers will be able to comply with the conditions specified by the Department; and, if not, will he enforce the penalties attached to non-compliance.
8. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH:** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If his attention has been called to the decision arrived at by the Elections and Qualifications Committee on 15th December, 1897, that the Committee had no power to inquire into any act of bribery alleged to have been committed prior to the nomination day or after the publication by the returning officer of the result of the election.
 2. Does not the Honorable the Minister consider that the law ought to be amended so as to extend the period during which a candidate is liable for bribery.
9. **MR. MURPHY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will take steps, at an early date, to provide accommodation and shelter for perishable and other produce at the various railway stations from Gordons to Warrenheip inclusive, at which stations there is at present no sufficient shelter.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
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4. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment:—That the following words be added to the motion:—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”
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4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
5. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
9. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
11. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
14. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS. BILL—Second reading.
4. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he intends to give effect this Session to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Aged Poor.
2. MR. MCKENZIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will state—
 1. How many acres are held under mining lease in the Reedy Creek district.
 2. How many exemptions have been granted in the same district for the past twelve months.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TAVERNER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the councillors of various municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purposes of their municipalities contrary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1890*.
2. MR. PEACOCK : To move, That this House authorizes the expenditure of the sum of Fifty pounds for the purposes of the inquiry and report by the Board appointed on the 3rd October, 1898, to investigate all matters connected with the management and investment of the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund established under the *Mines Act 1890*, and also as to the present position of the fund, and of all securities connected therewith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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Stock Debentures and Bonds Limitation Bill—[47]. (To Members of Council only.)

Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock Bill—[72]. (To Members of Council only.)

Municipalities' Advances Bill—[74]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Pilots' Advance Repayment Bill—[82]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Victorian Government Consolidated Inscribed Stock Redemption Fund Bill—[84]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Marriage Bill—[14]. (To Members only.)

British Pharmacopœia Bill—[70]. (To Members only.)

Land Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. McKenzie. (To Members only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 41.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.
4. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction, and on the following amendment :—That after the word "House" the following words be inserted :—"a poll of the electors should be taken on the question of whether."

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act, 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 11th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 13th October.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH OCTOBER, 1898.

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

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood, the Hon. Agar Wynne, and the Hon. S. W. Cooke. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 41.

Land Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Duggan. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. GRAY. To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General (for the Honorable the Solicitor-General) if he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connexion with certain legal proceedings in the case of the *Crown v. James Page* instituted about five years ago.
2. MR. A. HARRIS: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when the second instalment of the subsidy to municipalities will be paid.
3. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. What was the full salary and allowances paid to the late Governor of the Melbourne Gaol before being appointed to the position rendered vacant by the death of a police magistrate.
 2. What salary is now attached to the office of this police magistrate.
4. MR. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines what inspectors of mines there are; where they reside; and when and how they were appointed; also, what their duties are; and the qualifications necessary for the position.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. MARRIAGE LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL—Second reading.
16. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment:—That the following words be added to the motion:—"conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce."
3. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points:—
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 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
5. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
9. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
11. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
14. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.
4. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction, and on the following amendment :—That after the word "House" the following words be inserted :—" a poll of the electors should be taken on the question of whether."

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 11th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
 COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Thursday, 13th October.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH OCTOBER, 1898.

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

Land Bill—

New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Thomson. (To Members only.)

New Clauses and Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Sangster and Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

Report of Proceedings taken under provisions of Land Acts and *Wattle Act* 1890 during Year ending 31st December, 1897. No. 15.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 30th June, 1898. No. 44.

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education from 1st January, 1898, to 30th June, 1898. No. 46.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
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8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
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12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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15. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL—Second reading.
16. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
17. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
19. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment:—That the following words be added to the motion:—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”
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14. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.

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TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. GRAY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the management of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
2. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if it is a fact that men who were employed on the compilation of the clerical statistics necessary for the production of the *Victorian Year-Book* now in arrears have been dismissed upon the plea that there was no money available for the purpose; if so, will the Right Honorable the Treasurer remedy this deficiency.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.
4. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
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3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 17 and 18.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.

Exported Products Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. W. McCulloch. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 40, 41, and 42.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 43.

Administration and Probate Bill—[25]. (To Members only.)

Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[98].

Land Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Cameron. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Langdon. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. J. B. Tucker. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Irvine. (To Members only.)

Law of Libel Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Date: [Illegible]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
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18. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
19. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1 MR. HIGGINS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Town of Geelong to lease buildings erected on the general market site for other than market purposes.
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TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. GRAY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the management of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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13. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
14. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
16. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
19. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 13th October.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 18th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 44.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 45.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if it is a fact that men who were employed on the compilation of the clerical statistics necessary for the production of the *Victorian Year-Book* now in arrears have been dismissed upon the plea that there was no money available for the purpose; if so, will the Right Honorable the Treasurer remedy this deficiency.
2. MR. GRAY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the management of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
3. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer what is the total sum to be paid from Government money or moneys held by the Government to the estate of the late Mr. C. H. Nicholson, Police Magistrate.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. MARRIAGE LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL—Second reading.
16. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
17. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
19. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is the intention of the Government to grant relief to certain teachers who have raised their salaries beyond £200 per annum by reason of their excellent work under the "result system," and have thereupon been penalized by the operation of the percentage reductions in salaries.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
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4. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
5. MR. BAILÉS : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
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 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.
4. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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11. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
14. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 18th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 19 and 20.
Report of Select Committee of Legislative Council on Immigration Restriction Bill, &c. D1.
Exported Products Bill.—Petition from President, Vice-Presidents, and Members of Council of Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. E1.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 45.

Statement of Accounts of the Post Office Savings Bank in Victoria for 1897. No. 26.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 46.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is the intention of the Government to grant relief to certain teachers who have raised their salaries beyond £200 per annum by reason of their excellent work under the "result system," and have thereupon been penalized by the operation of the percentage reductions in salaries.
2. MR. DUGGAN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply whether the promise given last Parliament, viz., "that the reduced rate of interest on loans to water trusts would date from 1st January, 1897," has been given effect to; and, if not, for what reason.
3. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if it is a fact that men who were employed on the compilation of the clerical statistics necessary for the production of the *Victorian Year-Book* now in arrears have been dismissed upon the plea that there was no money available for the purpose; if so, will the Right Honorable the Treasurer remedy this deficiency.
4. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the repeated accidents to jockeys on public race-courses, he will introduce a Bill to prevent boys of tender years from riding in any advertised races.
5. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer what is the total sum to be paid from Government money or moneys held by the Government to the estate of the late Mr. C. H. Nicholson, Police Magistrate.
6. MR. DUGGAN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if, under the *Mallee Lands Act* 1896, in cases where the selector had, in the first instance, elected to accept a tenure, with a freehold in the future, he (the Minister) has allowed on application such tenure to be converted into a perpetual leaseholding; if so, will he allow those selectors who exercised the option of a perpetual lease under the Act to convert the same into a freehold under the option clauses of the Act, if they wish to do so now or hereafter.
7. MR. HIGGINS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Is it true that the fines inflicted on miners and other persons for removing timber from Crown lands are received by the prosecuting policemen for their own benefit.
 2. On what grounds do the regulations forbid the removal of dead timber from Crown lands.
 3. How is it that the miners' rights issued profess to allow the holders to take any timber except blackwood from Crown lands.
 4. Are there no means of conserving the valuable timber forests without absolutely forbidding the cutting and taking of timber from such lands.
8. MR. MCCOLL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will permit persons desirous of being present at the Railway Demonstration at Bendigo on Saturday next, who reside beyond the places from which excursions start, to travel from their residence to such places at holiday excursion fares, and thence by the Railway excursion trains at the excursion fares.
9. MR. ZOx: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the very numerous cases of destitution lately reported in the public press, and the present difficulty of providing for them, he will, this Session, bring in a Bill to carry out that portion of the recommendations of the Charities Commission which deals with the liability of the relatives of destitute persons towards their support.
10. MR. GROSE: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Government will take all possible steps with a view to preventing fatal accidents such as that which occurred during the running of the Caulfield Cup on Saturday last.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issuing of Crown grants of certain lands at Mildura.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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9. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)**—Second reading.
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17. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.
18. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL**—Second reading.
19. **PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY**—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT**—To be considered.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **TOTALIZATOR BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. **LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL**—Second reading.
2. **MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL**—Second reading.
4. **GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.
2. **MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 19th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 25th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 13TH OCTOBER, 1898.

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

Exported Products Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Jas. C. Campbell. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 43, 44, and 45.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 46.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 8.

Land Bill—

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Vale. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Irvine. (To Members only.)

First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts. D.—No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 47.

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
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9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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16. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
17. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. MILDURA CROWN GRANTS BILL—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the very numerous cases of destitution lately reported in the public press, and the present difficulty of providing for them, he will, this Session, bring in a Bill to carry out that portion of the recommendations of the Charities Commission which deals with the liability of the relatives of destitute persons towards their support.
2. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he has any objection to lay on the Table of this House a copy of the report of Mr. Jackson on the outside supervision of telephones in the metropolitan district.
3. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if it is the intention of the Government to bring forward a Health Bill regarding meat and food consumption.
4. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will, this Session, bring in a Bill to repeal the *Vine Diseases Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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18. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL**—Second reading.
19. **PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY**—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT**—To be considered.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. MR. COOK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Connon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum ; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
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WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 25th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 26th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH OCTOBER, 1898.

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling.
(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 47.

Land Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Higgins. (To Members only.)

Thirty-second Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory, &c. No. 47.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 48.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the very numerous cases of destitution lately reported in the public press, and the present difficulty of providing for them, he will, this Session, bring in a Bill to carry out that portion of the recommendations of the Charities Commission which deals with the liability of the relatives of destitute persons towards their support.
2. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he has any objection to lay on the Table of this House a copy of the report of Mr. Jackson on the outside supervision of telephones in the metropolitan district.
3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if it is the intention of the Government to bring forward a Health Bill regarding meat and food consumption.
4. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will, this Session, bring in a Bill to repeal the *Vine Diseases Act 1890*.
5. MR. A. HARRIS : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If he will give consideration to the question of having power conferred on the Commissioners of Savings Banks to enable them to insure at a reduced rate properties on which they have advanced moneys under the *Crédit Foncier* system.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
5. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
7. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
8. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
10. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS'-CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
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19. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. MILDURA CROWN GRANTS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF STALLIONS BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT—To be considered.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH OCTOBER, 1898.

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—New Clauses and Schedules to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. J. Wrixon. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 48.

Land Bill—

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Duggan. (To Members only.)
Amendments, &c., to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 49.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. A. HARRIS : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If he will give consideration to the question of having power conferred on the Commissioners of Savings Banks to enable them to insure at a reduced rate properties on which they have advanced moneys under the Crédit Foncier system.
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 1. The reason passengers could not book on 8th and 15th inst. to Caulfield from intermediate stations.
 2. Does he think this arrangement is fair to the general public ; if not, will he see that it is remedied in the future.
3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he can inform the House what is the total amount expended to date by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—
 - (a) In printing.
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5. MR. RUSSELL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he considers that the bonus formerly paid for the export of butter was received only by the persons entitled to it.
6. MR. WATT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that there are carpenters temporarily employed by the Railway Department receiving less than the minimum wage prescribed for the employes of private contractors.
 2. If so, will he see that this anomaly is rectified.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
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20. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
21. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
22. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

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(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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Government Business.

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General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 26th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 2nd November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 20TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 21.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 22.

Cremation Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 46, 47, and 48.

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

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 9.

Land Bill—

Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Hamilton. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Staughton. (To Members only.)

Immigration Restriction Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Auction Sales Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Electric Light and Power Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Public Debt of Victoria: C.—No. 7.

Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the Year 1897-8. No. 33.

Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the Year 1897-8. No. 45.

Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1898. No. 51.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 50.

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
7. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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9. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
10. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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12. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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15. MARRIAGE LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL—Second reading.
17. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
18. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
19. MILDURA CROWN GRANTS BILL—Second reading.
20. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
21. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
22. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. AUSTIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture the number of officers in his Department who are over the age of 60, and has he any objection to give their names and ages.
2. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If the public are to have the convenience of the telegraph office at the Prince's-bridge Railway Station restored to them.
 2. Will he inform the public as to the real cause of removal.
 3. Is it true that the revenue derived from the public from this telegraph office was about £5 per day.
3. MR. HIGGINS: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Is the local loan of £250,000 to be issued on 16th November to be made payable in 1917 absolutely.
 2. Does he see any objection to making loans payable in a definite year or at such time thereafter as the Government may choose, in order to avoid the possibility of having to re-borrow at a disadvantageous time.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT—To be considered.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That the Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* be now advanced through all its stages up to and including the Third reading.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.

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3. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
4. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
5. MR. BAILES : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
6. MR. METHVEN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Wm. Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
7. MR. HANCOCK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount paid by the insurance companies to members of families of the Civil Service of Victoria insured under the provisions of the Public Service Act after the passing of the Ramsay Act abolishing pensions, specifying—
 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
4. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction, and on the following amendment:—That after the word "House" the following words be inserted:—"a poll of the electors should be taken on the question of whether."
5. STOCK TAX—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment:—That the following words be added to the motion:—"conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce."
6. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points:—
 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.
 - (b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.
 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
8. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
14. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
17. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COOK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Cannon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
2. MR. GRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

Upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

Upon a motion for going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

2. MR. MALONEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the question of old-age pensions deserves the earliest attention of this Parliament, and that this question ought to be dealt with before this House rises for the recess.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 27th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 2nd November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. AUSTIN**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture the number of officers in his Department who are over the age of 60, and has he any objection to give their names and ages
2. **MR. GRAVES**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If the public are to have the convenience of the telegraph office at the Prince's-bridge Railway Station restored to them.
 2. Will he inform the public as to the real cause of removal.
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3. **MR. HIGGINS**: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Is the local loan of £250,000 to be issued on 16th November to be made payable in 1917 absolutely.
 2. Does he see any objection to making loans payable in a definite year or at such time thereafter as the Government may choose, in order to avoid the possibility of having to re-borrow at a disadvantageous time.
4. **MR. ZOX**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Whether he has considered the official protest in the daily press from the various medical associations that sections 45 and 46 of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1896, which, on two afternoons a week, prevent the delivery of milk; cause a serious danger to the public health, and are responsible for a large proportion of the mortality amongst children.
 2. What action does he propose to take in the matter.
5. **MR. MCGREGOR**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the increasing number of deaths of infants through being fed with impure milk, he will consider the advisability of greater vigilance being exercised in the inspection of dairy cattle.
6. **MR. HAMILTON**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, in view of the great danger to the public health caused by the consumption of diseased meat, he will publish in *The School Paper*, or in any other reasonable and inexpensive manner, coloured diagrams with explanatory memorandum attached of tuberculous and cancerous meat, with a view of educating the public as to the appearance and nature of this highly dangerous article of food.
7. **MR. LANGDON**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he is aware that large quantities of ironbark and other timber suitable for railway sleepers is available within a reasonable distance of water carriage in East Gippsland; if not, will he cause an inspection to be made by a qualified officer of that district for the purpose of obtaining a reliable report on this important question.
8. **MR. SALMON**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he has any objection to state the result of the trial shipment of Victorian-grown tobacco leaf sent to England last year; and if he will submit reports, if any, also statement showing returns, cost of shipment, &c.
9. **MR. LANGDON**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Whether the statement made in the Melbourne daily papers of the 27th October last is correct that certain applicants for subdivisional allotments of mallee blocks 51A, 51B, and 52A at Lalbert, and whose applications were dealt with and recommended by a Local Land Board, held at Wycheproof on the 19th July last, have been disallowed; if so,
 2. Will such allotments be made available and again thrown open for selection.
 3. Will the eligible unsuccessful applicants, whose applications were then rejected by the said Land Board, be granted a preferential claim to any such allotments.
10. **MR. GROSE**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he will take steps to reserve suitable areas of the best portions of the remaining Crown lands of the colony for endowment purposes in connexion with the maintenance of the aged poor.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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21. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT—To be considered.
22. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee?
23. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.
8. MR. BEAZLEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
4. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction, and on the following amendment:—That after the word "House" the following words be inserted:—"a poll of the electors should be taken on the question of whether."

5. **STOCK TAX**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the Stock Tax be abolished, and on the following amendment:—That the following words be added to the motion:—“conditionally on an equivalent being given to farming and grazing industries by reductions on the freight of stock, grain, dairy, and other farm produce.”
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 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
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8. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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11. **TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL**—Second reading.
12. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
13. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)**—Second reading.
14. **GEE LONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL**—Second reading.
15. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.
16. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL**—Second reading.
17. **PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY**—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. COOK**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Cannon's contract for the building of the 'idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
2. **MR. GRAY**: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL**—Second reading.
2. **MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL**—Second reading.
4. **GEE LONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL**—Second reading.
5. **ABSENT VOTERS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.
2. **MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN**: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 2nd November.

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COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 51.

Mildura Crown Grants Bill—[96].

Land Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Cook. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 52.

THURSDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
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19. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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21. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FIRST REPORT—To be considered.
22. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS SECOND REPORT—To be considered.
23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890. AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. AUSTIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture the number of officers in his Department who are over the age of 60, and has he any objection to give their names and ages.
2. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, in view of the great danger to the public health caused by the consumption of diseased meat, he will publish in *The School Paper*, or in any other reasonable and inexpensive manner, coloured diagrams with explanatory memorandum attached of tuberculous and cancerous meat, with a view of educating the public as to the appearance and nature of this highly dangerous article of food.
3. MR. SALMON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he has any objection to state the result of the trial shipment of Victorian-grown tobacco leaf sent to England last year; and if he will submit reports, if any, also statement showing returns, cost of shipment, &c.
4. MR. MCGREGOR: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if he will make provision for supplying each public vaccinator in the colony with glycerinated lymph.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That this House authorizes the expenditure of the sum of Fifty pounds for the purposes of the Board appointed by the Governor in Council on the 19th October, 1898, to inquire into and report respecting the question of the treatment of habitual drunkards:

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
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15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
17. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COOK: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Connon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
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 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
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8. MR. BEAZLEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890.*

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 3rd November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 15th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 27TH OCTOBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 22.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.
 Auction Sales Bill—[58]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Justices Bill—[64]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Hare System of Election in Tasmania. C 3.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 49, 50, and 51.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 52.
 Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 10.
 Land Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Watt. (To Members only.)
 Companies Bill—[95]. (To Members only.)
 Geelong Market Site Bill—[101].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 53.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. AUSTIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture the number of officers in his Department who are over the age of 60, and has he any objection to give their names and ages.
2. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, in view of the great danger to the public health caused by the consumption of diseased meat, he will publish in *The School Paper*, or in any other reasonable and inexpensive manner, coloured diagrams with explanatory memorandum attached of tuberculous and cancerous meat, with a view of educating the public as to the appearance and nature of this highly dangerous article of food.
3. MR. SALMON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he has any objection to state the result of the trial shipment of Victorian-grown tobacco leaf sent to England last year; and if he will submit reports, if any, also statement showing returns, cost of shipment, &c.
4. MR. MCGREGOR: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if he will make provision for supplying each public vaccinator in the colony with glycerinated lymph.
5. MR. ZOX: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Defence authorities are of opinion that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the protection of the colony in the event of the present differences between Great Britain and France, or any other European complications, terminating in war.
6. MR. A. L. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has taken into consideration the representations recently made by a deputation with reference to the losses and inconvenience occasioned by the alleged inadequate postal facilities in the suburbs; and how he proposes to deal with the request that the mid-day delivery of correspondence should be restored.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. VALE: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cash (less season tickets) taken at the St. Kilda station for the three years prior to the opening of the tramway to St. Kilda, and also for the three years after the said opening.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That this House authorizes the expenditure of the sum of Fifty pounds for the purposes of the Board appointed by the Governor in Council on the 19th October, 1898, to inquire into and report respecting the question of the treatment of habitual drunkards.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. MARRIAGE LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. MUNICIPAL PHARMACOPŒIA BILL—Second reading.
16. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
17. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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18. MILDURA CROWN GRANTS BILL—Second reading.
 19. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
 20. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
 21. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FIRST REPORT—To be considered.
 22. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS SECOND REPORT—To be considered.
 23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
 24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
4. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction, and on the following amendment:—“a poll of the electors should be taken on the question of whether.”
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6. ELECTORAL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House, in view of the pledged intentions of the Government to amend the Electoral Act in the direction of giving effect to the principle of one adult one vote and the referendum, a Select Committee of the House should be appointed by ballot, or nominated by the Government, from both sides of the Chamber, to inquire into and report upon the working of the present Electoral Acts in regard to the election of Members to this House, and particularly with respect to the following points:—
 - (a) How far the present existing system favours the return of Members by minorities in lieu of majorities, and to what extent it has already done so.
 - (b) The number of inhabitants and the number of voters on the rolls of each electorate.
 - (c) The approximate numbers that the proposed amendments would increase the voters rolls by.
 - (d) As to the present system of two electoral rolls for each electorate.
 - (e) The suitability of the present boundaries of the electoral districts.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
8. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. CRIMES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
14. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
17. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.
18. COMPANIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COOK: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Cannon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
2. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
3. MR. VALE: To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
4. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gisting oats in bond should be discontinued.
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6. **MR. METHVEN:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Wm. Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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1. Amount paid for death.
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 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.
8. **MR. BEAZLEY:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAHAM:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock-Tax being passed—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN:** To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 15th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 3RD NOVEMBER, 1898.

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

Land Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. McCay. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Further consideration of amendments on Report.
2. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS, STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
4. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction, and on the following amendment:—That after the word "House" the following words be inserted:—"a poll of the electors should be taken on the question of whether."
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15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
17. PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY—To be considered.
18. COMPANIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. A. L. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has taken into consideration the representations recently made by a deputation with reference to the losses and inconvenience occasioned by the alleged inadequate postal facilities in the suburbs; and how he proposes to deal with the request that the mid-day delivery of correspondence should be restored.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TAVERNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vine Diseases Act 1890.*

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COOK: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Connon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
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WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
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5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.*General Business.*

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. MINES ACT, 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 3RD NOVEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 23.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[48]. (To Members of Council only.)

Wages Attachment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir A. Snowden. (To Members of Council only.)

Cremation Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 52 and 53.

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

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 11.

Land Bill—[2]. (To Members only.)

Land Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Bailes. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed on the Third Reading by Mr. McColl. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be moved on the Third Reading by Mr. Bailes and Mr. Hamilton. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Thomson on the Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. J. W. Mason. (To Members only.)

Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts. D.—No. 2.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 55.

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. A. L. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has taken into consideration the representations recently made by a deputation with reference to the losses and inconvenience occasioned by the alleged inadequate postal facilities in the suburbs ; and how he proposes to deal with the request that the mid-day delivery of correspondence should be restored.
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5. MR. ZOX : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If his attention has been called to the report of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, published in the *Argus* newspaper of last Tuesday.
 2. If the Government will take early steps to deal with the matters referred to in the report.
6. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. On what grounds have the weighers in the Customs Department been treated as belonging to the Non-clerical Division.
 2. Is it intended to put weighers hereafter in the Clerical Division.
 3. If so, how are the present weighers to be treated.
7. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when he proposes to introduce the Bill to amend the Income Tax Act.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TAVERNER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vine Diseases Act 1890*.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Collingwood.
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23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COOK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Connon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum ; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
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 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.
8. MR. BEAZLEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
8. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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 19. **GEE LONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL**—Second reading.
 20. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.
 21. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL**—Second reading.
 22. **PETITION OF WILLIAM GOOLEY**—To be considered.
 23. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAHAM** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson ; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading
2. **MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move, That the mode of abolition, in the opinion of this House, should be by equal annual reductions spread over a period of eight years.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 15th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.
 CAPTAIN KENNEY—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Dentists Bill—[22].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 55.
 Land Bill—[2]. (To Members of Legislative Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 56.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary who is responsible for the due care, control, and supervision of the patients and inmates of the Kew Lunatic Asylum ; and under whose general management is that institution conducted.
2. **MR. GROSE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether the Government intend to proceed with the Railways Officers and Employés' Classification Bill during the present Session.
3. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will appoint a Board of properly qualified mental experts, viz., Drs. Fishbourne, Barker, and Mullen, to examine the condemned prisoner Archer, to find out if he is suffering from epilepsy or other allied nervous or mental disorder.
4. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, to avoid the delay of a Notice of Motion and in view of the probable early consideration of the Railway Estimates, he has any objection to state what has been the total railway expenditure under the administration of the Engineer-in-Chief for construction, surveys, reports, and other purposes for the past year, and from what sources this expenditure has been provided ; also, to give a like statement of total expenditure under the administration of the Engineer of Existing Lines, and from what sources the amount was provided.
5. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Whether the £40,288,358 16s. 2d. paid for the interest and expenses of the public debt of Victoria (see return to Order of the House of 29th September, 1898) includes the discounts where the debentures or stock have been issued under par.
 2. If not, what is the total amount of such discounts.
 3. What kind of expenses are included in the return.
 4. What is the total amount of the expenses as distinguished from interest.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That the Sessional Order giving precedence to General Business on Wednesday in each week from half-past eight o'clock be suspended for the remainder of the Session, and that Government Business have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
2. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to construct a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Collingwood.
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9. MR. MURRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House a Royal Commission, consisting of _____, should be appointed for the purpose of taking evidence and making a report to this House as to the social, moral, and economic effect of the sport of horse-racing on the community generally ; and to recommend what, in its opinion, are the best legislative steps to be taken if the Commission thinks that legislation is required on the question.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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23. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading
2. **MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

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Upon a motion for the abolition of the Stock Tax being passed—

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 17th November.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 24.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25.

Meat Supervision Bill—[3].

Justices Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. J. H. Abbott. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 54 and 55.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 56.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 12.

Land Bill—

Amendments to be proposed on Third Reading by Mr. McColl, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Craven. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed on Third Reading by Mr. Irvine. (To Members only.)

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be moved in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

Wages Attachment Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Statistical Register of Victoria for 1897—

Part III.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 40.

Part IV.—Population (exclusive of Municipal Finances). No. 48.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Direct Railway from Melbourne to Collingwood, &c. Report No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. HIGGINS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the discounts and premiums and expenses of the respective loans raised by the Government of Victoria as set out in the papers distributed at the Budget Statement, and showing the total amount of interest (as distinguished from expenses) paid in each year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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25. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. If he considers 1s. 6d. worth of groceries per week sufficient for decrepit old women to live upon.
 2. If not, will he enable the ladies' benevolent societies to assist all such deserving cases, over 60 years of age, until the Old-age Pensions Bill is introduced next Session.
2. MR. TOUTCHER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when does seniority for promotion in the Railway service date from; is it from the date of entering the service, or from the date in which the application for promotion is made; if the latter, under whose authority is it done.
3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer what is the total sum distributed as bonuses amongst those employed by the Government in connexion with the Federal Convention held in Melbourne.
4. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. What steps he has taken (in pursuance of his promise of 19th October last) to check the system under which police, as Crown lands bailiffs, receive from the Department 5s. for every conviction for removing dead timber from Crown lands.
 2. What steps he has taken to rectify the misleading indorsement on miners' rights with regard to timber rights.
5. MR. HANCOCK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Is he aware that the whole of the applications for hawkers' licences must be renewed on 13th December.
 2. If so, whether he will inform the House if any steps will be taken to check the wholesale granting of licences to Hindoo and Afghan hawkers.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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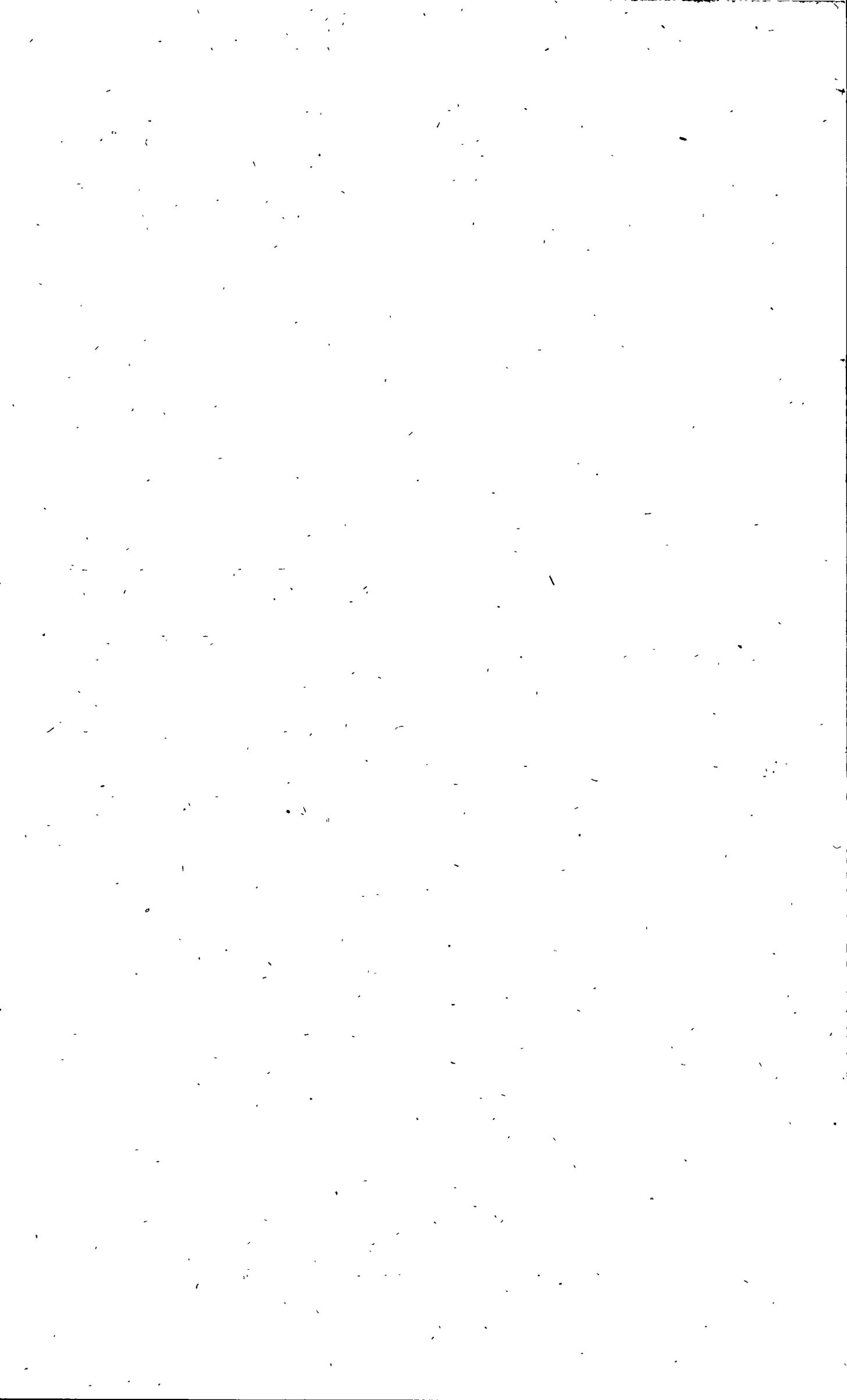
Thursday, 17th November.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.
Land Bill—[2]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 57.
Administration and Probate Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. McColl. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. If he considers 1s. 6d. worth of groceries per week sufficient for decrepit old women to live upon.
 2. If not, will he enable the ladies' benevolent societies to assist all such deserving cases, over 60 years of age, until the Old-age Pensions Bill is introduced next Session.
2. MR. TOUTCHER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when does seniority for promotion in the Railway service date from ; is it from the date of entering the service; or from the date in which the application for promotion is made ; if the latter, under whose authority is it done.
3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer what is the total sum distributed as bonuses amongst those employed by the Government in connexion with the Federal Convention held in Melbourne.
4. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. What steps he has taken (in pursuance of his promise of 19th October last) to check the system under which police, as Crown lands bailiffs, receive from the Department 5s. for every conviction for removing dead timber from Crown lands.
 2. What steps he has taken to rectify the misleading indorsement on miners' rights with regard to timber rights.
5. MR. HANCOCK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Is he aware that the whole of the applications for hawkers' licences must be renewed on 13th December.
 2. If so, whether he will inform the House if any steps will be taken to check the wholesale granting of licences to Hindoo and Afghan hawkers.
6. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will lay on the table of the Library all papers, letters, notices, and records of interviews in connexion with the occupation of the lakes to the west of the Loddon River, near Kerang, which was referred to in Parliament on the 20th October last.
7. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will cause the electors' rights to be printed on stronger paper.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TREASURY BONDS BILL—Second reading.
2. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
3. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
6. MILDURA, CROWN GRANTS BILL—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC LIGHTING LOAN BILL—Second reading.
8. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL—Second reading.
9. VINE DISEASE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
12. MELBOURNE AND COLLINGWOOD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
13. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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21. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
23. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
25. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
2. MINES, ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 25.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 27.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 58.

Vine Disease Bill—[1].

Treasury Bonds Bill—[109].

Treasury Bonds Bill (No. 2)—[110].

Thirty-fourth Report of Board for the Protection of the Aborigines. No. 53.

Report of Victorian Railways Commissioner for Quarter ending 30th September, 1898. No. 57.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 59.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. **MR. McCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will lay on the table of the Library all papers, letters, notices, and records of interviews in connexion with the occupation of the lakes to the west of the Loddon River, near Kerang, which was referred to in Parliament on the 20th October last.
2. **MR. DOWNWARD** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it true that in the conditions of contract for Victorian coal it is stipulated that a minimum rate of wage must be paid by the Victorian collieries ; and that there is no such stipulation in regard to imported coal.
 2. Is it true that imported coal will not have to pay wharfage dues.
3. **MR. GRAHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that railway employes engaged in burning off grass on the lines are only allowed to do so between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon.
 2. Is he aware that on account of the great growth of grass this season burning off under the departmental regulations is attended with great risk and danger to adjoining property.
 3. Will he cause extra hands to be employed at this work during the remainder of the season, so as to insure a reasonable amount of safety.
4. **MR. SPIERS** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it a fact that warders in asylums, when on sick leave, living off the Government premises, provide medical treatment and board and lodgings, at their own expense.
 2. Are they charged for rations and quarters for the period of their absence, notwithstanding that the rations and quarters are used by the Department.
 3. If so, is the deduction from salary, under the circumstances, legal.
5. **MR. GRAHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been called to the remarks of His Honour Mr. Justice Hood and Mr. J. T. Smith, Crown Prosecutor, upon the case of a young man named Frank Barnsley, who was presented at the last Bendigo Assizes, on a count of perjury, as reported in the *Bendigo Independent* newspaper, the 15th of October last; if not, will he have inquiries made with a view of granting some redress to the unfortunate and innocent man.
6. **MR. METHVEN** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Can he inform the House who holds possession of the money that was collected some time ago for the erection of a fever hospital.
 2. Is the money bearing interest ; if so, at what rate.
 3. Has a site been selected for the said hospital ; and, if so, where is it.
 4. Does the Government intend to take any steps towards the erection of the hospital ; and, if so, when.
7. **MR. STERRY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will, early next session, introduce an Amending Mines Bill to deal with and repeal the portions of the present Mines Act relating to tributing in mines.
8. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will state why the railway freights from Melbourne to Violet Town are nearly double the freights charged from Melbourne to Euroa on certain articles, seeing that Violet Town is 105 miles from Melbourne and Euroa 93 miles.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total railway expenditure under the administration of the Engineer-in-Chief for construction, surveys, reports, and other purposes for the past year, and from what sources this expenditure has been provided ; also a like statement of total expenditure under the administration of the Engineer for Existing Lines, and from what sources the amount has been provided.

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2. MR. METHVEN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The number of diamond drills and augers in the possession of the Government, the number sold within the past three years, the cost of same, and price obtained when sold.
 2. The number of feet of tubing and other material used in boring sold at North Melbourne by auction, the cost of same, and the price obtained.
 3. The value of diamonds in the possession of the Department three years ago ; if sold, the price obtained, and the original cost.
 4. The cost of replacing (if necessary) any of the above material in view of the proposed boring for gold and other minerals.

Government Business.

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24. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
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TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 24th November.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 17TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 26 and 27.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28.

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill (Purification of Rolls)—[16]. (To Members of Council only.)

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill (Plural Voting)—[29]. (To Members of Council only.)

Police Offences Bill—[71].

Treasury Bonds Bill—[109]. (To Members of Council only.)

Treasury Bonds Bill (No. 2)—[110]. (To Members of Council only.)

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey.
(To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 56, 57, and 58.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 59.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 13.

Cremation Bill—[78]. (To Members only.)

Melbourne to Collingwood Railway Construction Bill—[107].

Railway Officers and Employés' Classification Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Sangster and Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

Marriage Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Mr. J. B. Tucker. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898*.
2. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1893*.
3. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to unclassified State school teachers.
4. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Fire Brigades Act 1890*.
5. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the transfer of certain employés from the Railway Service to the Public Service.
6. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. MARRIAGE LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
3. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
4. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
5. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
6. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
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2. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
5. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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Government Business.

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1. **RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES' CLASSIFICATION BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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 2. **MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

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CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

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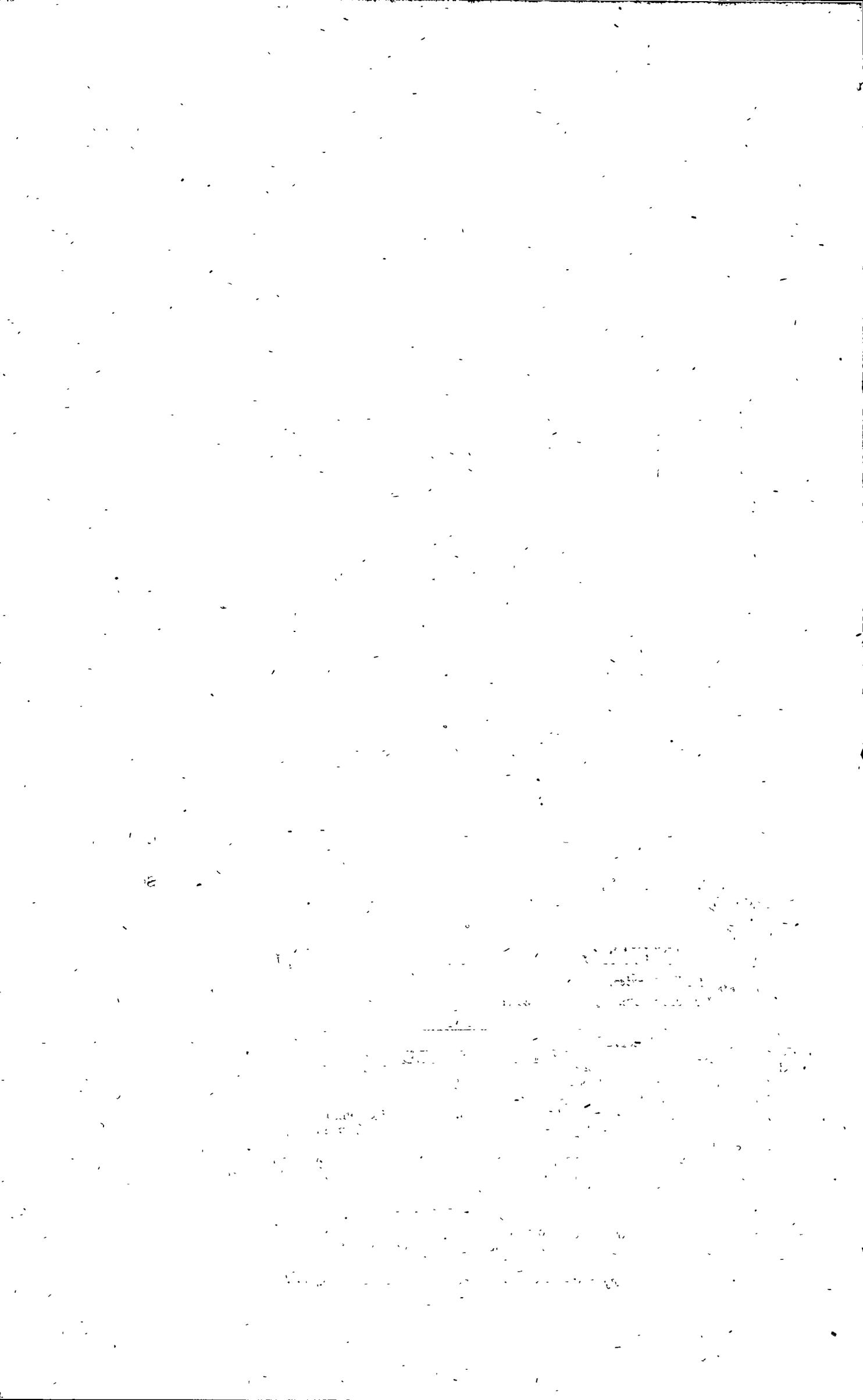
Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[98]. (To Members of Council only.)

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly.
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No. 61.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 29th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 30th November.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

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 Fire Brigades Bill—[100].
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

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 3. Will the present weighers be compelled to pass the clerical examination to enable them to retain the position they have held for years ; and, failing to pass, will they be transferred to non-clerical positions in the Customs and other Departments.
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 1. If the steel fish-plates included in the accepted tenders of the American company have been delivered in accordance with the conditions of the contract.
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Government Business.

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TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER:

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 30th November.

CAPTAIN KENNEY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 24TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 28, 29, and 30.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 31.

Marriage Bill.—Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. J. Sternberg. (To Members of Council only.)

Administration and Probate Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Plural Voting Abolition Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Auction Sales Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hons. J. C. Campbell and J. Sternberg. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 59, 60, and 61.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 62.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 14.

Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts. D.—No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 63.

THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That during the remainder of the Session the House shall meet on Friday, in addition to the present days of sitting, that Four o'clock p.m. be the hour of meeting on that day, and that Government Business shall have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
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TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

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Government Business.

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1. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 1st December.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32.
Immigration Restriction Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council and how dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 63.
Employers and Employes Bill—[102]. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 64.

TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he will take early steps to alter the arrangements at the post-office at Barrakee Railway Station, so as to remedy the matters which have been complained of.
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5. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. How many cases are there in which permits (with or without promises not to prosecute) have been given in the boot trade permitting wages less than the minimum fixed by the Wages Board.
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12. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
13. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 33.

Land Bill—

- Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. P. Phillips. (To Members of Council only.)
- Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. T. Comrie. (To Members of Council only.)
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 64.

Auction Sales Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 65.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If the Anomalies Board has power to rectify injustice to officers in all cases without an Order from the Governor in Council.
 2. Do all the members of the Board attend its meetings.
2. MR. BOWSER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
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Government Business.

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General Business.

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 Land Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hons. P. Phillips and J. M. Pratt. (To Members of Council only.)

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 Police Offences Bill—[71]. (To Members only.)
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Land Bill—

- New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. T. Dowling. (To Members of Council only.)
- New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)
- New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)
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Railway Lands Acquisition Bill—[108].

Purification of Rolls Bill.—Amendments. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Auction Sales Bill.—Amendments. (To Members of Assembly only.)



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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 67.

FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FOSTER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money as Loans for Water Supply and Irrigation Works in the Country Districts and for other purposes.

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3. MR. ZOx : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government will make inquiries into the alleged inadequate supply of water for the protection of Melbourne in case of a serious fire occurring.
4. MR. MCGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is true the signalmen at Ballarat are working from ten to twelve hours per day ; if so, when does he propose to reduce their hours of labour.

Government Business:

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COLAC AND BEECH FOREST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

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Land Bill.—Amendment proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert in substitution of New Clause F proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

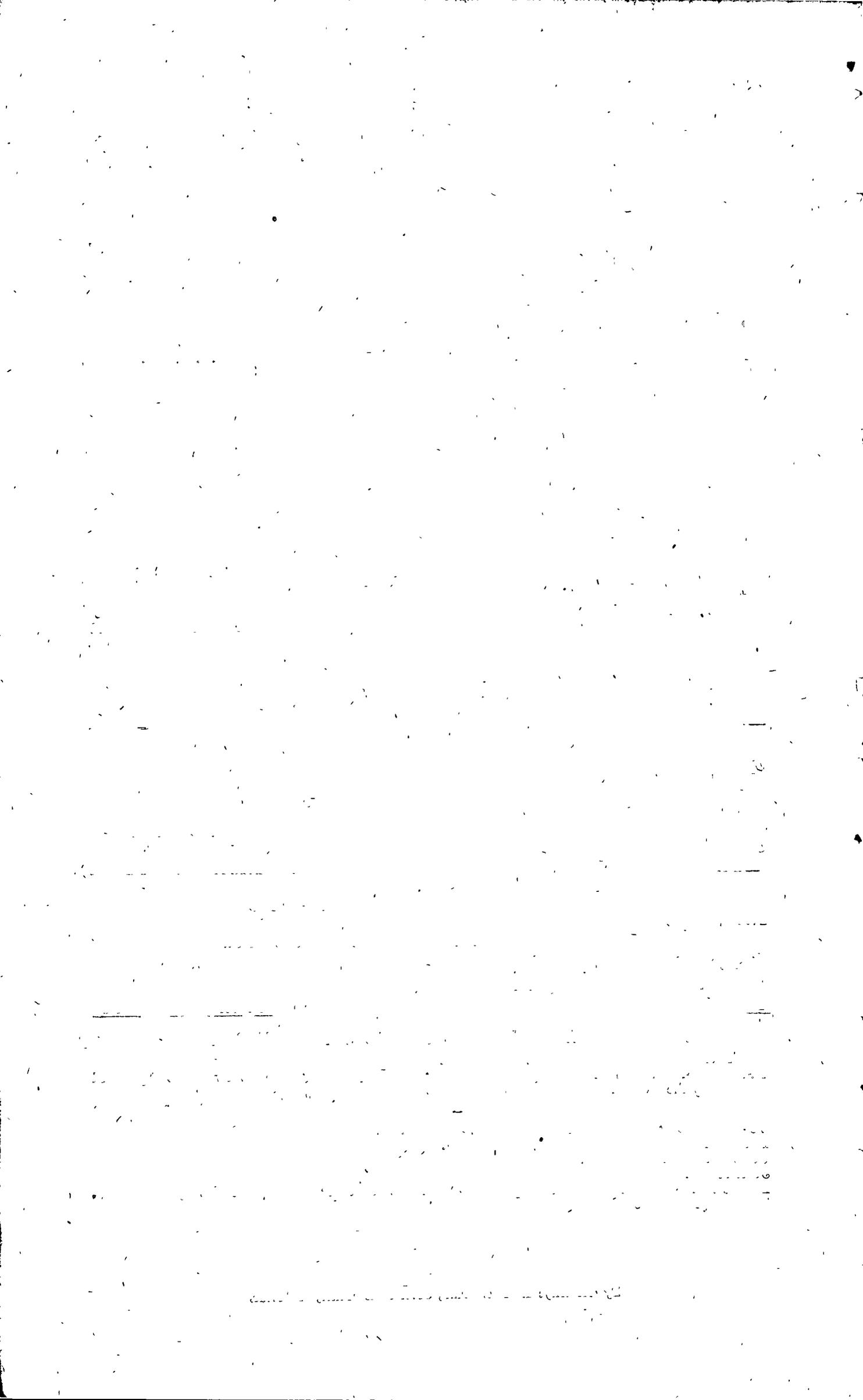
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Colac and Beech Forest Railway Construction Bill—[113].

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Income Tax Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Sir George Turner in Committee of Ways and Means. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 68.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Questions.

1. MR. VALE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. The date on which the contract with the Pennsylvania and Maryland Steel Company of the United States for the supply of steel rails and fish-plates, accepted on the 4th of March last, was signed.
 2. Whether the Honorable the Minister intends to impose the penalty under the 14th condition of the tenders for the non-performance or delay in the execution of the tender.
2. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. If he will give consideration to the important question of increasing the irrigable area of the colony by utilizing the surplus waters of the Murray and Goulburn rivers over the northern plains.
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 3. Is he aware that for the past four years the crops on these plains have been a failure, and that the only hope for their remaining peopled is to carry out this work.
3. MR. ZOZ : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government will make inquiries into the alleged inadequate supply of water for the protection of Melbourne in case of a serious fire occurring.
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 1. Is he aware that Syrians and other aliens continue to arrive in Melbourne.
 2. Is he aware that several Syrians were permitted to land from the steam-ship *Armand Behic* a few days ago.
 3. Will he be good enough to inform the House whether the decision in the case of *Al Toy v. Musgrove* "that a self-governing colony could exclude any alien not entitled under treaty to enter the colony" could be construed as sufficient authority to exclude the people mentioned.
6. MR. WATT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. If the report of Mr. Bagge's recent inspection of the operations of the primary education system of New South Wales is regarded by the Department as confidential.
 2. If not, will he provide for its circulation amongst Honorable Members during the recess.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. JUSTICES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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5. DENTISTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. DRAINAGE BILL—Third reading.
7. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. UNCLASSIFIED STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
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15. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. FIRE BRIGADES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. RAILWAYS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES' CLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
18. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
19. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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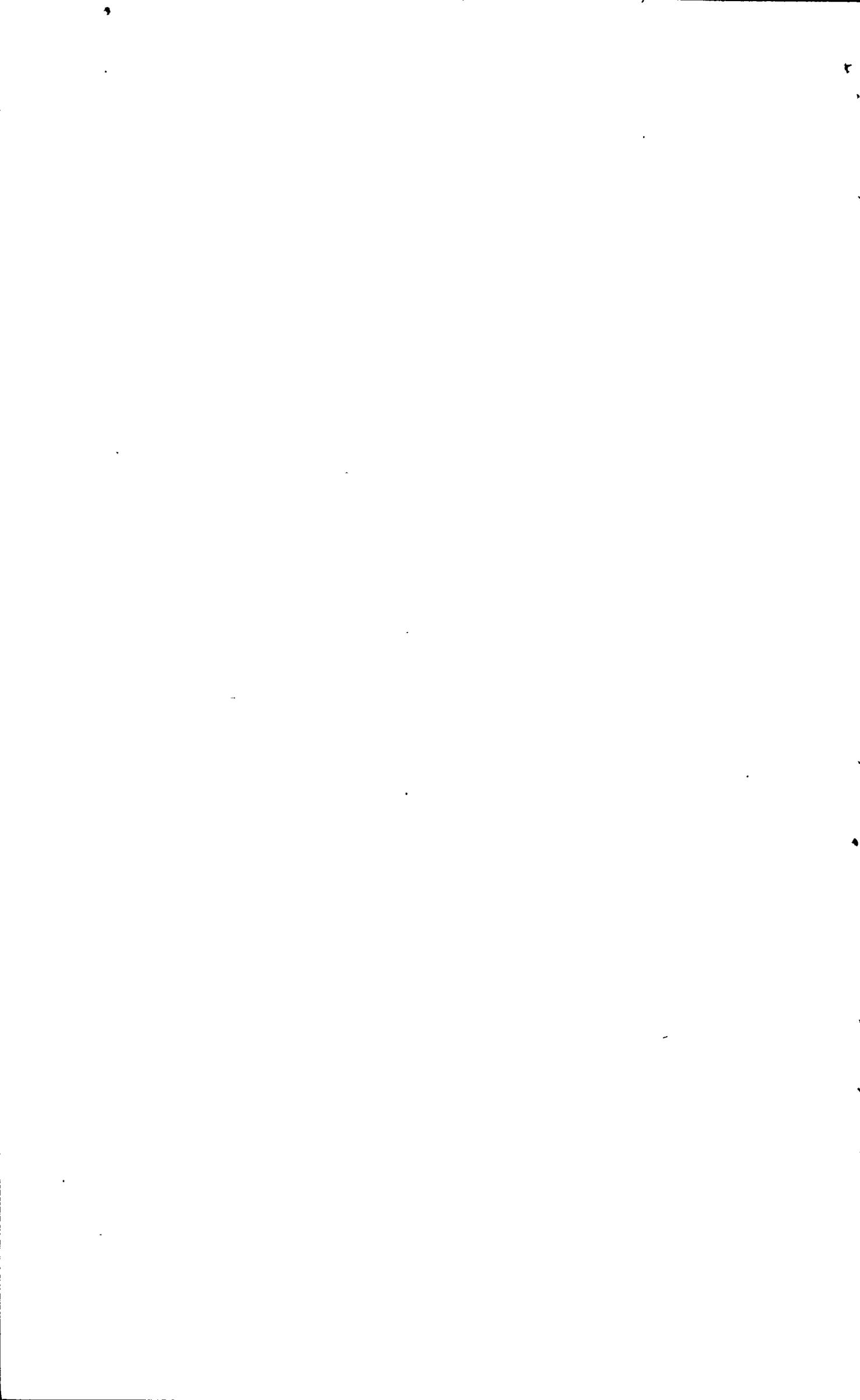
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Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[88].

Drainage Areas Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs on Third Reading. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 69.

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Questions.

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 2. What will be the approximate cost to the colony.
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 2. Did Mr. Wilson hold the qualification in question.
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Government Business.

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Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Railway from Colac to Beech Forest, &c. Report No. 10.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 70.

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DENTISTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That the law regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary, as the present system results in the return of Members by minorities instead of by majorities, and is, therefore, opposed to the principles of Constitutional Parliamentary Government.
3. MR. COOK: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cancellation of Mr. George Cannon's contract for the building of the idiots' quarters at Kew Asylum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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4. MR. GRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
5. MR. VALE : To move, That this House views with regret the encouragement given by the Government of Queensland to the introduction of Asiatic and other coloured labour, and will consider the advisability of so arranging our fiscal policy as to give a preference to sugar and other goods produced by white labour.
6. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the practice of gristing oats in bond should be discontinued.
7. MR. BAILES : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly should be printed, wherever practicable, at some place within the boundaries of the province or the electoral district.
8. MR. METHVEN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Wm. Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
9. MR. HANCOCK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount paid by the insurance companies to members of families of the Civil Service of Victoria insured under the provisions of the Public Service Act after the passing of the Ramsay Act abolishing pensions, specifying—
 1. Amount paid for death.
 2. Amount paid for surrender.
 3. Number of policies lapsed through non-payment of premium.
10. MR. BEAZLEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*.
11. MR. MURRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House a Royal Commission, consisting of _____, should be appointed for the purpose of taking evidence and making a report to this House as to the social, moral, and economic effect of the sport of horse-racing on the community generally; and to recommend what, in its opinion, are the best legislative steps to be taken if the Commission thinks that legislation is required on the question.
12. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employés in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.
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14. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of requisitions made by the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Public Works for the twelve months ending 30th November ultimo for erections, repairs, and alterations to school buildings.
 2. Number and locality of each school where the work was required.
 3. Number of the required works which have been completed.
 4. Number of the required works which have been commenced, and are uncompleted.
 5. Number of the required works which have not been commenced.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. MINES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
4. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
5. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. GEELONG MARKET SITE LEASING BILL—Second reading.
7. ABSENT VOTERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
8. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
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10. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 15th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past two o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 36, 37, and 38.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 40.
 Income Tax Bill—[104]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Colac and Beech Forest Railway Construction Bill—[113]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Lilydale and Warburton Railway Construction Bill—[114]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Report of Select Committee of Legislative Council on Permanent Artillery Appointments. D 4. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 70.

Dentists Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council on the Legislative Assembly's Amendment in the Bill. (To Members only.)

Progress Report of Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves on the question of Sleeper-Hewing in Forest Reserves, &c. No. 52.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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4. **MR. THOMSON** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it a fact that some officers in the Service served more than five years for the long-service increments specified in the Second Schedule to the Act No. 773 without such arrears of increment being paid, while other officers received such increment when it became due, or without any loss whatever.
 2. Is it intended to pay to such officers the increment that would have accrued from the date of the completion of the five years' period.
 3. If not, will the Right Honorable the Premier furnish a return giving the names of such officers in the order of seniority, the date when either of these long-service periods was completed, the date of the payment of the increment, and the date of the certificate of the Public Service Board for such payment; also, the number of officers in the Service who received either of these increments without sustaining any loss.
 4. Is it true that the Public Service Board was requested not to issue the necessary certificates for the payment of these long-service increments.
5. **MR. BAILES** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to make provision for the proper inspection and testing of boilers in shops and factories as is done with boilers under the Mines Acts.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report as to the advisability of an expenditure for building and maintaining refrigerated stores at the port of shipment for storage of perishable products intended for export; also as regards the advisability of assisting in the establishment of a Central Wine Depot for the promotion of the wine industry; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bowser, Mr. Chirnside, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Madden, Mr. Murray, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Toutcher.
2. **SIR GEORGE TURNER** : To move, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways be requested to inquire and report—
 1. As to the erection of a Central Railway Station at Flinders-street, Melbourne, and matters connected therewith.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 41.

Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[88]. (To Members of Council only.)

Land Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 71.

