



VICTORIA.



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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Provinces and Members.	Elected at—		Dates of Retirement.	Remarks.
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MELBOURNE PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
John Mark Davies	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Cornelius Job Ham	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Robert Reid	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Sir Arthur Snowden	31 Aug. 1895	...	1901	Elected in place of Hon. G. S. Coppin, who retired by rotation.
NORTH YARRA PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Frederick Sheppard Grimwade ...	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Nathaniel Levi	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
William Pitt	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
SOUTH YARRA PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Edward Miller	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Simon Fraser	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Lieut.-Col. Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood, K.C.M.G.	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
George Godfrey ... ..	...	12 Sept. 1895	1901	Elected in place of Hon. J. M. Davies, who retired by rotation.
SOUTHERN PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Sir Rupert Turner Havelock Clarke, Bart.	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Donald Melville	19 Dec. 1899	...	1904	Vacated seat by accepting office of Minister of Defence ; re-elected.
Thomas Brunton	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
SOUTH-WESTERN PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Sidney Austin	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Sir Henry John Wrixon, K.C.M.G., Q.C.	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Thomas Charles Harwood	19 July 1899	...	1902	Elected in place of Hon. J. H. Connor, deceased.
NELSON PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
William Henry Seville Osmand ...	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Thomas Dowling	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Samuel Williamson	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
WESTERN PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Samuel Winter Cooke	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Nathan Thornley	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Agar Wynne	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
	...	12 Dec. 1900	1902	Vacated seat by accepting office of Solicitor-General ; re-elected.
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
James Bell	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Thomas Comrie	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Pharez Phillips	10 Sept. 1896	1902	Elected in place of Hon. D. E. McBryde, who retired by rotation.
Joseph Major Pratt	31 Aug. 1895	...	1901	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.

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	Nomination.	Polling.		
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Joseph Henry Abbott	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
William Irving Winter-Irving	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
George Simmie	31 Aug. 1895	...	1901	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
WELLINGTON PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
David Ham	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
John Young McDonald	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Elected in place of Hon. T. D. Wanliss, who retired by rotation.
Sir Henry Cuthbert, K.C.M.G., Q.C.	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Edward Morey	31 Aug. 1895	...	1901	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Sir William Austin Zeal, K.C.M.G.	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected. Re-elected President, 4th September, 1900.
Dr. William Henry Embling	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Nicholas FitzGerald	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
NORTH-EASTERN PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
Arthur Otto Sachse	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Frederick Brown	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected. Re-appointed Chairman of Committees, 14th November, 1900.
John Alston Wallace	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
GIPPSLAND PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
William Pearson	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Edward Jolley Crooke	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
William McCulloch	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
Joseph Hoddinott ... ..	...	12 Dec. 1900	1902	Vacated seat by accepting office of Minister of Defence; re-elected.
...	...	18 Nov. 1898	1901	Elected in place of Hon. C. Sargeant, resigned.
SOUTH-EASTERN PROVINCE :				
The Honorables—				
James Callender Campbell	1 Sept. 1900	...	1906	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.
William Knox	26 Aug. 1898	...	1904	Elected in place of Hon. J. Buchanan, who retired by rotation.
James Balfour	28 Aug. 1896	...	1902	Retired by rotation, and re-elected.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 31st December, 1900.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS.

SECOND SESSION 1900.

[Extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Tuesday, 18th December, 1900.]

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Bills be suspended for the remainder of the Session so as to permit of any Bill passing through its several stages on one day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill to amend the *Census Act 1901*.—(Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling.)—Initiated, by leave, and read a first time, 4th December, 1900, p. 18.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18th December, p. 23. Bill lapsed.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and Officers of Customs*."—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, pp. 21-2.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 18th December, p. 24. (Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1702.)

EXCISE REDUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer*."—(Hon. W. McCulloch.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 32.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 40. (Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1711.)

GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's Salary*."—(Hon. P. Phillips.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 23.

Read a second time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Council, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Council, and passed, 18th December, p. 25. (Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, 27th December.)

HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Health Act 1890'*."—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1900, pp. 37-8.

HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—*continued*.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 42. (Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1718.)

INCOME TAX BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and one*."—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 22.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 18th December, p. 24. (Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1704.)

INSCRIBED STOCK JUDGMENTS BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Judgments Decrees and Orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock Inscribed in the United Kingdom*."—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 22.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 18th December, p. 24. (Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1703.)

INSOLVENCY BILL.—Bill to further amend the law relating to Insolvency.—(Hon. J. M. Davies.)—Initiated and read a first time, 14th November, 1900, p. 12.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 18th December, pp. 23-4. Bill not returned from the Assembly.

LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*."—(Hon. P. Phillips.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 19th December, 1900, p. 27.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 19th December, p. 29.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL—
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to the Standing Orders of this House, that it conflicts with our Standing Orders to introduce this Bill in the first instance in the Legislative Council. I mention this matter so that the promoters of the Bill may, if the Solicitor-General agrees with my contention, introduce it in the Legislative Assembly and bring it up here afterwards. I will read the Standing Order for the information of honorable Members:—

That until special Standing Orders for the initiation of private Bills shall have been adopted, this Council will not enter on the consideration of any private Bill which has not first been considered by the Legislative Assembly, and referred by that body for the concurrence of this Council.

“It is not desirable, honorable Members will admit, that we should come into conflict with the Legislative Assembly on matters of practice laid down by both Houses. I suggest that this matter be taken at once into consideration by the Solicitor-General”—20th December, p. 34.

Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 20th December, p. 35. (*See Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill No. 2.*)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL (No. 2).—Bill intituled “*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church.*” (*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly; Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, by leave, suspended, and all fees remitted with regard to the Bill, and Bill read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, 1900, p. 38. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1707.*)

PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes.*” (*Hon. P. Phillips.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 19th December, 1900, pp. 27–8.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st–22nd December, p. 44.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to some of the amendments of the Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and have agreed to one of the said amendments with amendments; amendments considered; the Council do not insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and agree to the amendments of the Assembly on an amendment of the Council, 22nd December (morning), pp. 45–6. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1721.*)

RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Railway Loan Act 1900.’*” (*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 32.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 40. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1713.*)

SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts.*” (*Hon. W. McCulloch.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, pp. 32–3.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, pp. 40–1.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have disagreed with the amendment of the Council because such amendment involves an alteration of an Act which appropriates public moneys, and that the Assembly do not deem it necessary to offer any further reason, hoping the above may be sufficient; amendment considered; the Council insist on their amendment, 22nd December (morning), p. 45.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they insist on disagreeing with the amendment insisted on by the Council; amendment considered; the Council still insist on their amendment, 22nd December (morning), p. 46. Bill not returned from the Assembly. (*See Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill No. 2.*)

SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts.*” (*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 22nd December, 1900 (morning), p. 46. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1722.*)

SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth.*” (*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 32.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 39. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1709.*)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize a Referendum to the People of certain questions as to the use in State Schools of certain Scripture Lessons Prayers and Services and Hymns.*” (*Hon. W. McCulloch.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 31.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—on division, negatived, 21st December, p. 41.

LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—*continued.*

Further considered in Committee, 20th December, p. 35 ; 21st December, p. 39.

Reported with amendments, 21st December, p. 39.

Recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 18 ; reconsidered in Committee and re-reported with a further amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 39.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to some of the amendments of the Council, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments ; amendments considered ; the Council insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and do not insist on others of the said amendments, 21st December, pp. 42-3. Bill not returned from the Assembly. (*See Land Acts further Amendment Bill No. 2.*)

LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

—Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes.*"—(*Hon. P. Phillips.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 22nd December, 1900 (morning), pp. 44-5. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1720.*)

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF

WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.*"—(*Hon. W. McCulloch.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 33.

Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 41. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1714.*)

OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions.*"—(*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 23.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—debate interrupted, 19th December, p. 28 ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 19th December, p. 29. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1706.*)

OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.

—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions.*"—(*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 23.

Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 19th December, p. 28.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have disagreed with the amendment of the Council ; amendment considered ; the Council insist on their amendment, 21st December, p. 37.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment insisted on by the Council, 21st December, p. 40. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1712.*)

PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the Cost of the Construction and Maintenance of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects.*"—(*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 33.

Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 42. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1717.*)

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL.—Bill intituled

"*An Act relating to Parliamentary Elections.*"—(*Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1900, p. 38.

Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 22nd December (morning), p. 45.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1901 BILL.—Bill intituled

"*An Act relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one.*"—(*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 33.

Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 42. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1716.*)

POSTAGE RATE ALTERATION BILL.—Bill intituled

"*An Act to alter the Rate of Postage on Letters received at any Post Office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria.*"—(*Hon. E. J. Crooke.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 22.

Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; report considered and adopted ; Bill read the third time and passed, 18th December, p. 25. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1705.*)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL.—Bill

to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church.—(*Hon. A. Wynne.*)—Initiated and read a first time, 19th December, 1900, p. 28.

The President said :—"Before the Orders of the Day are called on, I wish to draw the attention of the Solicitor-General, and of the House, to Order of the Day No. 5, relating to the Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill. This Bill, I may inform honorable Members, is, as far as I can see, a private Bill. That being so, honorable Members will find, if they refer

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SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to facilitate the holding of elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.*”—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 33.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 41. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1715.*)

STAMPS BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act relating to Stamps.*”—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, p. 32.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, pp. 39–40. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1710.*)

VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Voting by Post Act 1900.’*”—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, p. 22.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 19th December, p. 28.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have disagreed with the amendments of the Council, 21st December, p. 37.

Amendments considered; the Council do not insist on their amendments, 21st December, pp. 43–4. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1719.*)

WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to remove the Disqualification of Women at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.*”—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 18th December, 1900, pp. 22–3.

Petitions presented, 20th December, p. 31.

WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE BILL—continued.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; amendment proposed to omit all the words after “That,” with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—

“1. The Women’s Suffrage Bill now before this House confers on women the right, if elected, to become Members of the Commonwealth Parliament; so it is not in the power of the State Parliament to take away or curtail that right, if it passes the Bill, as it is conferred by the Imperial Act.

“2. That nevertheless the desire to enable women to sit in Parliament has been disclaimed and condemned by leading supporters of the Bill, both before and at the late general election.

“3. That this House is unwilling to pass a Bill which effects a fundamental legislative and social change, that has just been specifically and summarily rejected by the other House; which has been generally disapproved by the supporters of the Bill and to which the attention of the electors has not been called nor their assent given; until it knows that the electors do approve of women so sitting in Parliament.

“4. That the opinion of the electors should be obtained for the information of Parliament at the coming Federal Elections for the Senate, by separate question slip to be given to each elector with his voting ballot-paper”—

amendment, on division, negatived; question—That this Bill be now read a second time—on division, negatived, 20th December, pp. 34–5.

YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS BILL.—Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the Repayment of portion of an Amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat.*”—(Hon. A. Wynne.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th December, 1900, pp. 31–2.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 21st December, p. 39. (*Assented to 27th December. Act No. 1708.*)

VICTORIA.

No. 1.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

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

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir John Madden, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly are called "The Parliament of Victoria," and it is expedient to fix the time for holding the next Session thereof: Now therefore I, the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation fix Tuesday, the 13th day of November instant, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Parliament-place, Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the 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 Colony, at Melbourne, this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

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other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Melbourne, South Melbourne, and Prahran, and are known as—

“Parts of Crown allotments 2, 3, and 4, section 24, city of Melbourne; part of Crown allotment 3, section I; Crown allotment 4, section I; and Crown allotment 4, section L, city of South Melbourne; and parts of Crown portions 14, 17, 18, and 20, city of Prahran, at Toorak.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and eighty pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and forty-two pounds; and that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Four hundred and twenty-two pounds.

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

“W. A. ZEAL.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JOSEPH HENRY ABBOTT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and nineteen pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Sandhurst, Echuca, and Strathfieldsaye, and are known as—

“Firstly, part of Crown allotment nine of section twenty-four B, city of Bendigo, parish of Sandhurst, county of Bendigo, particularly described in certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 2586, fol. 517022.

“Secondly, Crown allotment six and six A of section sixty-eight C, Olinda and Gladstone streets, city and parish of Sandhurst, county of Bendigo.

“Thirdly, Crown allotments one, two, and three, section nineteen, parish of Mandurang, county of Bendigo.

“Fourthly, part of allotment thirteen, section one, and part of Crown allotment six of section three, parish of Mandurang, county of Bendigo, particularly described in certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 1353, fol. 270462.

“Fifthly, part of Crown allotment seventeen, section one, parish of Mandurang, county of Bendigo, particularly described in certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 1140, fol. 227959.

“Sixthly, part of Crown allotment three, section six, town of Echuca, parish of Echuca North, county of Rodney, particularly described in certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 1786, fol. 357001.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bendigo are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty-seven pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Echuca are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-two pounds.

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

“JOSEPH HENRY ABBOTT.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JAMES BALFOUR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and six pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as part of Crown portion 18, parish of Prahran.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and six pounds.

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

“JAMES BALFOUR.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, THOMAS COMRIE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Tarnagulla, and are known as Crown allotments 11 and 11A of section thirteen, township and parish of Tarnagulla, county of Gladstone.

Commissioners from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor appointed to open the Parliament having been introduced to the Council Chamber by the Usher, His Honor Mr. Justice a'Beckett desired the Usher to request the presence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to hear the Commission read for the commencement and holding of this present Session of the Parliament.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly having presented themselves, His Honor Mr. Justice a'Beckett said :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, not thinking fit to be present in person this day, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the Seal of the Colony constituting us his Commissioners to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in this Parliament. This will more fully appear from the Letters Patent, which will now be read by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Then the said Letters Patent were read by the Clerk as follow, viz.:—

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India :

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the fifth day of November instant by His Excellency the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, the said JOHN MADDEN did fix Tuesday, the thirteenth day of November instant, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Our said Colony, called "The Parliament of Victoria," for the despatch of business, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in the City of Melbourne : And forasmuch as for certain causes the said JOHN MADDEN cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time : NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved His Honor THOMAS A'BECKETT and His Honor HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, Justices of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said THOMAS A'BECKETT and HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said JOHN MADDEN shall be there to be done ; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet Our said Parliament, and to the said THOMAS A'BECKETT and HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, or either of them, that they diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

(L.S.) WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this ninth day of November, One thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-fourth year of Our reign.

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. McLEAN.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24,
Page 238, this ninth day of November, One thousand
nine hundred.

CHARLES A. TOPP.

Then His Honor Mr. Justice a'Beckett said :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

We have it in command from His Excellency to inform you that on a future day, of which due notice will be given, His Excellency will declare to you in person, in this place, the causes of his calling this Parliament together ; and, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, as it is necessary before you proceed to the despatch of business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, His Excellency requests that you, in your Chamber, will proceed to the choice of a proper person to be Speaker.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

The Commissioners withdrew.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President, J. H. Abbott, J. Balfour, T. Comrie, E. J. Crooke, J. M. Davies, W. Knox, N. Levi, D. Melville, P. Phillips, Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood, G. Simmie, Sir A. Snowden, and J. Sternberg severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM AUSTIN ZEAL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Nine hundred and forty-four pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same,

Cranbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district or shire upon a yearly value of Three pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district or shire of Moorabbin are rated in the rate-book of such district or shire upon a yearly value of Two pounds.

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

“NATHL. LEVI.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, DONALD MELVILLE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and thirty-seven pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Brunswick, Pyalong, and McIvor, and are known as—

“My residence, situated in Albion-street, West Brunswick, with twenty-eight and one-half acres land; two hundred and six acres land within the shire of Pyalong; and one hundred and forty acres land within the shire of McIvor.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Ninety-two pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Pyalong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Thirty pounds, and that within the municipal district of McIvor at Fifteen pounds.

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

“D. MELVILLE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, PHAREZ PHILLIPS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and forty-two pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Borung, and are known as land and tenements situate within the township of Warracknabeal.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Borung are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty-two pounds.

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

“PHAREZ PHILLIPS.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, FREDERICK THOMAS SARGOOD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One thousand two hundred and thirty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as ‘Rippon Lea’—

“Forty-six acres of land, with dwelling-house thereon.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One thousand two hundred and thirty-five pounds.

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

“F. T. SARGOOD.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, GEORGE SIMMIE, of Cornelia Creek, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Echuca Shire, and are known as ‘Cornelia Creek.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Echuca Shire are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred pounds.

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

“G. SIMMIE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, ARTHUR SNOWDEN, of 433 Little Collins-street, in the city of Melbourne, barrister and solicitor, and of Saint Hellier’s-street, Abbotsford, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and six pounds above all charges and

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Tarnagulla are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds.

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

"THOMAS COMRIE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, EDWARD JOLLEY CROOKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as portion of 'The Holey Plain Estate.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and sixty pounds.

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

"E. J. CROOKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JOHN MARK DAVIES, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Lilydale, and are known as Crown allotments fifty-six, fifty-seven, and fifty-eight, parish of Wandin Yallock, county of Evelyn, containing six hundred and twenty-five acres and twenty perches or thereabouts.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Lilydale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and ten pounds.

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

"JNO. M. DAVIES."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM KNOX, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Six hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as 'Ranfurlie.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Six hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Six hundred pounds.

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

"WM. KNOX."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, NATHANIEL LEVI, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and eighty-three pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of city of Melbourne, city of St. Kilda, municipal district of city of South Melbourne, shire of Cranbourne, and shire of Moorabbin, and are known as Printing establishment, situated in Hosier-lane, off Flinders-street east, city of Melbourne; allotment 1 of section 9 x twenty-eight perches and nine tenths, allotment 2 of section 9 x nineteen perches and eight-tenths, allotment 3 of section 9 x nineteen perches and six-tenths, city of St. Kilda, parish of South Melbourne, county of Bourke; allotments 1 and 2, section 57 c, allotments 1, 44, and 45, section 64 r, allotments 53 and 49, 43 q, and allotment 28, section 43 o, parish of South Melbourne, county of Bourke; allotment 10, village of Lang Lang, two roods; allotment 11, village of Lang Lang, two roods twenty-six perches, parish of Lang Lang, Yallock riding, shire of Cranbourne, county of Mornington; allotment 5, part of Crown portion 28, parish of Moorabbin, South riding, shire of Moorabbin, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Sixty-five pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Thirty-two pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Eighty-one pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district or shire of

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, SIMON FRASER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as 'Norla,' Irving-road, Toorak.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and fifty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and fifty pounds.

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

"SIMON FRASER."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, FREDERICK SHEPPARD GRIMWADE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 'Harleston,' situate at the corner of Balaclava and Orrong roads.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Four hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Four hundred pounds.

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

"F. S. GRIMWADE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, CORNELIUS JOB HAM, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and fifteen pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as tenements No. 70 and 71 Albert ward, in the city of Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifteen pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifteen pounds.

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

"C. J. HAM."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, DAVID HAM, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Ballarat East, and are known as the Exhibition Mart and dwelling-houses situated in Victoria and Main streets.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat East are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat East are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred pounds.

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

"DAVID HAM."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, THOMAS CHARLES HARWOOD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds and upwards above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Newtown and Chilwell and Queenscliff, and are known respectively as 'Hawthorn,' Skene-street, Newtown, Geelong, and 'Graylings,' Swanston-street, Queenscliff.

value of One hundred and seven pounds ten shillings above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Beechworth, and are known as 'Shrublands'—Allotments 2, 3, and 4 of section F, with dwelling-house and out-offices, occupied by me; also allotment 8 of section P¹, 17 of section 4, allotment 2, section 38, and part of allotment 3 of section D, all in the town and parish of Beechworth.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of United Shire of Beechworth are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and seven pounds ten shillings.

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

"FREDK. BROWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, THOMAS BRUNTON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the shire of Broadmeadows, and are known as 'Roxburgh Park.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the shire of Broadmeadows are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Four hundred and fifty pounds.

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

"THOMAS BRUNTON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JAMES CALLENDER CAMPBELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Brighton, and are known as Myrtle Grove, situate in New-street and North-road, town of Brighton, containing seven and one-half acres or thereabouts, on which is erected a two-storied brick house, containing sixteen rooms; also an allotment of land situate at Elwood-street, Brighton.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and ninety-five pounds.

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

"JAS. C. CAMPBELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, HENRY CUTHBERT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of the city of Ballarat and shire of Ballarat, and are known as—

"Part of allotment 1 of sec. 9, city of Ballarat,

"Allotment 2 of sec. 14, parish of Ballarat, county of Grenville.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the city of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Eighty pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty pounds.

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

"HENRY CUTHBERT."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, NICHOLAS FITZGERALD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in St. Kilda, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that the said lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda and are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and seventy-five pounds.

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

"N. FITZGERALD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM PITT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Collingwood, and are known as land, Trenery-crescent, Collingwood.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Collingwood are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds.

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

"WILLIAM PITT."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, ROBERT REID, merchant, Melbourne, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twelve pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Beaconsfield, shire of Berwick, and are known as 'Mount Pleasant,' Pakenham, being lots 1, 12, 13, 20, and 47, Pakenham, 448 acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Berwick are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twelve pounds.

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

"ROBERT REID."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, ARTHUR OTTO SACHSE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and twenty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as 'Thrapston,' Toorak-road, South Yarra.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and twenty-five pounds.

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

"A. O. SACHSE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JOHN ALSTON WALLACE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Towong and Port Melbourne, and are known as—

"No. 1. Lands and tenements situate near Bethanga, electoral district of Benambra, shire of Towong, area six hundred and thirty-nine acres.

"No. 2. Lands and tenements—the Bay View Hotel, situate Beach-street, Port Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Towong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Port Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty pounds.

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

"JOHN A. WALLACE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM IRVING WINTER-IRVING, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Six thousand pounds and upwards above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts as hereunder named, and are known as—

"Noorilim, in the shire of Goulburn and Waranga.

"Carpentait, ,, Heytesbury.

"Tirrengower, ,, Colac.

"Allotments, ,, Tambo.

"Stanhope, ,, Waranga and Deakin.

"Allotments, in the city of Prahran.

"Allotments, ,, Hawthorn.

"Allotments, in the shire of Boroondara.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Newtown and Chilwell are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Queenscliff are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Eighty pounds.

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

“THOS. C. HARWOOD.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM McCULLOCH, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Avoca, Stawell, and Ararat, and are known as ‘Woodlands.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Avoca, Stawell, and Ararat are rated in the rate-book of such districts upon a yearly value of Five thousand five hundred and eighty-three pounds—

“Avoca	...	...	...	£550
“Stawell	...	...	...	4,819
“Ararat	...	...	...	714
				£5,583

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

“W. McCULLOCH.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JOHN YOUNG McDONALD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Ballarat West, and are known as the Edinburgh Buildings.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat West are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat West are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred pounds.

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

“J. Y. McDONALD.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, EDWARD MILLER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and forty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such land or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as part of ‘Findon’ Estate, being land measuring four acres, situate corner of Barker’s-road and Findon-street.

“And I further declare that such said land situate in the municipal district of Kew is rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty-five pounds.

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

“EDWARD MILLER.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, EDWARD MOREY, of Ballarat, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and forty-three pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of the city of Ballarat, and are known as assessment 89, Lydiard-street, Eighty pounds; assessment 1493, Armstrong-street, Sixty-three pounds; and are allotments six and nineteen, section nine, city and parish of Ballarat, county of Grenville.

“And I further declare that the said lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the city of Ballarat and are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty-three pounds.

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

“E. MOREY.”

8. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, by leave, That the Honorable Frederick Brown be Chairman of Committees of the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Honorable Frederick Brown was congratulated by the Honorable the President on his again securing the confidence of honorable Members, and then the Honorable Frederick Brown returned his thanks for his re-election to the office of Chairman of Committees.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Waranga are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two thousand nine hundred and forty-six pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Carpendeit are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Five hundred and twenty-seven pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Colac are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and ninety-eight pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Tambo are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Six pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Deakin are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Nine hundred pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prabran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Six hundred pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hawthorn are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and ninety pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Boroondara are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty pounds.

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

"WM. I. WINTER-IRVING."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, HENRY JOHN WRIXON, do declare and testify that I am legally seised of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and thirty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as land and house, corner of Barker's-road and Wrixon-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and thirty-eight pounds.

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

"H. J. WRIXON."

5. **INSOLVENCY BILL.**—The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Law relating to Insolvency.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Honorable J. M. Davies do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Honorable J. M. Davies then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Law relating to Insolvency,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1900, to 30th June, 1900.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Parts I. and II.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable F. S. Grimwade moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables F. S. Grimwade, J. H. Abbott, T. C. Harwood, W. Knox, E. Morey, G. Simmie, and Sir A. Snowden.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable F. S. Grimwade presented the Address which had been agreed to by the Committee, and the same was read by the Honorable the President, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

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

The Honorable F. S. Grimwade moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable F. S. Grimwade moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the President and such Members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. N. LEVI: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable G. Godfrey for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INSOLVENCY BILL—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

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

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VICTORIA.

No. 3.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

- 1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. The President took the Chair.
3. The President read the Prayer.
4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables J. Bell, Sir R. T. H. Clarke, Bart., S. W. Cooke, J. M. Pratt, and N. Thornley severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JAMES BELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Dunolly, and are known as my property, being allotments 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 of section 26, and allotments 8b and 9 of section 12, town of Dunolly.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dunolly are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and sixty pounds.

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

“JAMES BELL.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, Sir RUPERT TURNER HAVELOCK CLARKE, Bart., do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Merriang, and are known as nine thousand seven hundred and five acres, in the parish of Darraweit Guim, No. 5 in the rate-book.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Merriang are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds.

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

“RUPERT T. H. CLARKE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, SAMUEL WINTER COOKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Dundas, and are known as ‘Murndal.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One thousand four hundred and sixty pounds.

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

“SAML. WINTER COOKE.”

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1900.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INSOLVENCY BILL—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 14TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

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

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

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

Regulations under various Acts of Parliament. Extracted from the *Government Gazette* of 16th November, 1900. No. 37. (To Members only.)

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JOSEPH MAJOR PRATT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as all that piece of land containing thirty-six perches and three-tenths of a perch or thereabouts, being part of Crown allotment four, section fourteen, city of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, at East Melbourne, county of Bourke.

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

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

“JOSEPH M. PRATT.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, NATHAN THORNLEY, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One thousand four hundred and three pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Minhamite, and are known as ‘Kangatong,’ about 8,000 acres.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Minhamite are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One thousand four hundred and three pounds.

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

“N. THORNLEY.”

5. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The President reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council agreed to on the 14th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

I thank you, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, for your Address, and receive with pleasure the expression of loyalty towards Her Majesty which you convey to me.

JOHN MADDEN.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th November, 1900.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 4th December next, at half-past four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Honorable N. Levi moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable G. Godfrey for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 4th December next.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 4.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1900.

- 1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
- 2. The President took the Chair.
- 3. The President read the Prayer.
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and J. Hoddinott severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM HENRY EMBLING, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as ‘Elmwood,’ Chapel-street, St. Kilda.

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

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

“W. H. EMBLING.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, JOSEPH HODDINOTT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of over One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of the Shire of Phillip Island and Woolamai, and are known as Crown allotments eleven, twelve, and thirteen, in the parish of Woolamai, county of Mornington.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Phillip Island and Woolamai are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and eighty pounds.

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

“J. HODDINOTT.”

- 5. ISSUE OF WRITS.—The President announced that since the adjournment of the Council he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the Gippsland Province and for the Western Province respectively, in the place of the Honorable W. McCulloch and the Honorable A. Wynne, who had severally accepted offices of profit under the Crown.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1900.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. INSOLVENCY BILL—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 20TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.
Insolvency Bill—[12].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. No. 3.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.
Regulations under various Acts of Parliament. Extracted from the *Government Gazettes* of 29th and 30th
November, 1900. No. 39. (To Members only.)

6. CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable Dr. W. H. Embling moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Census Act* 1901.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Honorable Dr. W. H. Embling do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Honorable Dr. W. H. Embling then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Census Act 1901,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December instant.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18th December instant, at half-past four o’clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-four minutes past four o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 18th December instant.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 5.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. The President took the Chair.
3. The President read the Prayer.
4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables S. Austin, T. Dowling, W. H. S. Osmand, and W. Pearson severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, SIDNEY AUSTIN, of Geelong, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and sixty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Winchelsea, and are known as ‘Karngun Paddocks.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Winchelsea are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and sixty-eight pounds.

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

“SIDNEY AUSTIN.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, THOMAS DOWLING, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Hampden and Mortlake, and are known as ‘Jellalabad,’ situated on Mount Emu Creek, and bounded on the south by township of Darlington, on the east by lands belonging to Messrs. Cole and Dodds, on the north by station known as ‘Terrinallum,’ and on the west by station known as ‘Mount Fyans.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Mortlake are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One thousand seven hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hampden are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Five hundred and forty-six pounds.

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

“THOMAS DOWLING.”

9. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the following Members of this House be appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, viz.:—The Honorables J. H. Abbott, D. Melville, and E. Morey.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable S. Williamson for the remainder of the Session on account of ill-health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable A. Wynne presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Thirteenth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.
—Proposed Diversion of Water from Upper Acheron for Supply of Metropolis, and question of Vesting Catchment Area in Metropolitan Board of Works.
Report of the Council of Judges under section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1890.
Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1900.
Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of the Land Acts and the *Wattles Act* 1890 during the year ending 31st December, 1899.
Technical Education.—Report on Technical Instruction in the British Islands and America, by Professor T. R. Lyle, M.A.
Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1899—
Part VI.—Production.
Part VII.—Law, Crime, &c.
Part VIII.—Accumulation.

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:—

The Land Act 1890–91, section 69.—Schedule No. 11.—Country Lands to be offered for Sale by Public Auction during the year 1900.

Rules of the Supreme Court.

Rule of the Supreme Court.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1900.

Water Acts—

Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 8 (Draft Form).

Bairnsdale Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 14.

Cohuna Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation No. 21.

Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

Macorna North Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 8.

Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 17 (Draft Form).

Twelve-Mile Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation for the Sale of Water.

Wandella Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

Yatchaw Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

Public Service Act 1890—

Regulations.

Alteration of Regulations.

The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890.—Part IX.—

Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all persons Temporarily employed in the Departments of the Legislative Council and the Parliament Gardens.

Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all persons Temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly under the authority of Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1890 during the period from 15th November, 1899, to 20th November, 1900.

Statement of Temporary Appointments, pursuant to the provisions of section 356 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1890, in the Department of the Library.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Parts I. and IV.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 30th September, 1900.

Donald Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £1,000.

Wimmera United Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £4,210.

Additions and Alterations to Regulations under the Land Acts, Parts I. and IV.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1900.

Summary of Statements for the year 1899 made by the Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.

12. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and Officers of Customs,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900.

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM HENRY SEVILLE OSMAND, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and forty-nine pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of the shire of Stawell, and are known as the Concongella Estate in the parishes of Stawell and Concongella, and ‘The Sycamores,’ in the parishes of Stawell and Watta Wella.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Stawell Shire are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Four hundred and forty-nine pounds.

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

“W. H. S. OSMAND.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM PEARSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of the shire of Wodonga, and are known as ‘Bonegilla,’ containing five thousand five hundred and eighteen acres or thereabouts.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Wodonga are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Seven hundred pounds.

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

“WM. PEARSON.”

5. RETURN TO WRIT.—The President announced that there had been returned to him the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve for the Western Province in the place of the Honorable A. Wynne, who had accepted an office of profit under the Crown; and by the indorsement on such Writ it appeared that the Honorable Agar Wynne had been elected in pursuance thereof.

6. SWEARING-IN OF MEMBER.—The Honorable A. Wynne, being introduced, took and subscribed the oath required by law and delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, AGAR WYNNE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Mortlake and Hampden, and are known as ‘Terinallum.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Mortlake are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three thousand one hundred and forty-seven pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hampden are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three thousand three hundred and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings.

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

“AGAR WYNNE.”

7. THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Thomas Comrie,
The Honorable Samuel Winter Cooke,
The Honorable Edward Jolley Croke,
The Honorable Thomas Charles Harwood,
The Honorable Joseph Major Pratt,
The Honorable Robert Reid, and
The Honorable George Simmie

to be Members of a Committee to be called “The Committee of Elections and Qualifications.”

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred.

W. A. ZEAL,
President of the Legislative Council.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Bills be suspended for the remainder of the Session so as to permit of any Bill passing through its several stages on one day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

23. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to remove the Disqualification of Women at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
24. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
25. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
26. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
27. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
28. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's Salary,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
29. **GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL.**—The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's Salary,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
30. **CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable Dr. W. H. Embling moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
31. **INSOLVENCY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable J. M. Davies, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.
The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole be taken into consideration this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. CUSTOMS OFFICERS BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and Officers of Customs,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the Payment of Judgments Decrees and Orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock Inscribed in the United Kingdom,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900. F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
15. INSCRIBED STOCK JUDGMENTS BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to provide for the Payment of Judgments Decrees and Orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock Inscribed in the United Kingdom,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘ Voting by Post Act 1900,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900. F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
17. VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘ Voting by Post Act 1900,’*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
18. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and one,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900. F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
19. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and one,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “*An Act to alter the Rate of Postage on Letters received at any Post Office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900. F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
21. POSTAGE RATE ALTERATION BILL.—The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to alter the Rate of Postage on Letters received at any Post Office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
22. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “*An Act to remove the Disqualification of Women at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900. F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

35. **POSTAGE RATE ALTERATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ An Act to alter the Rate of Postage on Letters received at any Post Office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

36. **GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Council.

The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable P. Phillips the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the Bill was read a third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Council, and passed.

The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ An Act to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's Salary.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

37. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

On the motion of the Honorable J. M. Davies the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable J. M. Davies, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to further amend the Law relating to Insolvency.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

32. CUSTOMS OFFICERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and Officers of Customs.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

33. INSCRIBED STOCK JUDGMENTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to provide for the Payment of Judgments Decrees and Orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock Inscribed in the United Kingdom.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

34. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and one.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

Question.

1. The Hon. N. LEVI: To call the attention of the Honorable the Solicitor-General to the inefficiency of accommodation at the Alfred Graving Dock at Williamstown; and to ask if the Government will take early steps to see that this important national matter receives attention with a view to meeting the requirements of large ocean-going vessels in case of need.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
3. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
2. CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 13TH DECEMBER, 1900.

- Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
 Woman Suffrage Bill—[1]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Penny Postage Bill—[2]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Income Tax Rate Bill—[3]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Old-age Pensions Bill—[5]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Claims for Old-age Pensions Bill—[6]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Governor's Salary Further Reduction Bill—[7]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Inscribed Stock Judgments Bill—[9]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Voting by Post Amendment Bill—[10]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Officers of Customs Bill—[11]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Land Bill No. 2—[13]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Voting by Post Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood.
 (To Members of Council only.)

VICTORIA.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. The President took the Chair.
3. The President read the Prayer.
4. RETURN TO WRIT.—The President announced that there had been returned to him the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve for the Gippsland Province in the place of the Honorable W. McCulloch, who had accepted an office of profit under the Crown; and by the indorsement on such Writ it appeared that the Honorable William McCulloch had been elected in pursuance thereof.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

6. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 7, 8, and 9.

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

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 1.

Land Bill No. 2—[13]. (To Members only.)

Yarrowee Channel Loan Repayment Bill—[15].

Public Service Bill—[18].

Federal Elections Bill—[19].

Juvenile Street Traders Bill—[30].

Unused Roads Bill—[31].

Railway Loan Amendment Bill—[32].

Excise Reduction Bill—[36].

Assembly Elections Bill—[37].

Savings Banks Bill—[38].

Pacific Cable Authorization Bill—[39].

State School Religious Instruction Referendum Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Gurr. (To Members only.)

Land Bill No. 2—

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

New Clause GG to be proposed on the Third Reading by Mr. Toutcher. (To Members only.)

New Clauses HH, II, and JJ to be proposed on the Third Reading by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)

Regulations under various Acts of Parliament. Extracted from the *Government Gazette* of 14th December, 1900. No. 41.

13. **SWEARING-IN OF MEMBER.**—The Honorable W. McCulloch, being introduced, took and subscribed the oath required by law, and delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 54 Victoria, No. 1075, I, WILLIAM McCULLOCH, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Avoca, Stawell, and Ararat, and are known as ‘Woodlands.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Avoca, Stawell, and Ararat are rated in the rate-book of such districts upon a yearly value of Five thousand five hundred and eighty-three pounds—

“ Avoca	...	...	...	£550
“ Stawell	---	...	...	4,319
“ Ararat	---	---	...	714
				£5,583

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

“W. McCULLOCH.”

14. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.**—Debate resumed on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“An Act to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

15. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

8. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.—The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole be taken into consideration this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“*An Act to amend the ‘ Voting by Post Act 1900.’*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.
10. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Honorable A. Wynne do prepare and bring in the Bill.
The Honorable A. Wynne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole be taken into consideration this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.
The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“*An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions.*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same with an amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.
12. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1900.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
4. CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL—Second reading.

The Hon. Sir H. J. WRIXON to move, *as an amendment to the question*—That the Women's Suffrage Bill be now read a second time—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—

- "1. The Women's Suffrage Bill now before this House confers on women the right if elected to become Members of the Commonwealth Parliament, so it is not in the power of the State Parliament to take away or curtail that right if it passes the Bill, as it is conferred by the Imperial Act.
- "2. That nevertheless the desire to enable women to sit in Parliament has been disclaimed and condemned by leading supporters of the Bill both before and at the late general election; and on the 11th day of the present month a proposed clause that they should be eligible for election to Parliament was rejected without a division by the Legislative Assembly.
- "3. That this House is unwilling to pass a Bill which effects a fundamental, legislative, and social change that has just been specifically and summarily rejected by the other House; which has been generally disapproved by the supporters of the Bill and to which the attention of the electors has not been called, nor their assent given until it knows that the electors do approve of women so sitting in Parliament.
- "4. That the opinion of the electors should be obtained for the information of Parliament at the coming Federal Elections for the Senate by separate question slip to be given to each elector with his voting ballot-paper."

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 7.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

2. The President took the Chair.

3. The President read the Prayer.

4. PETITIONS.—The Honorable Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood presented a Petition from certain women graduates of the Melbourne University now resident in Melbourne, praying that the Council would pass the Women's Suffrage Bill.

The Honorable Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood presented a Petition from certain women over twenty-one years of age resident in the Parliamentary Electorate of Prahran, praying that the Council would pass the Women's Suffrage Bill before the election of the first Parliament of the Australian Commonwealth.

Petitions read and severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize a Referendum to the People of certain questions as to the use in State Schools of certain Scripture Lessons Prayers and Services and Hymns,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

6. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to authorize a Referendum to the People of certain questions as to the use in State Schools of certain Scripture Lessons Prayers and Services and Hymns,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Repayment of portion of an Amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

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

Public Service Bill—[18]. (To Members of Council only.)

Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill—[42].

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

Land Bill No. 2—

New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. P. Phillips. (To Members of Council only.)

New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Pratt. (To Members of Council only.)

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

Insolvency Bill—[12]. (To Members only.)

Governor-General's Establishment Contribution Bill—[40],

Claims for Old-age Pensions Bill.—Amendment of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Voting by Post Amendment Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Report of the Council of Judges under Section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1890. No. 1.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the Year ended 30th June, 1900. No. 3.

Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the Year ended 30th June, 1900. No. 8.

Thirteenth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Proposed

Diversion of Water from Upper Acheron for Supply of Metropolis, &c. No. 10.

Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of the Land Acts and the *Wattles Act* 1890 during the Year ended 31st December, 1899. No. 11.

Wimmera United Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £4,210. No. 12.

18. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to facilitate the holding of elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

20. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the holding of elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

22. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1901 BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

24. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE BILL.—The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the Cost of the Construction and Maintenance of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

26. PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the Cost of the Construction and Maintenance of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

8. **YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Repayment of portion of an Amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
10. **SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
11. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Stamps,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
12. **STAMPS BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to Stamps,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
13. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
14. **EXCISE REDUCTION BILL.**—The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
15. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Railway Loan Act 1900,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.
16. **RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Railway Loan Act 1900,'*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
17. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT—
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.
F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

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

Ayes, 15.

The Hon. J. H. Abbott
J. Balfour
Sir R. T. H. Clarke, Bart.
E. J. Crooke
J. M. Davies
T. Dowling
D. Ham
W. McCulloch
D. Melville
Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood
G. Simmie
Sir A. Snowden
A. Wynne.

Tellers.

F. S. Grimwade
C. J. Ham.

Noes, 26.

The Hon. J. Bell
F. Brown
T. Comrie
S. W. Cooke
Dr. W. H. Embling
N. FitzGerald
S. Fraser
T. C. Harwood
J. Hoddinott
W. Knox
N. Levi
J. Y. McDonald
E. Miller
E. Morey
W. H. S. Osmand
W. Pearson
W. Pitt
J. M. Pratt
R. Reid
A. O. Sachse
N. Thornley
J. A. Wallace
W. I. Winter-Irving
Sir H. J. Wrixon.

Tellers.

S. Austin
J. Sternberg.

And so it passed in the negative.

29. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

30. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

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

Public Service Reclassification Bill—Second reading.

Census Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Scripture Lessons Referendum Bill—Second reading.

Yarrowee Channel Works Bill—Second reading.

Savings Banks Business Bill—Second reading.

Stamps Bill—Second reading.

Excise Reduction Bill—Second reading.

Railway Loan Act 1900 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Senators Elections Bill—Second reading.

Parliamentary Elections 1901 Bill—Second reading.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Borrowing Powers Increase Bill—Second reading.

Pacific Cable Authorization Bill—Second reading.

32. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL.—PRESIDENT'S RULING.—The President said—
 “Before the Orders of the Day are called on, I wish to draw the attention of the Solicitor-General, and of the House, to Order of the Day No. 5, relating to the Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill. This Bill, I may inform honorable Members, is, as far as I can see, a private Bill. That being so, honorable Members will find, if they refer to the Standing Orders of this House, that it conflicts with our Standing Orders to introduce this Bill in the first instance in the Legislative Council. I mention this matter so that the promoters of the Bill may, if the Solicitor-General agrees with my contention, introduce it in the Legislative Assembly and bring it up here afterwards. I will read the Standing Order for the information of honorable Members:—

‘That until special Standing Orders for the initiation of private Bills shall have been adopted, this Council will not enter on the consideration of any private Bill which has not first been considered by the Legislative Assembly, and referred by that body for the concurrence of this Council.’

It is not desirable, honorable Members will admit, that we should come into conflict with the Legislative Assembly on matters of practice laid down by both Houses. I suggest that this matter be taken at once into consideration by the Solicitor-General.”

28. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Sir H. J. Wrixon moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “That” be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—

“1. The Women's Suffrage Bill now before this House confers on women the right, if elected, to become Members of the Commonwealth Parliament; so it is not in the power of the State Parliament to take away or curtail that right, if it passes the Bill, as it is conferred by the Imperial Act.

“2. That nevertheless the desire to enable women to sit in Parliament has been disclaimed and condemned by leading supporters of the Bill, both before and at the late general election.

“3. That this House is unwilling to pass a Bill which effects a fundamental legislative and social change, that has just been specifically and summarily rejected by the other House; which has been generally disapproved by the supporters of the Bill and to which the attention of the electors has not been called nor their assent given; until it knows that the electors do approve of women so sitting in Parliament.

“4. That the opinion of the electors should be obtained for the information of Parliament at the coming Federal Elections for the Senate, by separate question slip to be given to each elector with his voting ballot-paper.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Council divided.

Ayes, 31.

The Hon. J. H. Abbott
 J. Bell
 F. Brown
 Sir R. T. H. Clarke, Bart.
 T. Comrie
 E. J. Crooke
 J. M. Davies
 T. Dowling
 N. FitzGerald
 F. S. Grimwade
 C. J. Ham
 D. Ham
 T. C. Harwood
 N. Levi
 W. McCulloch
 D. Melville
 E. Morey
 W. H. S. Osmand
 W. Pearson
 J. M. Pratt
 R. Reid
 A. O. Sachse
 Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood
 G. Simmie
 J. Sternberg
 N. Thornley
 J. A. Wallace
 W. I. Winter-Irving
 A. Wynne.

Tellers.

J. Balfour
 Sir A. Snowden.

Noes, 10.

The Hon. S. W. Cooke
 Dr. W. H. Embling
 S. Fraser
 J. Hoddinott
 W. Knox
 J. Y. McDonald
 E. Miller
 Sir H. J. Wrixon.

Tellers.

S. Austin
 W. Pitt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

FRIDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1900.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL—Second reading.
3. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
4. YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS BILL—Second reading.
5. SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS BILL—Second reading.
6. STAMPS BILL—Second reading.
7. EXCISE REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
8. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL—Second reading.
11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1901 BILL—Second reading.
12. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE BILL—
Second reading.
13. PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION BILL—Second reading.
14. CENSUS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH DECEMBER, 1900.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.
- State School Religious Instruction Referendum Bill—[4]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[8]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Yarrowee Channel Loan Repayment Bill—[15]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Savings Banks Business Bill—[17]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Federal Elections Bill—[19]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Stamps Bill—[20]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Railway Loan Amendment Bill—[32]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Excise Reduction Bill—[36]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Assembly Elections Bill—[37]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Savings Banks Bill—[38]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Pacific Cable Authorization Bill—[39]. (To Members of Council only.)
- Land Bill No. 2.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. J. Hoddinott. (To Members of Council only.)
- Public Service Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

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

VICTORIA.

No. 8.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. The President took the Chair.
3. The President read the Prayer.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the amendment made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

Clause 2, line 7, after "sixty" insert "-five."

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Council do not insist on their amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Voting by Post Act 1900'*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration this day .

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Health Act 1890'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

12. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of clause 18.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had reconsidered clause 18 and agreed to the same with a further amendment.
The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole be taken into consideration this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of the Honorable P. Phillips the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the Bill was read a third time and passed.
The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes.*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.
13. **YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.
On the motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke, the Bill was read a third time and passed.
The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act to provide for the Repayment of portion of an Amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat.*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
14. **SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.
On the motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the Bill was read a third time and passed.
The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth.*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
15. **STAMPS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

7. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Health Act 1890,'*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL.—The Honorable Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

11. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL (No. 2).—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church, and that all fees be remitted with regard to such Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church.*"

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

20. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Hon. T. Brunton
T. Comrie
S. W. Cooke
E. J. Crooke
J. M. Davies
Dr. W. H. Embling
F. S. Grimwade
C. J. Ham
D. Ham
W. McCulloch
R. Reid
Sir A. Snowden.

Tellers.
J. Balfour
W. Knox.

Noes, 17.

The Hon. J. Bell
F. Brown
Sir R. T. H. Clarke, Bart.
Sir H. Cuthbert
T. Dowling
N. FitzGerald
T. C. Harwood
J. Hoddinott
N. Levi
J. Y. McDonald
D. Melville
E. Miller
Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood
J. A. Wallace.
W. I. Winter-Irving.

Tellers.
J. M. Pratt
N. Thornley.

And so it passed in the negative.

21. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

22. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.

The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“An Act to facilitate the holding of elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

On the motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ An Act relating to Stamps.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

16. EXCISE REDUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “ *An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions,*” and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill and insisted on by the Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

18. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable W. McCulloch, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable W. McCulloch moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ An Act to amend the ‘ Railway Loan Act 1900.’ ”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

19. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole be taken into consideration this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with by the
Legislative Assembly.

6. Clause 24, omit this clause.
7. After clause 33 insert the following new clause :—
A. The Governor in Council may if he think fit extend any lease of a mallee allotment or any part thereof in the Mallee Country or Border for a period of five years from the first December One thousand nine hundred and three if the lessee thereof proves to the satisfaction of the Board that before the date mentioned one-half of the cultivatable land of the original allotment had been cleared and cultivated.

8. Clause 53, line 6, omit "(2)."
12. Clause 68, omit this clause.
14. Insert the following new clause :—

L. Notwithstanding anything in the Land Acts contained, where the lessee of a grazing area or of a mallee allotment whether issued before or after the commencement of this Act would have been entitled during his tenancy to have been credited with any occupation and rent of his grazing area or mallee allotment if he had selected such grazing area or mallee allotment or part thereof either before or after such commencement, such occupation and rent may at the discretion of the Minister be credited as occupation and rent by and in favour of the transferee of any such lessee who makes an application to select such grazing area or part thereof or such mallee allotment or part thereof in pursuance of the provisions of the Land Acts.

Disagreed with.

Amendments 6 and 7, after debate, insisted on.

Amendment 8, after debate, not insisted on.

Amendment 12, after debate, insisted on.

Amendment 14 not insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and do not insist on others of the said amendments.

27. VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly having been read—the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

1. After clause 1 insert the following new clause :—

A. For section three of the *Voting by Post Act* 1900 there shall be substituted the following section, namely :— Amendment of
s. 3 of No. 1701.

3. After the publication of such notice any elector for any province or district in which an election is about to be held who appears from the rolls to reside in such province or district (as the case may be) may apply to the returning officer for such province or district for a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election instead of attending personally to tender his vote thereat.

2. Clause 4, omit this clause and insert the following new clause :—

B. For the First Schedule to the *Voting by Post Act* 1900 there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Act. Amendment of
First Schedule
of No. 1701.

3. Insert the following new Schedule :—

SCHEDULE.

Section B.

Notice under Voting by Post Act 1900.

ELECTORAL OF [Ovens.]

An election of a Member (or Members) of the Legislative is about to be held in the above-mentioned electoral , and any elector thereof who appears from the rolls to reside in such and who desires to vote through the post office at such election may on posting an application to the returning officer at obtain a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election.

Such application shall be as nearly as possible in the following form :—

"I hereby apply for a postal ballot-paper for the forthcoming election for the Legislative

"My name is [James Smith]."

"My trade or occupation is that of a [farm labourer]."

"My usual residence is [Barwidgee]."

"My present postal address is [Dederang]."

"Signature of Elector [James Smith]."

23. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1901 BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time. The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee. The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day. On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill. And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
- “ An Act relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one.”*
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
24. **PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time. The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. And, on the further motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee. The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day. On the motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill. And, on the further motion of the Honorable E. J. Crooke, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable E. J. Crooke moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
- “ An Act to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the Cost of the Construction and Maintenance of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects.”*
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
25. **HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable N. Thornley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time. The Honorable N. Thornley moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. And, on the further motion of the Honorable N. Thornley, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee. The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day. On the motion of the Honorable N. Thornley the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill. And, on the further motion of the Honorable N. Thornley, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable N. Thornley moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
- “ An Act to further amend the ‘ Health Act 1890.’ ”*
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

26. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,* ” and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

On the motion of the Honorable P. Phillips the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

31. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,” and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the amendment made in such Bill by the Legislative Council because such amendment involves an alteration of an Act which appropriates public moneys ; and the Assembly do not deem it necessary to offer any further reason, hoping the above may be sufficient.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

Insert the following new clause :—

A. In section thirty-six of the *Savings Banks Act 1890 Amendment Act 1896* the words “or unless some particular mode of investment is thereby prescribed” are hereby repealed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Council do not insist on their amendment. Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

32. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Honorable Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood the following Order of the Day was, after debate, read and discharged :—

Parliamentary Elections Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes,” and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and have agreed to one of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.

- 1. Clause 4, at end of clause add “and in every instance where a junior officer is recommended the certificate of the Board be first issued certifying that there is no senior officer available equally capable of satisfactorily performing the duties.”
- 2. Clause 8, line 16, omit “without” and insert “after.”
- 7. Clause 11, at end of clause add “and except members of the Defence Force of Victoria who shall have served in such force for a period of not less than five years at the time of the passing of this Act.”

Disagreed with.

Agreed to with the following amendments :—Omit “and except” and insert “Provided that.” After “Act” add the following :—“shall on fulfilling all the requirements of section forty-four of the *Defences and Discipline Act 1890* have equal rights with persons who have served in South Africa or China as aforesaid to enter the General division of the Public Service.”

Amendments 1 and 2, after debate, not insisted on. Amendments of the Legislative Assembly in amendment 7, agreed to.

Printed forms of application may be obtained at any post office or the application may be in writing.

If applicant is the holder of an elector's right such right must be attached to application.

No postage is payable thereon.

The application is to be addressed as follows :—

“ The Returning Officer,
[Bright].”

Any elector who intends to vote through the post must apply at once, as no postal ballot-paper will be supplied unless the returning officer receives application therefor sufficiently early to admit of the postal ballot-paper being sent to and returned by such elector so as to reach the returning officer before closing of poll.

Caution.—Any person wilfully making a false statement in an application is liable on conviction to two years' imprisonment.

A.B.
Chief Secretary

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Council do not insist on their amendments.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council do not insist on their amendments in this Bill disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

28. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

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

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The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole be taken into consideration this day

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ *An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes.*”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

29. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

30. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “ *An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,*” be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable P. Phillips moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

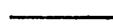
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable P. Phillips, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

[Extracted from the Victoria Government Gazette of Friday, 18th January, 1901.]

PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria": Now therefore I, the Lieutenant-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 Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1901.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and one, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE TURNER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council do not insist on their amendments in this Bill disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and that they have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council.

34. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

Insert the following new clause :—

A. In section thirty-six of the *Savings Banks Act 1890 Amendment Act 1896* the words "or unless some particular mode of investment is thereby prescribed" are hereby repealed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Council do not now insist on their amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

35. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

36. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable F. Brown having reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Wynne the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.

And, on the further motion of the Honorable A. Wynne, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts.*"

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

37. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 22nd January next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Wynne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at four minutes past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd January next.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
(JOINT).

APPOINTED (UNDER ACT No. 1350) 18TH DECEMBER, 1900.

The Hon. J. H. Abbott
D. Melville

The Hon. E. Morey.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION 1900.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 1.—OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL—Clause 2 :—

(1) Every person of the age of "sixty" years or upwards or who is permanently disabled or who is in permanent ill-health caused in either case by having been engaged in mining or any unhealthy or hazardous occupation claiming to be entitled to a pension may not later than the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and one or such extended date as the Governor in Council either before or after the said day prescribes forward a claim (in this Act called a pension claim) to the Treasurer verified by statutory declaration.

(2) The pension claim shall be in the form of the Schedule to this Act or to the like effect with all such additions and alterations as may be prescribed by regulations or as the particular circumstances of the case require.—(*Hon. A. Wynne.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "-five" be inserted after the word "sixty," in line 1.—(*Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert.*)

APPOINTED DURING THE SECOND SESSION 1900.

No. 1.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE OPENING SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Appointed 14th November, 1900.

The Hon. F. S. Grimwade
J. H. Abbott
T. C. Harwood
W. Knox

The Hon. E. Morey
G. Simmie
Sir A. Snowden.

No. 2.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 18th December, 1900.

The Hon. T. Comrie
S. W. Cooke
E. J. Crooke
T. C. Harwood

The Hon. J. M. Pratt
R. Reid
G. Simmie.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

The Hon. J. H. Abbott
S. Austin
J. Balfour
T. Brunton
T. Comrie
S. W. Cooke
Sir H. Cuthbert
J. M. Davies
Dr. W. H. Embling
N. FitzGerald
S. Fraser
F. S. Grimwade
C. J. Ham
T. C. Harwood
J. Hoddinott
W. Knox
N. Levi
J. Y. McDonald
D. Melville
E. Miller
E. Morey
W. H. S. Osmand
W. Pearson
R. Reid
Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood
G. Simmie
Sir A. Snowden
N. Thornley
J. A. Wallace
W. I. Winter-Irving.

Tellers.

W. Pitt
A. O. Sachse.

Noes, 5.

The Hon. T. Dowling
Sir H. J. Wrixon
A. Wynne.

Tellers.

E. J. Crooke
P. Phillips.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

