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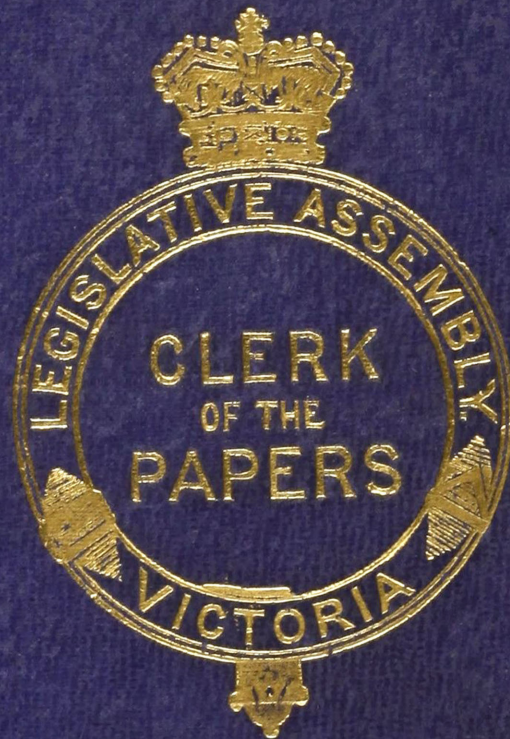


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**AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED:** Bill to confer powers upon The Australasian Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Petition presented for leave to introduce the Bill, 24 July, 1923, p. 15; report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that the Standing Orders had been fully complied with, read; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 July, p. 21; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Aug., p. 25; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed to a Select Committee, 9 Aug., p. 28; Standing Order No. 1, relating to Private Bills, suspended so as to allow the Select Committee to consist of seven members; Committee appointed and leave given to print the evidence taken before such Committee, 23 Aug., pp. 34-5; report, &c., presented, 4 Sept., p. 42; motion, That the report of the Select Committee be now taken into consideration—agreed to; motion, That the House agree to the amendments made by the Select Committee proposed, debated, and, after withdrawal of proposed amendment to recommit the Bill, withdrawn; motion, That the Bill be recommended to the Select Committee—debated and agreed to; motion, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee to investigate the statements made in the *Smith's Weekly* newspaper of the 15th September last with reference to the directors of the company, and to ascertain if the promoters of this company have or had any connexion, directly or indirectly, and, if so, what, with the Southern Union General Insurance Company Limited and/or the Security Underwriters Proprietary Limited—debated and agreed to, 25 Oct., p. 69; second report, &c., presented; promoters' intention not to proceed with the Bill reported by the Chairman of the Select Committee, 12 Dec., p. 108.—Bill lapsed.

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of public recreation of certain land in the Parish of Ballan and for the sale by auction of certain Crown land in the said parish temporarily reserved as a site for a cricket ground and for purposes of public recreation and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 49) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 13 May, 1924, pp. 131-2; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 May, p. 135; the Council's agreement notified, 20 May, p. 136. (*Assented to 21 May, 1924. Act No. 3340.*)

**BICYCLES REGISTRATION:** Bill to provide for the registration of bicycles—(*Mr. Jewell*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20.—Bill lapsed.

**BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY:** Bill to amend the *Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920*—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Nov., 1923, p. 88; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3324.*)

**BOWSER TO PEECHELBA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Bowser to Peechelba—(*Mr. Old*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 39) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1923, pp. 109-10; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 113; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3322.*)

**BOY IMMIGRANTS:** Bill relating to boy immigrants—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81.—Bill lapsed.

**BUSINESS AGENTS REGISTRATION:** Bill to provide for the registration of business agents and other purposes—(*Mr. Cain*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20.—Bill lapsed.

**CASH ORDER SYSTEM ABOLITION:** Bill to abolish the cash order system—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Aug., 1923, p. 24.—Bill lapsed.

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- CLOSER SETTLEMENT:** Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts—(*Mr. Allan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 15) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 Sept., 1923, pp. 48-9; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debated adjourned, 14 Nov., p. 80; debate resumed and adjourned, 20 Nov., p. 85; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 21 Nov., p. 86; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 113; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 14 Dec., p. 116. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3332.*)
- COAL MINERS' ACCIDENTS RELIEF FUND:** Bill relating to the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund—(*Sir William McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 7) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 July, p. 24; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 7 Aug., p. 27; further considered in Committee, 20 Sept., p. 45.—Bill lapsed.
- COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS):** Bill to provide for compulsory voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Webber for Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 4 Oct., p. 56.—Bill lapsed.
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three million three hundred thousand five hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 July, 1923, p. 8; the Council's agreement notified, 17 July, p. 9. (*Assented to 12 July, 1923. Act No. 3271.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 July, 1923, p. 12; the Council's agreement notified, 24 July, p. 16. (*Assented to 26 July, 1923. Act No. 3272.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-two thousand and seventy-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 Aug., 1923, p. 40; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Sept., p. 43. (*Assented to 5 September, 1923. Act No. 3273.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 4):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Oct., 1923, p. 54; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Oct., p. 56. (*Assented to 4 October, 1923. Act No. 3280.*)
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- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 6):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and ninety-four thousand three hundred and sixty-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Nov., 1923, p. 92; the Council's agreement notified, 29 Nov., p. 93. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3301.*)
- COUNTRY ROADS:** Bill to provide for the raising of money for the purposes of making certain permanent works under the Country Roads Acts and to amend the said Acts—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 40) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1923, p. 110; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Dec., p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 117. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3334.*)
- CRIMES:** Bill to amend section 61 of the *Crimes Act 1915*—(*Mr. Ryan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Aug., p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- DENTISTS REGISTRATION:** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Registration as Dentists in Victoria of certain Classes of Persons registered or entitled to be registered as Dentists in the United Kingdom*"—

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- ELECTORAL:** Bill to amend the law relating to parliamentary elections—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1923, p. 64; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 20 Nov., p. 85; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 27 Nov., p. 90; further considered in Committee, 28 Nov., p. 91; 29 Nov., p. 93; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 30 Nov., p. 94; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., pp. 95-6; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 12 Dec., p. 108; amendments considered—some agreed to, and others disagreed with, 13 Dec., p. 112; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but have amended one of such amendments; amendments and amendment, as amended, agreed to, 14 Dec., pp. 115-16. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3331.*)
- ELECTORAL DISTRICTS:** Bill relating to the number of members of the Legislative Assembly and to electoral districts and subdivisions and electoral rolls therefor and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 May, 1924, p. 125; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned; motion, That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 20 May instant, on division, negatived, 6 May, p. 128; debate on motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, resumed and adjourned, 13 May, p. 132; 14 May, pp. 132-3; 20 May, p. 135; question, on division, negatived, 20 May, p. 136.
- ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Nov., 1923, p. 90; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 30 Nov., p. 91; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Dec., p. 97; the Council's agreement notified, 6 Dec., p. 100. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3306.*)
- EXHIBITIONS:** Bill relating to the Exhibition site provided for in the *Exhibitions Act 1890*—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 Dec., 1923, p. 113; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Dec., p. 114.—Bill not returned from the Council.
- FACTORIES AND SHOPS:** Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Sept., 1923, p. 49; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 6 Dec., p. 99.—Bill lapsed.
- FAIR RENTS:** Bill for the establishment of courts for the purpose of fixing fair rents for dwelling-houses—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 4 Oct., p. 56; further considered in Committee; motion, That the Chairman do report the Bill with amendments to the House, on division, negatived; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, 16-17 Oct., p. 63.—Bill not reported from Committee.
- FIRE BRIGADES:** Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a sum of Thirty-five thousand pounds and to amend the *Fire Brigades Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1923, p. 106; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 112; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3321.*)
- FORESTS:** Bill to amend the Forests Acts—(*Mr. Toutcher*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 46) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 30 April, 1924, p. 124.—Bill lapsed.
- FRIENDLY SOCIETIES:** Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Acts—(*Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 July, 1923, p. 3; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 July, p. 24; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 7 Aug., p. 27; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Aug., p. 29; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Sept., p. 48. (*Assented to 2 October, 1923. Act No. 3275.*)
- FRUIT:** Bill relating to the handling of fruit and vegetables and for other purposes—(*Mr. Wellenhall*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1923, p. 54; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Oct., p. 65; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Oct., p. 67. (*Assented to 30 October, 1923. Act No. 3288.*)
- GAME:** Bill to amend the Game Acts—(*Mr. Baird*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 19; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Oct., p. 64; further considered in Committee, 14 Nov., p. 80; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 20 Nov., p. 83; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Nov., p. 85.—Bill not returned from the Council.
- GAS REGULATION:** Bill to amend the law with respect to the supply of gas—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 31 July, 1923, p. 23; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Aug., p. 31; order for resumption of debate on second reading debated and postponed, 28 Aug., p. 37; debate on second reading resumed and Bill committed; considered in Committee, 29 Aug., p. 38; motion, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the proposals contained in the Bill, on division, agreed to, 25 Sept., p. 47; further considered in Committee, 6 May, 1924, p. 128.—Bill lapsed.
- GEELONG LAND:** Bill relating to the sale of certain Crown land at Geelong in the Parish of Moorpanyal in the County of Grant—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 27 Nov., p. 90.

**GEELONG LAND (BILL No. 2):** Bill to provide for the granting of a lease of certain Crown land at Geelong in the Parish of Moorpanyal in the County of Grant to The Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia Limited—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1923, p. 108; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13-14 Dec., p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3327.*)

**GOROKE TO MOREA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Goroke to Morea—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 99; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3312.*)

**GRAIN ELEVATORS:** Bill to provide for the handling of grain in bulk by means of the elevator system—(*Mr. Groves for Mr. Robertson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 21.—Bill lapsed.

**HOUSING AND RECLAMATION:** Bill to further amend the *Housing and Reclamation Act 1920*—(*Mr. Gordon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1923, p. 54; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 99; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 113. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3317.*)

**INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT:** Bill to provide for the collection by State officers of income tax for the Commonwealth and to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1923, p. 109; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 112; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 113. (*Assented to 22 December 1923. Act No. 3319.*)

**INCOME TAX:** Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and to continue the Income Tax Acts—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1923, p. 106; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 109; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Dec., p. 110. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3313.*)

**INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES:** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Industrial and Provident Societies*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 24 Oct., 1923, p. 67; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned; 6 May, 1924, p. 128.—Bill lapsed.

**INEBRIATES:** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Inebriates Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1923, p. 93; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 6 Dec., p. 99. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3305.*)

**KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov.,

1923, p. 81; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 35) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 5 Dec., p. 97; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 109; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Dec., p. 110. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3315.*)

**KEW LAND ACQUISITION:** Bill to enable the Council of the City of Kew to purchase or take certain land for the purpose of widening part of High-street in the said city and of opening new streets and lanes and to dispose of any surplus land so purchased or taken and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 May, 1924, p. 125.—Bill lapsed.

**KOOLOONONG TO WEST NARRUNG RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung—(*Mr. Old*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 37) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1923, p. 106; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 112; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 113. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3318.*)

**LAND:** Bill to amend the Land Acts—(*Mr. Allan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 16) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 Sept., 1923, p. 49; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Oct., p. 65; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; motion, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider a clause to provide for investment by trustees on first mortgage of certain selection purchase leases of Mallee lands under certain conditions—agreed to; Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Nov., p. 79; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified; amendment agreed to, 4 Dec., p. 96. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3302.*)

**LANDLORD AND TENANT:** Bill relating to pound breach and rescue—(*Mr. Wettenhall*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1923, p. 54; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Oct., p. 65.—Bill lapsed.

**LAND TAX:** Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1923, p. 106; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 109; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Dec., p. 110. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3314.*)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 1):** Bill relating to the rateability of certain land vested in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—(*Mr. Farthing for Mr. Everard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; order for second reading debated and postponed, 15 Nov., p. 82.—Bill lapsed.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 2):** Bill to extend the powers of municipalities with respect to the sale of bread, butter, fish, meat, and coal and the supply of milk and other produce—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20.—Bill lapsed.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 3):** Bill to amend the Local Government Acts—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Aug., 1923, p. 24; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debated; the House divided on the question, and the numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy-Speaker said, "The voting being even, I shall, in accordance with the usual practice, give my casting vote with the 'Ayes,' so that the matter may be further discussed"; question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 15 Nov., p. 82.—Bill lapsed.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BORROWING POWERS):** Bill relating to the borrowing powers of municipalities—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Nov., 1923, p. 90; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 99; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3311.*)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SINKING FUNDS):** Bill relating to municipal sinking funds—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 51) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 May, 1924, pp. 133-4.—Bill lapsed.

**LUNACY:** Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Performance and Execution of the Powers Authorities and Duties of the Master-in-Lunacy by the Master-in-Equity and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 31 Oct., 1923, p. 73; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 23 Nov., p. 88. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3293.*)

**MARINE:** Bill to amend the Marine Acts—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 38) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1923, p. 109; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 113; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3320.*)

**MARNOO TO WALLALOO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 Dec., 1923, p. 112; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 113; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3323.*)

**MARRIAGE:** Bill to amend the Marriage Acts—(*Mr. Baird*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 19; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Aug., p. 25; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 8 Aug., p. 28; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Oct., p. 59. (*Assented to 17 October, 1923. Act No. 3282.*)

**MEDICAL (DENTISTS):** Bill to amend the *Medical Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20.—Bill lapsed.

**MEDICAL (DENTISTS) (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend Part II.—Dentists—of the *Medical Act 1915*—(*Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Aug., 1923, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS:** Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts—(*Mr. Gordon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Sept., 1923, p. 49; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 20 Nov., p. 83; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 22 Nov., p. 87; further considered in Committee, 4 Dec., p. 96; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 5 Dec., p. 97; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., pp. 98-9; the Council's agreement notified, 6 Dec., p. 101. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3308.*)

**METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS:** Bill to make further and better provision with respect to main drains and main drainage works and certain rivers, creeks, and water-courses within the metropolis and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 10) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 31 July, 1923, p. 23; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8 Aug., p. 28; debate resumed and adjourned, 9 Aug., p. 28; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 28 Aug., p. 37; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Sept., p. 49; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 64. (*Assented to 23 October, 1923. Act No. 3284.*)

**METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY:** Bill to further amend *The Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1878* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Aug., 1923, p. 32; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Aug., p. 34; debate resumed and adjourned, 19 Sept., p. 45; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 20 Sept., p. 45; motion, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the proposals contained in the Bill, on division, agreed to, 25 Sept., p. 47; further considered in Committee, 15 May, 1924, p. 134.—Bill lapsed.

**MINING DEVELOPMENT:** Bill to amend section 4 of the *Mining Development Act 1915 (No. 2)*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 Dec., 1923, p. 112; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3330.*)

**MOORPANYAL LANDS:** Bill to divest out of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners certain land in the Parish of Moorpanyal and to revoke the permanent reservation of certain other land in the said Parish and to provide for the grant to the Commonwealth of Australia as a site for a base for seaplanes of the Australian Air Force of the said lands, and in pursuance of an arrangement with the Commonwealth for the exchange of certain lands in the said Parish to close certain roads and for other purposes—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3325.*)

**MOTOR CAR:** Bill to make further provision with respect to motor omnibuses and the registration of motor cars and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 41) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1923, p. 111.—Bill lapsed.

**MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT:** Bill relating to municipal endowment—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 26) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1923, p. 83; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., p. 86; the Council's agreement notified, 27 Nov., p. 90. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3295.*)

**NARRE WORRAN LAND:** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of portion of certain land in the Parish of Narre Worrان as a site for police purposes—(*Sir William McPherson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 18; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Aug., p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Oct., p. 52. (*Assented to 4 October, 1923. Act No. 3277.*)

**NEWMERELLA LAND:** Bill to authorize the application of payments made in respect of leases of certain lands in the Township of Newmerella to or towards the purchase by the Council of the Shire of Orbost of certain land as a site for a public park and recreation reserve—(*Mr. Oman*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 8) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 18; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Aug., p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Oct., p. 52. (*Assented to 4 October, 1923. Act No. 3276.*)

**NOTICES OF ACTION:** Bill to make certain provisions in relation to notices of action—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Aug., p. 35.—Bill lapsed.

**NURSES REGISTRATION:** Bill to make provision with respect to the training, qualifications, and registration of nurses and for other purposes—(*Mr. Baird*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 19; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8 Aug., p. 28; debate resumed and adjourned, 26 Sept., p. 49; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 3 Oct., p. 56; further considered in Committee, 9 Oct., p. 59; 10 Oct., p. 60; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 11 Oct., p. 61; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Oct., p. 63; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 6 Dec., p. 98; amendments agreed to, 6 Dec., pp. 100-1. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3307.*)

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS):** Bill to allow railway employees and all civil servants to contest any parliamentary election without having to resign from the Service—(*Mr. Brownbill*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Aug., p. 35.—Bill not returned from the Council.

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES):** Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections*"—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 31 Oct., 1923, p. 73; read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly, 14 Dec., p. 116.—Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, 22 Dec., p. 123. (*Royal assent given, 21 March, 1924. Act No. 3337.*)

**PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES:** Bill relating to parliamentary witnesses—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Oct., 1923, p. 52; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Oct., p. 55; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Oct., p. 56. (*Assented to 4 October, 1923. Act No. 3281.*)

**POLICE PENSIONS:** Bill to make further provision with respect to the retirement, pensions, allowances, and gratuities of members of the police force and their widows, children, and dependants and to amend the *Police Regulation Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 33) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Nov., 1923, p. 89; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned; motion, That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next, on division, agreed to, 4 Dec., p. 95; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and



reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11-12 Dec., p. 108; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 112. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3316.*)

**PUBLIC ACCOUNT ADVANCES:** Bill to amend the law relating to the trust funds and the temporary application of moneys out of "The Public Account" and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 50) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 May, 1924, p. 133; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 May, p. 135; the Council's agreement notified, 21 May. (*Assented to 21 May, 1924. Act No. 3341.*)

**PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION:** Bill to make provision for the protection of the community in cases of emergency—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Motion for leave to bring in the Bill—debated; Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill an urgent measure; motion further debated and agreed to and Bill read a first time; motion made, That this Bill be now read a second time; motion, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock, on division, negatived; debate on motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, resumed; amendment proposed, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "this House declines to read this Bill a second time, inasmuch as the House is of the opinion that it is urgently important in the interests of peace and order in the State that a settlement of the police trouble should be accomplished at the earliest moment. That the House is further of the opinion that the men should resume duty forthwith, and that a board or a Supreme Court Judge be immediately appointed to hear representations and to determine whether the appointment of the supervisors and their methods of administration of the functions of their office are necessary for the efficient working of the police force"; amendment debated and, on division, negatived; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, on division, agreed to; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 7-8 Nov., 1923, pp. 75-6; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Nov., p. 79. (*Assented to 9 November, 1923. Act No. 3292.*)

**PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for public works and other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 5 Dec., p. 97.

**RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Nov., p., 88; the Council's agreement notified, 28 Nov., p. 92. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3299.*)

**RAILWAYS ADVANCES (STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT):** Bill to amend the *Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Act 1921*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 32) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 21 Nov., 1923, p. 86; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Nov., p. 93; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Dec., p. 97. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3303.*)

**RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD:** Bill to extend the operations of the *Railways Classification Board Act 1919* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 Nov., 1923, p. 79; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 4 Dec., p. 95; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; motion, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment to extend the powers of the Board to include butty-gang and contract parties of the Railway Department—debated and agreed to; motion, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment empowering the Board to determine the marginal increase to secondary grades based upon the skill of such grades and the time at which such increases shall be paid—debated and agreed to; Bill considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 110; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified; amendment disagreed with, 13 Dec., p. 113; the Council do not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3326.*)

**RAILWAYS SINKING FUND:** Bill to establish a railways sinking fund and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 30) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1923, p. 85; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 100; the Council's agreement notified, 7 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3309.*)

**RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE:** Bill to further amend the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 14) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 25 Sept., 1923, p. 47; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Sept., p. 49; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Oct., p. 59. (*Assented to 17 October, 1923. Act No. 3283.*)

**RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend section 13 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 May, 1924, p. 125; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 May, p. 134; the Council's agreement notified, 20 May, p. 136. (*Assented to 21 May, 1924. Act No. 3339.*)



- RIVER MURRAY WATERS:** Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters, and to amend the River Murray Waters Acts—(*Mr. Angus*). Initiated and read a first time, 16 Aug., 1923, p. 32; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Oct., p. 56; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Oct., p. 64; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Oct., p. 67. (*Assented to 30 October, 1923. Act No. 3287.*)
- SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS):** Bill to provide that all State parliamentary elections be held on a Saturday—(*Mr. Brownbill*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, on division, negatived, 15 Nov., p. 81.
- SMEATON LAND:** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of portion of certain land in the Parish of Smeaton, in the County of Talbot, reserved from sale permanently pursuant to the *Smeaton Land Act 1921* as a site for a public park—(*Sir William McPherson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 18; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Aug., p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Oct., p. 52. (*Assented to 4 October, 1923. Act No. 3278.*)
- SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS:** Bill to authorize the re-vesting in the Crown of certain lands at Smeaton, in the Parish of Springhill, in the County of Talbot, reserved from sale permanently as a site for Smeaton, Springhill, and Bullarook Agricultural Association's show yards, and granted by a Crown grant to certain trustees and now held under certificate of title—(*Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Aug., 1923, p. 32; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Oct., p. 61; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Oct., p. 73. (*Assented to 1 November, 1923. Act No. 3289.*)
- ST. ARNAUD SCHOOL OF MINES SITE:** Bill to repeal the *St. Arnaud School of Mines Site Act 1891*—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Dec., 1923, p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3328.*)
- STATE PRODUCE AGENCY:** Bill for the establishment and regulation of a State produce agency and for purposes incidental thereto—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 20.—Bill lapsed.
- STATE SAVINGS BANK:** Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts—(*Mr. Lawson for Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Nov., p. 93; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 4 Dec., p. 96; amendment agreed to, 5 Dec., p. 98. (*Assented to 18 December, 1923. Act No. 3304.*)
- SUPREME COURT:** Bill intituled "*An Act to facilitate the Enforcement in Victoria of Judgments and Awards in the Superior Courts of England Scotland and Ireland and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1923, p. 54; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 18 Oct., p. 65. (*Assented to 23 October, 1923. Act No. 3286.*)
- SURPLUS REVENUE:** Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 28) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1923, p. 84; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., p. 86; the Council's agreement notified, 27 Nov., p. 90. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3294.*)
- TARRANGINNIE LAND:** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain land in the Parish of Tarranginnie, in the County of Lowan, as a site for water supply purposes—(*Sir William McPherson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Aug., p. 25; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Oct., p. 61; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Oct., p. 73. (*Assented to 1 November, 1923. Act No. 3290.*)
- TOONALLOOK LAND:** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown land at Toonallook in the Parish of Bairnsdale as a site for a State school—(*Sir William McPherson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 19; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Aug., p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Oct., p. 52. (*Assented to 4 October, 1923. Act No. 3279.*)
- TOTALIZATOR:** Bill relating to totalizators on race-courses—(*Mr. Morley*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Aug., 1923, p. 24.—Bill lapsed.
- TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES:** Bill to amend the *Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 29) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1923, p. 84; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., p. 87; the Council's agreement notified, 28 Nov., p. 90. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3296.*)
- UNIVERSITY:** Bill relating to the University of Melbourne—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 5) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1923, p. 17; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 July, p. 24; debate resumed and adjourned, 14 Aug., p. 31; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 15 Aug., p. 31; further considered in Committee, 21 Aug., p. 33; 22 Aug., p. 34; 28 Aug., p. 37; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 25 Sept., p. 48; Bill read the third time and further amendments

made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Oct., pp. 55-6; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Oct., p. 63; amendments agreed to, 17 Oct., p. 64. (*Assented to 23 October, 1923. Act No. 3285.*)

**VERMIN DESTRUCTION (WIRE NETTING):** Bill to amend the law relating to the supplying of wire netting to municipalities and owners and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 48) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 13 May, 1924, p. 131.—Bill lapsed.

**VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN:** Bill to authorize the raising of money for railways, for irrigation works and water supply, and for the purposes of works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria—(*Sir William McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 11) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 21 Aug., 1923, p. 33; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Aug., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Sept., p. 48. (*Assented to 2 October, 1923. Act No. 3274.*)

**VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCK:** Bill to amend the *Victorian Government Stock Act 1896*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 27) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1923, pp. 83-4; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., p. 87; the Council's agreement notified, 28 Nov., p. 90. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3297.*)

**VICTORIAN LOAN:** Bill to authorize the raising of money for railways—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 31) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 21 Nov., 1923, p. 86; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Nov., p. 87; the Council's agreement notified, 28 Nov., p. 92. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3298.*)

**VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS):** Bill to authorize the raising of money for public works and other purposes and to sanction the issue and application of such money—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 36) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 Dec., 1923, pp. 99-100; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., p. 107; amendments in the Bill suggested by the Council; Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the Legislative Council had gone beyond its province and invaded the privileges of the Legislative Assembly by inserting new items involving the expenditure of money; motion, That the Assembly are unable to entertain the amendments

suggested by the Council—agreed to, 14 Dec., p. 115; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 14 Dec., p. 117. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3335.*)

**WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage and flood protection works in country districts, and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Sir William McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Nov., 1923, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., p. 87; the Council's agreement notified, 29 Nov., p. 93. (*Assented to 30 November, 1923. Act No. 3300.*)

**WERRIMULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Werrimull to The Hut—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 Dec., 1923, p. 113; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3329.*)

**WHEAT MARKETING (WINDING UP):** Bill to provide for the winding up of matters outstanding in connexion with the administration of the Wheat Marketing Acts and the *Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 45) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 April, 1924, pp. 123-4; the Council's agreement notified, 13 May, p. 132; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 52) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; His Excellency's Message transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested, 20 May, p. 135; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 20 May, p. 136. (*Assented to 21 May, 1924. Act No. 3338.*)

**WITCHIPOOL LAND:** Bill to provide for the sale of certain land in the Parish of Witchipool, including certain land reserved temporarily as a site for watering purposes and for the closing of a certain road and for other purposes—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1923, p. 54; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Oct., p. 65; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 99; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3310.*)

**WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE:** Bill to amend the *Wyndham Race-course Act 1912*—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Bill initiated and motion made, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the order for third reading—question resolved in the affirmative and Bill read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 2 Aug., 1923, p. 25; read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Oct., p. 69; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 14 Nov., p. 80; amendment agreed to, 14 Dec., p. 116. (*Assented to 22 December, 1923. Act No. 3333.*)

## SESSION 1923-4.

## MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 130 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, No. 2632, the Legislative Assembly consists of Sixty-five Members.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THIRD SESSION (11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923, TO 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1924\*).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, The Honorable John <sup>1</sup> ..	Rodney ..	11,395	4,110	3,424	7,534	4,338	..	69·37	62·60	66·12
Allison, David, Esquire ..	Borung ..	7,824	3,083	2,538	5,621	2,938	..	73·28	70·17	71·84
Angus, The Honorable Henry <sup>2</sup> ..	Gunbower ..	8,963	3,547	2,662	6,209	3,479	..	71·90	66·05	69·27
Argyle, The Honorable Dr. Stanley Seymour <sup>3</sup>	Toorak ..	25,421	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bailey, Henry Stephen, Esquire ..	Port Fairy ..	8,051	2,656	2,039	4,695	3,438	..	64·88	51·53	58·32
Baird, The Honorable Matthew <sup>4</sup> ..	Ballaarat West ..	10,232	2,948	3,952	6,900	4,622	..	70·41	65·38	67·44
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel <sup>5</sup> ..	Walhalla ..	6,758	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Beardmore, The Honorable Henry <sup>6</sup> ..	Benambra ..	6,621	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur <sup>7</sup>	Ovens ..	5,183	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Billson, The Honorable John William	Fitzroy ..	14,745	2,957	2,969	5,926	3,946	..	45·08	36·27	40·19
Bouchier, Colonel Murray William James, C.M.G., D.S.O.	Goulburn Valley	8,865	3,463	3,141	6,604	3,482	..	76·23	72·67	74·50
Bowser, The Honorable John <sup>8</sup> ..	Wangaratta ..	7,566	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Brownbill, William, Esquire ..	Geelong ..	14,991	4,646	5,134	9,780	5,316	..	68·19	62·78	65·24
Cain, John, Esquire ..	Jika Jika ..	34,953	9,270	8,538	17,808	9,668	..	56·87	45·78	50·95
Cameron, Allan Francois, Esquire <sup>9</sup> ..	Dalhousie ..	6,948	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Carlisle, The Honorable John Joseph	Benalla ..	7,927	2,477	2,072	4,549	2,912	..	61·07	53·53	57·39
Clough, Luke James, Esquire ..	Bendigo East ..	8,805	2,499	2,953	5,452	3,250	..	72·12	55·30	61·92
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire <sup>10</sup> ..	Richmond ..	18,613	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Deany, James Davidson, Esquire ..	Warrnambool ..	5,027	3,056	2,848	5,904	3,541	..	68·81	62·10	65·40
Downward, The Honorable Alfred <sup>11</sup> ..	Mornington ..	15,741	4,320	3,216	7,536	3,485	3,827	53·35	42·72	47·87
Dunstan, Albert Arthur, Esquire ..	Eaglehawk ..	6,412	2,464	2,444	4,908	1,795	3,077	79·28	73·97	76·54
Eggleston, The Honorable Frederic William <sup>12</sup>	St. Kilda ..	34,106	6,217	7,341	13,558	10,104	..	44·01	36·74	39·75
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire ..	Evelyn ..	12,151	3,229	2,517	5,746	4,624	..	52·62	41·85	47·29
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire <sup>13</sup>	East Melbourne	12,214	2,401	2,801	5,202	2,810	..	43·35	41·96	42·59
Fetherston, Dr. Richard Herbert Joseph	Prahran ..	21,095	5,123	6,446	11,569	5,815	..	59·45	51·66	54·84
Frost, George Clement, Esquire ..	Maryborough ..	6,664	2,534	2,552	5,086	2,837	..	77·09	75·57	76·32
Gordon, The Honorable John <sup>14</sup> ..	Waranga ..	6,950	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Greenwood, Edmund Wilson, Esquire <sup>15</sup>	Boroondara ..	49,157	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Groves, The Honorable Frank <sup>16</sup> ..	Dandenong ..	17,719	4,404	3,701	8,105	5,538	..	49·27	42·15	45·74
Hogan, Edmond John, Esquire ..	Warrenheip ..	5,657	2,023	1,676	3,699	2,325	..	66·50	64·09	65·39
Hughes, Arthur, Esquire ..	Grenville ..	4,820	1,845	1,763	3,608	1,593	1,968	77·55	72·22	74·85
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire ..	Brunswick ..	25,047	6,076	5,464	11,540	7,369	..	51·79	41·04	46·07

\* The Legislative Assembly was dissolved on this date.

## NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1921; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 20 August, 1921, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 30 August, 1921, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to the elections held subsequent to 1921, and the dates of such elections will be found in the following notes:—

- The Hon. J. Allan, President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Immigration (without salary) from 7 September, 1923, to 19 March, 1924.
- The Hon. H. Angus, a member of the Government without office from 4 November, 1920, to 7 September, 1923.
- The Hon. Dr. S. S. Argyle, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 7 September, 1923.
- The Hon. M. Baird, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 7 July, 1919, to 7 September, 1923.
- The Hon. S. Barnes, Minister of Railways, a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, and Minister of Mines (without salary) from 21 March, 1918, to 7 September, 1923.
- The Hon. H. Beardmore, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 19 March, 1924.
- The Hon. A. A. Billson, Chairman of Committees from 28 September, 1921.
- The Hon. J. Bowser, Speaker from 30 April, 1924.
- Mr. A. F. Cameron, deceased 28 December, 1923; succeeded by Mr. R. T. Pollard.
- Mr. E. J. Cotter, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- The Hon. A. Downward, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- The Hon. F. W. Eggleston, Minister of Water Supply from 27 February to 19 March, 1924; Minister of Railways and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 19 March, 1924.
- Mr. A. A. Farthing, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 11 September, 1923.
- The Hon. J. Gordon, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 7 September, 1923; also a member of the Government without office from 7 September, 1923, to 19 March, 1924; Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Water Supply (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 19 March, 1924.
- Mr. E. W. Greenwood, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- The Hon. F. Groves, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920, to 11 September, 1923; appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 19 March, 1924.

## MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman <sup>17</sup>	Castlemaine and Maldon	6,621	2,083	2,254	4,337	3,201	..	68·66	62·84	65·50
Lemmon, The Honorable John ..	Williamstown..	23,939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lind, Albert Eli, Esquire ..	Gippsland East	6,146	2,458	1,793	4,251	2,659	..	71·27	66·48	69·17
Mackey, The Honorable Sir John Emanuel <sup>18</sup>	Gippsland West	9,663	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackrell, Edwin Joseph, Esquire ..	Upper Goulburn	8,109	2,966	2,316	5,282	1,750	3,198	67·59	62·24	65·14
McDonald, James, Esquire ..	Polwarth ..	11,310	3,997	3,312	7,309	4,311	..	67·86	61·11	64·62
McDonald, James, Esquire <sup>19</sup> ..	Daylesford ..	6,313	2,156	2,180	4,336	1,933	2,138	70·66	66·83	68·68
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ..	Ballaarat East	9,697	3,119	3,786	6,905	4,055	..	74·02	69·05	71·21
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ..	Gippsland North	9,122	2,867	2,530	5,397	4,171	..	63·18	55·19	59·16
McLeod, Roderick Hugh, Esquire <sup>20</sup> ..	Daylesford ..	6,313	2,156	2,180	4,336	1,696	2,136	70·66	66·83	68·68
McPherson, The Honorable William Murray <sup>21</sup>	Hawthorn ..	29,582	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Morley, Edward, Esquire ..	Barwon ..	12,042	4,091	3,886	7,887	3,117	4,486	69·32	61·98	65·50
Murphy, James Lawrence, Esquire ..	Port Melbourne	15,321	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Old, The Honorable Francis Edward <sup>22</sup>	Swan Hill ..	18,135	5,441	3,353	8,794	6,360	..	52·36	43·30	48·49
Oman, The Honorable David Swan <sup>23</sup>	Hampden ..	11,356	3,727	3,166	6,893	3,743	..	64·24	57·00	60·70
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. <sup>24</sup>	Allandale ..	5,474	1,781	1,764	3,545	2,538	..	68·42	61·44	64·76
Pennington, The Honorable John Warburton <sup>25</sup>	Kara Kara ..	6,080	2,629	2,411	5,040	2,436	2,675	85·36	80·37	82·89
Pollard, Reginald Thomas, Esquire <sup>26</sup> ..	Dalhousie ..	6,505	2,348	2,302	4,650	1,522	2,339	74·37	68·76	71·48
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	North Melbourne	18,362	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert <sup>27</sup>	Bulla ..	11,290	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ..	Melbourne ..	8,825	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Ryan, Thomas, Esquire ..	Essendon ..	31,676	8,919	9,486	18,405	10,254	..	61·56	55·20	58·11
Slater, William, Esquire <sup>28</sup> ..	Dundas ..	8,215	2,982	2,677	5,659	3,335	..	72·01	65·71	68·89
Smith, The Honorable David	Bendigo West	9,429	2,878	3,352	6,230	3,259	..	68·75	63·93	66·07
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire	Brighton ..	26,285	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire <sup>29</sup> ..	Carlton ..	12,762	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Thomas, William Edward, Esquire ..	Glenelg ..	8,996	3,460	3,211	6,671	3,526	..	77·15	74·29	75·25
Toucher, The Honorable Richard Frederick <sup>30</sup>	Stawell and Ararat	7,969	2,828	2,650	5,478	3,115	..	71·76	65·79	68·74
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ..	Collingwood ..	14,796	4,652	4,943	9,595	5,313	..	68·41	61·82	64·85
Wallace, Arthur Knight, Esquire ..	Albert Park ..	20,789	5,281	5,795	11,076	5,882	..	56·42	50·70	53·28
Walter, Arthur Lewis Nathan, Esquire <sup>31</sup>	Gippsland West	9,411	2,996	2,795	5,015	1,633	3,094	59·36	46·26	53·28
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ..	Flemington ..	23,755	5,445	4,526	9,971	6,447	..	46·46	37·61	41·97
Weaver, Isaac Job, Esquire ..	Korong ..	6,831	2,529	2,078	4,607	2,835	..	70·48	64·08	67·44
Webber, Gordon Charles, Esquire ..	Abbotsford ..	14,506	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
West, Walter, Esquire <sup>32</sup> ..	Gippsland South	9,764	3,204	2,261	5,465	2,124	2,980	62·06	49·14	55·97
Wettenhall, The Honorable Marcus Edwy <sup>33</sup>	Lowan ..	9,640	3,591	3,066	6,657	3,320	..	72·11	65·79	69·06

<sup>17</sup> The Hon. H. S. W. Lawson, Premier from 21 March, 1918, to 28 April, 1924; Minister of Agriculture from 4 November, 1920, to 7 September, 1923; Minister of Water Supply (without salary) from 22 February, 1921, to 27 February, 1924; Minister (without salary) in charge of the Wheat Scheme from 7 September, 1923, to 19 March, 1924; (Acting Treasurer from November, 1923, to February, 1924); Treasurer from 27 February to 28 April, 1924.

<sup>18</sup> The Hon. Sir J. E. Mackey, Speaker from 29 November, 1917; deceased 6 April, 1924; succeeded by the Hon. J. Bowser as Speaker, and by Mr. A. L. N. Walter as Member for Gippsland West.

<sup>19</sup> Mr. J. McDonald (Daylesford), elected 9 August, 1923, *vice* the Hon. D. McLeod, deceased 8 July, 1923; unseated on recount of votes before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 4 September, 1923; succeeded by Mr. R. H. McLeod.

<sup>20</sup> Mr. R. H. McLeod, declared duly elected by a majority of five votes on recount of votes before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 4 September, 1923, *vice* Mr. J. McDonald (Daylesford), unseated.

<sup>21</sup> The Hon. W. M. McPherson, Treasurer from 29 November, 1917, to 20 November, 1923. (Acting Premier from January to July, 1923.)

<sup>22</sup> The Hon. F. E. Old, Minister of Railways, Minister of Agriculture (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 7 September, 1923, to 19 March, 1924.

<sup>23</sup> The Hon. D. S. Oman, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 4 November, 1920, to 7 September, 1923, and from 19 March, 1924; Minister of Immigration (without salary), from 8 May to 7 September, 1923, and from 19 March, 1924; Minister (without salary) in charge of the Wheat Scheme from 19 March, 1924.

<sup>24</sup> The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Minister of Public Instruction, and Minister of Forests (without salary), from 4 November, 1920, to 28 April, 1924; a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 7 September, 1923, to 28 April, 1924; Minister of Labour (without salary) from 4 November, 1920; Premier and Treasurer from 28 April, 1924.

<sup>25</sup> The Hon. J. W. Pennington, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 4 November, 1920; also a member of the Government without office from 4 November, 1920, to 7 September, 1923.

<sup>26</sup> Mr. R. T. Pollard, elected 31 January, 1924, *vice* Mr. A. F. Cameron, deceased 28 December, 1923.

<sup>27</sup> The Hon. A. R. Robertson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 8 July, 1919.

<sup>28</sup> Mr. W. Slater, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 29 September, 1921.

<sup>29</sup> Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 7 October, 1913.

<sup>30</sup> The Hon. R. F. Toucher, Minister of Public Instruction, Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 28 April, 1924.

<sup>31</sup> Mr. A. L. N. Walter, elected 23 May, 1924, after the Prorogation, but before the Dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, *vice* the Hon. Sir J. E. Mackey, deceased 6 April, 1924.

<sup>32</sup> Mr. W. West, elected 18 August, 1922, *vice* the Hon. T. Livingston, deceased 13 July, 1922.

<sup>33</sup> The Hon. M. E. Wettenhall, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 7 September, 1923; also a member of the Government without office from 7 September, 1923, to 19 March, 1924.

## OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker ..	..	The Honorable JOHN BOWSER.
The Chairman of Committees ..	..	The Honorable ALFRED ARTHUR BILLSON.
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly ..	..	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.
The Clerk-Assistant ..	..	THOMAS RAE GILCHRIST, Esquire.
Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms ..	..	WILLIAM ROSS BARSTOW, Esquire.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1923.

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

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

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. MCPHERSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor desires the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DONALD McLEOD.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House desires to express its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Donald McLeod, and to place on record its appreciation of the sterling integrity, combined with a strong and virile personality, which characterized him during his long and honorable career as Member of this House and Minister of the Crown, and to specially acknowledge the ripe experience and wide knowledge in regard to Local Government placed by him at the service of Parliament and the people of this State (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and, after Mr. Speaker and other Honorable Members had addressed the House in support of the motion, Honorable Members rising in their places, unanimously agreed to in silence.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Donald McLeod, the House do now adjourn until a quarter past Five o'clock this day (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until this day, at a quarter past Five o'clock.

H. H. NEWTON,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,

*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.--VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.—WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923.

(QUARTER-PAST FIVE O'CLOCK.)

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 1.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has caused the Bill entitled "*An Act to declare that certain Enactments of the Parliament of England and of the Parliament of Great Britain and of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in force at the time of the passing of the Act 9 George IV. c. LXXXIII. shall not apply in Victoria and to transcribe or consolidate other Enactments of such Parliaments and for other purposes,*" which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received his Majesty's Assent on the 12th March, 1923, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, a copy of which Proclamation is hereto annexed.

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 7th June, 1923.

(For Proclamation see Government Gazette, 25th May, 1923, page 1418.)

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

—  
*Legislative Assembly.*  
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Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint John Allan, Esquire, Frederic William Eggleston, Esquire, John Gordon, Esquire, The Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, to be members of a Committee to be called "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications."

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
Speaker.

4. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

—  
*Legislative Assembly.*  
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Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate Edmund John Cotter, Esquire, The Honorable Alfred Downward, Edmund Wilson Greenwood, Esquire, Frank Groves, Esquire, The Honorable Andrew Robert Robertson, William Slater, Esquire, and Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
Speaker.

5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—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, Dr. Argyle, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Wallace; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

6. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allan, Mr. A. A. Billson, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Cain, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lawson, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Tunnecliffe; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
7. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beardmore, Colonel Bouchier, Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Deany, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Thomas; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
8. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Bailey, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Groves, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Mackrell, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Webber; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
9. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Wettenhall, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
10. **HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the House Committee:—Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Everard, Mr. Jewell, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Rogers (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
11. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.**—Sir William McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Baird, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **PAPERS.**—Sir William McPherson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—  
Charitable Institutions.—Statistics for the year ended 30th June, 1922.  
Mr. Barnes presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—  
Mines—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1922.  
Mr. Baird presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—  
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Chief Secretary's Department during the period from 1st July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
- Administration and Probate Act 1915.—Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria—Chapter III.—Probate and Administration Rules.—Rule repealed, new Rules and Addition made (2 papers).
- Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st December, 1922.
- Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns—  
For the quarter ended 31st December, 1922.  
For the quarter ended 31st March, 1923.
- Bees Act 1915.—Regulations.—Movement of Bees, Hives containing Bees, Used or Second-hand Hives, and Used or Second-hand Comb or Appliances.
- Companies Act 1915—Rule 196.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of Court.
- Crimes Act 1915 and Indeterminate Sentences Act 1915.—Additional Regulations applicable to Persons declared to be Habitual Criminals and to Persons dealt with under Sections 515-16 of the *Crimes Act* 1915 and detained in a Reformatory Prison set apart for Declared Habitual Criminals, and to Persons confined in a Reformatory Prison for Offenders other than Habitual Criminals.
- Dairy Supervision Act 1915.—Licence-fees and the Amounts payable for Licences for Dairy Farms and Dairies amended.
- Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1922.



- Explosives Act 1915.—Class 3—Nitro-Compound, Division 1—  
 Additions to Order in Council No. 1 of 12th October, 1909, relating to the Classification of Explosives (2 papers).  
 Additions to Order in Council No. 6 of 12th October, 1909, relating to the Importation, &c., of Explosives (2 papers).
- Fire Brigades Act 1915—  
 Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year 1922; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.  
 Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for year ending 30th June, 1922; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.
- Friendly Societies Acts.—Regulations with respect to Dividing Societies.
- Fruit Act 1917.—New Clause (Fruit for Rabbit Poisoning) inserted in Part IV., Exemptions, of the Fruit and Vegetables Packing Regulations 1918.
- Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Fifteenth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1922.
- Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1921.
- Justices Act 1915.—Additional Rule—Fees in Courts of Petty Sessions and in Proceedings before a Justice or Justices.
- Lifts Regulation Act 1915.—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.
- Marine Act 1915.—Marine Board of Victoria.—Amendment of the Regulations relating to Pilots and Pilotage.
- Melbourne Sailors' Home Act 1901.—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Melbourne Sailors' Home for the year 1922.
- Mines Act 1915.—List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences during the year 1922.
- Motor Car Act 1915.—Regulations—Speed Limit on certain roads in the City of Sandringham, and in the Township of Lakes Entrance.
- Poisons Acts—  
 Addition to Regulation No. 1 of the Poisons Regulations 1923.  
 Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1922.
- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1922, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1921–22.
- Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915.—Alteration of Regulations—Classification of Professional Division, Chapter I.—Inspector-General of the Insane.
- Public Service Acts—  
 Regulations under the Public Service Acts and Appendix, 1st November, 1922.  
 Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Officers—  
 Charles Claus Gale, from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Public Instruction.  
 Thomas Dimelow, from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Public Health.
- Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—  
 Department of Agriculture.  
 Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).  
 Department of Lands and Survey.  
 Departments of Law and Mines.  
 Departments of Mines and Public Instruction.  
 Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).
- Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—  
 Department of Chief Secretary (6 papers).  
 Departments of Chief Secretary and Public Instruction.  
 Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Instruction.  
 Department of Treasurer.
- Regulations.—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.  
 Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.  
 Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers—  
 Department of Mines.  
 Department of Public Instruction.
- Railways Classification Board Act 1919.—Copy of Award (No. 7), dated 4th April, 1923, made by the Railways Classification Board, together with Copy of the Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.
- Supreme Court Act 1915 and Law Institute Act 1917.—Rules of Court as to the Statutory Committee.
- Venereal Diseases Acts.—Regulations relating to Venereal Diseases repealed, new Regulations made.
- Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st December, 1922.
- Workers' Compensation Acts.—Workers' Compensation Amendment Regulations 1923.

13. COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

14. SUPPLY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

15. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

16. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 2.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of July and August in the year 1923-24, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 11th July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

17. HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH. —Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

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

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

Melbourne, 11th July, 1923.

18. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Motion made and question proposed—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House : -

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (*Mr. West*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.

19. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

20. SUPPLY.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £3,300,516 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923-24, viz.:—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	202
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,614
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	168
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	738
5.	Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	96
6.	The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	184
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	496
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	933
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,550
10.	„ „ Pensions, &c. ... ..	8,480
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,093
13.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	995
14.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	430
15.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,084
16.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	236
17.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	82
18.	Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	165
19.	Inebriates Institution - Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	663
20.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	803
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	660
22.	Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	456
23.	Agent-General—Staff and Office ... ..	1,000
24.	Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,352
25.	Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,971
26.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	56,435
27.	Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	53,394
28.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	13,190
29.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	96,126
30.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,980
31.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	632
32.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,786
33.	Education—Salaries ... ..	253,800
34.	„ Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	30,000
35.	„ Pensions, &c. ... ..	40
36.	„ Works and Buildings ... ..	4,000
37.	„ Endowments and Grants ... ..	27,200
38.	„ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	200
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries ... ..	15,957
40.	„ „ Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,716
42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries ... ..	10,141
43.	„ „ Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,096
44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	8,700
45.	„ Transport, &c. ... ..	1,084
46.	„ Unforeseen Expenditure ... ..	1,000
47.	„ Allowances to Railway Department ... ..	2,000
48.	„ Charitable Grant, &c. ... ..	21,750
49.	„ Pensions, &c. ... ..	45
50.	„ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	6,000
51.	Advance to Treasurer ... ..	500,000
52.	Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,098
53.	„ „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,509
54.	„ „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	388
55.	Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,070
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	18,913
57.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	416
58.	„ „ Advertising ... ..	490
59.	Survey, &c., Land Settlement—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	12,482
60.	Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	123
61.	„ „ Grants ... ..	750
62.	Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,155
63.	Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	11,860
64.	Works and Buildings ... ..	225
65.	Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	622
66.	Immigration Bureau ... ..	3,402
67.	Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	10,252
68.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,030
69.	„ „ Works, &c. ... ..	6,500
71.	Public Works—Works and Buildings ... ..	41,440
72.	„ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges ... ..	1,700

Division No.	£
73. Public Works—Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c. ...	1,000
74. " " Exceptional Expenditure ...	1,500
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,408
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry ...	3,118
77. " Brown Coal Mine ...	10,000
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	14,668
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ...	34,500
81. " " " " Advance for Stores ...	50,000
82. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,955
83. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	15,835
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,628
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	10,285
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	17,586
88. " " Grants ...	416
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. ...	1,700,000
90. " Pensions, &c. ...	3,589
91. " Railway Construction Branch ...	1,880
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses ...	95,000
93. " " Advance for Stores ...	45,000
Total ...	£3,300,516

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

21. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

22. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1923–24 the sum of £3,300,516 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William McPherson and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

23. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Sir William McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three million three hundred thousand five hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

24. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.—TUESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lemmon brought up the following Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts :—

Treasurer's Advance.

Railway Accounts—Allocation of Expenditure on Renewals and Replacements between Capital and Working Expenses ; together with Minutes of Evidence.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and the Reports to be printed.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1) without amendment.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 3.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three million three hundred thousand five hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.”*

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th July, 1923.

5. PAPERS.—Sir William McPherson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1922.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Land Act 1915.—Compulsory Resumption of Land in the Parish of Jamieson, County of Wonnangatta, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.

Marine Act 1915.—Marine Board of Victoria.—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1922.

Railways Classification Board Act 1919.—Copies of Awards (Nos. 8 and 9) dated 7th June, 1923, made by the Railways Classification Board, together with Copy of the Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.

Railways Standing Committee.—Thirty-third General Report.

6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Prendergast rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “ The inferior quality of the gas supplied by the Metropolitan Gas Company, the excessive charges made for same, and the adoption by the company of methods of distribution of profits calculated to defeat provisions of the Act.”

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—

Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—and, after debate

Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No. 8B be suspended so far as to allow the discussion to proceed beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

Debate on original motion resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of Debate.*—Ordered—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Four o'clock (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at four minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.—WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **NEWPORT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS—NEW BOILER AND TUBE SHOP AT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Acts, Nos. 3151 and 3191 (New Boiler and Tube Shop at Newport Railway Workshops); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
3. **PAPER.**—Mr. Barnes presented—  
Newport Railway Workshops—New Boiler and Tube Shop at.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
4. **SPENCER-STREET RAILWAY YARD—CHAFF, HAY, STRAW, POTATO, AND ONION SIDINGS AT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3077 (Chaff, Hay, Straw, Potato, and Onion Sidings at Spencer-street Railway Yard); together with Plan and Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
5. **PAPER.**—Mr. Barnes presented—  
Spencer-street Railway Yard—Chaff, Hay, Straw, Potato, and Onion Sidings at.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
6. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Public Service Act 1915.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Arthur Donaghue, from the Third to the Second Class, in the Department of Law.
7. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

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W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 4.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1922–23, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 17th July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.

10. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1922-23.**—Mr. Groves reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £385,762 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1922-23, viz. :—

#### I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.		£	£
1.	Legislative Council ... ..	50	
2.	Legislative Assembly ... ..	200	
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways ... ..	30	
4.	Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee— Refreshment Rooms ... ..	156	
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates ... ..	135	
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	383	
10.	„ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c. ... ..	18,001	
13.	Explosives ... ..	78	
14.	State Accident Insurance Office ... ..	1,649	
15.	Fisheries and Game ... ..	100	
18.	Herbarium ... ..	10	
19.	Inebriates Institution ... ..	136	
20.	Marine Board ... ..	2,460	
21.	Observatory ... ..	148	
22.	Premier's Office ... ..	20	
23.	Agent-General ... ..	1,275	
24.	Audit Office ... ..	428	
27.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools ... ..	2,198	
28.	Penal Establishments and Gaols ... ..	2,645	
29.	Police ... ..	1,000	
30.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria ... ..	1,856	
			32,958

#### II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

32.	Department of Labour ... ..	163	
33.	Immigration and Labour Bureau ... ..	4,384	
			4,547

#### III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

34.	Education—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,500	
35.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation ... ..	644	
36.	„ Works and Buildings ... ..	2,000	
37.	„ Endowments and Grants ... ..	120	
38.	„ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	800	
			6,064

#### IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39.	Attorney-General—Salaries ... ..	1,335	
41.	„ Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	8,629	
41A.	„ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	27	
			9,991

#### V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries ... ..	211	
43.	„ Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	736	
			947

#### VI.—TREASURER.

44.	Treasury—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	12,163	
45.	„ Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c. ... ..	850	
46.	„ Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure ... ..	2,200	
47.	„ Payments to Railway Department ... ..	24,460	
48.	„ Grants ... ..	16,000	
49.	„ Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c. ... ..	73	
50.	„ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	47,270	
52.	Taxation Office—Salary of Commissioner of Taxes and Income Tax Branch ... ..	2,875	
53.	„ „ Land Tax Branch ... ..	450	
56.	Government Printer—Salaries ... ..	1,271	
58.	„ „ Advertising, &c. ... ..	750	
			108,362



## VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

Division No.	£	£
59. Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands ... ..	6,329	
61. Grants ... ..	2,265	
62. Botanic and Domain Gardens ... ..	126	
63. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals ... ..	15,000	
65. Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	10,193	
	<hr/>	33,913

## VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

66. Public Works—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	370	
70. Electricity Commissioners ... ..	11,317	
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings ... ..	43,551	
74. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	309	
	<hr/>	55,547

## IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.

75. Mines—Salaries ... ..	85	
78. „ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	600	
	<hr/>	685

## X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

79. Forests Commission ... ..	4,313	
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## XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

82. Agriculture—Administrative ... ..	197	
83. „ Maffra Beet Sugar Factory and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	18,588	
84. „ Grants ... ..	150	
84A. „ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	993	
85. Stock and Dairy ... ..	800	
86. Export Development and Produce Inspection ... ..	3,488	
	<hr/>	24,216

## XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

87. Public Health—Salaries and Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis ... ..	1,638	
88. „ „ Grants ... ..	557	
	<hr/>	2,195

## XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

89. Victorian Railways—Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1922-23, Arrears of Salary, &c. ... ..	101,355	
90. „ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	669	
	<hr/>	102,024
Total ... ..	£385,762	

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

12. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Groves reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1922-23 the sum of £385,762 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William McPherson and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

15. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of Debate*.—

Ordered—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.—THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 1923.

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

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

Public Service Act 1915.—Copies of Papers in Connexion with the Promotion of James Harnetty, from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Treasurer.

Real Estate Agents Act 1922.—Regulations.

Victorian Government Stock Act 1896.—Additional Regulations.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*) ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Morley*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.—TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ISSUE OF WRIT.**—Mr. Speaker announced that yesterday he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Daylesford, in the place of the Honorable Donald McLeod, deceased.
3. **PETITION.**—Mr. Snowball presented a petition from The Australasian Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited, praying that the House will give leave to the petitioner to introduce a Bill to confer powers upon the said company in the present Session of Parliament.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **TRAMWAYS—GENERAL SCHEME OF, FOR THE METROPOLIS.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed General Scheme of Tramways for the Metropolis; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
5. **PAPER.**—Mr. Barnes presented—  
Tramways—General Scheme of, for the Metropolis.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
6. **WEST COBURG ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed West Coburg Electric Tramway; together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Barnes*) put and agreed to.
7. **PAPER.**—Mr. Barnes presented—  
West Coburg Electric Tramway.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
8. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Baird presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor  
Aborigines—Fiftieth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the undermentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission :—  
Cobain's Estate, Sale.

Fisheries Acts—

Notice of Intention to revoke the Proclamation prohibiting Fishing in Spring and Magiltan Creeks.

Notice of Intention *re* Area closed to Fishing in the Moorabool Reservoir at Bolwarrah.

Motor Car Act 1915.—Regulation—Speed Limit in respect of all crossings in the Townships of Donald and Watchem, in the Shire of Donald.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Departments of Public Instruction and Lands and Survey.

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Departments of Chief Secretary, Law, and Public Works.

Department of Labour.

Department of Public Health.

Department of Public Works.

Regulations—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st March, 1923.

9. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*) ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Thomas*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed a Committee of six Members to join with a Committee of the Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments.

Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2) without amendment.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Four o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.—WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923.

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

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

Hospitals and Charities Act 1922—

Regulations—Nominations for Appointment to the Charities Board.

Additional Regulation—Election of Committee of Incorporated Institution.

Lands Compensation Act 1915.—Return under Section 37 showing particulars connected with the Purchase of Land and Amount paid therefor by the State Electricity Commission for the period 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.

Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922—Regulations.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*) ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Dunstan*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at forty-six minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.—THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the University of Melbourne.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

3. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 5.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the University of Melbourne.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the University of Melbourne* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Oman, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 6.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

5. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 6.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pennington and Mr. Oman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Pennington then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 7.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

7. COAL MINERS' ACCIDENTS RELIEF FUND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 7. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William McPherson and Mr. Barnes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir William McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Oman, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 8.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Application of Payments made in respect of Leases of certain Lands in the Township of Newmerella to or towards the Purchase by the Council of the Shire of Orbost of certain Land as a Site for a Public Park and Recreation Reserve.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

9. NEWMERELLA LAND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 8. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Application of Payments made in respect of Leases of certain Lands in the Township of Newmerella to or towards the Purchase by the Council of the Shire of Orbost of certain Land as a Site for a Public Park and Recreation Reserve.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Oman and Sir William McPherson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Oman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Application of Payments made in respect of Leases of certain Lands in the Township of Newmerella to or towards the Purchase by the Council of the Shire of Orbost of certain Land as a Site for a Public Park and Recreation Reserve*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL.—Mr. Oman, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Sir William McPherson, obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Tarranginnie in the County of Lowen as a Site for Water Supply Purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL.—Mr. Oman, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Sir William McPherson, obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of Portion of certain Land in the Parish of Narre Worrان as a Site for Police Purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. SMEATON LAND BILL.—Mr. Oman, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Sir William McPherson, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of portion of certain Land in the Parish of Smeaton in the County of Talbot reserved from Sale permanently pursuant to the 'Smeaton Land Act 1921' as a Site for a Public Park*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

13. **TOONALLOOK LAND BILL.**—Mr. Oman, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Sir William McPherson, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Crown Land at Toonallook in the Parish of Bairnsdale as a Site for a State School* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Baird, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision with respect to the Training Qualifications and Registration of Nurses and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. **GAME BILL.**—Mr. Baird, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Pennington, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Game Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. **MARRIAGE BILL.**—Mr. Baird, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Marriage Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Lands in the undermentioned Estates where the State Land Tax Valuations or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—

Kongbool Estate, near Balmoral.  
Woolongoon Estate, near Mortlake.  
Wootong Vale Estate, near Coleraine.

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the undermentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—

Poligolet Estate, near Derrinallum.

Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922.—Regulations.

18. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.  
Question put, and Address agreed to.  
Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.
19. **DAYS OF BUSINESS.**—Motion made and question—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 Tuesday, half-past Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Ten o'clock (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
20. **ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.**—Motion made and question—That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
21. **ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.**—*Amended* motion made and question—That on Thursday, 2nd August, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one third Thursday—

*Private Bill Business :*

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

*General Business :*

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

On the alternate third Thursday—

*General Business :*

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

*Private Bill Business :*

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

—(*Sir William McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

22. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.**—Mr. Brownbill obtained leave, with Mr. Frost, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd August next.
23. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Mr. Cotter, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Webber, obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 4th October next.
24. **STATE PRODUCE AGENCY BILL.**—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of a State Produce Agency and for purposes incidental thereto* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th November next.
25. **NOTICES OF ACTION BILL.**—Mr. Eggleston obtained leave, with Mr. Ryan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make certain provisions in relation to Notices of Action* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd August next.
26. **ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. A. A. Billson, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Groves, obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Architects Registration Act 1922 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd August next.
27. **FAIR RENTS BILL.**—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Wallace, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment of Courts for the purpose of fixing Fair Rents for Dwelling-houses* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 4th October next.
28. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 1).**—Mr. Everard, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Farthing, obtained leave, with Mr. Farthing, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Rateability of certain Land vested in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd August next.
29. **BUSINESS AGENTS REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Cain obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Registration of Business Agents and other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th November next.
30. **MEDICAL (DENTISTS) BILL.**—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Medical Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 4th October next.
31. **BICYCLES REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Jewell obtained leave, with Mr. Frost, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Registration of Bicycles* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 4th October next.
32. **SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Mr. Brownbill obtained leave, with Mr. Thomas, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th November next.
33. **FINES UNDER DAIRY, HEALTH (PURE FOOD), FACTORIES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND BAKERS AND MILLERS ACTS.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return up to the 30th September, 1923, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under—(a) the Dairy Supervision Act; (b) the pure food provisions of the Health Act; (c) the Factories and Shops Act; (d) the Weights and Measures Act; (e) the Bakers and Millers Act, specifying—

Name of Person or Firm fined.	Nature of Offence.	Amount of Fine.	Locality where Offence committed.

Together with totals and with summary of offences, fines, &c., under each Act, as furnished in the return presented to this House on the 14th November, 1922 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

34. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to extend the Powers of Municipalities with respect to the Sale of Bread Butter Fish Meat and Coal and the Supply of Milk and other Produce* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th November next.
35. **CRIMES BILL.**—Mr. Ryan obtained leave, with Mr. Snowball, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section Sixty-one of the ‘ Crimes Act 1915 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd August next.



- 36 GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL.—Mr. Robertson, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Groves, obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Handling of Grain in Bulk by means of the Elevator System* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd August next.
37. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Administration and Probate Act 1915 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 4th October next.
38. RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—INCREASE AND DECREASE OF OFFICERS AND EXPENDITURE IN CERTAIN BRANCHES, 1920–23.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The increase since July, 1920, in the number of officers of the Railway Department, viz. :—Train-running officers, travelling loco. foremen, and general supervisors of various branches.
  2. The amount of the increase of expenditure incurred by the appointment of these officers—(a) in salaries; and (b) in expenses.
  3. Whether there has been any decrease in the number employed in the train-running room at Spencer-street since branches of the train-running room have been formed at main country depôts to handle trains run in those districts.
  4. Whether there has been any increase in general supervision of Traffic, Rolling-stock, and Way and Works Branch since July, 1920; if so, the net increase for the years 1921, 1922, and 1923.
  5. Whether there has been any increase since July, 1920, in cost of maintenance, supervision, and clerical work of the Loco. Depôts, viz. :—North Melbourne, Seymour, Benalla, Traralgon, Ballarat, Bendigo, Stawell, Ararat, and Geelong; if so, comparative statements for years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923.
  6. The amount of increase of expenditure in the offices of Secretary and Commissioners since 1920; also the increase of number employed in those offices for years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923.
- (Mr. Prendergast for Mr. Tunnecliffe)—put and agreed to.
39. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That he have leave to bring in a Bill to confer powers upon The Australasian Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited (Mr. Snowball).  
The Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that the Standing Orders had been fully complied with, having been read—  
Question—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That Mr. Snowball and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Snowball then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to confer Powers upon The Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time.
40. PUBLIC SERVANTS RETIRED AT SIXTY YEARS AND OVER DURING LAST FIVE YEARS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing, for the last five years, the names and positions of public servants of all classes, including the late Public Service Commissioner, who have been retired at the age of 60 or after, showing their length of service, rate of pay, amount of pension or compensation (if any), and what leave, gratuity, or other concession was granted in each case upon notice of retirement (Mr. Prendergast for Mr. Tunnecliffe)—put and agreed to.
41. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
42. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at five minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

ALFRED A. BILLSON,  
Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.—TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 9.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.* ”

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 26th July, 1923.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further and better provision with respect to Main Drains and Main Drainage Works and certain Rivers Creeks and Water-courses within the Metropolis and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 31st July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

4. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 10.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further and better provision with respect to Main Drains and Main Drainage Works and certain Rivers Creeks and Water-courses within the Metropolis and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Sir William McPherson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make further and better provision with respect to Main Drains and Main Drainage Works and certain Rivers Creeks and Water-courses within the Metropolis and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. GAS REGULATION BILL.—Mr. Lawson, by leave, after debate, obtained leave, with Sir William McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Supply of Gas* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Barnes presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board for the year 1922.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915.—Accounts of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1922.

Public Service Act 1915.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Samuel Whitehead, from the First Class to Class 1A, in the Department of Labour.

7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Baird*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Lemmon have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
8. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 14th August next.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.
10. COAL MINERS' ACCIDENTS RELIEF FUND BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir William McPherson*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.—WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Factories and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1922.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, General Business.
4. TOTALIZATOR BILL.—Mr. Morley obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Totalizators on Race-courses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 25th October next.
5. CASH ORDER SYSTEM ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Deany, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish the Cash Order System*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 25th October next.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Morley, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th November next.
7. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Pennington*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 14th August next.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.—THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Bill to confer Powers upon The Australasian Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited be now read a second time (*Mr. Snowball*)—and, after debate—  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
3. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL.—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle and Mr. Morley, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Wyndham Race-course Act 1912.’* ”  
Motion made, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, and question—That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the order for third reading (*Mr. Robertson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to; Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.  
Ordered, after debate—That the Bill be read a third time on Thursday, 25th October next.
4. MARRIAGE BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Baird*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. NEWMERELLA LAND BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. NARRE WORRAN LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6 be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. SMEATON LAND BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. TOONALLOOK LAND BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 9 be postponed until Tuesday next.
12. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Oman*)—and, after debate—  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Prendergast have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 11 and 12 be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.—TUESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Deany rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The serious condition of the Warrnambool Breakwater, the urgent need of repairs and of completing the scheme in order to save from destruction the costly works already constructed, and the inadequacy of the steps now being taken by the Government in that direction."
- Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Deany*)—and, after debate—  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No. 8B be suspended so far as to allow the discussion to proceed beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. Brownbill*)—put and agreed to.  
Debate on original motion resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cotter	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Prendergast	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Smith
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Lind	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; to be printed as amended, and to be considered to-morrow.
5. COAL MINERS' ACCIDENTS RELIEF FUND BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.—WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).  
Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.
4. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Baird*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
6. MARRIAGE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 6 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at forty-eight minutes past Eight o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.—THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Order of the Day, Private Bill Business.
3. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
5. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—As amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time, after debate.

On the motion of Mr. Baird the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, lines 12–16, omit this clause.

Mr. Baird, by leave, offered the following new clauses to be added to the Bill :—

A. For sub-section (III.) of section five of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

“(III.) For payments of sums of money on the deaths of members their husbands wives widows children or kindred subject to the restrictions hereinafter contained :  
Provided that no society shall contract with any member to make such payments to an amount exceeding in the aggregate One hundred pounds.”

B. Section sixteen of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

(a) In sub-section (III.) for the word “Fifty” there shall be substituted the words “One hundred.”

(b) In sub-section (IV.) for the word “Fifty” there shall be substituted the words “One hundred.”

And the said clauses were read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.—TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY.—Mr. Toutcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in gauge railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope ; together with Book of Reference and Plan.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.—WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued on the 23rd July last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Daylesford, by which it appeared that James McDonald, farmer, Woodend, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
4. GAS REGULATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Prendergast have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
5. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Dunstan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*



# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.—THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—James McDonald, Esq., was introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Sir William McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend 'The Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1878' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—Mr. Angus obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales Victoria and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters and to amend the River Murray Waters Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. SMEATON SHOW-YARDS LANDS BILL.—Mr. Oman obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Re-vesting in the Crown of certain Lands at Smeaton in the Parish of Springhill in the County of Talbot reserved from Sale permanently as a Site for Smeaton Springhill and Bullarook Agricultural Association's Show Yards and granted by a Crown Grant to certain Trustees and now held under Certificate of Title*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1.
7. MEDICAL (DENTISTS) BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Cotter obtained leave, with Mr. Rogers, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Part II.—Dentists—of the 'Medical Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 4th October next.
8. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at four minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
Speaker.

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.—TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ELMORE OR ECHUCA TO MELBOURNE—MORE DIRECT ROUTE; AND RAILWAY FACILITIES FOR INTERMEDIATE AREAS.**—Mr. Toutcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of providing a more direct route from Elmore or Echuca to Melbourne, together with the provision of railway facilities for intermediate areas now more than 10 miles from a railway (Elmore to Heathcote Railway); together with Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
  - Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, and Act No. 3118 during the year 1922-23.
  - Explosives Act 1915.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1922.
  - Land Act 1915.—Compulsory Resumption of Land in the Township of Charlton, Parish of East Charlton, County of Gladstone, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificate of the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.
4. **ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS SWORN.**—John Allan, Esquire, Frederic William Eggleston, Esquire, John Gordon, Esquire, the Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, who had been appointed members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read:—
 

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 11.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways, for Irrigation Works and Water Supply, and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 21st August, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
6. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 11. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
 

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways, for Irrigation Works and Water Supply, and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William McPherson and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir William McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. **UNIVERSITY BILL.**—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST MEETING.**—Mr. Speaker appointed Wednesday, 22nd August instant, at a quarter to Two o'clock as the time, and Committee Room No. 1 as the place, of the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.—WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until this day.
4. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.—THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PASSENGER RAILWAY FARES TO BORDER TOWNS, 1911, 1914, 1917, AND 1923.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the passenger railway fares from Melbourne to all border towns in Victoria for the month of June for the years 1911, 1914, 1917, and 1923 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Barnes presented—  
Passenger Railway Fares to Border Towns, 1911, 1914, 1917, and 1923.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1 and the Notices of Motion, Private Bill Business.
5. STATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND ALTERATIONS—TENDERS FOR, AND ESTIMATES BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
  1. The number and total amount of tenders let for State school buildings and alterations during the last financial year, and up to the present time.
  2. The estimates made by the Public Works Department, and the actual amount of the accepted tender in each case (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
6. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Motion made and question—That Standing Order No. 1 relating to Private Bills be suspended so as to allow the Select Committee on the Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill to consist of seven members (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.

Motion made and question—That the Bill to confer powers upon The Australasian Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Cain, Mr. Gordon, Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), Mr. Slater, Mr. Tunnecliffe, Mr. Weaver, and the Mover, four to form a quorum; and that leave be given to print the evidence taken before such Committee (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.

7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Brownbill*)—and, after debate—Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Ryan	Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Coiter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Downward	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Beardmore	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde	Mr. A. A. Billson	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Bowser	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Pennington
Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Lawson	
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Bailey		
Mr. Old	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. NOTICES OF ACTION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Lawson have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
9. ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. A. A. Bills m*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Angus*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Angus have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 15th November next.
11. CRIMES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Ryan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6 be postponed until Thursday, 13th September next, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.—TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—  
Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 26th July last, in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

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

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

Melbourne, 28th August, 1923.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit during the sittings of the House and on any day on which the House itself does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
4. GAS REGULATION BILL—SECOND READING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
6. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
7. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 5 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.—WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1923.

- 1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Hospitals and Charities Act 1922.—Regulation—Conditions for the Payment to Subsidized Institutions or Benevolent Societies of any Sums out of the Hospitals and Charities Fund.  
State Savings Bank Acts.—General Order No. 32.—Rules of the Provident Fund.

3. **GAS REGULATION BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.—THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **WALLUP AND KEWELL EAST (MURRA WARRA) DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY.**—Mr. Toutcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts of Wallup and Kewell East (Murra Warra) with the existing railway system by means of a railway or tramway ; together with Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

1923.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1923-24.

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 12.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of September in the year 1923-24, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Melbourne, 30th August, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. **WARRNAMBOOL BREAKWATER COMMISSION.**—Motion made and question—That the sum of £250 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring into certain charges made in respect of the letting and carrying out of a certain contract for the extension of the Warrnambool Breakwater (*Mr. Baird*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
6. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for James Wignall, Esquire, Member of the House of Commons (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
7. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.  
Mr. Cotter (Temporary Chairman of Committees) reported that in Committee of Supply he had agreed to submit to Mr. Speaker a point of order. As soon as he took the chair a complaint was made that two or three Ministerial members had been allowed to speak in succession, notwithstanding that Opposition members had risen in their places, and thereby indicated their wish to speak. As those members were dissatisfied with the action of the Chairman of Committees they desired that the matter should be submitted to the Speaker.

And, after debate—

Mr. Speaker said—"There is no point of order. The matter is entirely within the discretion of the Chairman. There is a certain unwritten law that an honorable member having spoken from one side, an honorable member from the other side of the House should be called upon. But that is subject to the honorable member catching the eye of the Speaker or the Chairman.

Mr. BAILEY.—I should like your ruling, Mr. Speaker, with regard to the order of call. If a supporter of the Government passes over to the Opposition side of the House, and is sitting on this side of the House, should he be called upon as against a member of the Opposition?

The SPEAKER.—The rule is that the Speaker or the Chairman calls upon the member who first catches his eye. But in answer more directly to the honorable member, I may say that if a member had just spoken on the Government side, and two members rose from the Opposition side, one who usually sits on the Government side of the House and the other not, then personally I should, unless there was some special reason, follow the ordinary rule by calling upon the member who usually speaks from the Opposition side. But there is no point of order in the matter. As I have said, the rule is that the Speaker or the Chairman calls upon the member who first catches his eye. But it is an unwritten rule to call upon members from alternative sides."

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SUPPLY.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,172,079 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923-24, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	89
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	832
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	84
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	369
5.	Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	42
6.	The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	92
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	248
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	466
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,150
10.	" " Pensions, &c. ... ..	41,804
11.	" " Grants ... ..	540
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	567
13.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	447
14.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	221
15.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	387
16.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	118
17.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	41
18.	Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	61
19.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	295
20.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	401
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	326
22.	Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	227
23.	Agent-General—Staff and Office ... ..	840
24.	Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,572
25.	Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,090
26.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	28,218
27.	Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	27,860
28.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,489
29.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	42,063
30.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,990
31.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	243
32.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,955
33.	Education—Salaries ... ..	126,900
34.	" Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	15,000
35.	" Pensions, &c. ... ..	20
36.	" Works and Buildings ... ..	1,150
37.	" Endowments and Grants ... ..	13,600
38.	" Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	250
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries ... ..	7,979
40.	" Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,457
42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries ... ..	5,071
43.	" Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,748
44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	18,400
45.	" Transport, &c. ... ..	542
46.	" Unforeseen Expenditure ... ..	500
47.	" Allowances to Railway Department ... ..	1,000
48.	" Charitable Grant, &c. ... ..	10,875
49.	" Pensions, &c. ... ..	40

Division No.	£
50. Treasury—Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	1,000
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,245
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,358
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	206
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	504
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	8,956
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	208
58. " " Advertising ... ..	400
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	6,241
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	70
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,193
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	5,930
64. Works and Buildings ... ..	113
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	456
66. Immigration Bureau ... ..	1,415
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,874
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,543
69. " " Works, &c. ... ..	3,250
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings ... ..	11,384
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,182
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry ... ..	1,356
77. " Brown Coal Mine ... ..	3,148
78. " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	33
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,046
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ... ..	17,221
82. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	995
83. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	8,174
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,798
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,014
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	8,763
88. " " Miscellaneous ... ..	625
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. ... ..	662,625
90. " Pensions, &c. ... ..	770
91. " Railway Construction Branch ... ..	824
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses ... ..	25,000
93. " " Advance for Stores ... ..	2,500
Total ... ..	£1,172,079

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1923-24 the sum of £1,172,079 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And, after debate, the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*—That Sir William McPherson and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Sir William McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-two thousand and seventy-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

*Ordered*—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—*Ordered*—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at thirty-nine minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*



## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.—TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications upon the application of Roderick Hugh McLeod for a Recount of the Votes at the Election for the Electoral District of Daylesford, held on the 9th August, 1923; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

### REPORT.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows:—

1. That the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid before your Committee an application from Roderick Hugh McLeod, which was lodged with the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Daylesford, and forwarded by him to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, asking for a recount of the votes at the election for the said district, held on the 9th August, 1923.

2. Your Committee have the honour to further report—

- (1) That the whole of the votes recorded have been recounted by your Committee.
- (2) That the informal votes have been checked.
- (3) That the result of the recount is as follows:—

<i>James McDonald.</i>	<i>Roderick Hugh McLeod.</i>
2,095 plus 41 challenged	2,117 plus 19 challenged
6 rejected by Committee	11 rejected by Committee
—	—
35	8 allowed by Committee
10 rejected on evidence	—
—	
25 balance—challenge	
— withdrawn	
Unchallenged votes ... 2,095	Unchallenged votes ... 2,117
Challenge withdrawn ... 25	Challenged votes allowed by Committee ... 8
—	—
2,120	2,125
—	—

### SUMMARY.

	<i>McDonald.</i>	<i>McLeod.</i>
Personal votes ...	1,983	1,958
Postal votes ...	137	167
—	—	—
Totals ...	2,120	2,125
	—	—

Majority for McLeod, 5.

3. Your Committee desire to call attention to the great carelessness displayed both in the issue of non-initialed or unsigned ballot-papers and in the issue and allowance of postal votes.

Legislative Assembly,  
Committee Room, 4th September, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.

3. MEMBER SWORN.—Roderick Hugh McLeod, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon the Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.—TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3) without amendment.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 13.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-two thousand and seventy-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.”*

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 5th September, 1923.

4. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

*Legislative Assembly.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate Alfred Alexander Farthing, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairman of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
Speaker.

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

**Fisheries Acts—**

Notice of Intention *re* Fees for Oyster Licences and Restrictions on Oystering in Gippsland Lakes, &c.

Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the taking of Fish from the Five Mile Creek and the Garden Hut Creek until the 1st September, 1924.

Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the taking of Fish from the Monbulk Reservoir at Belgrave until the 1st September, 1925.

**Land Act 1915—**

Addition to Regulations made on 19th October, 1915.—Part II., Chapter VIII.—Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands. Licences which do not confer any Exclusive Right to enter on Crown Lands.

Compulsory Resumption of Land, being parts of Allotment 45 at Hawthorn, Parish of Boroondara, County of Bourke, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificates of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plans (4 papers).

**Motor Car Act 1915.—Regulations—Speed Limit in respect of**

Mount Dandenong-road, between the Townships of Montrose and Olinda, in the Shire of Lillydale.

All Roads or Streets within the boundaries of the Township of Nhill, in the Shire of Lowan.

Beach-road, within the boundaries of the Town of Mordialloc.

**Poisons Acts.—Amendment of Clause 4 of Regulation 29 of the Poisons Regulations 1923.**

**Public Service Acts—**

Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Public Works.

Departments of Chief Secretary and Lands and Survey.

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Treasurer.

General, and Departments of Chief Secretary, Public Instruction, Law, Lands and Survey, Public Works, Public Health, Agriculture, and Labour.

Railways Classification Board Act 1919.—Copy of Award (No. 10), dated 1st August, 1923, made by the Railways Classification Board, together with Copy of the Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.

Supreme Court Rules 1916.—Additions to Order XI., Part II., Rule I.—Annotated Copy of Process or Citation.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1923.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915 and Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920.—Statements of Accounts of the Victorian Wheat Commission for seasons 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20, and 1920-21—made up to 30th June, 1923, respectively; with Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1923, for season 1915-16; and General Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1923, for seasons 1916-17 to 1920-21.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 19th September next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 19th September next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past Eight o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, 19th September next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.—WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—  
State School Buildings and Alterations—Tenders for, and Estimates by Public Works Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 23rd August, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Land Act 1915.—Compulsory Resumption of Land, being Lots 8, 9, and 12, Block 5, part of Crown Allotment A, at Ultima, Parish of Ultima, County of Tatchera, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.  
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1923.
3. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Farthing*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.—THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—  
Income Tax—Assessment and Collection of.—Copy of Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Workers' Compensation Act 1915.—State Accident Insurance Office.—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for year ended 30th June, 1923.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. COAL MINERS' ACCIDENTS RELIEF FUND BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.—TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY.—Mr. Touthcer, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the reconsideration of the recommendations of the said Committee contained in its Report of the 29th July, 1919, with respect to the construction of the proposed Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Tramway ; together with Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered—To lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Webber, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (Cement Contracts).  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented—  
Public Servants retired at Sixty Years and Over during Last Five Years.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 26th July, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
County Court Act 1915.—Amendment of Rule 445 for regulating the Practice and Proceedings in the County Court.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—  
W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 14.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.  
Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th September, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
6. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 14.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Old do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the ' Railways Standing Committee Act 1915 ' "* ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. GAS SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the proposals contained in—(a) the Metropolitan Gas Company Bill ; and (b) the Gas Regulation Bill (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate—  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allison	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Ryan
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Smith
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Touthcer
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. West
Mr. McDonald	
Mr. McGregor	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan	
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Groves
Sir William McPherson	Mr. Robertson

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Deany	Mr. Warde
Mr. Dunward	
Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **UNIVERSITY BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments: as amended, considered and amendments agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—  
Victorian Government Loan Bill.  
Friendly Societies Bill.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
- And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.—WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet: together with Schedule of Contracts for year ended 30th June, 1923.
3. **ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Thomas rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposal of the Government to exclude from the *personnel* of the Royal Commission on Outer Ports Members who represent districts in which outer ports are situated."  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Thomas*)—put and, after debate—  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Deany	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Beardmore	Sir William McPherson
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Morley
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Mackrell	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 15.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th September, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

5. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 15.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Allan and Mr. Gordon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Allan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 16.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Land Acts.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 25th September, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

7. LAND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message No. 16.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Land Acts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Allan and Mr. Wettenhall do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Allan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Land Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. WARRNAMBOOL BREAKWATER COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £750 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring into certain charges made in respect of the letting and carrying out of certain contracts for the extension of the Warrnambool Breakwater, being the addition of £500 to the amount previously fixed by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the 30th August, 1923, as the maximum expenditure (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.

9. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Mr. Gordon obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

12. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

14. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,

*Speaker.*



# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.—TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 17.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.*”

“ *An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Acts.*”

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1923.

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

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Departments of Law and Public Instruction.

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Lands and Survey.

1. DAYLESFORD ELECTION—ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt by the Clerk of the Assembly of a copy of an Order of the Supreme Court and a letter accompanying it from the Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Speaker said :—“ I have been advised by the Clerk of the House that he has been served with a copy of the Order made by Mr. Justice Schutt commanding him to break the ballot-papers and other papers used in connexion with the recent Daylesford election. It has been the invariable practice in this House in such matters for the Clerk to submit himself for the decision of this House, and on this occasion he is following the usual practice. The Clerk has handed me a copy of the Order and a letter accompanying it from the Crown Solicitor.”

The said Order was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

*In the Supreme Court.*

In the matter of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* and in the matter of the Election held on the 9th day of August, 1923, for the office of member of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria for the Electoral District of Daylesford in the said State.

WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

*Before His Honor Mr. Justice Schutt.*

This matter coming on for hearing before this Court this day UPON READING the affidavit of John Gilder, sworn the 25th day of September, 1923, and filed herein and the exhibit referred to therein AND UPON HEARING Mr. Dixon, K.C., and Mr. Spicer of Counsel for the Honorable the Attorney-General for the State of Victoria THIS COURT DOTH ORDER AND COMMAND that the seals of the sealed parcels and packets of ballot-papers, certified copies of rolls, books, rolls, and papers used at the election held on the 9th day of August, 1923, for the office of member of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria for the Electoral District of Daylesford in the said State, which were sealed in accordance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, and which were forwarded by the Returning Officer at the said election to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria be broken by the Clerk of the said Legislative Assembly, and that the said parcels and packets be opened by the said Clerk.

By the Court.

(L.S.)

M.F.

Mr. Lawson intimated that he proposed to ask the House to consider this matter at a later stage either to-day or to-morrow.

5. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Prendergast rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposal of the Government to provide a sum of £100 towards the expenses of the Unofficial Leader of another place."

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater	Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Smith	Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly	Mr. Angus	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas	Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Beardmore	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde	Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Old
Mr. Hogan		Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber	Mr. Downward	Mr. West
		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wottenhall
		Mr. Everard	
		Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Gordon	
		Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson

And so it passed in the negative.

6. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read:—

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1923-24.

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 18.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of October in the year 1923-24, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Melbourne, 2nd October, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. **PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.** Mr. Lawson, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Parliamentary Witnesses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

8. **GAS SUPPLY COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the proposals contained in—(a) the Metropolitan Gas Company Bill; and (b) the Gas Regulation Bill consist of Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tunnecliffe, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. West, with power to sit during the sittings of the House and on days on which the House does not meet; to send for persons, papers, and records; to hear counsel to such extent as they shall think fit; and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—

Newmerella Land Bill.  
Narre Worran Land Bill.  
Smeaton Land Bill.  
Toonallook Land Bill.

10. **SUPPLY.** The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,115,647 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923-24, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	88
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	832
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	84
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	369
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	40
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	92
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	248
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	466
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,630

Division No.	£
11. Chief Secretary's Office—Grants...	540
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	566
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	447
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	220
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	637
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	27
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	60
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	286
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	91
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	319
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	227
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	1,300
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,571
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,090
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	28,217
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	25,859
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,489
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	42,063
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,990
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	243
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,955
33. Education—Salaries	126,900
34. „ Ordinary Expenditure	15,000
35. „ Pensions, &c.	20
36. „ Works and Buildings	1,150
37. „ Endowments and Grants	13,600
38. „ Exceptional Expenditure	250
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	7,978
40. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure	3,456
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,070
43. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure	1,748
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,000
45. „ Transport, &c.	542
46. „ Unforeseen Expenditure	500
47. „ Allowances to Railway Department	1,000
48. „ Charitable Grant, &c.	10,875
49. „ Pensions, &c.	40
50. Treasury—Exceptional Expenditure	1,000
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,244
53. „ „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,358
54. „ „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	205
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	503
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,956
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	208
58. „ „ Advertising	400
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,241
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	69
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,193
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,930
64. Works and Buildings	112
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	156
66. Immigration Bureau	1,414
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,874
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,542
69. „ „ Works, &c.	3,250
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	11,383
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,181
76. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	1,355
77. „ Brown Coal Mine	3,147
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,045
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	17,221
82. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	994
83. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,173
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,798
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,014
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,763
88. „ „ Miscellaneous	625
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	662,625
90. „ Pensions, &c.	769
91. „ Railway Construction Branch	824
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	25,000
93. „ „ Advance for Stores	2,500
Total	£1,115,647

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

12. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1923–24 the sum of £1,115,647 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Sir William McPherson and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).**—Sir William McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—  
*Parliamentary Witnesses Bill—Second reading.*
- And then the House, at twelve minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.—WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to facilitate the Enforcement in Victoria of Judgments and Awards in the Superior Courts of England Scotland and Ireland and for other purposes.*”
3. **SUPREME COURT BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Lawson the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Order was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1922–23; with Appendices.
5. **WITCHIPOOL LAND BILL.**—Mr. Allan obtained leave, with Mr. Wettenhall, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land in the Parish of Witchi-pool including certain Land reserved temporarily as a Site for Watering Purposes and for the Closing of a certain Road and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **FRUIT BILL.**—Mr. Wettenhall obtained leave, with Mr. Old, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Handling of Fruit and Vegetables and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.**—Mr. Gordon obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Housing and Reclamation Act 1920’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **LANDLORD AND TENANT BILL.**—Mr. Wettenhall obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Pound Breach and Rescue*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. UNIVERSITY BILL.—Read the third time.

The following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill:—

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock—

Clause 7, line 34, after the words “more than” insert the word “thirty.”

On the motion of Mr. Brownbill—

Clause 7, line 34, at the end of the line, as amended, after the word “thirty” insert the word “one.”

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock—

Clause 7, paragraph (a), line 36, before the word “members” insert the word “Seven.”

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon—

Clause 7, paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (ii), line 41, after the word “Assembly” insert the words “recommended for appointment by the Members thereof.”

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock—

Clause 7, page 4, paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (iv), line 4, omit the word “two” and insert the word “one.”

On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe—

Clause 7, paragraph (a), page 4, after sub-paragraph (v), insert the following sub-paragraph:—

“(vi) one shall be elected by the councils of the technical schools.”

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock (by leave)—

Clause 7, paragraph (a), line 36, as amended, omit the word “Seven” and insert the word “Eight.”

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock—

Clause 7, page 4, paragraph (e), lines 22-23, omit this paragraph and insert the following paragraph:—

“(e) Two members shall be elected by the undergraduates but shall not include any member of the teaching staff or any person under the full age of twenty-one years.”

“page 4, paragraph (f), line 24, after the word “Education” insert the words “the Chairman of the Council of Agricultural Education.”

Clause 21, sub-section (1), line 20, at the end of the sub-section insert the following proviso:—

“Provided that—

(a) in any case where—

(i) the standing committee fails to approve any such new statute or regulation or alteration or repeal or returns the same to the council with amendments to which the council does not agree; and

(ii) the council again submits the same to the standing committee with or without any amendments made by the standing committee and the standing committee fails to approve the same or returns the same to the council with amendments to which the council does not agree—

such statute regulation alteration or repeal may be made (with or without amendment) by resolution of a majority of the whole of the members of the council at a meeting of the council specially called for the purpose by the Chancellor; and if so made shall have the same force validity and effect as if it had been approved by the standing committee; and

(b) the standing committee shall be deemed to have failed to approve any such statute regulation alteration or repeal if it does not return the same to the council within three months after it has been submitted to the standing committee by the council.”

Clause B, page 15, lines 41-3, omit this clause.

Clause 27, sub-section (1), page 19, paragraph (f), line 44, omit the word “and.”

“sub-section (1), page 20, paragraph (g), line 6, after the word “departments” insert the word “and.”

“sub-section (1), page 20, after paragraph (g) insert the following paragraph:—

“(h) shall where practicable make the necessary provision for the holding of examinations in country centres.”

On the motion of Mr. Prendergast—

Clause 28, sub-section (1), page 21, paragraph (b), lines 8-10, omit this paragraph and insert the following paragraph:—

“(b) teaching and conducting research in science within the University; and.”

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock—

Clause 28, sub-section (1), page 21, after paragraph (c) insert the following words:—

“Of the sum payable to the University in any financial year under this section not less than Two thousand pounds shall be allocated by the council in such year to the purposes provided for in paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) respectively of this section.”

On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe--

Clause 28, sub-section (1), page 21, before the proviso insert the following words :

" and the council of the University shall determine annually the proportion of the sum specified in this section that shall be allotted for tutorial classes."

Ordered--That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.--Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question--That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

12. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.--Motion made and question proposed--That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*)--and, after debate--

Motion made and question--That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)--put and agreed to.

Ordered--That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.--Ordered--That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT.--Resolved, after debate--That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.—THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.--Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4).  
Parliamentary Witnesses Bill.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.--Ordered--That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
4. FAIR RENTS BILL.--Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.--Motion made, and question proposed--That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cotter*).  
Motion made and question--That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cotter*)--put and agreed to.  
Ordered--That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Cotter have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.--Ordered--That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive and No. 10 be postponed until Thursday, 25th October next, and Nos. 7 to 9 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.
7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.--The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read : -

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 19.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

" *An Act to authorize the Application of Payments made in respect of Leases of certain Lands in the Township of Newmerella to or towards the Purchase by the Council of the Shire of Orbst of certain Land as a Site for a Public Park and Recreation Reserve.*"

" *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of Portion of certain Land in the Parish of Narre Worrnan as a Site for Police Purposes.*"

" *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of Portion of certain Land in the Parish of Smeaton in the County of Talbot reserved from Sale permanently pursuant to the ' Smeaton Land Act 1921 ' as a Site for a Public Park.*"

" *An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Crown Land at Toonalook in the Parish of Bairnsdale as a Site for a State School.*"

" *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.*"

" *An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses.*"

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 4th October, 1923.

8. ADJOURNMENT. --Resolved, after debate - That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.—TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Public Works Department during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the undermentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—

Gellion's Estate, near Gelliondale, Yarram District.

Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Supreme Court Act 1915.—Rules—Appeals from Registrar of Friendly Societies to Supreme Court.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir William McPherson, and the same was read :—

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ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1923-24.

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 20.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1923-24, in lieu of the Estimates of Expenditure for the first four months of the year 1923-24, transmitted on the 11th July, 1923, the 30th August, 1923, and the 2nd October, 1923, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 9th October, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
6. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Marriage Bill.  
Railways Standing Committee Bill.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*  
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J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.—WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—WORKS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED UNDER "ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS ACT 1918."—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return with respect to the work or works executed or authorized under the *Electricity Commissioners Act 1918* showing—
  1. (a) The estimate of the works as set forth in the Commission's report submitted in the terms of the requirements of the Act ;
  - (b) The commitments in respect of such works ;
  - (c) The estimated cost of such works completed.
  2. (a) The estimated cost of work consequential or additional to that specified in the above-mentioned report ;
  - (b) The commitments in respect of such additional or consequential work ;
  - (c) The estimated cost of such works completed.
  3. The total cost incurred and estimate of all works authorized or necessary for the completion of such works (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.
3. WARRNAMBOOL, PORT OF—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, REVENUE, COST OF MAINTENANCE, TONNAGE CONVEYED OVER PIER LINE AND REVENUE EARNED.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
  1. The tonnage of imports and exports of the port of Warrnambool for the last five years.
  2. The revenue derived from the wharfage dues and charges, &c., for the same period, giving scale of charges.
  3. The annual cost of maintaining the port of Warrnambool.
  4. The annual cost of dredging the port for the past five years, giving period of service charged to this port annually.
  5. The tonnage of all goods conveyed over the pier line at Warrnambool for the last five years, giving to and from the pier separately, if possible.
  6. The revenue earned by the pier line for the same period, giving charges per ton, &c. (*Mr. Deany*)—put and agreed to.
4. DAYLESFORD ELECTION—OPENING OF SEALED PARCELS AND PACKETS OF BALLOT-PAPERS, ROLLS, ETC., AND INSPECTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—Motion made and question—That this House directs the Clerk to break the seals of and open the sealed parcels and packets of ballot-papers, certified copies of rolls, books, rolls, and papers used at the election held on the 9th day of August, 1923, for the office of Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria for the Electoral District of Daylesford, and to allow the Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Gilder, and those assisting him, to inspect the applications for postal ballot-papers and the counterfoils of the postal ballot-papers, and the said certified copies of rolls, books, rolls, and papers (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.—THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letters, which he read :—

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

Kindly accept my resignation from Public Accounts Committee.

State Parliament House,  
Melbourne, 9th October, 1923.

FRANK GROVES.

Mr. SPEAKER,  
Hon. Sir,

State Parliament House,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1923.

I desire to tender my resignation as a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

I am, yours faithfully,

J. GORDON.

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS DISCHARGED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Mr. Gordon and Mr. Groves be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Public Accounts (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS APPOINTED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Pennington be members of the Committee of Public Accounts (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; to be printed as amended, and to be considered on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
7. SMEATON SHOW YARDS LANDS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 and Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. TARRANGINNIE LAND BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered that the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.—TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. GAS SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the evidence taken before the Select Committee on Gas Supply be printed from day to day (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Country Roads Act 1915.—Ninth Annual Report of the Country Roads Board, for year ended 30th June, 1922.

4. REVENUE FROM REGISTRATION AND LICENCE FEES AND SLY-GROG SELLING OR HOTEL PROSECUTIONS ; NUMBER OF REGISTERED CLUBS, WINE LICENCES GRANTED, AND LICENSED HOTELS IN VICTORIA.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return for the last twelve months showing—

1. The revenue received from fees for—(a) registration of motor cars and motor cycles ; and (b) drivers' licences.
2. The number of registered clubs, and the revenue received from registration fees and from the percentage paid on the liquor purchased by such clubs.
3. The number of wine licences granted, and the revenue received from licence-fees.
4. The revenue received from prosecutions for sly-grog selling.
5. The number of licensed hotels in Victoria, and the revenue received from licence-fees.
6. The revenue received from hotel prosecutions (*Mr. Jewell*)—put and agreed to.

5. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—As amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.

The following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

On the motion of Dr. Argyle—

Clause 4, page 3, sub-section (7), line 40, omit the words " appoint as aforesaid another " and insert the words " subject to this Act appoint another eligible."

On the motion of Mr. McLeod—

Clause 4, page 3, sub-section (7), line 41, after the word " vacancy " insert the words " the nomination of the member so appointed to fill the vacancy shall be made by the person or persons or body who nominated the member in whose place such member is appointed."

On the motion of Mr. Frost—

Clause 9, line 17, after the word " prescribes " insert the words " At least six months of such three years' training may on application by such person be devoted to the midwifery course, such course to carry a trained nurse's as well as a midwife's certificate."

On the motion of Dr. Argyle—

Clause 16, sub-section (5), lines 32-7, after the word " execution " omit all words to the end of the sub-section

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

Mr. Speaker here took the Chair.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1.

- 7 FAIR RENTS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.

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

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1923.

Consideration of Bill in Committee continued.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the University Bill with amendments.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Bill without amendment.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive be postponed until this day.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-eight minutes past One o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.—WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 21.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to amend the Marriage Acts.* ”

“ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Railways Standing Committee Act 1915.’ ”*

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 17th October, 1923.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.—Part VIII.—Statement of Appointments in the Department of the Legislative Assembly.
4. HIGH COST OF LIVING COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £500 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring generally into the subject of the present high cost of living in the State of Victoria (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
5. ELECTORAL BILL.—*Dr. Argyle* obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. OUTER PORTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £250 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission to inquire into and report in regard to matters in relation to the development of the outer ports (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
7. UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—  
1. Clause 5, page 3, line 4, after “ other ” insert “ residential.”  
2. „ „ page 3, line 5, omit “ or educational establishment.”  
3. „ „ page 3, line 9, omit “ or institution.”
- And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
9. GAME BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
10. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. LAND BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Allan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
13. FRUIT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 10 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past Ten o'clock; adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
Speaker.

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.—THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—  
Finance, 1922-23.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1923, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-sixth Section of the Audit Act.  
Ordered to lie on Table, and to be printed.
3. SPOTSWOOD—RAILWAY STORES DEPÔT AT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure to be provided for in Railway Loan Application Bill 1923 (Railway Stores Depôt at Spotswood); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Old presented—  
Spotswood—Railway Stores Depôt at.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
5. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir William McPherson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. LANDLORD AND TENANT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Wettenhall*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. WITCHPOOL LAND BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Allan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 15 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-five minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.—TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 22.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—

“An Act to make further and better provision with respect to Main Drains and Main Drainage Works and certain Rivers Creeks and Water-courses within the Metropolis and for other purposes.”

“An Act relating to the University of Melbourne.”

“An Act to facilitate the Enforcement in Victoria of Judgments and Awards in the Superior Courts of England Scotland and Ireland and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1923.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Education Act 1915.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.  
Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Trade Unions Act 1915.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1922.  
Neglected Children's and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1922.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—  
River Murray Waters Bill.  
Fruit Bill.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.—WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “An Act relating to Industrial and Provident Societies.”
3. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. **BORDER RAILWAYS TO OAKLANDS, NEW SOUTH WALES (WAHGUNYAH-COROWA AND YARRAWONGA EXTENSIONS).**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Border Railways to Oaklands, New South Wales (Wahgunyah-Corowa and Yarrawonga Extensions) (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
5. **PAPER.**—*Mr. Old* presented—  
Border Railways to Oaklands, New South Wales (Wahgunyah-Corowa and Yarrawonga Extensions).—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
6. **STATE FOREST AND CROWN LANDS IN LATROBE VALLEY; NUMBER OF SAW-MILLS; CROWN TIMBER AND SAW-MILLING AREAS LEASED OR AVAILABLE FOR LEASING; AND UNSELECTED CROWN LANDS.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The area of State forest lands in the parishes of Noojee, Noojee East, Fumina, and Toorongo.
  2. The number of saw-mills operating in the above districts and sending their output from Noojee railway station or the Toorongo River rail-head.
  3. The Crown timber areas (if any) in the parishes of Toorongo and Fumina licensed or leased to saw-millers.
  4. The saw-milling areas (if any) available in those parishes to be taken up under licence or lease.
  5. The area of Crown lands (apart from forest areas) remaining unselected in the parishes of Noojee, Noojee East, Fumina, and Toorongo (*Mr. Pennington* for *Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
7. **PAPER.**—*Mr. Allan* presented—  
State Forest and Crown Lands in Latrobe Valley; Number of Saw-mills; Crown Timber and Saw-milling Areas Leased or available for Leasing; and Unselected Crown Lands.—Return to the foregoing Order.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
8. **PRIMARY PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN FRUIT)—ADVANCES MADE AND GUARANTEES GIVEN.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return, supplementary to the statement contained in the Budget as to advances made to and guarantees given in connexion with the fruit industry, showing—
1. The amount of advances made to and still owing by individuals, companies, or firms in Victoria dealing with or trading in any other primary products.
  2. The Government's liability in respect to any guarantee (bank or otherwise) given in favour of any individual, company, or firm in Victoria dealing with or trading in any other primary products, and the nature and general conditions of such guarantees (if any) (*Mr. Farthing*)—put and agreed to.
9. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.—THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1923

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—*Mr. Speaker* took the Chair.
2. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Closer Settlement Act 1918—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the under-mentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—  
Elcho Estate, near Geelong.



3. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Motion made and question—That the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to confer powers upon The Australasian Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited be now taken into consideration (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.
- Motion made and question proposed—That the House agree to the amendments made by the Select Committee in this Bill (*Mr. Snowball*).
- Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “That” be omitted with a view of inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted to the Select Committee” (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
- Motion—That the House agree to the amendments made by the Select Committee in this Bill, by leave, withdrawn.
- Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Bill be recommitted to the Select Committee (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
- Motion made, by leave, and question—That it be an instruction to the Select Committee to investigate the statements made in the *Smith's Weekly* newspaper of the 15th September last with reference to the directors of the company, and to ascertain if the promoters of this company have or had any connexion, directly or indirectly, and, if so, what, with the Southern Union General Insurance Company Limited and/or the Security Underwriters Proprietary Limited (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Thursday, 15th November next.
5. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL.—Read the third time.
- On the motion of Mr. Robertson the following amendment was made in this Bill :—
- Clause 1, line 17, omit the figures “1922” and insert the figures “1923.”
- Mr. Robertson offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—
- A. Nothing in the Wyndham Race-course Acts shall operate so as to decrease the number of race meetings for pony races which may be held on race-courses in any one year pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (3) of section one hundred and fifty-one of the *Police Offences Act 1915* or the number of meetings for trotting races which may be held in any year on race-courses pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (4) of the said section one hundred and fifty-one.
- And the said clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Thursday, 15th November next, Nos. 9 to 12 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at forty-seven minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

• No. 42.—TUESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ An Act to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales Victoria and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters and to amend the River Murray Waters Acts.”

“ An Act relating to the Handling of Fruit and Vegetables and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th October, 1923.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
- Income Tax Acts.—Regulations—Schedules A, B, C, D, H, and I rescinded, new Schedules substituted.
- State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Eighteenth Annual Report, 1922-23.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution to be reported this day.
- Resolved That this House will, this day again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. SUPPLY.—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
- Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,351,000 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923-24, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	133
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,216
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	177
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	396
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	62
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	118
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	272
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	592
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,391
11. " " Grants ... ..	20
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	609
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	634
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	326
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	516
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	162
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	40
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	94
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	344
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	309
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	329
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office ... ..	1,150
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,166
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,128
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	35,343
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	27,019
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,982
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	66,949
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,235
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	371
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,650
33. Education—Salaries ... ..	178,000
34. " Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	15,000
35. " Pensions, &c. ... ..	20
36. " Works and Buildings ... ..	1,000

Division No.	£
37. Education—Endowments and Grants ... ..	500
39. Attorney-General—Salaries ... ..	11,953
40. " " Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,456
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries ... ..	7,615
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,700
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,165
45. " Transport, &c. ... ..	551
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure ... ..	708
47. " Allowances to Railway Department ... ..	792
48. " Charitable Grant, &c. ... ..	17,358
49. " Pensions, &c. ... ..	31
50. " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	11,552
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,100
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,000
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	270
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	480
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	15,367
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	700
58. " " Advertising ... ..	410
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,133
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	72
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,158
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,157
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	445
66. Immigration Bureau ... ..	1,445
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,060
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,347
69. " " Works, &c. ... ..	3,250
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings ... ..	28,600
72. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges ... ..	300
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,118
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry ... ..	1,400
77. " Brown Coal Mine ... ..	4,070
78. " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	250
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,690
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ... ..	17,233
82. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,065
83. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,973
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,374
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,408
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,914
88. " " Miscellaneous ... ..	416
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. ... ..	723,901
90. " " Pensions, &c. ... ..	1,721
91. " " Railway Construction Branch ... ..	1,289
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses ... ..	77,750
Total ... ..	£1,351,000

And, after debate, the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until after No. 16.
7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS.** Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:  
*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1923-24 the sum of £1,351,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Sir William McPherson and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (NO. 5).**—Sir William McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty-one thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Smeaton Show Yards Lands Bill.  
Tarranginnie Land Bill.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at forty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.—WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Performance and Execution of the Powers Authorities and Duties of the Master-in-Lunacy by the Master-in-Equity and for other purposes.*"
3. LUNACY BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Registration as Dentists in Victoria of certain Classes of Persons registered or entitled to be registered as Dentists in the United Kingdom.*"
5. DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, on behalf of Dr. Argyle, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections.*"
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL. On the motion of Mr. Prendergast the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, and, after debate, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. SUPPLY. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress: to sit again to-morrow.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 5) without amendment.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.—THURSDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. KINGLAKE DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY (HURSTBRIDGE AND WHITTLESEA EXTENSIONS).—Mr. Toucher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Kinglake District by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway with the existing railway system; together with Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next (*Mr. Lawson*): put and agreed to.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

Mr. A. A. BILLSON reported that in Committee he had ruled that the honorable member for Eaglehawk, who rose to speak, could not do so as, in his opinion, he had already spoken on the subjects dealt with in the Budget. The honorable member claimed the right to speak a second time because he alleged that he previously spoke only on the amendment of the honorable member for Evelyn—“That the sum be reduced by £5.” He had looked at the beginning of the honorable member’s speech, and he made no reference whatever to the amendment. He concluded that he dealt with the whole of the Budget in the way honorable members had a right to do in speaking on the first item of the Estimates. With his concurrence the Committee now desired to ask the Speaker’s opinion upon that ruling.

And, after debate—

Mr. Speaker said—“The ordinary rule is that when a question is before the House the honorable member addressing the Chair must speak to that question. When an amendment is moved upon the main question the ordinary rule is that the member addressing the Chair must keep to the amendment. In this case the Budget generally was before the Committee. That was the question to which honorable members were speaking, and, of course, they can speak at large on that subject.

Mr. J. W. BILLSON (*Fitzroy*).—It is a question whether there should be a reduction.

The SPEAKER.—I am afraid that honorable members speaking on the proposed reduction made general Budget speeches.

Mr. DUNSTAN.—It was stated why the amount should be reduced.

The SPEAKER.—That is not part of the question. It is a mere statement by the member moving the amendment of his reasons for doing so. The question simply was—‘That the sum be reduced by £5.’ If on that question a member made a general speech on the Budget he is precluded from again making a speech on the Budget. That is the ordinary rule. Honorable members will see that the question ‘That the sum be reduced by £5’ precludes any speech except on the specific point at issue. The only other way in which an honorable member can speak to the question is by making a speech on the Budget generally.

Mr. PRENDERGAST.—Would it be in order for a member to speak again if another honorable member moved for a reduction of £1?

The SPEAKER.—The same principle would apply.

Mr. PRENDERGAST.—An honorable member would not be able to move an amendment, because he would not have the opportunity to speak.

The SPEAKER.—In connexion with the Budget the position is different. The rule is that, if an honorable member departs from the specific matter at issue and speaks upon the general question, he is afterwards precluded from speaking on the general question. The question is that the Budget should be reduced by £5.

Mr. J. W. BILLSON (*Fitzroy*).—If the Chairman of Committees allows an honorable member to continue he considers that he is in order.

The SPEAKER.—That is the general rule, but to an amendment on the Budget he is allowed to speak generally on the whole question; but if an honorable member does that he is precluded from speaking again.”

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Wednesday next.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read:—

STRADBROKE,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 24.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—

“An Act to authorize the Re-vesting in the Crown of certain Lands at Smeaton in the Parish of Springhill in the County of Talbot reserved from Sale permanently as a Site for Smeaton Springhill and Bullarook Agricultural Association’s Show Yards and granted by a Crown Grant to certain Trustees and now held under Certificate of Title.”

“An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Tarranginnie in the County of Lowan as a Site for Water Supply Purposes.”

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty-one thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.”

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 1st November, 1923.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Wednesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

J. E. MACKAY,  
Speaker.

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.—WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVATION BILL.—Motion made, and question proposed—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Community in Cases of Emergency*" (*Mr. Lawson*)—and, after debate—  
Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill an urgent measure.  
And, after further debate—  
Question—put and agreed to.  
Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.  
Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater	Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly	Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Brownhill	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Angus	Mr. McDnald
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Dr. Argyle	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde	Mr. Barnes	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Beardmore	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Morley
Mr. Jewell		Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowser	Mr. Oman
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber	Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
		Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
		Mr. Downward	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
		Mr. Everard	Mr. West
		Mr. Farthing	
		Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—resumed and amendment proposed—  
That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the following words:— "this House declines to read this Bill a second time, inasmuch as the House is of the opinion that it is urgently important in the interests of peace and order in the State that a settlement of the police trouble should be accomplished at the earliest moment. That the House is further of the opinion that the men should resume duty forthwith, and that a board or a Supreme Court Judge be immediately appointed to hear representations and to determine whether the appointment of the supervisors and their methods of administration of the functions of their office are necessary for the efficient working of the police force" (*Mr. Prendergast*).  
Debate ensued.

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

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Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. McGregor
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Deany	Mr. Smith
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
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Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Lawson*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Oman	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Murphy	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

**3. PAPERS.**—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Inebriate Institutions.—Report of the Inspector of Inebriate Institutions for the year 1922.

Mr. Lawson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Returns of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Department during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923 :—

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (the River Murray Agreement).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines; including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts, duly audited, &c., for the year 1922-23.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers—Department of Chief Secretary.

Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1922.—Vermin and Noxious Weeds Destruction (Forms) Regulations 1923.

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

**5. ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at Seven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*



# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.—TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Public Safety Preservation Bill without amendment.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 25.*

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*“ An Act to make provision for the Protection of the Community in Cases of Emergency.”*

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 9th November, 1923.

4. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter, which he read :—

State Parliament House,  
Melbourne, 7th November, 1923.

*The Honorable the Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Melbourne.*

DEAR SIR JOHN,

I desire to tender my resignation as a member of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report on the Private Bill known as the Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill.

I have the honour to be,

Yours sincerely,

W. SLATER.

5. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL COMMITTEE—MEMBER DISCHARGED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Mr. Slater be discharged from attendance on the Select Committee on the Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill, (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented—  
Warrnambool, Port of—Imports and Exports, Revenue, Cost of Maintenance, Tonnage conveyed over Pier Line and Revenue earned.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th October, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
State Savings Bank Act 1915.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1923.
7. RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.—Mr. Old obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to extend the Operation of the ‘ Railways Classification Board Act 1919 ’ and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, and, after debate, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. LAND BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed.  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider a clause to provide for investment by trustees on first mortgage of certain selection purchase leases of Mallee lands under certain conditions (*Mr. Baird*)—put and agreed to.  
Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.  
On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe the following further amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—  
Clause 2, page 2, sub-section (4), line 32, omit the word “ seven ” and insert the word “ five.”

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

9. AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL COMMITTEE—MEMBER APPOINTED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Mr. Bailey be a member of the Select Committee on the Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and, after debate, agreed to
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.—WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Wyndham Race-course Bill with an amendment.  
Ordered—That the said amendment be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Allan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. GAME BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 48.—THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Tuesday next, and Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.

3. **MOORPANYAL LANDS BILL.**—Mr. Allan obtained leave, with Mr. Old, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to divest out of The Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners certain Land in the Parish of Moorpanyal and to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain other Land in the said Parish and to provide for the Grant to the Commonwealth of Australia as a Site for a Base for Seaplanes of the Australian Air Force of the said Lands and in pursuance of an Arrangement with the Commonwealth for the Exchange of certain Lands in the said Parish to close certain Roads and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. **GOROKE TO MOREA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Old obtained leave, with Mr. Wettenhall, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Goroke to Morea*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **BOY IMMIGRANTS BILL.**—Mr. Allan obtained leave, with Mr. Old, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Boy Immigrants*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **GEELONG LAND BILL.**—Mr. Allan obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Sale of certain Crown Land at Geelong in the Parish of Moorpanyal in the County of Grant*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Old obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Sir William McPherson, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Old, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—Sir William McPherson, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Sir William McPherson, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. **STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.**—Sir William McPherson, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. **SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Brownbill*)—and, after debate—

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Smith
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McGregor	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Old
Mr. Allison	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Sir William McPherson	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day General Business, No. 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.

14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. McGregor*)—and, after debate—

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Morley	Mr. Webber

Noes, 21.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Allison	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. West
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy-Speaker said—"The voting being even, I shall, in accordance with the usual practice, give my casting vote with the 'Ayes,' so that the matter may be further discussed."

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee; Committee reported progress.

Resolved, after debate—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 1)—(MR. EVERARD)—SECOND READING.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 7 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.—TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Land Act 1915.—Alteration to Regulations—Grazing Licences, Section 121.
3. SESSIONAL ORDERS RESCINDED, NEW ORDERS MADE.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Orders appointing the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, fixing the hours of meeting, the order of Government Business and Private Business, and limiting the hour for calling on fresh business be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof :—That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the remainder of the Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business ; that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday ; that half-past Three o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday ; and that half-past Ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday and Friday ; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day ; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL. Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Gordon*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
5. GAME BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time this day.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 26.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Endowment.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

7. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 26.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Endowment.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Gordon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill relating to Municipal Endowment*" ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 27.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Victorian Government Stock Act 1896*.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

9. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCK BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 27.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Victorian Government Stock Act 1896*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Victorian Government Stock Act 1896* "; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 28.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 15th November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

11. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 28.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three* "; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

12. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 29.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922*.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 15th November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

13. TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 29.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922* "; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

14. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 30.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to establish a Railways Sinking Fund and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 15th November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

15. RAILWAYS SINKING FUND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 30.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to establish a Railways Sinking Fund and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to establish a Railways Sinking Fund and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

16. GAME BILL.—Read the third time.

On the motion of Dr. Argyle the following further amendments were made in this Bill—

Clause 5, line 39, after the word "pounds" insert the following paragraph :—

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; and

(c) at the end of the said section eleven there shall be inserted the following sub-section :—

'(2) If the poison used or laid by any person found offending against any of the foregoing provisions of this section is potassium cyanide or any of the compounds of cyanogen, such person shall, in lieu of the penalty or imprisonment and the additional sum aforesaid, be liable to imprisonment for not less than three months and not more than twelve months, and in addition (if any game or native game is so killed destroyed or injured) for each head of game so killed destroyed or injured the sum set opposite the name of the species to which the same belongs in the Second Schedule hereto, and for each head of native game so killed destroyed or injured a sum to be determined by the Court upon the conviction of not less than Five shillings and not more than Five pounds.'

Clause 12, page 5, sub-section (2), as amended, after the words "Landlord and Tenant Act" insert the figures "1915."

On the motion of Mr. Snowball the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 12, page 5, sub-section (2), lines 9-10, omit the words "or in the discretion of such justices without making any such distress."

„ page 5, sub-section (2), line 11, after the word "imprisoned" insert the words "should such justices see fit."

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.

18. ELECTORAL BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Prendergast have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

19. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Bailey have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKAY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50.—WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—
 

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 31.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 21st November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
3. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 31.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
 

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Old do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—
 

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 32.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Act 1921*.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 21st November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. RAILWAYS ADVANCES (STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 32.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
 

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Act 1921*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Old do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Act 1921*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
7. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.



9. **TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCK BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, after debate.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, after debate.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 29 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.—THURSDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Lawson presented—  
State Electricity Commission—Works executed or authorized under *Electricity Commissioners Act 1918.*—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th October, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Thomas James McConnell, from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.  
Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Victoria Dock Cool Stores ; together with the Report of the Manager thereof on the Operations of the Stores for the financial year 1922-23.
3. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
4. **VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. **KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 52.—FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. TOLMIE DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY (MANSFIELD, TATONG, AND MOYHU EXTENSIONS).—  
Mr. Toucher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Tolmie district, including the lands in or near the parishes of Toombullup, Cambatong, Dueran, Dueran East, Whitfield, Whitfield South, and Toombullup North, with the existing railway system by means of a railway; together with Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Old presented—  
Primary Products (other than Fruit)—Advances made and Guarantees given.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th October, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Land Act 1915.—Compulsory Resumption of Land, being part of Crown Allotment 3, Section 9B, Parish of Cut Paw Paw, County of Bourke.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.
4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. LUNACY BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
7. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Old, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. PAPER.—Mr. Lawson presented—  
Warrnambool Breakwater Commission.—Report of the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring into certain charges made in respect of the letting and carrying out of a certain contract for the extension of the Warrnambool Breakwater.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 10 to 26 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at six minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 53.—TUESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

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

2. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented—

Fines under Dairy, Health (Pure Food), Factories, Weights and Measures, and Bakers and Millers Acts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 26th July, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918.—Notice of Intention of the Tramways Board to abandon the Royal Park Horse Tramway, with Copy of Statement giving reasons for such Abandonment.

State Electricity Commission Act 1918.—Fourth Annual Report of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for the financial year ended 30th June, 1923; together with Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

University Act 1915.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1922, to 31st July, 1923; together with Appendices, and Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

3. RAILWAY PASSENGERS—DAYLESFORD TO MELBOURNE AND DAYLESFORD TO WOODEND AND INTERMEDIATE STATIONS, AND VICE VERSA, 1922-23.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923, from—(a) Daylesford to Melbourne; (b) Melbourne to Daylesford; (c) Daylesford to Woodend and intermediate stations; and (d) Woodend to Daylesford and intermediate stations (*Mr. McLeod*)—put and agreed to.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Dr. Argyle, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 33.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Retirement, Pensions, Allowances, and Gratuities of Members of the Police Force and their Widows, Children, and Dependants, and to amend the *Police Regulation Act 1915* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 27th November, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

5. POLICE PENSIONS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 33.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Retirement, Pensions, Allowances, and Gratuities of Members of the Police Force and their Widows, Children, and Dependants, and to amend the *Police Regulation Act 1915* and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Dr. Argyle and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Dr. Argyle then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to the Retirement Pensions Allowances and Gratuities of Members of the Police Force and their Widows Children and Dependants and to amend the ' Police Regulation Act 1915 ' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Borrowing Powers of Municipalities* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. ELECTORAL BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
9. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for Alexander Harris, Esquire, Member of the House of Representatives, New Zealand (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
10. ELECTORAL BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Surplus Revenue Bill.  
Municipal Endowment Bill.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
13. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read and discharged :—  
*Geelong Land Bill—Second reading.*  
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 to 26 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.—WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Treasury Bills and Advances Bill.  
Victorian Government Stock Bill.
3. KOOLONONG RAILWAY EXTENSION (NARRUNG RAILWAY).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
4. PEECHELBA RAILWAY (BOWSER TO PEECHELBA).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Bowser to Peechelba be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

5. ELECTORAL BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. SUPPLY.—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,294,275 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923–24, viz. :—

Division No.	£
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	886
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	111
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	306
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	41
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	92
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	148
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	471
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	898
11. " " Grants ... ..	20
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	326
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	423
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	222
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	206
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	116
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	92
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	82
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	211
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	226
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	248
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office ... ..	1,150
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,629
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,474
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	33,100
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	27,624
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,245
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	30,650
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,490
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	265
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,990
33. Education—Salaries ... ..	181,000
34. " Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	15,000
35. " Pensions, &c. ... ..	20
36. " Works and Buildings ... ..	1,000
37. " Endowments and Grants ... ..	500
39. Attorney-General—Salaries ... ..	6,910
40. " Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,366
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries ... ..	4,225
43. " Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,715
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,853
45. " Transport, &c. ... ..	531
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure ... ..	542
47. " Allowances to Railway Department ... ..	4,300
48. " Charitable Grant, &c. ... ..	12,172
49. " Pensions, &c. ... ..	28
50. " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	3,910
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,948
53. " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,205
54. " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	164
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	460
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	8,204
57. " Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	288
58. " Advertising ... ..	250
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,780
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	82
61. " Grants ... ..	250
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,110
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,932
64. Works and Buildings ... ..	150

Division No.	£
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	650
66. Immigration Bureau ... ..	1,450
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	5,341
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,481
69. „ „ Works, &c. ... ..	3,000
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings ... ..	37,993
72. „ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges ... ..	1,000
73. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c. ... ..	1,000
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	2,221
76. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry ... ..	1,700
77. „ Brown Coal Mine ... ..	4,600
78. „ Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	267
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,488
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ... ..	22,325
82. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	1,041
83. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,306
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	4,158
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	3,854
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	7,636
88. „ „ Miscellaneous ... ..	416
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. ... ..	749,830
90. „ Pensions, &c. ... ..	1,369
91. „ Railway Construction Branch ... ..	963
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses ... ..	44,549
Total ... ..	£1,294,275

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Motion made and question—That out of an amount already voted by the Committee of Supply, but not yet reported to the House, a sum not exceeding £89 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923–24, viz. :—

Division No.

1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure .. .. . £89

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 27 inclusive be postponed until after No. 28.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—*Mr. A. A. Billson* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1923–24 the sum of £1,294,364 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That *Mr. Lawson* and *Mr. Allan* do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—*Mr. Lawson* then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and ninety-four thousand three hundred and sixty-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Victorian Loan Bill.

Railway Loan Application Bill.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at one minute past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 55.—THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. KOOLONONG RAILWAY EXTENSION (NARRUNG RAILWAY).—Mr. Touthcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung; together with Book of Reference and Plan.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.  
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
5. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. RAILWAYS ADVANCES (STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. ELECTORAL BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—  
Water Supply Loans Application Bill.  
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6).
9. BREAD—PRICE IN EACH DISTRICT AND METROPOLITAN PUBLIC INSTITUTION AND RAILWAY DEPARTMENT, AND TENDERS THEREFOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—  
1. The price of bread per pound in each district as published in the *Government Gazette* of 16th July, 1923, and other dates this year, specifying also the price paid in each public institution in the metropolis, and showing the name of tenderer in all instances.  
2. The tender price and the name of tenderer for the supply of bread to the Railway Department (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 28 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.—FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Inebriates Act 1915.'*"
3. INEBRIATES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Old presented—  
Railway Passengers—Daylesford to Melbourne and Daylesford to Woodend and Intermediate Stations, and *Vice Versá*, 1922-23.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th November, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the under-mentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—

Narmbool Estate, near Elaine.

5. KOOLONONG RAILWAY EXTENSION (NARRUNG RAILWAY).—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung (*Mr. Old*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. ELECTORAL BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 34.*

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to provide for the Performance and Execution of the Powers Authorities and Duties of the Master-in-Lunacy by the Master-in-Equity and for other purposes.*”

“ *An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.*”

“ *An Act relating to Municipal Endowment.*”

“ *An Act to amend the ‘ Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922.’*”

“ *An Act to amend the ‘ Victorian Government Stock Act 1896.’*”

“ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways.*”

“ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes.*”

“ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.*”

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and ninety-four thousand three hundred and sixty-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.*”

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th November, 1923.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 3 to 26 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next :—

*Inebriates Bill*—(from Council)—*Second reading.*

And then the House, at forty-five minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*



## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.—TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. GAS SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Eggleston, Chairman, brought up a Report of the Select Committee on Gas Supply; together with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Appendices to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—  
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Department of Labour during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Trade Unions—Thirty-seventh Annual Report on.— Report of the Government Statist for the year 1922; with an Appendix.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
5. POLICE PENSIONS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and, after debate—  
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cain	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Clough	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Old*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
7. ELECTORAL BILL.—Read the third time.  
Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—  
Clause 12, paragraph (*d*), line 24, omit the words “two rolls” and insert the words “one roll” (*Mr. Cain*).  
And, after debate—  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Fetherston	
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Cain the following further amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill:—

Clause 23, sub-section (1), line 45, after the word " vote " insert the words " and in the event of the claim being allowed such indication shall be recorded on each roll."

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 37, sub-section (1), paragraph (b), lines 29-32, omit the words " thirtieth day before the seat of the member for the district became vacant or the dissolution or other lawful determination of the Assembly (as the case may be)" and insert the words " day of the issue of the writ for any election for the Assembly" (*Mr. Hogan*).

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Fetherston	
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Webber offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

B. In sub-section (1) of section two hundred and twenty-four of the Principal Act for the word " seven " there shall be substituted the word " eight."

And, after debate, the said clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Land Bill with an amendment.

And the said amendment is as follows:—

Clause 6, paragraph (1), lines 42-3, omit " on which no arrears of rent or instalments of purchase money are due."

And the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

9. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the State Savings Bank Bill with an amendment.

Ordered—That the said amendment be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Bill without amendment.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate— That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at six minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKAY,  
Speaker.

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 58.—WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Marine Act 1915.—Marine Board of Victoria.—Pilotage Rate from without Port Phillip Heads to an Anchorage or Pier in Hobson's Bay or Corio Bay, or *vice versa*.
  - Medical Act 1915, Part II., and the Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.
  - Public Service Acts—
    - Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.
    - Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).
    - Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers—Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Instruction.
    - Department of Law.
3. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read and discharged :—
  - Public Works Loan Application Bill—Second reading.*
 Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Old, and the same was read :—
 

STRADBROKE,  
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 35.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 16th November, 1923.

 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 35. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
  - Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope.
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
6. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to. Ordered, after debate—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
7. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment is as follows :—  
*Insert the following new clause to follow clause 4 :—*  
 A. In paragraph (b) of sub-section (3) of section eighty-four of the Principal Act for the words “ any two Commissioners ” there shall be substituted the words “ any one of the Commissioners.”  
 And, the said amendment was, after debate, read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
 Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 13 inclusive and Nos. 15 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.—THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **UPPER YARRA FOREST AREA CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Mr. Touthcer, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the forest areas in the valleys of the Upper Yarra, Upper Latrobe, Loch, Tanjil, and Tyers rivers and contiguous country with the existing railway system by broad or narrow gauge railways to improve timber supplies; together with Minutes of Evidence.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.**—Dr. Argyle presented—  
 Revenue from Registration and Licence Fees and Sly-grog Selling or Hotel Prosecutions; Number of Registered Clubs, Wine Licences granted, and Licensed Hotels in Victoria.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th October, 1923.  
 Dr. Argyle presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—  
 Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Chief Secretary's Department during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
 Friendly Societies—Forty-fifth Annual Report on.— Report of the Government Statist for the year 1922, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Nurses Registration Bill with amendments.  
 Ordered— That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
5. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Read the third time.  
 Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—  
 Clause 19, page 12, sub-section (3), paragraph (e), lines 33–41, omit all words beginning with the words “ at one and the same time ” and ending with the words “ (as the case may be) ” and insert the words “ one voting paper only ” (*Mr. Cain*).

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Nocs, 15.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lind	Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Baird	Mr. McGregor	Mr. Clough	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Beardmore	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Hogan	
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Morley	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Weaver		
Mr. Deany	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Dunstan			
Mr. Eggleston	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Everard	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

6. INEBRIATES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, after debate.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
7. WITCHIPOOL LAND BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Weaver*) put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
8. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons, Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Railways of Tasmania (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
9. WITCHIPOOL LAND BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 9 and 10.
12. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Gordon*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
13. GOROKE TO MOREA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read:—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 36.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 3rd December, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

17. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 36.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Farthing reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.
19. RAILWAYS SINKING FUND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Electricity Supply Loan Application Bill without amendment.
21. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, at the end of the clause add—

" Provided that where in any locality a hospital approved by the Midwives Board under the Midwives Acts for the training of midwives is not available any woman being a registered nurse may under the direction of a medical practitioner attend for gain women in childbirth; and upon production to the said Board of a certificate or certificates from any medical practitioner or practitioners showing that in any such locality or localities she has under the direction of a medical practitioner attended in childbirth not less than fifty women and has in the presence of a medical practitioner personally conducted not less than twenty cases of childbirth, and upon passing such examination as is prescribed under the said Acts, shall be entitled to be registered as a midwife under the said Acts notwithstanding anything to the contrary therein."

2. Clause 4, sub-clause (7), lines 38-41, after "vacancy" omit the words beginning "the nomination" and ending "is appointed."

3. Clause 8, paragraph (c), lines 8 and 9, omit "a period of training amounting to at least three years" and insert "the prescribed period of training."

4. ,, at the end of the clause add—

": or

(d) was at the commencement of this Act being trained as a nurse at a public hospital under a then existing agreement and at the date of application has at that hospital completed the course of training provided for under the agreement (not being for a period of less than three years) and passes such examination as the Board prescribes."

5. Clause 9, lines 14-15, omit "three years' training under a curriculum prescribed by the Board" and insert "the prescribed course of training for the prescribed period."

6. ,, lines 17-20, after "prescribes" omit all words to the end of the clause.

7. Clause 10, lines 25-26, omit "which (except in regard to special courses of training) shall be for a period of three years."

8. Clause 11, lines 40-41, omit "a period of three years" and insert "the prescribed period."

9. ,, page 8, line 3, omit "a period of three years" and insert "the prescribed period of training."

10. Clause 27, page 14, line 10, after "nurses" insert "(the periods of which may vary as provided in this Act for different classes of hospitals according to efficiency of the training provided at such hospitals and the number of beds provided for patients thereat)."

11. *Insert the following new clause to follow clause 9 :—*

A. (1) The periods of the courses of training for qualification as registered nurses may vary for different classes of hospitals in accordance with the efficiency of the training provided at such hospitals and the number of beds provided for patients thereat, but no such period shall be less than three years.

(2) Where the average number of occupied beds at a hospital is not less than forty the period of the course of training thereat shall be three years.

(3) Where the average number of occupied beds at a hospital is less than forty the period of the course of training thereat shall be such longer period (not exceeding five years) as in any particular case the Board thinks reasonable: Provided that in country hospitals where the average number of occupied beds is sixteen or more than sixteen the period of the course of training shall not exceed four years and six months.

(4) Where a trainee is trained partly at a hospital referred to in sub-section (2) hereof and partly at a hospital referred to in sub-section (3) hereof the period of training shall be such a period not exceeding five years as the Board thinks reasonable

And the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Dr. Argyle, and after debate—

Amendments 1 to 10 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 11—

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be agreed to (*Dr. Argyle*).

Motion made and question proposed—That the word "forty," in line 1 of sub-section (2), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "twenty" (*Mr. Frost*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and agreed to.—Amendment 11 agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill without amendment.
23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until after No. 8.
24. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

FRIDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1923.

Resolutions to be reported this day.

25. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1923-24.—Mr. Farthing reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1923-24 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.		£	£
1.	Legislative Council ... ..	577	
2.	Legislative Assembly... ..	5,236	
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways ... ..	448	
	Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee—		
4.	Refreshment Rooms ... ..	572	
5.	Engineers ... ..	264	
6.	The Library ... ..	282	
7.	The Library, State Parliament House ... ..	641	
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates ... ..	2,112	
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	6,097	
10.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c. ... ..	8,561	
11.	" " Grants ... ..	5,120	
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines ... ..	3,626	
13.	Explosives ... ..	2,859	
14.	State Accident Insurance Office ... ..	7,446	
15.	Fisheries and Game ... ..	2,598	
16.	Government Shorthand Writer... ..	738	
17.	The Governor's Office ... ..	182	
18.	Herbarium ... ..	509	
19.	Inebriates Institution ... ..	2,115	
21.	Observatory ... ..	1,964	
22.	Premier's Office ... ..	1,723	
23.	Agent-General ... ..	4,268	
24.	Audit Office ... ..	9,639	
25.	Government Statist ... ..	12,406	
26.	Hospitals for the Insane ... ..	187,012	
27.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools ... ..	157,311	
28.	Penal Establishments and Gaols ... ..	39,372	
29.	Police ... ..	293,677	
30.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria ... ..	17,924	
31.	Public Service Commissioner ... ..	1,714	
			776,993

II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

32.	Department of Labour ... ..	14,610	
32A.	Pensions, Compensations, Gratuities, &c. ... ..	360	
			14,970

## III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Division No.		£	£
33.	Education—Salaries ... ..	759,990	
34.	"    Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	85,752	
35.	"    Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation ... ..	125	
36.	"    Works and Buildings ... ..	5,700	
37.	"    Endowments and Grants ... ..	62,060	
		<hr/>	913,627

## IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39.	Attorney-General—Salaries ... ..	44,115	
40.	"    Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	18,948	
41.	"    Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	7	
		<hr/>	63,070

## V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries ... ..	29,237	
43.	"    Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	9,569	
		<hr/>	38,806

## VI.—TREASURER.

44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	21,212	
45.	"    Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c. ... ..	3,250	
46.	"    Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure ... ..	3,250	
47.	"    Payments to Railway Department ... ..	98,908	
48.	"    Grants ... ..	73,030	
49.	"    Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c. ... ..	1,393	
50.	"    Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	23,463	
52.	Taxation Office—Salary of Commissioner and Income Tax Branch ... ..	15,847	
53.	"    "    Land Tax Branch ... ..	16,430	
54.	"    "    Death Duties Branch ... ..	1,224	
55.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons ... ..	2,764	
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	53,008	
57.	"    "    Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	680	
58.	"    "    Advertising, including Postage ... ..	990	
		<hr/>	315,449

## VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59.	Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands ... ..	35,015	
60.	Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves ... ..	357	
61.	Grants ... ..	2,725	
62.	Botanic and Domain Gardens ... ..	6,621	
63.	Extirpation of Rabbits, Wild Animals, and Noxious Weeds ... ..	26,551	
64.	Works and Buildings... ..	1,910	
65.	Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	2,719	
66.	Immigration Bureau ... ..	8,440	
		<hr/>	84,338

## VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

67.	Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	32,013	
68.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	16,837	
69.	"    "    Works, &c. ... ..	20,725	
69A.	"    "    Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	5,250	
70.	Electricity Commissioners ... ..	16,004	
71.	Public Works—Works and Buildings ... ..	209,519	
72.	"    "    Road Works and Bridges ... ..	4,400	
73.	"    "    Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c. ... ..	5,958	
74.	"    "    Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	15,651	
		<hr/>	326,357

## IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.

75.	Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	13,452	
76.	"    Furtherance of Mining Industry ... ..	10,729	
77.	"    Brown Coal Mine ... ..	25,035	
78.	"    Exceptional Expenditure ... ..	200	
		<hr/>	49,416

## X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

79.	Forests Commission ... ..	...	39,680
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## XI.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.

80.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ... ..	...	108,500
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## XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

Division No.	£	£
82. Department of Agriculture—Administrative ... ..	6,440	
83. Agriculture—Salaries, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory, and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	83,483	
84. „ „ Grants ... ..	1,303	
85. Stock and Dairy ... ..	26,857	
86. Export Development and Produce Inspection ... ..	34,129	
	—	152,212

## XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

87. Public Health—Salaries, Ordinary Expenditure, and Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis ... ..	47,766	
88. „ „ „ Grants ... ..	2,502	
	—	50,268

## XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

89. Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1923–24, &c. ... ..	4,148,982	
90. „ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	8,219	
91. „ „ Construction Branch ... ..	5,780	
92. „ „ State Coal Mines ... ..	267,299	
	—	4,430,280

And the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

26. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 7 and Nos. 12 to 23 inclusive be postponed until Monday next.

27. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.

28. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1924, the sum of £6,763,966 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

29. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

30. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Railways Sinking Fund Bill without amendment.

31. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Monday next be an additional sitting day, on which the House shall meet at Seven o'clock ; that Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

32. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

33. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Monday next.

And then the House, at fifty minutes past Six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Monday next.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.—MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PEECHELBA RAILWAY (BOWSER TO PEECHELBA).—Mr. Toutcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Bowser to Peechelba ; together with Book of Reference and Plan.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Ryan presented a Petition from certain trustees and holders and representatives of holders of inscribed stock under the *Victorian Government Inscribed Stock Act 1896*, No. 1468, praying that the House will take the matters contained in the Petition into consideration, and take such action as may be necessary to provide for the fixation of a date for the repayment or the amortization of this particular trustee stock, or that the House will grant such further and other relief as to it may seem meet.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means to consider certain Land and Income Taxes (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That the rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—
  - (a) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from personal exertion—
    - (i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Threepence ; and
    - (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Fourpence ;  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fivepence ;  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Sixpence ; and  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Sevenpence ;
  - (b) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from the produce of property—
    - (i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Sixpence ; and
    - (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Eightpence ;  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Tenpence ;  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Twelvence ; and  
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Fourteenpence ;
  - (c) On the income of a company (including a life assurance company) for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Twelvence :

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income from personal exertion and the produce of property during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed Two hundred pounds shall not unless otherwise provided in the Income Tax Acts be liable to tax :

Provided further that where any person (not being a company) derives income both from personal exertion and from the produce of property and the total income so derived exceeds Five hundred pounds, then for the purposes of this resolution the rate for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income derived from each source shall be the same as if the income from each such source exceeded Five hundred pounds.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

7. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and to continue the Income Tax Acts*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

1. That subject to the Land Tax Acts there shall in the case of each owner of land be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof at such rate as is hereinafter set forth (that is to say) :—

Where the unimproved value or total unimproved value of all land or lands of any owner exceeds Two hundred and fifty pounds the rate of tax payable thereon for the said year shall be : On every pound sterling of its unimproved value—One half-penny.

2. That in addition to any duty of land tax so payable there shall in the case of each such owner be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four a super-tax equal to five per centum of the amount of the duty of land tax so payable.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. **LAND TAX BILL.**—Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Old, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 37.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 10th December, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

2. **KOOLONONG TO WEST NARRUNG RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 37. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Old and Mr. Gordon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Old then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

- FIRE BRIGADES BILL.**—Mr. Lawson, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a Sum of Thirty-five thousand pounds and to amend the ‘ Fire Brigades Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

14. PEECHELBA RAILWAY (BOWSER TO PEECHELBA).—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Bowser to Peechelba (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
15. MARNOO, COPE COPE, NAVARRE, AND ST. ARNAUD DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY (MARNOO TO WALLALOO).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
16. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—  
 Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Treasury Department (Government Printing Office and State Stationery Store, Public Offices) during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
 Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the undermentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—  
 Boorool Estate, near Leongatha.  
 Horse Breeding Act 1919.—Amendment of Regulations made on 30th March, 1920.  
 Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Sydney Arthur Heathershaw from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Chief Secretary.
17. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at four minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
 Speaker.

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 61.—TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MARNOO, COPE COPE, NAVARRE, AND ST. ARNAUD DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY (MARNOO TO WALLALOO).—Mr. Toucher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo ; together with Book of Reference and Plan.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Dunstan, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Printing Committee.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. MALLEE RAILWAY EXTENSION (WERRIMULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY—RED CLIFFS TOWARDS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BORDER).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Werrimull to The Hut be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.

5. POLICE PENSIONS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.

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

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Bill reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.

On the motion of Mr. Lawson the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 6, sub-section (1), as amended, omit the words “ provided that all moneys paid in by him as rateable deductions to the Police Pensions Fund shall be returned to him without interest ” and insert the words “ but there shall be paid to him the whole of the rateable deductions which have been made from his pay without any interest thereon.”

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Witchipool Land Bill.

Local Government (Borrowing Powers) Bill.

7. HEAD TEACHERS OF TRAINING SCHOOLS RETIRED ON PENSIONS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of the head teachers of training schools who have retired from the service of the Education Department since 1st January, 1912, on pensions based on the salaries they were receiving during the last three years of service, plus any monetary allowances they received during that time by virtue of being head teachers of such training schools (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until this day, Nos. 14 to 20 inclusive until Tuesday next, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, until this day.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-five minutes past Five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 62.—WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1923.

- The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon the Australasian Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill ; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.  
Mr. Snowball further reported that, in consequence of the amendments made by the Committee in clause 18 of the Bill, providing that no member shall hold more than 2,500 shares in his own right, and precluding any incorporated company from holding shares in this company, the parties promoting the Bill had stated to the Committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
- MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Electoral Bill with amendments.  
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
- MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Goroke to Morea Railway Construction Bill without amendment.
- GEELONG LAND BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Allan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intitled “ *A Bill to provide for the Granting of a Lease of certain Crown Land at Geelong in the Parish of Moorpanyal in the County of Grant to The Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia Limited* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

6. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Lawson, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Collection by State Officers of Income Tax for the Commonwealth and to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Tourists’ Resorts Act 1922—Regulations.—Attendance Fee of Chairman and Travelling Allowances and Expenses of Members of Tourists’ Resorts Committee.
8. MARNOO, COPE COPE, NAVARRE, AND ST. ARNAUD DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY (MARNOO TO WALLALOO).—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
9. UPPER YARRA FOREST AREA CONNECTING RAILWAY (WARBURTON, LA LA EXTENSION, TO BIG PAT’S CREEK, EAST WARBURTON).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from La La Siding to Big Pat’s Creek be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
10. MALLEE RAILWAY EXTENSION (WERRINULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY—RED CLIFFS TOWARDS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BORDER).—Mr. Touthcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Werrinull to The Hut; together with Book of Reference and Plan.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
12. INCOME TAX BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. LAND TAX BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1, 4, and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
15. KANAGULK TO EDENHOPE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Dr. Argyle, and the same was read :—  
STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 38.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Marine Acts.  
Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th December, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
17. MARINE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 38.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Marine Acts.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Dr. Argyle and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Dr. Argyle then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Marine Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
18. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Old, and the same was read :—  
STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 39.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Bowser to Peechelba.  
Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th December, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

19. BOWSER TO PEECHELBA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 39.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Bowser to Peechelba.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Old and Mr. Wettenhall do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Old then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Bowser to Peechelba*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

20. RAILWAYS CLASSIFICATION BOARD BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—  
That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed.

Motion made and question—That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment to extend the powers of the Board to include butty-gang and contract parties of the Railway Department (*Mr. Warde*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Motion made and question—That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment empowering the Board to determine the marginal increase to secondary grades based upon the skill of such grades and the time at which such increases shall be paid (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Bill considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

On the motion of Mr. Jewell the following amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 17, after the word "employés" insert the words "up to a limit of Five hundred pounds a year."

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, page 2, line 36, omit the word "fifteenth" and insert the word "twentieth."

Mr. Frost offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

AA. The Commissioners shall at least fourteen days before the hearing of any claim made by any claimant be furnished with a copy thereof, and the elected members of the Board shall at least fourteen days before the hearing of any claim made by the Commissioners be furnished with a copy thereof.

And the said clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

21. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Income Tax Bill.

Land Tax Bill.

Kanagulk to Edenhope Railway Construction Bill.

22. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 40.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Raising of Money for the purposes of making certain Permanent Works under the Country Roads Acts and to amend the said Acts.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th December, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

23. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 40.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Robertson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Raising of Money for the purposes of making certain Permanent Works under the Country Roads Acts and to amend the said Acts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Raising of Money for the purposes of making certain Permanent Works under the Country Roads Acts and to amend the said Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

24. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and the Registration of Motor Cars and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th December, 1923.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

25. MOTOR CAR BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 41.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Robertson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and the Registration of Motor Cars and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and, after debate, agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and the Registration of Motor Cars and for other purposes* "; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

26. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 7 to 12 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—

*Electoral Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.*

*Geelong Land Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.*

*Income Tax Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

*Marine Bill—Second reading.*

*Bowser to Peechelba Railway Construction Bill—Second reading.*

27. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at four minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKEY,  
Speaker.

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.—THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1923.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. UPPER YARRA FOREST AREA CONNECTING RAILWAY (WARBURTON, LA LA EXTENSION, TO BIG PAT'S CREEK, EAST WARBURTON).—Mr. Toutcher, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from La La Siding to Big Pat's Creek ; together with Book of Reference and Plan.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Indeterminate Sentences (Crimes Act 1915).—Annual Report of the Indeterminate Sentences Board for the year ended 30th June, 1923.  
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1922.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.



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

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1922.

Railways Classification Board Act 1919.—Copy of Award (No. 11), dated 28th November, 1923, made by the Railways Classification Board, together with Copy of the Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.

4. MELBOURNE GENERAL SESSIONS, AND MELBOURNE AND COUNTRY SUPREME COURTS—CASES TRIED AT AND CASES IN WHICH NO PRESENTMENT FILED, ETC.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1923, showing the number of presentments filed, convictions obtained, acquittals obtained, disagreements, and cases in which no presentment was filed or a *nolle prosequi* was entered, number of cases where accused failed to appear, and number of accused declared insane at—(a) Melbourne General Sessions; (b) Melbourne Supreme Court; and (c) Country Supreme Courts (*Mr. Webber*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. FIRE BRIGADES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. KOOLONONG TO WEST NARRUNG RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. ELECTORAL BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow:—
  1. Clause 11, paragraph (ii) of the proviso, lines 33–41, omit this paragraph and insert:—  
“(ii) An elector who within three months before any election has changed his residence to another district may vote at that election for the district for which his name appears on the roll prepared as hereinafter provided for the purposes of that election.”
  2. Clause 13, line 37, after “longer” insert “and no person who is receiving relief as an inmate of any charitable institution (other than a hospital).”
  3. Clause 23, sub-clause 1, line 41, after “time” omit all words to the end of the sub-clause.
  4. „ sub-clause (3), line 15, after “force” omit all words to the end of the sub-clause and insert “until such person ceases to be entitled in respect of such property qualification to be enrolled on the roll of the said subdivision.”
  5. Clause 37, lines 29–32, omit “seat of the member for the district became vacant or the dissolution or other lawful determination of the Assembly (as the case may be)” and insert “issue of the writ for any election for the Assembly.”
  6. Clause 49, line 29, omit “at least fourteen days.”
  7. Clause 53, lines 22–6, omit “seat of the member for the district became vacant or the dissolution or other lawful determination of the Assembly (as the case may be)” and insert “issue of the writ for any election for the Assembly.”
  8. Clause 54, page 27, line 37, after “ballot-papers” insert “and the respective addresses to which they have been requested to be sent.”
  9. „ page 27, line 40, omit “division” and insert “district.”

And the said amendments were read a second time.  
On the motion of Dr. Argyle, and after debate—  
Amendment 1 agreed to.  
Amendments 2 to 4 inclusive disagreed with.  
Amendments 5 to 9 inclusive agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.
8. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Police Pensions Bill without amendment.
10. MINING DEVELOPMENT BILL.—Mr. Lawson, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Gordon, to bring in a Bill intitled “*A Bill to amend Section Four of the ‘Mining Development Act 1915 (No. 2)’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
11. MARNOO TO WALLALOO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Old, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Wettenhall, to bring in a Bill intitled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after No. 12.

13. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.

On the motion of Mr. Morley the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 23, paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (i), line 38, before the word “for” at the beginning of the sub-paragraph insert the words “for the word ‘twenty-one’ there shall be substituted the word ‘eighteen’; and.”

Clause 23, paragraph (a), line 40, after sub-paragraph (i) insert the following sub-paragraph :—

“(iA) the words ‘or (b) possesses a certificate granted by a committee appointed by the Governor in Council of having completed to its satisfaction a course of instruction in agriculture at a State farm or farm approved by the committee ; and that he has had not less than three years’ practical experience in agriculture’ in sub-section (1) of the said section one hundred and twenty-two are hereby repealed.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 23, page 14, at the end of the clause insert the following paragraph :—

“(c) At the end of the said section one hundred and twenty-two there shall be inserted the following sub-section :—

“(6) The Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Board may set apart for a period not exceeding six months any area acquired under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts for exclusive application by the persons mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) of this section ” (Mr. Morley).

And, after debate—

Amendment proposed and question—That the words “ Provided that not more than twenty blocks may in any one year be so set apart ” be inserted at the end of the proposed amendment (Mr. Carlisle)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Question—That the amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

14. EXHIBITIONS BILL.—Mr. Allan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Wettenhall, to bring in a Bill intituled “ A Bill relating to the Exhibition Site provided for in the ‘ Exhibitions Act 1890 ’ ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Housing and Reclamation Bill.

Kooloonong to West Narrung Railway Construction Bill.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Railways Classification Board Bill with an amendment.

And the said amendment is as follows :—

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

And the said amendment was read a second time.

Motion made and question—That the amendment be disagreed with (Mr. Old)—put and agreed to.—

Amendment disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

17. BOWSER TO PEECHELBA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

18. WERRIMULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Old, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Werrimull to The Hut ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Income Tax Acts Amendment Bill without amendment.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until after No. 8.

21. MARINE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

22. MARNOO TO WALLALOO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 7, 9, and 10 be postponed until after No. 11.

24. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 7, and 9 be postponed until after No. 10.
26. MOORPANYAL LANDS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
27. GEELONG LAND BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lind
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Clough	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 11.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Warde
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McGregor	
Mr. Morley	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Cain
Mr. Snowball	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill read a second time and committed.

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

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Bill considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

Closer Settlement Act 1915 and Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.—Report of the Closer Settlement Board for the year ended 30th June, 1923.

Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the under-mentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board:—

Stonyhurst Estate, near Beec.

29. EXHIBITIONS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
30. ST. ARNAUD SCHOOL OF MINES SITE BILL.—Mr. Allan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Wettenhall, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'St. Arnaud School of Mines Site Act 1891'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
31. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

32. WERRIMULL TO THE HUT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
33. MINING DEVELOPMENT BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
34. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 9 be postponed until after No. 13.
35. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, after debate. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
36. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
- Marine Bill.
  - Fire Brigades Bill.
  - Bowser to Peechelba Railway Construction Bill.
  - Marnoo to Wallaloo Railway Construction Bill.
  - Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Bill.
  - Moorpanyal Lands Bill.
  - Geelong Land Bill (No. 2).
  - St. Arnaud School of Mines Site Bill.
  - Werrimull to The Hut Railway Construction Bill.
  - Mining Development Bill.

37. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that the Council do not insist on their amendment in the Railways Classification Board Bill disagreed with by the Assembly.

38. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting certain amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

In the Schedule—

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

Add the following items :—

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

Mr. Speaker said :—“ In my opinion the Legislative Council has exceeded its powers and rights in sending this Message. Under The Constitution Act Amendment Act the Legislative Council has power only to omit or amend an item in a money Bill. It has gone beyond its province and invaded the privileges of this House by inserting new items involving the expenditure of money. I submit this matter for determination by the House.”

Motion made and question—That the Legislative Assembly are unable to entertain the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council, inasmuch as, while the Legislative Assembly recognise the power of the Legislative Council under sub-section (2) of section 33 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* to suggest the omission or amendment of any item or provision in this Bill, they do not admit the right of the Legislative Council to suggest the addition of a new item (*Mr. Lawson*)— put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

39. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that the Council insist on their amendments in the Electoral Bill disagreed with by the Assembly, but have amended one of such amendments.

And the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by Council.	How dealt with.
2. Clause 13, line 37, after “ longer ” insert “ and no person who is receiving relief as an inmate of any charitable institution (other than a hospital).”	Disagreed with by Assembly—Insisted on by Council with the following amendment, viz. :—after “ hospital ” add the following words :—“ who is certified as of unsound mind by the Government Medical Officer.”
3. Clause 23, sub-clause (1), line 41, after “ time ” omit all words to the end of the sub-clause.	Disagreed with by Assembly—Insisted on by Council.
4. „ sub-clause (3), line 15, after “ force ” omit all words to the end of the sub-clause and insert “ until such person ceases to be entitled in respect of such property qualification to be enrolled on the roll of the said sub-division.”	Disagreed with by Assembly—Insisted on by Council.

## Amendment 2—

Motion made and question—That the Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendment, and agree to the amendment as now amended (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

## Amendment 3—

Motion made and question—That disagreement with the Council's amendment be not insisted on (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Barnes	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McLeod
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Morley
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Groves
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cain	Mr. Warde
Mr. Clough	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Disagreement not insisted on.

Amendment 4—Disagreement not insisted on.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

## 40. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Closer Settlement Bill with amendments.

And the said amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, omit this clause.
2. Clause 3, omit this clause.

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

## 41. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9, 14, and 15, and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive be postponed until after Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 17 and 18.

## 42. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (WOMEN CANDIDATES) BILL.—Read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

## 43. WYNDHAM RACE-COURSE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment is as follows :—

Clause 3, omit this clause.

And, after debate, the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

44. WARRNAMBOOL BREAKWATER COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £2,450 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring into certain charges made in respect of the letting and carrying out of certain contracts for the extension of the Warrnambool Breakwater, being the addition of £1,700 to the amount previously fixed by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the 26th September, 1923, as the maximum expenditure (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.45. WALLUP AND KEWELL EAST (MURRA WARRA) DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY (JUNG TO WALLUP).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Jung to Wallup be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.46. MACARTHUR, ORFORD, AND YAMBUK CONNECTING RAILWAY (PORT FAIRY TO MACARTHUR).—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Port Fairy to Macarthur be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.

47. **CORRYONG, TOWONG, AND TINTALDRA DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Corryong, Towong, and Tintaldra with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
48. **RED HILL DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts lying west and south of Red Hill with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
49. **KULWIN AND RIVER MURRAY DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district lying between Kulwin and the River Murray with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
50. **OUTER EASTERN SUBURBS CONNECTING RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY.**—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district lying between the Melbourne to Yarra Glen railway and the Melbourne to Hurstbridge railway with the existing railway system by means of a railway or tramway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
51. **CORACK, GRANITE FLAT, AND WOOROONOOK DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Corack, Granite Flat, and Wooroonook with the existing railway system by means of a railway or tramway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report; and that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 14th day of December, 1922; and that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways be requested to, if practicable, consider the question in the order in which it would be considered if it had been referred to the Committee on the 14th December, 1922 (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
52. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a day and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
53. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Country Roads Bill.  
Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill.  
Appropriation Bill.
54. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9, 14, and 15 and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive be postponed until the next day of sitting.
55. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past Twelve o'clock, adjourned until a day and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter, as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

H. H. NEWTON,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. E. MACKEY,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.—TUESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past Four o'clock, according to the terms of the resolution of the 14th December last.

2. DEATH OF THE SPEAKER AND MR. A. F. CAMERON.—The Clerk said—

It is with deep regret I have to announce that Mr. Speaker died on Sunday morning, the 6th April instant; and that Mr. Allan Francis Cameron, the Honorable Member for Dalhousie, died on Friday, the 28th December last.

After which, and before any Member spoke, the Mace was brought into the House by the Serjeant-at-Arms and laid under the Table.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Speaker, the Honorable Sir John Emanuel Mackey, and to the memory of the late Allan Francis Cameron, Esq., the Honorable Member for Dalhousie, That the House do now adjourn.

And after the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Allan, and other Honorable Members had addressed the House in support of the motion—

The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the question for adjourning the House, which was agreed to unanimously and in silence, Honorable Members rising in their places.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 65.—WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ISSUE OF WRIT.—The Clerk announced that on Wednesday, 9th January last, the late Speaker (the Honorable Sir John Emanuel Mackey) issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Dalhousie, in the place of Allan Francis Cameron, Esq., deceased.

3. RETURN TO WRIT.—The Clerk also announced that the late Speaker (the Honorable Sir John Emanuel Mackey) received a return to the foregoing Writ, by which it appeared that Reginald Thomas Pollard had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Clerk announced that the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, had received from His Excellency the Governor the following Commission, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

By His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honorable ALFRED ARTHUR BILLSON, M.L.A., Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, No. 2632, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Governor aforesaid, do by these presents command and

authorize you, until a Speaker has been elected, in the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said Oath to such Members of the said Legislative Assembly as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said Legislative Assembly.

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

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,  
A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents Book No. 29,  
page 136, this thirtieth day of April, One thousand  
nine hundred and twenty-four.

W. DICKSON, Under-Secretary.

5. MEMBER SWORN.—Reginald Thomas Pollard, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. McGregor, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, and moved, That the Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Robertson.
- And thereupon Mr. Lawson addressed himself to the House.
- Then Mr. Allan, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker the Honorable John Bowser, and moved, That the Honorable John Bowser do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Old.
- And thereupon Mr. Bowser addressed himself to the House.
- The Question—That the Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson do take the Chair of this House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Smith
Mr. Everard	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Toutcher
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Old
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

The Question—That the Honorable John Bowser do take the Chair of this House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Old
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
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Mr. Frost	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Webber

Noes, 26.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Smith
Mr. Everard	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Toutcher
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Robertson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



The Honorable John Bowser was then taken out of his place by Mr. Allan and Mr. Old and conducted to the Chair, where, standing upon the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid on the Table.

Then Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Allan, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. A. A. Billson congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Sir Alexander Peacock stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library, at the State Parliament House, this day, at five o'clock.

8. Mr. Speaker left the Chair at thirty-eight minutes past Four o'clock, and resumed it at forty minutes past Seven o'clock.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day proceeded to the Library, State Parliament House, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to address him in the following terms :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I have much pleasure in congratulating you upon your election as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Your long experience of the procedure of Parliament will, I feel sure, be of great benefit in the conduct of the business of that branch of the Legislature.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1924.

STRADBROKE,  
Governor of Victoria.

10. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that the late Speaker (the Honorable Sir John Emanuel Mackey), in accordance with the powers vested in him, nominated Mr. William Robert Alexander, the Clerk-Assistant, to be the Clerk of the House, in the place of Mr. Hibbert Henry Newton, transferred to the Legislative Council; and Mr. Thomas Rae Gilchrist, Secretary of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, to be the Clerk-Assistant; and that the Governor in Council has been pleased to make appointments in accordance with the said nominations.

11. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR JOHN EMANUEL MACKEY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of the Honorable Sir John Emanuel Mackey, and to place on record its acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered by him to this House and the people of Victoria since first elected on 1st October, 1902, as Member, Minister of the Crown, Chairman of Committees, and Speaker; and also its appreciation of the force of character, outstanding ability, courtesy, and kindness of heart which distinguished him throughout his upright and honorable career (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.

12. DEATH OF ALLAN FRANCIS CAMERON.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House desires to place on record its sincere sorrow at the death of Allan Francis Cameron, Esquire, whose kindly nature, unassuming manner, and able and conscientious performance of his duties as Member of this House and Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways caused him to be regarded with respect and affection by his fellow members (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.

13. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
High Cost of Living.—Report No. 1 of the Royal Commission on the present; with Explanation of Discrepancy *re* Cost of Production of Bread.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

Bread—Price in each District and Metropolitan Public Institution and Railway Department, and Tenders therefor.—Return to an Order of the House dated 29th November, 1923.

Melbourne General Sessions, and Melbourne and Country Supreme Courts—Cases tried at and Cases in which no Presentment filed, &c.—Return to an Order of the House dated 13th December, 1923.

Mr. Toutcher presented—

Head Teachers of Training Schools retired on Pensions.—Return to an Order of the House dated 12th December, 1923.

Mr. Eggleston presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Returns of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the following Department during the period from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923 :—

Railway Department.  
Railway Department (State Coal Mine).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Companies Act 1915—

Rule 196.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of Court.

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

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915—Part VIII.—

Statement of Appointment in the Department of the Legislative Council.

Statement of Appointments in the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

Dairy Supervision Act 1915.—Regulations—Pasteurized Milk, &c.

Forests Commission.—Fourth Annual Report of the Forests Commission of Victoria for the financial year 1922–23.

Fruit Acts.—Regulations for Handling, Stacking, Loading, or Unloading Fruit and Vegetables.

Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Sixteenth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1923.

Health Act 1919—

Dangerous Trades (Occupational Illnesses Notification) Regulations 1923.

Regulations relating to Vaccination against Small-pox.

Land Act 1915.—Compulsory Resumption of Land for the purposes of the Education Acts—Certificates of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plans—

Crown Allotment 8, Section 3, Township of Bannockburn, Parish of Wabdallah, County of Grant.

Part of Crown Portion 21, at Sandringham, Parish of Moorabbin, County of Bourke.

Land Acts.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1923.

Milk Supply Act 1922.—Regulations.

Mines Act 1915.—List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences during the year 1923.

Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Hugh Montgomery Jamieson from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Public Works.

Railways Classification Board Act 1919.—Copy of Award (No. 12), dated 10th December, 1923, made by the Railways Classification Board, together with Copy of the Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.

Tourists Resorts Act 1922.—Regulations—Allowance to Chairman and Travelling Allowances and Expenses of Members.

Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1922.—Form of Authority of the Minister to an Inspector to lay Information and proceed for Recovery of Penalties.

Victorian Railways.—Reports of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—

For the quarter ended 30th September, 1923.

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1923.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915 and Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920.—Statements of Accounts of the Victorian Wheat Commission for seasons 1915–16, 1916–17, 1917–18, 1918–19, 1919–20, and 1920–21, made up to 12th December, 1923, respectively; with General Balance-sheet as at 12th December, 1923, for seasons 1915–16 to 1920–21.

14. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same were read :—

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 42.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ An Act to amend the Land Acts.”

“ An Act to amend the ‘ Railways Advances (Stores Suspense Account) Act 1921.’ ”

“ An Act to amend the State Savings Bank Acts.”

“ An Act to amend the ‘ Inebriates Act 1915.’ ”

“ An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.”

“ An Act to make provision with respect to the Training Qualifications and Registration of Nurses and for other purposes.”

“ An Act to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts.”

“ An Act to establish a Railways Sinking Fund and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,

Melbourne, 18th December, 1923.

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 43.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Land in the Parish of Witchipool including certain Land reserved temporarily as a Site for Watering Purposes and for the Closing of a certain Road and for other purposes.”

“ An Act relating to the Borrowing Powers of Municipalities.”

- "An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Goroke to Morea."
- "An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and to continue the Income Tax Acts."
- "An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four."
- "An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kanagulk to Edenhope."
- "An Act to make further provision with respect to the Retirement Pensions Allowances and Gratuities of Members of the Police Force and their Widows Children and Dependants and to amend the 'Police Regulation Act 1915' and for other purposes."
- "An Act to further amend the 'Housing and Reclamation Act 1920.'"
- "An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Kooloonong to West Narrung."
- "An Act to provide for the Collection by State Officers of Income Tax for the Commonwealth and to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes."
- "An Act to amend the Marine Acts."
- "An Act to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a Sum of Thirty-five thousand pounds and to amend the 'Fire Brigades Act 1915' and for other purposes."
- "An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Bowser to Peechelba."
- "An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Marnoo to Wallaloo."
- "An Act to amend the 'Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920.'"
- "An Act to divert out of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners certain Land in the Parish of Moorparryal and to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain other Land in the said Parish and to provide for the Grant to the Commonwealth of Australia as a Site for a Base for Seaplanes of the Australian Air Force of the said Lands and in pursuance of an Arrangement with the Commonwealth for the Exchange of certain Lands in the said Parish to close certain Roads and for other purposes."
- "An Act to extend the Operation of the 'Railways Classification Board Act 1919' and for other purposes."
- "An Act to provide for the granting of a Lease of certain Crown Land at Geelong in the Parish of Moorparryal in the County of Grant to the Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia Limited."
- "An Act to repeal the 'St. Arnaud School of Mines Site Act 1891.'"
- "An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Werrimull to The Hut."
- "An Act to amend Section Four of the 'Mining Development Act 1915 (No. 2).'"
- "An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections."
- "An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Acts."
- "An Act to amend the 'Wyndham Race-course Act 1912.'"
- "An Act to provide for the raising of Money for the Purposes of making certain Permanent Works under the Country Roads Acts and to amend the said Acts."
- "An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money."

The Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1923.

15. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 44.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereupon the undermentioned Bill, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

"A Bill to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections."

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1923.

16. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Oman, and the same was read:—

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Winding Up of Matters outstanding in connexion with the Administration of the Wheat Marketing Acts and the *Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

17. WHEAT MARKETING (WINDING UP) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 45.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Winding Up of Matters outstanding in connexion with the Administration of the Wheat Marketing Acts and the *Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920* and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Oman and Mr. Gordon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Oman then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Winding Up of Matters outstanding in connexion with the Administration of the Wheat Marketing Acts and the ‘ Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920 ’ and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

18. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Toutcher, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 46.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Forests Acts.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

19. FORESTS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 46.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Forests Acts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Toutcher and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Toutcher then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Forests Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

20. WHEAT MARKETING (WINDING UP) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-five minutes past Nine o’clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.—THURSDAY, 1st MAY, 1924.

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

- 2 PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 30th June, 1923.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
4. **ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.**—Dr. Argyle, after debate, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly and to Electoral Districts and Subdivisions and Electoral Rolls therefor and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Eggleston obtained leave, with Mr. Touthcher, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section Thirteen of the “ Railways Standing Committee Act 1915 ”* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **KEW LAND ACQUISITION BILL.**—Mr. Oman obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Council of the City of Kew to purchase or take certain Land for the purpose of widening Part of High-street in the said City and of opening New Streets and Lanes and to dispose of any Surplus Land so purchased or taken and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.—TUESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MURRUNGOWAR, JIRRAH, AND ORBOST EAST DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. J. W. Billson brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts of Murrungowar, Jirrah, and Orbost East with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. ENSAY, YAMBULLA, AND TIMBARRA DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. J. W. Billson brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts of Ensay, Yambulla, and Timbarra, in the Tambo Valley, with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the undermentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—
    - Squattleseamere Estate, near Macarthur.
  - Constitution Act Amendment Acts.—Regulations relating to the Preparation and Revision of Rolls for Legislative Assembly Elections wholly or partly revoked.
  - Constitution Act Amendment Acts and Electoral Act 1923.—Alteration of Regulations—Regulation prescribing Forms revoked, new Regulation made.
  - Electoral Act 1923.—Joint Electoral (Commonwealth and Victoria) Regulations 1924.
  - Fire Brigades Act 1915—
    - Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ending 30th June, 1923; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.
    - Regulation.—Dates of Payment of Quarterly Contributions.
  - Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to allow Netting in Watson's, Wooroonooke, and Dew's Lakes, near Charlton.
  - Marine Act 1915.—Amendment of the Passenger (Sailing and Motor) Boat Regulations 1915.
  - Motor Car Act 1915.—Regulations—Speed Limit in the Borough of Inglewood and Shires of Woorayl, Wycheproof, and Buln Buln.
  - Public Service Acts—
    - Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—
      - Department of Chief Secretary.
      - Department of Lands and Survey.
      - Departments of Lands and Survey and Public Works.
      - Departments of Law and Treasurer.
      - Department of Public Instruction (3 papers).
    - Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
      - Department of Chief Secretary (4 papers).
      - Department of Lands and Survey.
      - Department of Public Health.
      - Department of Public Works.
      - Department of Treasurer (5 papers).
    - Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
      - Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers, Department of Public Works.
      - Part III.—Miscellaneous—Travelling by Bicycle or Motor Car.
  - Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1915.—Regulations—Lunacy Department.—Schedule repealed, new Schedule made.
  - Railways Classification Board Act 1923.—Determination of the Railways Classification Board fixing Rate of Wage for Railway Employees, as from 1st January, 1924, together with Copy of the Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.
5. SERVICES OF HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, ESQUIRE, J.P.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House desires to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to it and to its Members by Hibbert Henry Newton, Esquire, J.P., as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the last thirteen years and Clerk of the Parliaments since 1912, its feelings of cordial respect and regard, and its warm acknowledgment of his invariable courtesy, ability, and conscientious devotion to duty throughout the 40 years he has been in the service of the Parliament (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Allan had addressed the House in support of the motion, unanimously agreed to.
 

Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Speaker be requested to convey officially to Mr. Newton the resolution agreed to by the Legislative Assembly (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

6. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 20th May instant (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Everard	Mr. Smith
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Snowball
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Tutchner
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Robertson

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

7. GAS REGULATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
 Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until to-morrow.
9. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that Mr. Eggleston have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
10. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable John Huxham, M.L.A., Secretary for Public Instruction, of Queensland (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
11. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past Nine o'clock adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 68.—WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Motion made and question proposed—That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways:—Mr. Deany and Mr. McDonald (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).

Amendment proposed—That the name of "Mr. McDonald" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the name of "Mr. Weaver" (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the name of "Mr. McDonald" proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley	Mr. Allan	Mr. Murphy
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Ryan	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Smith	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. West	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Clough	Mr. Solly
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves	Mr. Downward	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. McLeod		Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
		Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber
		Mr. Mackrell	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the name of "Mr. Weaver" proposed to be inserted in place of the name of "Mr. McDonald" omitted be so inserted—put and agreed to.

Question—That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways :—Mr. Deany and Mr. Weaver—put and agreed to.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at fifty-nine minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 69.—THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deany, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House, because it has failed to provide relief to the railway users of the State by a reduction of the freights and fares upon the State railways; has failed to provide adequate funds for the construction of developmental roads and submit a comprehensive national roads policy; has failed to provide markets and marketing facilities for the sale of agricultural, dairying, and orchard products, and thus prevented the closer association of the producer and the consumer; has failed to provide the necessary means for a progressive health policy and to meet the demands for adequate hospital accommodation; and has failed to efficiently administer the various Departments of the State (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate—



The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Rogers	Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater	Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas	Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde	Mr. Downward	Mr. Smith
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Murphy	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Farthing	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Lemmon	Dr. Fetherston	Mr. West
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
		Mr. Greenwood	
		Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Robertson
		Mr. McDonald	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at four minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 70.—TUESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 47.*

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has caused the Bill entitled "*An Act to enable Women to become Candidates at Parliamentary Elections,*" which was reserved on the 22nd December, 1923, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's assent on the 21st March, 1924, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, a copy of which Proclamation is hereto annexed.

State Government House,  
Melbourne, 12th May, 1924.

(*For Proclamation see Government Gazette, 12th May, 1924, page 1785.*)

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Oman, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 48.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting to Municipalities and Owners and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 13th May, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

4. VERMIN DESTRUCTION (WIRE NETTING) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 48.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting to Municipalities and Owners and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered That Mr. Oman and Mr. Gordon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Oman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting to Municipalities and Owners and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Oman, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 49.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation of certain Land in the Parish of Ballan and for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the said Parish temporarily reserved as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th May, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

6. BALLAN LAND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 49.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation of certain Land in the Parish of Ballan and for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the said Parish temporarily reserved as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Oman and Mr. Gordon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Oman then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation of certain Land in the Parish of Ballan and for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the said Parish temporarily reserved as a Site for a Cricket Ground and for purposes of Public Recreation and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. McDonald*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Wheat Marketing (Winding Up) Bill without amendment.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-five minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 71.—WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY TICKETS ISSUED AT CERTAIN SUBURBAN STATIONS DURING TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1924.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of first and second class tickets respectively issued during the twelve months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924, at stations—
  1. Essendon and Broadmeadows (inclusive of intermediate stations) to stations between—  
(a) Brunswick and Fawcner ; (b) Northcote and Reservoir ; (c) Fairfield Park and Eltham ; and *vice versa* in each case.
  2. Brunswick and Fawcner (inclusive of intermediate stations) to stations between—  
(a) Northcote and Reservoir ; (b) Fairfield Park and Eltham ; (c) Hawthorn and Box Hill ; and *vice versa* in each case.
  3. Northcote and Reservoir (inclusive of intermediate stations) to stations between—  
(a) Fairfield Park and Eltham ; (b) Hawthorn and Box Hill ; and *vice versa* in each case.
  4. Fairfield Park and Eltham (inclusive of intermediate stations) to stations between—  
(a) Hawthorn and Ringwood ; (b) Deepdene and Ashburton ; (c) Malvern and Oakleigh ; and *vice versa* in each case.

—(*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.
3. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Baird*)—put and, after debate agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).

Amendment proposed—That the words "Tuesday next" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "to-morrow" (*Mr. Prendergast*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at fifty-nine minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 72.—THURSDAY, 15TH MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
2. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Country Roads Act 1915.—Tenth Annual Report of the Country Roads Board, for year ended 30th June, 1923.

3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 50.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Trust Funds and the Temporary Application of Moneys out of "The Public Account" and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

4. **PUBLIC ACCOUNT ADVANCES BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 50.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Trust Funds and the Temporary Application of Moneys out of "The Public Account" and for other purposes.

And, after debate, the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Eggleston do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Trust Funds and the Temporary Application of Moneys out of 'The Public Account' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 51.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Sinking Funds.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 14th May, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SINKING FUNDS) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 51.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Sinking Funds.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Eggleston do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Municipal Sinking Funds*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL (No. 2).—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. SCHOOL TEACHERS TAKING SICK LEAVE OF OVER TWO DAYS MONTHLY DURING 1923, ETC.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of—(a) junior teachers; and (b) classified teachers, male and female respectively, who had to take sick leave during 1923 for periods in excess of the two days monthly provided for by the regulations, and indicating thereon the inspectorial district of such teachers (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.  
*Resolved*, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN BOWSER,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 73.—TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **CORRYONG, TOWONG, TINTALDRA, AND WALWA DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Corryong, Towong, Tintaldra, and Walwa with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report, and that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 14th day of December, 1923, and that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways be requested to, if practicable, consider the question in the order in which it would be considered if it had been referred to the Committee on the 14th December, 1923 (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Country Fire Brigades Board—Report for the year 1923 ; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.
  - Melbourne Sailors' Home Act 1901.—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Melbourne Sailors' Home for the year 1923.
  - Public Service Acts—
    - Regulations.—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.
    - Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II., Allowances to Certain Officers—Department of Lands and Survey.
4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—
 

**STRADBROKE,**  
*Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 52.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Winding up of Matters outstanding in connexion with the Administration of the Wheat Marketing Acts and the 'Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920' and for other purposes*" :—

In sub-section (2) of clause 5 after the words "under this Act" omit the words "of any moneys."

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th May, 1924.

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
6. **BALLAN LAND BILL.**—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Dr. Fetherston*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
8. **PUBLIC ACCOUNT ADVANCES BILL.**—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time, after debate.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

## 9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Acquainting the Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in the Wheat Marketing (Winning Up) Bill.  
 Agreeing to the Railways Standing Committee Bill (No. 2) without amendment.  
 Agreeing to the Ballan Land Bill without amendment.

## 10. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Smith
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Touthcher
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Lawson	Mr. West
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Wethenhall
Mr. McDonald	
Mr. McGregor	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Morley	Mr. Groves

Noes, 31.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Clough	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Downward	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

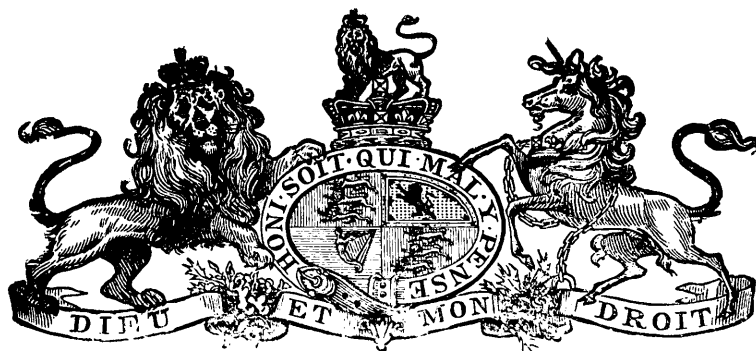
## 11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive and Nos. 8 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

And then the House, at thirty minutes past Eight o'clock, adjourned until Thursday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,  
 Speaker.



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.

[1924.

PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

## PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

(L.S.)

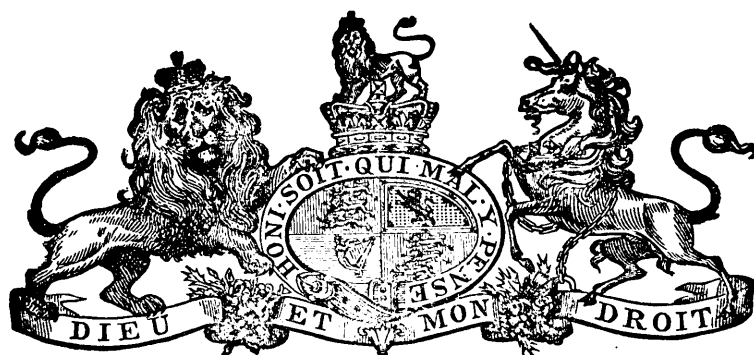
STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!





VICTORIA

## GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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MONDAY, MAY 26.

[1924.

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

## PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

(L.S.)

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

## GENERAL ELECTION.

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

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

By His Excellency's Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,

Official Secretary.

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

## SELECT COMMITTEES.

SESSION 1923-4.

### 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

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

Mr. Allan,  
Mr. Eggleston,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Prendergast,

Mr. Snowball,  
Mr. Soily,  
Mr. Warde.

### 2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 11th July, 1923.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Dr. Argyle,  
Mr. Eggleston,

Mr. Slater,  
Mr. Wallace.

### 3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 11th July, 1923.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Allan,  
Mr. A. A. Billson,  
Mr. J. W. Billson,  
Mr. Cain,  
Mr. Farthing,

Mr. Hogan,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Sir Alexander Peacock,  
Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Snowball,  
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

### 4.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 11th July, 1923.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Beardmore,  
Colonel Bouchier,  
Mr. Brownbill,  
Mr. Deany,  
Mr. Dunstan,

Mr. Frost,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. McGregor,  
Mr. Murphy,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Thomas.

### 5.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 11th July, 1923.)

Mr. Bailey,  
Mr. Gordon,\*  
Mr. Greenwood,†  
Mr. Groves,\*  
Mr. Lemmon,

Mr. Mackrell,  
Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*),  
Mr. Pennington,†  
Mr. Webber.

\* Discharged, 11th October, 1923.  
† Appointed 11th October, 1923.

## 6.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 11th July, 1923.)

Mr. Bailey,  
Mr. Eggleston,  
Mr. Lawson,Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Snowball,  
Mr. Wettenhall.

## 7.—HOUSE (JOINT).

(Appointed 11th July, 1923.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Dunstan,  
Mr. Everard,Mr. Jewell,  
Mr. McGregor,  
Mr. Rogers.

## 8.—AUSTRALASIAN TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED BILL.

(Appointed 23rd August, 1923.)

Mr. Bailey,\*  
Mr. Cain,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*)Mr. Slater,†  
Mr. Snowball,  
Mr. Tunnecliffe,  
Mr. Weaver.

\* Appointed 13th November, 1923.

† Resigned 7th November, 1923.

## 9.—GAS SUPPLY.

(Appointed 2nd October, 1923.)

Mr. Brownbill,  
Mr. Eggleston,  
Mr. Farthing,  
Mr. Murphy,Mr. Tunnecliffe,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. West.

## 10.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 28th September, 1921.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,  
Mr. Cameron,\*  
Mr. Deany,†Mr. Solly,  
Mr. Toucher,‡  
Mr. Weaver.†

\* Died 28th December, 1923.

† Appointed 7th May, 1924.

‡ Ceased to be a member of the Committee, on becoming a Responsible Minister of the Crown, 28th April, 1924.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 1.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 23RD AUGUST, 1923.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1923.

No. 1.—*University Bill.*—Clause 7 as amended.

The Council shall consist of not more than \* members, and shall be constituted as follows:—

- (a) \* members shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, of whom—
- (i) one shall be a member of the Legislative Council;
  - (ii) two shall be members of the Legislative "Assembly";
  - (iii) one shall be appointed as representing manufacturing and commercial interests;
  - (iv) "one" shall be appointed as representing agricultural interests; and
  - (v) two shall be appointed as representing industrial "interests";
- (b) "Twelve" members (hereinafter referred to as "members elected by convocation") shall be elected by convocation, and shall not include any member of the teaching staff or other officer of the University whose sole or principal employment is in connexion with his duties as such, or the head of an affiliated college;
- (c) Three members (being professors or deans of faculties) shall be elected by the professors;
- (d) One member (being a member of the teaching staff whose sole or principal employment is in connexion with his duties as such) shall be elected by the members of the teaching staff other than the professors;
- "(e) One member (being a graduate of at least three years' standing) shall be elected by the undergraduates;"
- (f) The Director of Education and the President of the Professorial Board shall be members *ex officio*;
- (g) Two and not more than two members shall be heads of affiliated colleges who shall be appointed by co-option by the council; and
- (h) Not more than four other members shall be persons appointed by co-option by the council.  
—(*Sir Alexander Peacock.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words "one of whom shall be nominated by the Opposition" be inserted after the word "Assembly," in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a).—(*Mr. Lemmon.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Allison	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )	Mr. Webber

Noes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Angus	Sir John Mackey
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Baird	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Mr. Barnes	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Morley
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

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## No. 2—

And the clause having been further amended by the omission of the word "one" and the insertion of the word "two" in place thereof, in sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (a)—

Further amendment proposed—That the words "to be nominated by the Trades Hall Council" be inserted after the word "interests," in sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (a).—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Cain
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 32.

Mr. Angus	Sir John Mackey
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Baird	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Mr. Barnes	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Beardmore	Sir William McPherson
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Morley
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cameron	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groves	Mr. Eggleston
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 3—

Further amendment proposed—That the following new sub-paragraph be inserted after the word "interests," in sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (a):—

"and

(vi) one shall be appointed as representing forestry interests."—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers.*  
Mr. McLachlan  
Mr. Ryan

Noes, 41.

Mr. Angus	Sir John Mackey
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )
Mr. Baird	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Mr. Barnes	Mr. McGregor
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Morley
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Old
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Warde
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Groves	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lenmon
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 4—

And the clause having been further amended by the omission of the word "Twelve" and the insertion of the word "Ten" in place thereof, in line 1 of paragraph (b), and by the omission of paragraph (e) and the insertion in place thereof of the following new paragraph:—

"(e) Two members shall be elected by the 'undergraduates'"—

Further amendment proposed—That the words "one of whom shall be a woman" be inserted after the word "undergraduates," in new paragraph (e).—(*Mr. Ryan.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers.*

Mr. McLachlan  
Mr. Ryan

Noes, 39.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Groves	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1923.

No. 5.—*University Bill*.—Clause 14.

Convocation shall consist of all graduates.—(*Sir Alexander Peacock.*)

Question—That clause 14 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cameron	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Farthing
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )	Mr. Brownhill
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 2.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 30TH AUGUST, 1923.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1923.

No. 1.—*University Bill.*—Clause 26.

In section twenty-three of the Principal Act for the words—

“It shall be lawful for the Governor by warrant under his hand addressed to the Treasurer of Victoria to direct to be issued and paid out of the general revenue the sum of Nine thousand pounds in every year”

there shall, as on from and after the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, be substituted the words :

“In every financial year there may and shall be issued and applied out of the consolidated revenue (which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly) and be paid to the University the sum of ‘Forty-five’ thousand pounds.”—(*Sir Alexander Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “Forty-five,” in line 9, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word “Sixty.”—(*Mr. Solly.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Sir John Mackey
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald ( <i>Polwarth</i> )
Mr. Baird	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cameron	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Smith
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groves	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McDonald ( <i>Daylesford</i> )	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.





VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 3.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—*University Bill.*—New clause A.

No charge shall be made to any student for the right to sit at any examination held in connexion with the University.—(*Mr. Bailey.*)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Webber

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McGregor
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—New clause G.

An examination shall be held once in each year at which any person will be eligible to sit without fee or charge of any kind. The standard set at this examination shall be equal to that at present set for the entrance examination for the University, and any person who passes such examination shall be eligible to enter for such course of study as he or she may select, and provided such student passes at each subsequent examination or supplementary examination he or she may continue as students of the University without payment of fees of any kind.—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

Question—That new clause G be now read a second time—put.

## Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

Noes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Morley
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Old
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Everard	Mr. Smith
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Wettenhall
Sir John Mackey	
Mr. Mackrell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Robertson

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 4.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 11TH OCTOBER, 1923.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1923.

No. 1.—*Nurses Registration Bill*—Clause 4 as amended.

(1) For the purposes of this Act the Governor in Council may appoint a Board (to be called the Nurses Board) constituted as herein provided and consisting of seven members and may at any time remove any member of the Board.

(2) No person shall be appointed a member of the Board for more than three years but (subject to this Act) any person appointed a member of the Board shall upon the expiration of the period for which such person is so appointed be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The Governor in Council may appoint one of the members of the Board to be the chairman thereof and may from time to time remove the chairman.

—(Dr. Argyle.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be inserted in place of sub-section (3) omitted, viz. :—

(3) The Board shall consist of—

- “ (a) one person who shall be nominated by the Minister but who shall not be a member of the medical profession ; ”
- (b) one medical practitioner who is a member of the medical staff of a hospital being a general training school for nurses and is nominated by some association or organized body of medical practitioners which is recognised for the purposes of this paragraph by the Minister ;
- (c) two registered nurses or (in the case of the first appointment of members of the Board) trained nurses nominated by such associations or organized bodies of nurses as are recognised for the purposes of this paragraph by the Minister, and one of such nurses shall be or have been a matron in a hospital being a general training school for nurses ;
- (d) one person (other than a person who is being trained as a nurse) appointed as representing persons who are being trained as nurses ; and
- (e) two persons (other than medical practitioners) appointed as representing hospitals being general training schools for nurses (one of whom shall be appointed as representing country hospitals).—(Dr. Argyle.)

Further amendment proposed—That paragraph (a) of the proposed new sub-section be omitted—  
(*Mr. Solly.*)

Question—That paragraph (a) proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed new sub-section—  
put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. McGregor
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Downward	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Robertson

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cain	Mr. Warde
Mr. Clough	Mr. Webber
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1923.

No. 2.—*Nurses Registration Bill*—Clause 6.

The Governor in Council may appoint from the members of the public service a registrar and such clerks and servants as the Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of the Board and may remove such registrar clerks and servants.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Question—That clause 6 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hegan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

Noes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Eggleston
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 5.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 18TH OCTOBER, 1923.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1923.

No. 1.—*Fair Rents Bill*.—Clause 3.

(1) This Act shall apply to any dwelling-house which is subject to a lease "whether such lease was" made before or after the commencement of this Act.

(2) This Act shall apply only in such municipal districts or parts thereof as are specified from time to time by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.  
—(*Mr. Murphy*.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "whether such lease was," in lines 1 and 2 of sub-section (1), be omitted.—(*Mr. Ryan*.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Smith
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Cain
Mr. Slater	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lind	
Sir John Mackey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 2.—New clause A.

In determining the fair rent the court shall ascertain the capital value of the land and dwelling-house thereon at the date of the hearing and the fair rent shall be a sum not exceeding Seven pounds per centum of the capital value of such land and dwelling so ascertained after providing for all usual outgoings in connexion with such a property.—(*Mr. Snowball.*)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater	Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Smith	Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cain	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wallace	Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Lind	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon	Sir John Mackey	
Mr. Ryan	Mr. Webber	Mr. Mackrell	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
		Mr. McGregor	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

## WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 17TH OCTOBER, 1923.

## No. 3—

Question—That the Chairman do report the Bill with amendments to the House—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater	Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cain	Mr. Smith	Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. McGregor		Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Lind	
Mr. Ryan	Mr. Webber	Sir John Mackey	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.



## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 7.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 8TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—*Public Safety Preservation Bill*—Clause 2.

Forthwith on the passing of this Act and until the expiration of one month after the passing of this Act the Governor in Council may exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Governor in Council by or under this Act notwithstanding that a proclamation of emergency as hereinafter provided has not been issued but without prejudice to the issue of such a proclamation of emergency before at or after the end of that period.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Motion made and question put—That the question be now put.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Deany	Mr. Smith
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Morley

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill accordingly put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bourchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Smith
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Morley

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



## No. 3.—Clause 3.

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

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(5) Where a proclamation of emergency has been made and so long as the proclamation is in force any regulations made under this Act shall not continue in force after the expiration of "fourteen" days from the time when they are laid before Parliament unless a resolution is passed by both Houses providing for the continuance thereof.—(Mr. Lawson.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "time," in line 1 of sub-section (1), the words "hereafter but not later than the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three" be inserted.—(Mr. J. W. Billson.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

Noes, 36.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McGregor
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Deany	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 4.—

And the clause having been amended by the omission of the word "fourteen," in line 3 of sub-section (5), and the insertion in place thereof of the word "seven"—

Question—That clause 3, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 5.—Clause 4.

Pursuant to powers conferred by or under this Act the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to—

- (a) securing public safety or order ;
- (b) conferring such powers and imposing such duties as the Governor in Council thinks fit upon any responsible Minister or Ministers of the Crown and any officers or other persons for securing public safety or order and in particular (and without affecting the generality of the foregoing provisions of this section) with a view—
  - (i) to prevent interference with or intimidation molestation or annoyance of any persons in or in relation to the lawful conduct of their affairs or the lawful

performance of their duties and to prevent the exposure of any person to insult or disability in or in relation to his lawful behaviour or the lawful conduct of his affairs or the lawful performance of his duties ;

- (ii) to prohibit or regulate the sale supply or disposal of liquor within the meaning of the Licensing Acts including power (in the case of any offence against the said Acts or this Act) to suspend any licence under the said Acts or to restrict or to subject to conditions the exercise of any right or privilege conferred by any such licence ; and
- (iii) to prevent the doing of any act or thing (whether or not of the like nature to the foregoing) with the object of or which may have the effect of prejudicing the public safety or order.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 4 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Smith
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 5.

Pursuant to powers conferred by or under this Act the Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to securing the essentials of life to the community or any substantial portion of the community ; and such regulations may confer such powers and impose such duties as the Governor in Council thinks fit upon any responsible Minister or Ministers of the Crown and any officers or other persons for the preservation of peace or order, for securing and regulating the supply and distribution of food water fuel light and other necessities, for maintaining the means of transit transport locomotion or other services, and for any purposes essential to public safety or order or the life of the community ; and such regulations may contain such provisions incidental to the powers aforesaid as may appear to the Governor in Council to be required for making the exercise of those powers effective.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 5 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Downward	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves

Noes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 7.—Clause 6.

(1) Any regulations made under this Act—

- (a) may be made so as to apply to or have operation throughout the whole or any part of Victoria ;
- (b) may subject to this Act be made so as to operate for any period or periods or for any time or times or for any occasion or occasions specified therein ;
- (c) may be of general operation or of specially limited operation according to time place circumstances conditions or restrictions ;
- (d) shall be published in the *Government Gazette* and shall come into force on the date of such publication or on a later date specified in the regulations ;
- (e) shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after the publication thereof ; and
- (f) shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

(2) The expiry or revocation of any regulations made under this Act shall not be deemed to have affected the previous operation thereof or the validity of any action taken thereunder or any penalty or punishment incurred in respect of any contravention or failure to comply therewith or any proceeding or remedy in respect of any such penalty or punishment.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 6 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Downard	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves

Noes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 8.—Clause 7 as amended.

(1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of any regulation made under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and may be arrested either with or without warrant and being convicted of any such offence either as an indictable offence or before a court of petty sessions constituted by a police magistrate sitting without justices shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not more than \* three months or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who aids abets incites counsels or procures or is in any way directly or indirectly knowingly concerned in the commission of any offence against this Act shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be punishable accordingly.

(3) When any person is convicted of an offence against this Act the court before which he is convicted may either in addition to or in lieu of any punishment provided for the offence require him to enter into recognisances with or without sureties to comply with the provisions of the regulations in relation to which the offence was committed, and if any person fails to comply with the order of the court requiring him to enter into recognisances the court may order him to be imprisoned for any term of not more than six months.

(4) Every corporation shall be liable for any offence against this Act as if such corporation were a private person and shall be subject to the same penalties as if it were a private person ; and if any chairman member of the governing body director manager secretary or officer of such corporation knowingly authorizes or permits the commission of any such offence he shall be deemed to have committed such offence and shall be punishable by penalty or imprisonment or both accordingly.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 7, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Smith
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Farthing
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Groves

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 9.—Clause 8.

(1) No action claim or demand whatsoever shall lie or be made or allowed by or in favour of any person whomsoever against His Majesty or any responsible Minister of the Crown or any officer or person acting in the execution of this Act or of any regulation made under this Act for or in respect of any damage loss or injury sustained or alleged to have been sustained by reason of the passing of this Act or of its operation or of anything done or purporting to be done thereunder save only in respect of reasonable compensation for any property used or taken by or on behalf of His Majesty in pursuance of any powers conferred by or under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in any Act any person (including any person legally exempt from serving the office of constable) who after the first day of November One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three has taken or takes the oath mentioned in section thirteen of the *Unlawful Assemblies and Processions Act 1915* administered by any justice shall be deemed to have been duly and lawfully appointed a special constable under the said Act and every such oath shall be deemed to have been duly and lawfully administered and taken.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 8 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Smith
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Farthing
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Groves

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 10.—Clause 9.

All powers conferred by or under this Act or by or under any instrument issued in pursuance of this Act shall be in aid and not in derogation of any other powers exercisable apart from this Act.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 9 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Smith
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Farthing
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

No. 11.—New clause AA.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the making of any regulations imposing any "form of" industrial conscription.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "compulsory service or" be inserted after the words "form of", in line 2 of the new clause.—(*Mr. Slater.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Allison	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Ryan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Smith
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Mackrell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Farthing
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Groves

No. 12.—New clause BB.

No regulation made under this Act " (except a regulation made under section five hereof) " shall make it an offence for any person or persons to take part in a strike or peacefully to persuade any other person or persons to take part in a strike.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That new clause BB be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Solly	Mr. Webber

No. 13.—

Amendment proposed—That the words “(except a regulation made under section five hereof),” in line 2, be omitted.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 13.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cain	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast	
Mr. Slater	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Solly	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 8.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 15TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 1. *Land Bill*--Clause 2.

At the end of section ninety-three of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—

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(3) When any land has been granted pursuant to sub-section (2) of this section the Crown grant shall contain a condition to the effect that such land shall not "without the consent of the Governor in Council" be used by the said Commissioners or the said municipality (as the case may be) for any purpose whatsoever other than for the purpose for which such grant has been made; and every conveyance or alienation thereof by the said Commissioners or by or on behalf of the said municipality (as the case may be) without the consent of the Governor in Council except for the purpose for which such grant has been made shall notwithstanding anything in any Act or law be absolutely void as well against His Majesty the King as all other persons whomsoever.

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—(*Mr. Allan.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "without the consent of the Governor in Council," in lines 2 and 3 of sub section (3), be omitted.—(*Mr. Bailey.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Sir John Mackey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 2.—Clause 3.

At the end of sub-section (1) of section two hundred and eleven of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the words “(other than land situate in any city town borough or township).”—  
(*Mr. Allan.*)

Question—That clause 3 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Smith
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## WEDNESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 3.—*Game Bill*—Clause 11.

At the end of section twenty-two of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-section:—

(2) The inspector of fisheries or any assistant to such inspector or any member of the police force may “(with or without warrant)” with any assistance he requires take into custody any person whose name and address are unknown to him and who is found offending against any of the provisions of the Game Acts. Such person shall be taken before the nearest justice of the peace to be dealt with according to law.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “(with or without warrant),” in line 2 of sub-section (2), be omitted.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Allison	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Ryan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Sir John Mackey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cain	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Clough	Mr. Warde
Mr. Cotter	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 4.—*Local Government Bill (No. 3)*—Clause 2.

Notwithstanding anything in any Act the name of any person liable to be rated to any municipality (including the city of Melbourne and the city of Geelong) in respect of any rateable property shall not be omitted from any list or roll of ratepayers voters burgesses or citizens of the municipality by reason only that any rates in respect of the property have not been paid.—(*Mr. McGregor.*)

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill—put.



Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

Noes, 20.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Morley
Mr. Allison	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5—

Motion made and question—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again  
(*Mr. McGregor*)—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Allison	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cain	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Clough	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No 9.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 23RD NOVEMBER, 1923.

THURSDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 1. - *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill*—Clause 4 as amended.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in any Act the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Board and the municipality or municipalities concerned may by Order published in the *Government Gazette*—

- (a) direct that any portion of a street or road which is at least two chains wide shall be set apart as a tramway reserve for the purposes of this section; and
- (b) specify that the whole or any part of such tramway reserve shall be used exclusively for tramway purposes.

(2) The whole or any part of such tramway reserve shall be set apart and used accordingly.

(3) The power conferred on the Governor in Council by this section—

- (a) may be exercised in respect of any portion of such a street or road used as a tree reserve whether or not such portion has heretofore or hereafter been directed to be a tree reserve pursuant to any Act; but
- (b) may only be exercised—

- (i) if, in the case of such a tree reserve, there is added thereto a width of not less than that of the part thereof to be used exclusively for tramway purposes; and

- (ii) if so much of the street or road remaining available for traffic (other than tramway traffic) upon each side of the tramway reserve or tree reserve (as the case may be) is in no place reduced by such reserve to less than forty feet including footpaths.

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(5) The cost and expense of the construction and maintenance of all tramways fences and other erections constructed or erected by the Board on so much of any tramway reserve as is set apart exclusively for tramway purposes, and also the first cost and expense of laying out and making the remainder of any such tramway reserve or any such additional tree reserve (including the planting of trees and shrubs) shall be borne and paid by the Board; and the subsequent cost of the maintenance and improvement thereof shall be borne and paid by the municipality concerned.

(6) The provisions of clause three and of paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1) of clause nine of the Eleventh Schedule to the Principal Act shall not apply with respect to so much of any tramway as is constructed in a tramway reserve under this section except to the extent (if any) to which such tramway intersects any street or road crossing the reserve. —(Mr. Gordon.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be inserted in place of sub-section (4) omitted, viz. :—

(4) If any such municipality does not join in the said recommendation "the Governor in Council" after the Minister has given the council thereof an opportunity of being heard may make such Order as appears to him to be equitable to the Board and the municipality for the purpose of carrying the recommendation into effect (whether in whole or in part) or may refuse to make any Order.—(*Mr. Gordon.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words "the Governor in Council," in lines 1 and 2 of the proposed new sub-section, be omitted.—(*Mr. Webber.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed new sub-section—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Sir John Mackey
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. McGregor
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 15.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Morley	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No 10.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 1. - *Electoral Bill*—Clause 12.

Section one hundred and thirty-eight of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

- (a) for the words " on the general roll for the division " there shall be substituted the words " on the roll for the subdivision " ;
- (b) for the words " as hereinafter provided " there shall be substituted the words " as provided in The Constitution Act Amendment Acts " ;
- (c) for the words " on the general roll for a division " there shall be substituted the words " on the roll for the subdivision " ;
- (d) for the words " Provided that no such person shall be entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Assembly on more than " two general rolls," namely :—
- the general roll for the division of the district in which he resides, and  
the general roll for a division of some other district in which such lands or tenements are situate "

there shall be substituted the words :—

" Provided that no such person shall be entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Assembly on more than " two rolls," namely :—

the roll for the subdivision of the district in which he resides, and  
the roll for the subdivision of some other district in which such lands or tenements are situate."—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed— That the words " two general rolls," in line 2 of paragraph (d), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words " one general roll."—(*Mr. Cain.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Tutchter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Mackey	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Mackrell

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cain	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Clough	Mr. Warde
Mr. Cotter	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 2--

Further amendment proposed--That the words "two rolls," in line 8 of paragraph (d), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "one roll."--(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Question-- That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause--put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Allison	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Everard	Mr. Ryan
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Sir John Mackey	
Mr. Mackrell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Farthing
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Groves

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Louchier	Mr. Smith
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Deany	Mr. Warde
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Webber

And the numbers being equal, the Chairman said-- "In order that the House may have a further opportunity of considering the matter I will record my vote with the 'Ayes.'"

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

No. 3.--*Electoral Bill*--Clause 53 as amended.

(1) Section two hundred and seventy-one of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows :--

- (a) In sub-section (1) for the words "in the Twenty-fifth Schedule" there shall be substituted the words "in Form A or Form B (as the case requires) of the Twenty-fifth Schedule";
- (b) For sub-section (3) there shall be substituted the following sub-section :--

"(3) With respect to applications for postal ballot-papers the following provisions shall have effect :--

- (a) The following directions with respect to such applications shall be substantially observed :--
- (i) When so much of the form of application as precedes the places for the signatures has been filled in and otherwise completed the elector shall exhibit his form of application to an authorized witness :
  - (ii) The elector shall then in the presence of the authorized witness sign his name in his own handwriting on the form of application in the place provided for the signature of the elector : and
  - (iii) The authorized witness shall then sign his name in his own handwriting in the place provided for the signature of the authorized witness and shall add the title under which he acts as an authorized witness, his residence and the date ;
- (b) An authorized witness shall not witness the signature of any elector on any application for a postal ballot-paper unless the authorized witness--
- (i) has satisfied himself as to the identity of the elector :
  - (ii) has seen the elector sign the application in the elector's own handwriting : and
  - (iii) knows that the statements contained in the application are true or has satisfied himself (whether by inquiry from the elector or otherwise) that the said statements are true ;
- (c) An authorized witness shall not persuade or induce or associate himself with any person in persuading or inducing any person to make application for a postal ballot-paper ;
- (d) An authorized witness shall not--
- (i) visit any elector for the purpose of witnessing the signature of such elector to his application for a postal ballot-paper : or
  - (ii) witness the signature of any elector to any such application in any place other than the ordinary residence or place of business of the authorized witness :

Provided that if any elector desires to make application for a postal ballot-paper and is unable on account of ill-health or infirmity to present himself before an authorized witness, any member of the police force or other authorized witness when so requested by any such elector in writing may visit such elector for the purpose of witnessing his signature to such application ;

- (e) Any authorized witness guilty of any contravention of or failure to observe any of the provisions of this sub-section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not more than three months ;
- (f) *A list containing the names of all applicants for postal ballot-papers shall be posted for public inspection outside the office of the returning officer of the Division for which they are issued.*"

(2) For the Twenty-fifth Schedule to the Principal Act there shall be substituted the Second Schedule to this Act which Schedule may for all purposes be cited as the Twenty-fifth Schedule to the Principal Act.

(3) In the case of any election for the Assembly held before the day on which the first rolls under Part I. come into force any reference in Form B of the Second Schedule to a "subdivision" of an electoral district shall be read and construed as a reference to a "division" of an electoral district, and the said form may be altered accordingly.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Question—That clause 53, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Allison	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Smith
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Sir John Mackey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Mackrell.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Murphy
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Warde
Mr. Cotter	
Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frost	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 11.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 7TH DECEMBER, 1923.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill*—Clause 5 as amended.

(1) In paragraph (d) of section sixteen of the Principal Act for the words "One thousand five hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words " \* \* One thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds."

(2) This section shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and shall take effect with respect to the salary of the chairman in office on that day notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said paragraph (d).—(Mr. Gordon.)

Question—That clause 5, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Allan	Sir John Mackey
Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Dr. Fetherston	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Slater
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber
Mr. Prendergast	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923.

No. 12.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 14TH DECEMBER, 1923.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 1.—*Police Pensions Bill*—Clause 6.

(1) Retirement shall be compulsory in the force—

for senior constables and constables, on attaining the age of "fifty-five";

for superintendents, inspectors, sub-inspectors, and other officers of different grades, and sergeants, on attaining the age of "sixty"; and

for the Chief Commissioner, on attaining the age of sixty-five;

except that in special cases the Governor in Council may require any such person to serve in the force for a further period or periods not exceeding five years in all; and any such person so required shall (subject to his right to retire under the next succeeding section) serve for such further period or periods; "and if any such person refuses to serve as aforesaid he shall not be entitled to any pension or gratuity."

\* \* \* \* \*

—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "fifty-five," in line 2 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "sixty."—(*Mr. Cain.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Angus	Mr. McGregor
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Smith
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Bowser	Mr. West
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Groves
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 18.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



## No. 2—

Further amendment proposed—That the word “sixty,” in line 4 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word “fifty-five.”—(*Mr. Cain.*)

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

Committee divided.

## Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lind
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Smith
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. West
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Pennington

## Noes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 3—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “and if any such person refuses to serve as aforesaid he shall not be entitled to any pension or gratuity,” in lines 9 and 10 of sub-section (1), be omitted.—(*Mr. Slater.*)

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

Committee divided.

## Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Smith
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Weaver
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. West
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Carlisle	
Mr. Farthing	
Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

## Noes, 17.

Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 4.—Clause 15.

(1) Every pension under this Part is granted only upon the condition that it is liable to be forfeited and may be withdrawn by the Governor in Council in any of the following cases, that is to say, if the grantee—

- (a) is convicted of any indictable offence ; or
- (b) knowingly associates with thieves or reputed thieves, suspected persons, or other offenders ; or
- (c) refuses to give to the police all information and assistance in the power of the grantee for the detection of crime, for the apprehension of criminals, or for the suppression of any disturbance of the public peace ; or
- “(d) refuses to resume his duties in his former office in the force when required by the Governor in Council ; or”
- (e) enters into or continues to carry on any business occupation or employment which is illegal or in the opinion of the Governor in Council is disgraceful or injurious to the public, or in which the grantee makes use of the fact of his former employment in the force in a manner which the Governor in Council considers to be discreditable or improper ; or

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—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) be omitted.—(*Mr. Slater.*)

Question—That paragraph (d) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lawson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Groves
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber
Mr. Slater	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 12TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 5.—Clause 18.

(1) A member of the force who for misconduct of any kind has been discharged or dismissed therefrom or has been required to retire as an alternative to dismissal shall not be entitled to any pension or gratuity under this Part.

“(2) Where a member of the force who has completed twenty-five years’ approved service or has reached the age for compulsory retirement applicable to his case (whichever first happens), not having been discharged or dismissed for misconduct of any kind or required to retire as an alternative to dismissal, leaves the force without a pension or gratuity, there shall be paid to him the whole of the rateable deductions which have been made from his pay without any interest thereon:

Provided that where a member of the force is required to retire as an alternative to dismissal there may on the recommendation of the Police Superannuation Board be paid to him the whole or any part of such rateable deductions as aforesaid, or the same may be applied in such manner as the said Board recommends for the benefit of his wife or children (if any); and, where a member of the force is for misconduct of any kind discharged or dismissed, the whole or any part of such rateable deductions as aforesaid may be applied in such manner as the said Board recommends for the benefit of his wife or children (if any).”—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed—That sub-section (2) be omitted.—(*Mr. Murphy.*)

Question—That sub-section (2) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allison	Sir John Mackey
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Dr. Fetherston	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber
Mr. Slater	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 28 as amended.

(1) Subject as aforesaid it shall not be lawful for a member of the force to become, or after the expiration of one month from the commencement of this Act, to be a member of any political or industrial organization.

(2) Any member of the force who contravenes this section may be dismissed from the force, and upon such dismissal shall not be entitled to any pension or gratuity, *but there shall be paid to him the whole of the rateable deductions which have been made from his pay without any interest thereon.*

(3) If any question arises whether any organization is an organization to which this section applies the question shall be determined by the \* \* \* *Public Service Commissioner.*—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Question—That clause 28, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Sir John Mackey
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Robertson
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 18.

Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 7.—Clause 29 as amended.

Any person who—

- (a) causes or attempts to cause or does any act calculated to cause disaffection among the members of the force ; or  
(b) induces or attempts to induce or does any act calculated to induce any member of the force to withhold his services or to commit breaches of discipline—

shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not more than twelve months and in either case if he is a member of the force may be dismissed from the force and upon such dismissal shall not be entitled to any pension or gratuity *but there shall be paid to him the whole of the rateable deductions which have been made from his pay without any interest thereon.*—(Dr. Argyle.)

Question—That clause 29, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allison	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Robertson
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 16.

Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 8.—New clause A.

The provisions of this Part in its application to members of the force who are women (in this section referred to as "policewomen") shall have effect subject to the following modifications:—

- (a) No provision relating to pensions gratuities or other payments to or for the benefit of the widow or wife of a member or ex-member of the force shall apply to the widower or husband of a policewoman ;  
(b) No allowance or gratuity shall be payable in respect of any child of a deceased policewoman during the lifetime of the father, except where the Police Superannuation Board is satisfied that he cannot support the child.—(Mr. Solly.)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Allison	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Everard	Mr. Thomas
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLeod	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber

Noes, 20.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 9.—*Railways Classification Board Bill*—Clause 2.

(1) The Board—

(a) shall, in each year, commencing with the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, determine what shall be, during the particular year, the rates of salaries and wages of all grades of officers and employees in respect of which rates of salaries and wages have previously been determined by the Board ;

(b) shall, for the purposes of any award to be made by it pursuant to paragraph (a) of this sub-section, on or before the last day of February in the year to which the award relates determine the rate of wages which shall be the basis of the award ; and

\* \* \* \* \*

—(*Mr. Old.*)

Amendment proposed—That after paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) the following new paragraph be inserted, viz. :—

“( ) Subject to the provisions of section fourteen of the Principal Act the rates of wages and the marginal increases for all secondary grades payable under an award shall be paid forthwith : Provided that no such payment of a marginal increase shall prejudice any application by a secondary grade for an award based on the skill of such grade.”—(*Mr. Lemmon.*)

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Clough	Mr. Smith
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Morley	Mr. Webber

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lind
Mr. Angus	Sir John Mackey
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Baird	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Groves
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 10.—New clause A.

In paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section nine of the Principal Act after the word “officers” there shall be inserted the words “including butty gang and contract parties.”—(*Mr. Warde.*)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Ryan
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Smith
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLeod
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Dr. Fetherston	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 11.—New clause C.

At the end of paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) of section ten of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the words “and determine any dispute between the claimant and the Commissioners arising out of any matter in connexion with the Board’s award.”—(*Mr. Cotter.*)

Question—That new clause C be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Allison	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater	Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Smith	Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Cain	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Clough	Mr. Toutcher	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde	Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Everard	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber	Dr. Fetherston	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Lind	

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY (MORNING), 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1923.

No. 12.—*Geelong Land Bill*—Clause 2.

So far only as relates to the land described in the Schedule to this Act—

- (a) the said recited Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of May One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three is hereby revoked ;
- (b) the said land shall be and be deemed to be unalienated land of the Crown ; and
- (c) the Governor in Council may pursuant to section one hundred and twenty-five of the *Land Act 1915* (but with the variations provided in this paragraph and the proviso thereto) and upon such terms and subject to such covenants conditions exceptions and reservations as the Governor in Council thinks fit, grant to the said company a lease of the said land as sites for quays landing places or for the depositing of materials.

Provided that the term of the lease shall not exceed " fifty " years from the date thereof, but if the term exceeds twenty years the yearly rent shall be up to the end of the first twenty years such amount per annum as is fixed by the Governor in Council and shall be for every successive period of ten years after the end of the first twenty years such amount per annum as is from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council.—(*Mr Allan.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word " fifty," in line 1 of the proviso, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word " twenty-one."—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind	Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Clough	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Old	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman	Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. McGregor	<i>Tellers.</i>
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cain
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Webber
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver		
Mr. Deany	Mr. West		
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Everard			
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 13.—*Exhibitions Bill*—Clause 2.

For the Third Schedule to the Principal Act there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Act, which may be cited as the Third Schedule to the Principal Act.—(*Mr. Allan.*)

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Jewell	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Eggleston	
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLeod	Sir John Mackey	Mr. Cain
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Murphy	Mr. McGregor	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old		
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Oman		
Mr. Brownbill	Sir Alexander Peacock		
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast		
Mr. Clough	Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher		
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wallace		
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Weaver		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber		
Mr. Gordon			
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 14.—*Appropriation Bill*—Second Schedule.

## I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

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POLICE.									
DIVISION No. 29.									
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Total Division No. 29							..	..	£571,528
Total amount of Second Schedule, Part II. . . . . £14,997,572									

—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted to follow Division No. 29, viz.:—“In the opinion of this Committee it is considered advisable to reinstate without victimization the police who were dismissed in consequence of the dispute which recently occurred.”—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Angus	Mr. McGregor
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace	Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Webber.	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
		Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
		Dr. Fetherston	
		Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.  
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1923-4.

No. 13.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1924.

THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1924.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Gas Company Bill*—Clause 2.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Metropolitan Gas Company's Acts the profits of the company to be divided among the members in any year shall not (except as provided in this Act) exceed the following rate (which is in this Act referred to as "the standard rate" of dividend) that is to say:—Eight pounds per centum on the paid-up capital of the company for the time being "including premium capital received before the commencement of this Act and capitalized as hereinafter provided."

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—(*Mr. Eggleston.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "including premium capital received before the commencement of this Act and capitalized as hereinafter provided," in lines 5 and 6 of sub-section (1), be omitted.—(*Mr. Murphy.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher
Dr. Fetherston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Groves	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Farthing
Mr. McGregor	Mr. Ryan

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. J. W. Billson	Mr. Slater
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



